

## Meeting in Hughes 322 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### 1. Procedural Matters

*Georgia Thomas opened the meeting at 6:34*

#### 1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Georgia acknowledged the owners of the land we were on as that of the Kaurna people.

#### 1.2. Attendance

Georgia Thomas, Rafael Aquino, Anjali Malhotra, Daniel Garcia Zapata, , Yeganeh Soltanpour, Sebastian Thompson, Billy Zimmermann, , Merlin Wang (late arrived 6:36), Lani Bushnell, Leila Clendon, James Wood, Tom Zhai (Late Arrived: 6:44pm), Ruby Stewart, , Jia Ming Lai, Veronica Yang, , Simranjeet Singh Dahia (Late arrived 6:47)

#### 1.3. Apologies

Grace Franco, Hamish McNamara, Yuka Maruyama, Sana Vohra

#### 1.4. Absences

#### 1.5. Adoption of Agenda

**Procedural Motion:** That the agenda be adopted as circulated

**Moved:** Yeganeh Soltanpour      **Seconded:** Billy Zimmermann      **Motion carried**

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Leila highlighted that in a sentence regarding Merlin's report

**Recommendation:** That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 15 March 2023 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann      **Seconded:** Merlin Wang      **Motion carried**

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
Bank handover	Georgia, Gen Sec, & Kim	Ongoing
Post photo for Harmony Day	Georgia	COMPLETE
Planning & Budgeting for Roseworthy Consultation	Georgia	Georgia is working on this. Says that she will distribute \$200-\$250 through the Exec

The Education Officer and President will write to Vice Chancellor and DVCA petitioning the Uni to publicly support the Voice to Parliament.	Grace & Georgia	ONGOING
Advertising the vacancy of ATSI Officer on social media and in publications.	Georgia	COMPLETE
Send updated Standing Orders to Kim & YouX	Georgia & Gen Sec	COMPLETE
The SRC make a statement of condolences to the students affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria	Yeganeh draft, Georgia post	
The SRC share a link to an authorised and recognised fundraiser for anyone choosing to want to donate & additional statements to clarify that students have full choice on whether or not they want to donate being up to them can be added, as we don't want anyone to feel pressured.	Yeganeh draft, Georgia post	
Organise vigil for victims of earthquake	Yeganeh	

#### 4. Correspondence

#### 5. New Members

#### 6. Motions on Notice

#### 7. Office Bearer Reports

##### 7.1. President

*Georgia handed over chair to Billy Zimmermann at 6:40*

Georgia delivered her report noting upcoming student engagement meetings and current casual vacancies.

She spoke on the updates on the breakfast club expansion. She reported that as a result of the board meeting, the Executive Officer Gary Sutherland will be required to produce a report by the next board meeting.

Merlin noted that the President's actions so far were not good enough and that the SRC should push to expand the program.

Leila questioned her report about her criticism of the climate NDA. Particularly calling the comments by Georgia, sectarian and bad faith.

*Leila was named once*

*Leila was named twice*

Maddy from Flinders made a comment that it is ridiculous for Unity to make this attack.

*Maddy was named once*

*James was named once*

*Billy handed over the chair to Georgia Thomas at 6:59*

## **7.2. General Secretary**

VACANCY

## **7.3. Education Officer**

Grace was an apology so her report was taken as read.

## **7.4. Queer Officer**

Billy delivered his report.

Merlin asked a question about whether the email concerning deadnaming was about ID cards. Billy replied that it was a multi-faceted issues affecting many areas of student life.

## **7.5. Post Graduate Officer (Research) Report**

VACANT

## **7.6. Post Graduate Officer (Coursework) Report**

Daniel delivered his report.

### **Motion:**

#### **The SRC:**

- Believes that is important for international students to have the same study plan as local students for several reasons
- Call the university to make all courses that are required courses for all international students, and not for local students (unless exempted by the faculty) to be optional, with no exception, immediately.
- Call the university to evaluate if the English proficiency level required to enter a program is high enough to take the program, and therefore, any 'communication course' for international students only would be necessary.
- Call the university to apologize for discriminating non-Australian students, not based on their skills but on the passport they hold.

#### **Action Points:**

- The SRC will endorse and publicly share on its social media accounts the petition to end mandatory courses for international students only and apologize to all the students affected by this micro-discrimination.
- The SRC will write The National Union of Students (NUS) and The Council of International Students Australia (CISA) to extend this petition to all universities in Australia.

Ruby asked whether the petition mentioned was something already created or something Daniel wanted the SRC to create. Daniel replied that he has reached out to the admissions officer and is still waiting for a reply.

Ruby suggested an amendment to strike point 1 & 2 of the action points as the petition does not exist yet and we do not have enough information. It was explained by Georgia that these could be moved via circular resolution on this Executive over the break. This was amenable to Daniel.

Leila said it is a bad precedent to move things to the executive.

Merlin suggested an amendment. He did not have it in writing, so Georgia asked that he put it in writing and send to her. As it was not sent to her within a

**Moved:** Daniel Garcia Zapata

**Seconded:** Yegenah Soltanpour

**Motion Carried**

### **7.7. Social Justice Officer's Report**

VACANT

### **7.8. Disability Officer's Report**

#### **Motion:**

1. The SRC will share this poster on SRC's Facebook page by mid breaks starts (by 7 April 2023) since the deadline to apply for AEA is the last day of mid break.

**Moved:** Rafael Aquino

**Seconded:** Merlin Wang

**Motion Carried**

### **7.9. International Officer's Report**

Yeganeh delivered her report.

## **8. General Business**

### **8.1. No to War: No to AUKUS!**

#### **Motion:**

- The SRC opposes the imperialistic AUKUS pact, and calls for Australia to cease rising tensions with China.
- The SRC acknowledges that Australia and the US are acting as aggressors by ramping up military spending.
- The SRC supports the \$368 billion being spent on stopping the ramping crisis, building public housing, raising the rate of welfare, and giving nurses a pay rise, rather than on building weapons for the Australian war machine.
- The SRC accepts the need to fight against militarism, nuclear waste and the drive to war.

**Action Points:**

- The SRC will share a statement outlining the preamble and demands above on social media.
- The SRC supports future protests and campaign actions against AUKUS.

**Moved:** Leila Clendon

**Seconded:** James Wood

**Motion Failed**

**8.2. Reject Labor’s Greenwashing Safeguard Mechanism**

**The SRC:**

1. Opposes the safeguard mechanism as greenwashing effort and a gift to the fossil fuel industry.
2. Opposes all new fossil fuel projects.
3. Supports taxing the rich to fund a just transition to renewables and reparations for victims of climate disasters.
4. Supports the building of a mass movement to fight for climate action.

**Action Points:**

1. The SRC will upload a public statement condemning Labor’s safeguard mechanism bill as a political windfall for big polluters that obscures Labor’s real expansion of carbon pollution
2. The SRC commits to seriously challenging the federal Labor government’s climate inaction through supporting future protests and actions

**Moved:** James Wood

**Seconded:** Leila Clendon

**Motion failed**

**9. Emergent Business**

**Motion:**

The SRC Delegates authority to the SRC Executive until after the mid-semester break.

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann

**Seconded:** Grace Franco

**Motion Carried**

*Georgia Thomas closed the meeting at 8:11*