



**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

**[MEETING DETAILS]**

**DATE: 10 June 2022**

**TIME: 3:30 PM**

**LOCATION/LINK: On-campus TBA/**

**<https://uws.zoom.us/j/89083132830?pwd=S3oycFFVa1JPcS92dkRqYWlnUIN5dz09>**

**Agenda**

**1. Procedural Matters**

- 1.1. Welcome, Introduction, and Apologies
- 1.2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians of the Land
- 1.3. Guest speaker: Stuart Nesbitt
- 1.4. Declarations of Interest
- 1.5. Starring of Items – General Secretary
- 1.6. Order of Business
- 1.7. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
- 1.8. Confirmation of Member Reports
- 1.9. Action Sheet from Previous Meeting

**2. General Business of the Council**

- 2.1. Report from the Chair
- 2.2. Report from Student Community
- 2.3. Report from Collectives
- 2.4. Report on SRC Budget
- 2.5. Reports and Recommendations from SRC Committees

### 3. New Business of the Council

#### 3.1 SRC Conference

<b>Issue</b>	Needing to increase awareness and engagement in the SRC
<b>Date</b>	25/05/22
<b>Mover</b>	Simon Preuss-kearney
<b>Seconder</b>	

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**Issue Description:**

*There is a general disengagement with students and the SRC, particularly in the communication of what the SRC is for, what it is doing, and what it should be doing. To improve this, something needs to be offered to address this disconnect.*

**Portfolios/Students Impacted:** *All student, as well as the SRC.*

**Recommendation:**

*Based on this need to find new ways to engage, I recommend the SRC create our own event to present the SRC agenda (plan for the year) to students in a conference style format (multiple speeches to a moderate audience). The event would run with the executive members outlining the SRC's yearly plan, the budget and a breakdown of how students can get involved with the SRC. The second half of the conference would be dedicated to Q&A discussion, as well as pre-planned discussion questions that can be asked of the audience (in the event students do not present many ideas for discussion).*

*I encourage offering remote options for attendance (such as zoom), as this will improve accessibility. However, this may encourage students to miss the opportunity in person – which hinders the potential atmosphere of this type of event. To resolve this, I recommend catering the event to incentives attendance in person (where possible), while also not creating participation barriers by excluding the event to in-person only. Furthermore, I believe this event would only be the start, and would be best suited to be followed by more engagement opportunities. Therefore, I suggest the planning and overseeing of this and similar events be created and monitored by a working group – this the ambition of achieving substantially more active student engagement.*

**Justification/Reason for Recommendation:**

The conference would offer a new and unique way to address the disconnect between the student body and the SRC. It provides a platform for people to openly communicate with the SRC, and raise their real concerns directly. Additionally, due to the nature of public speaking requiring succinct presentation, this event would help the SRC clarify our goals and values – in the process of preparing for this event. Something previous SRC's have struggled to do in the past.

**Budget Impact:** *No budget currently suggested as this event could be run with no cost, or could be fully catered, depending on the needs of the SRC and the wider WSU student community.*

**Proposed Action:**

I propose the SRC commits to an SRC conference, alongside developing more engagement opportunities. This will be planned and overseen by a working group, formed to plan this event, and further events.

### 3.2 WSU Penrith Showcase

<b>Issue</b>	SRC involvement in Penrith campus showcase
<b>Date</b>	26/05/22
<b>Mover</b>	Simon Preuss-Kearney
<b>Seconded</b>	

**Issue Description:**

*The Penrith Provost is planning a showcase of the campus. This will include each school presenting interesting aspects about what their department can offer, such as robots, 3D Printers and a live music performance – alongside student clubs from the campus getting involved. Each stall will have a stamp attached to it, and if you achieve a certain number of stamps, you can win a prize.*

**Portfolios/Students Impacted:** *Any students attending Kingswood campus on the day (all students welcome, but event will only run at Kingswood for that one day).*

**Recommendation:**

*I recommend the SRC get involved with the event in any way it can. The clearest way would be to have one SRC table to represent the full SRC members who wish to attend. Otherwise, we could organise multiple tables – for example, the collectives may prefer one separate table of their own, or wish to have one table each collective for individual events (for example, booking a table for the environment collective to showcase the work the environment collective is doing on and off campus; or the ethnocultural table may wish to have a table dedicated to cultures, potentially offering cultural lesson through giving out food, etc).*

*Thus, I believe we should briefly discuss the potential interest of the SRC's involvement in this event, and should we decide to book a table(s) for the day – then we establish a working group to formulate what the SRC would organise for the day.*

**Justification/Reason for Recommendation:**

I believe this event would help the SRC improve its visibility to student by being actively involved in an event like this. This would also foster a stronger working relationship with the Penrith Provost, creating the potential for future events. Furthermore, this event offers student an experience rarely offered at our university, on a campus which has often been forgotten when events are planned and hosted. Making this event a success greatly improves the student experience of all Kingswood students, and provides a new and fun experience to any student who hasn't necessarily been to the Kingswood campus.

**Budget Impact:** *To be determined*

**Proposed Action:**

I propose the SRC discuss the prospect of getting involved in the Penrith showcase event, and form a working group should we decide to get involved.

### 3.3 Creating Child Friendly Libraries For Student Parents

<b>Issue</b>	Making Kingswood and Hawksbury libraries more child friendly for student parents looking for a place to study
<b>Date</b>	26/05/22
<b>Mover</b>	Simon Preuss-Kearney
<b>Seconder</b>	

#### Issue Description:

*Student parents find libraries tricky places to bring their children to, as they tend to offer little for children. This creates a barrier for student parents, who are looking to find a quiet and safe space to focus on studying.*

**Portfolios/Students Impacted:** *Particularly student parents, but also anyone who attends the University library.*

#### Recommendation:

*Discuss as a group, options which could be suggested to the library in response to this request. Should time not allow this, or the discussion is deemed better suited to a single issue, brainstorming meeting – then I suggest a working group being formed.*

#### Justification/Reason for Recommendation:

The library could stand to become a more inclusive place for student parents looking to find a sensible place to study, but do not have options to place their children into any external care. Creating a more child-friendly library could assist these student parents to find use of the library’s student facilities more accessible in the future.

**Budget Impact:** *None*

**Proposed Action:** I propose the SRC discuss solutions to this issue, and/or create a working group to highlight the area’s which the library can improve the Kingswood and Hawksbury spaces to be child friendly for student parents.

#### Additional information: *Email from University Library*

RE: Question please

Peter Butler <P.Butler@westernsydney.edu.au>  
 To: Simon Preuss-Kearney  
 CC: Joanne Witt <J.Witt@westernsydney.edu.au>

Tue 5/04/2022 8:19 AM

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**From:** Peter Butler <P.Butler@westernsydney.edu.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 31 March 2022 2:16 PM  
**To:** Simon Preuss-Kearney <18368811@student.westernsydney.edu.au>  
**Subject:** Question please

Hi Simon,

We are trying to make the libraries more accessible as child friendly for those students with children who need them to come with them when studying and we were wondering if the SRC had any ideas concerning this.

Your input would be much appreciated.

I will ask you to represent Pen and Haw please as I can't find a rep for Haw.

Cheers, Peter.

Peter Butler | Precinct Librarian (West)  
 Ph. 02 98525896

**WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY**

Western Sydney University and I acknowledge the Daring Eora Aboriginal – also referred to as Tharawal – and Wiradjuri peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters which the University serves. We thank them for their support of our mission on their country, Greater Western Sydney and beyond.

### 3.4 Title Shuttle Bus tracker

<b>Issue</b>	Shuttle Bus tracker
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Mover</b>	Dharshini Sathyanarayanan
<b>Seconded</b>	

*Issue Description:*

Many students find it hard to access the shuttle bus tracker. From the map to the accessibility options, there are so many flaws with the tracker itself. Moreover, the shuttle bus timetable is inaccurate at times.

*Portfolios/Students Impacted:*

Western Sydney University students

*Recommendation:*

We can host a hackathon in collaboration with computing and other tech clubs. The best design will be sent to the IT and shuttle bus service departments.

Commented [SY2]: More investment – contact IT

*Justification/Reason for Recommendation:*

There hasn't been a huge progress in the shuttle bus tracker. Moreover, hosting competitions does not only allow students to demonstrate their talent, but also building the uni community by strengthening relationships.

*Budget Impact:*

Items	Quotes/Cost

**Proposed Action:**

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### 3.5 Title: Winter Wonderland Fête

<b>Issue</b>	Promoting SRC and Collectives through fun and games + fundraising
<b>Date</b>	June - July 2022
<b>Mover</b>	Romonda Eid
<b>Seconder</b>	Vicky-Rae Reed

*Issue Description:*

The end of the Semester should be celebrated after the shocking few years students had experienced during the C19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns that led to online learning and a drastic reduction of events when students were forced to isolate and be away from traditional elements of Campus life. I wish to focus the fête on fun and games, a celebration of returning to the “new normal”, and a way to reward the students of ALL Campuses for their dedication to learning and patience during this difficult time.

I also would like to invite any of the SRC and Collectives, in addition to any interested students and staff via EOI process, to host a stall of their own either to sell their products, promote their clubs and collectives or even get on board with promoting the charitable works of many organisations within our communities to our students (e.g. Headspace, Guide Dogs, McGrath Foundation, Smith Family for example). In addition to hosting stalls, we also strongly encourage students and staff to get involved in the live performances and demonstrations by themselves and their clubs in the evening.

In its proposed form, this event will take the image of a night market, running from 3 pm to 7 pm, which allows inclusivity for the many student parents in our campus network that often miss events due to parenting responsibilities. To cater for the children present, we propose the creation of a “Kids Corner” at the event with bbq, balloons, face painting, popcorn, fairy floss and show bags. We will also enlist the assistance of the Parents Union and School of Health Science Recreational Therapy students to assist in the running of activities for this section.

*Portfolios/Students Impacted:*

The whole campus network is invited; therefore, I am confident that all students will be impacted positively  
 – that’s the prominent part.

Ultimately the SRC, Clubs and Collectives will be Impacted positively via increased engagement with our students and community. I also believe that such an event will also assist the SRC in reaching its social impact and engagement targets. I encourage all interested members of the working party identified to be as active as possible and submit their ideas in the Cross Campus Equity Network planner for transparent planning purposes.

Being mindful of WHS safety and COVIDSafe plans - WHS and Campus Safety and Security will also be impacted, and our Disabilities Representative, Robert Reed, who will be formulating our accessibility plan – I firmly believe that all accessibility, safety and wellbeing targets will be met.

*Recommendation:*

I recommend that the SRC allocate a Budget of 10k from the VPA Budget to host a Winter Wonderland Fête, encompassing student clubs and other amusements, e.g., foodstalls, mechanical bull riding, games, show bags, etc. Stallholders are welcome to sell their wares, and clubs can use their funding to actively promote their clubs through

promotion and /or live performance.

*Justification/Reason for Recommendation:* The cost of marquees, show bags, rides and food stalls will be costly and require a budget of \$10k at least. There will also be costs for live music, bull rides and other amusements and games.

We have also considered approaching provosts for additional funding to make this event the best it can be.

*Budget Impact:*

<b>Items</b>	<b>Quotes/Cost</b>
Marquees	Dependent on stallholder numbers
Food stalls	
Live music	EOI has been put out to students
Mechanical Bull ( Bullman)	Approx. \$1300
Showbags ( Showbags.com.au)	

**Proposed Action:**

3.6 PsyCon assistance



<b>Issue</b>	Psychology convention for students
<b>Date</b>	06/2022
<b>Mover</b>	Bakar Mohamad
<b>Seconder</b>	

**Issue Description:**

The psychology society is organising a convention for 80-100 psychology students. The convention will be both educational and social, adding to their university journey. It is being organised with oversight by academics and in consultation with psychology students. The club, unfortunately, only has access to \$3000 which isn't sufficient for the event. They have applied for special purpose funding and are considering other options. They are still short and are requesting assistance from the SRC.

For more information on the event, visit this document: [Event Briefing.pdf](#)

**Portfolios/Students Impacted:**

Psychology students

**Budget Impact:** \$2000-3000

PsyCon Budget 2022						
COSTING				FUNDING		
Expenditure Item	Status	Cost Projected	Cost Actual	Funding Item	Status	Value
<a href="#">Security</a>	No expenditure	\$1,164.40	\$0.00			
<a href="#">Supervisor Remuneration</a>	No expenditure	\$6,000.00	\$0.00			
<a href="#">Catering</a>	No expenditure	\$2,705.45	\$0.00			
<a href="#">Promotional</a>	No expenditure	\$548.00	\$0.00			
<a href="#">Presentation</a>	No expenditure	\$773.20	\$0.00			
<a href="#">Contingency</a>	No expenditure	\$2,000.00	\$0.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$13,191.05	\$0.00			
<i>What are these budget items?</i>						

  

**Cost Projected**

Item	Percentage
Supervisor R...	45.5%
Catering	20.5%
Contingency	15.2%
Security	8.8%
Presentation	5.9%
Promotional	4.2%

**Proposed Action:**

- Request for up to \$3000 from the SRC if the psychology society aren't able to secure funds from the executive board of psychology.



#### **4. General Business**

- 4.1 Simon Preuss-Kearney to address the SSAF funding opportunity
- 4.2 Discussing welcome week
- 4.3 NUS subscription
- 4.4 NUS education conference

#### **5. Next Meeting and Close**

- 5.1 General Secretary: from July moving forward motions submitted must be with a seconder (a currently sitting member of the SRC) to be formally approved and included in meeting and a proposed action

## 6. Additional Documents

### 1.1 July 2021 Action Sheet

July Action Sheet		
Action	Responsibility	Completion
Razin to follow up on Intersession Day Out after COVID-19 and get more info from Rameez.	Razin	Planning for post COVID

### 1.1 August 2021 Action Sheet

August Action Sheet		
Action	Responsibility	Completion
Collective Officer Honorariums - Danielle to send a blanket email and organise a zoom meeting to discuss further.	Danielle, Richard, Simon, Sarah	Ongoing

### 1.2 January 2022 Action Sheet

January Action Sheet		
Action	Responsibility	Completion
Bakar to work on student assistance for SRC	Bakar	Complete
SRC reps with budget portfolios assigned to provide updates in their member reports and/or mention them in the monthly SRC meetings	All reps	Complete
Emma to get back to the SRC with estimated affiliation cost and list of elected reps for 2022	Emma Hogan	Unconfirmed

### 1.3 February 2022 Action Sheet

February Action Sheet		
Action	Responsibility	Completion
Richard to report back to SRC on more frequent EOI opportunities	Richard	Ongoing
Danielle to follow up Daniel Jantos and inclusive communities re: collectives	Danielle	Ongoing
Bakar to work on campus stall initiative	Bakar and campus reps	Ongoing

1.4 March 2022 Action sheet

<b>March Action Sheet</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Completion</b>
Cameron organise VC meetings - (suggestion by Grant - follow up with Rose --> Aw response. If no response, just send a calendar invite for them to attend --> If that doesn't work --> threaten school wide petition about the issues we've been wanting to bring up)	<b>Cameron</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
Cameron to launch petition for Parking campaign	<b>Cameron</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
Bakar to hand over residential campaign to new residential rep upon election	<b>Bakar</b>	Ongoing
Bakar to discuss social media officer role with Grant	<b>Bakar</b>	Complete
Alannah to finalise newsletter template for monthly SRC updates	<b>Alannah</b>	Ongoing
Put agenda for VC meeting together	<b>Sabrina + all reps raise items</b>	Ongoing

1.5 May 2022 Action sheet

<b>May Action Sheet</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Completion</b>
Sabrina to organise time and location for future hybrid meetings.	<b>Sabrina</b>	
Bakar to email Jenny and set up suitable time at one of our meetings to run through the budgeting process.	<b>Bakar</b>	
Dharshini to recruit a team of five to assist in organisation, event hosting online, marketing, etc, and discuss details and budgeting with event officers.	<b>Dharshini</b>	
Romonda to set up working group and start planning and moving towards implementation of the event.	<b>Romonda</b>	
Sabrina to seek discussion with the Office of State Commercial to see how to expedite the process of a convenience store	<b>Sabrina</b>	