

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the SRC

Date: 13/01/2023

Open of Meeting: 19:04

Location: <https://uws.zoom.us/j/87016529752>

Please note: Online Student's Representative, Caitlin Marlor was appointed acting Secretary for this meeting, due to the vacancy of the General Secretary position.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

First Nations Representative, Tiffany Sharpe acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land in which the council meets.

First Nations' Representative acknowledges and pays respects to the Elders' past, present and emerging, extending that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in attendance.

First Nations' Representative acknowledges that the teaching, learning and research across Western Sydney University's campuses continues the work which has transpired on these lands for thousands of years.

First Nations' Representative recognises that the campuses of Western Sydney University inhabit the traditional lands of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

2. Welcome, Introduction, and Apologies

Attendees:	Expected members	Position	Attendance
	1. Bayan Sohailee	President	Yes
	2. Sabrina Young	Vice-President, Activities	No
	3. Crystal Ram	Vice-President, Undergraduate	Yes
	4. Afroze Abid	Vice-President, Postgraduate	Yes
	5. VACANT	General Secretary	N/A
	6. Jasmine Ricciarelli	Bankstown Campus Representative	Yes
	7. Robert Reed	Campbelltown Campus Representative	Yes
	8. VACANT	Hawkesbury Campus Representative	N/A
	9. VACANT	Penrith Campus Representative	N/A
	10. Romonda Eid	Liverpool Campus Representative	Yes
	11. Laine Fox	Parramatta City Campus Representative	Yes
	12. Isaac Adams	Nirimba Campus Representative	Yes
	13. Caitlin Marlor	Online Students' Representative	Yes
	14. Umamah Tasnim	Small and Regional Campus Representative	No
	15. VACANT	Disabilities Representative	N/A
	16. VACANT	Ethno-Cultural Representative	N/A
	17. Tiffany Sharpe	First Nations' Representative	Yes
	18. Aakanksha Aakanksha	International Students' Representative	No
	19. Emilee Mein	Queer Representative	Yes
	20. Belle Cheung	Residential Students' Representative	Yes

	21. Heidi Hodder	Welfare and Wellbeing Representative	No
	22. Sandy Lindsay	Women's Representative	Yes
	23. Kaisey Seymour	Parramatta Campus Representative	No
	24. Ka Hin Michael Tung	Environment Representative	Yes
	TOTAL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE		14
Apologies / Absences:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heidi Hodder 2. Kaisey Seymour 3. Sabrina Young (no apology recieved) 4. Umamah Tasnim (no apology recieved) 5. Aakanksha Aakanksha (no apology recieved) 		
Student Observers:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jordan Brett (Student Editor – W'SUP) 2. Samantha Tharaki Mularachchi (Student Editor – W'SUP) 3. Daniel Bonatti 		
Staff:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grant Murray 		

3. Declarations of Interest

No material interests declared.

4. Order of Business and Starring of Items

President, Bayan Sohailee, moves to rearrange the agenda, placing item 5.2 before item 5.1, due to Item 5.2's 'cut and dry' nature, and foreseeing further debate surrounding Item 5.1.

President calls for Vice-President Undergraduate, Crystal, to speak as the mover of item 5.2.

Online Students' Representative, Caitlin Marlor, brings to the attention of the chair that the Starring of Items has not occurred, in accordance with procedural requirements.

President queries whether the Starring of Items was included in the distributed agenda.

Online Students' Representative confirms that the Starring of Items was included in the distributed agenda.

Womens' Representative, Sandy Lindsay, requests clarification around the distribution of documents prior to the meeting, such as the agenda.

Vice-President Undergraduate clarifies that all related documents were distributed prior to the meeting via. email, including the distribution of agenda.

President seeks clarification that they believe during a Special Meeting of the SRC, discussion of all agenda items is required.

Vice-President Undergraduate and Online Representative clarify that the starring of items are required in all meetings, in accordance with the Student Representation Procedures.

President calls for the Starring of Items in order to debate or discuss any items in the agenda.

First Nations Representative, Tiffany Sharpe, stars Item 5.1.

President declares that Item 5.2 is declared passed unanimously.

5. Business of the Council

5.1. Sessional Orders

Issue	This motion will govern the format of meetings, as well as dictate the rights and responsibilities of all attendees of meetings pursuant to the Procedures
Date	10/01/2023
Mover	Laine Fox
Seconder	Crystal Ram
Context	Student cohort impacted – SRC
Proposed Action/s	I, Laine Fox move that the SRC: 1. Adopt the Sessional Orders as attached in Business Paper B indefinitely, or until otherwise amended or repealed. 2. Direct the Executive to ensure that the Sessional Orders as attached are adhered to at all times.
Passed/ Opposed	Opposed

Vice-President Undergraduate brings to the attention of the chair that the Student Representation Procedures do not permit the limitation of the time in which members may speak on an item.

President states that in the interest of time, limits on speaking time for members will be imposed, for two minutes.

President calls for Laine Fox, Parramatta City Campus Representative to speak as the mover of Item 5.1.

Parramatta City Representative speaks to Item 5.1, expressing the importance of democratic process and efficiency in SRC meetings, as well as highlighting the need to ensure the student cohort are 'getting the most from these meetings'.

President calls on Grant Murray, Student Representative Officer to clarify the comments made by the Vice-President Undergraduate regarding speaking time limits.

Student Representative Officer, Grant Murray states that the Student Representation Procedures do not have any provisions regarding speaking time limits.

Mr. Murray states that as the President sits as Chair of the SRC, placement of limitations onto member's speaking times are to the discretion of the chair. Mr. Murray explains that this is regardless of whether sessional or standing orders' have been adopted by a resolution of the council.

Vice-President Undergraduate raises to the chair that the precedent of imposing time limits on members ability to speak on an item could result in issues, noting an example of limiting time to less than ten seconds.

President calls for Vice-President Undergraduate to speak as the seconder of Item 5.1.

Vice-President Undergraduate speaks to Item 5.1, noting that the Sessional Orders document outlines the rights and responsibilities of members, and requests that members provide their support to the motion.

President calls for First Nations' Representative to speak as the member who starred Item 5.1.

First Nations' Representative states that their understanding of the Sessional Orders document is that all members are required to notify and invite the council when any meetings occur. First Nations' Representative cites concerns around confidentiality and maintaining appropriate cultural practices within the First Nations' portfolio.

President calls for Vice-President Undergraduate to speak for Right of Reply as the seconder of Item 5.1.

Vice-President Undergraduate clarifies in reply to the concerns raised by the First Nations' Representative, that Equity Collectives are exempt from notifying the council of their associated meetings.

First Nations' Representative states that within the Sessional Orders all members are required to notify the council of any committee or subcommittee meeting, and states that Equity Collectives are a subcommittee of the SRC.

President calls for Womens' Representative to speak on Item 5.1.

Womens' Representative states concern with Item 27 within the Sessional Orders, which requires representatives to be referred by their position on the council rather than their name during SRC meetings. Womens' Representative explains their feeling that this requirement is counterintuitive to teamwork and represents hostility, while additionally noting that it is not a requirement to hold democratically functioning meetings.

President calls for Online Students' Representative to speak on Item 5.1.

Womens' Representative interjects.

President and Online Students' Representative request Womens' Representative to cease debate on this item, as their allocated time had concluded.

Online Student's Representative clarifies in reply to the First Nations' Representative's previously raised concerns that Item 47 of the Sessional Orders outlines that Items 41-46 do not apply to Equity Collectives or Campus-Based Committees.

President calls for Campbelltown Campus Representative, Robert Reed to speak on Item 5.1.

Campbelltown Campus Representative states that whilst an estimated five elections by expression of interest are occurring, it would be undemocratic and in breach of their rights as elected representatives to not allow them input into the establishment of Sessional Orders.

President calls for Vice-President Undergraduate to speak for Right of Reply as the seconder of Item 5.1.

Vice-President Undergraduate states in reply to concerns raised by Campbelltown Campus Representative that per the Sessional Orders, all members have the right to move amendments to the document as they see fit once adopted.

President calls for Campbelltown Campus Representative to speak on Item 5.1.

Campbelltown Campus Representative moves to amend that the motion is raised once all elected representatives have been appointed in the notion of democratic process.

Parramatta City Campus Representative brings a point of order to the chair, noting that any amendments need to be made prior to the meeting, however states that members can still vote in opposition to the motion, and amendments can be made prior to the next meeting.

President calls for Online Students' Representative to speak on Item 5.1.

Online Students' Representative raises concern with the precedent set by the concerns raised by the Campbelltown Campus Representative, stating that an election by expression of interest could occur at any time of the year, leading to the council being made unable to move motions at any time.

President notes no other requests to speak on Item 5.1, and calls for a vote.

Votes recorded in opposition to Item 5.1:

1. Tiffany Sharpe, First Nations Representative.
2. Sandy Lindsay, Women's Representative.
3. Robert Reed, Campbelltown Campus Representative.
4. Bayan Sohailee, President.
5. Jasmine Ricciarelli, Bankstown Campus Representative.
6. Emilee Mein, Queer Representative.
7. Belle Cheung, Residential Students' Representative.
8. Romonda Eid, Liverpool Campus Representative.
9. Afroze Abid, Vice-President Postgraduate.
10. Isaac Adams, Nirimba Campus Representative.

Mr. Murray raises to Student Observer, Samanda Tharaki Malarachchi who attempted to vote in opposition to Item 5.1, that voting is reserved for elected members of the SRC.

Mr Murray additionally clarifies that the Student Representation Procedures do not have any provisions regarding the amendment of motions during a meeting, and that an amendment may be proposed at any point prior to a resolution.

Motion opposed.

5.2. Support for Multiculturalism and Diversity

Issue	Catering for upcoming meeting with Multicultural Youth Affairs Network NSW
Date	12/01/2023
Mover	Crystal Ram
Seconded	Caitlin Marlor
Context	<p>Student cohort impacted: Entire student community in particular; Ethno-Cultural, First Nations, and Women's Portfolios</p> <p>This meeting will be held on 17/01/2023 at Parramatta South Campus. All SRC representatives have been invited and are encouraged to attend, as well as members of the Ethno-Cultural Collective and other Student Leaders. This event will be hosted in hybrid mode, meaning attendees may also attend online if they wish.</p> <p>There will be at a minimum, 15 students in attendance, as well as MYAN NSW guests.</p> <p>Budget impact: \$200.00 for catering purposes</p>
Proposed Action/s	<p>I, Crystal Ram move that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The SRC approve a budget of \$200.00 for the purpose of general catering for the meeting being convened by the Vice President - Undergraduate on 17/01/2023. 2. The SRC reaffirms its' support for students which are represented by the various Equity Collectives within the University.
Passed/ Opposed	Passed

Passed unanimously without debate.

6. General Business

Online Students' Representative brings to the attention of the council the meeting with MYAN, which was organised by the Vice-President Undergraduate occurring on 17/01/2023, and encourages all members to attend.

President affirms that MYAN has been very valuable to themselves as a student leader, and encourages all members to attend, as well as acknowledging the efforts of the Vice-President Undergraduate in organising this meeting.

7. Next Meeting and Close

Close of Meeting: 19:28