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**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

**2021 Meeting 1 - January**

Thursday January 28th – 4:00-6:00pm

Meeting ID:

**Unconfirmed Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Mary-Pearl Chung – President (Chair)

Griffen Burgess - Vice President Education - Undergraduate

Nikodin Matic - Vice President - Activities

Tyler Wilson - General Secretary

Simon Preuss-Kearney – Kingswood Representative

Manika Sahni – International Student Representative

Rosina Armstrong-Mensah – Women’s Representative

Danielle Wolf – Environmental Representative

Adeem Jiwani - Parramatta City Representative

Samira Huqe - Small and Regional Campus Representative (Left 5:11pm)

Robert Reed – Disabilities Representative

Crystal R Ram – Nirimba Representative

Tracey Tran – Campbelltown Representative

**Observers/Additional:**

Bayan Sohailee

Gavin Bloodworth

Raeann Dandachli

Paulin tan

Joshua Grashorn

Anjali Singh

Sara

Sarah Cupitt

Amy J

Grant Murray (SR&P)

**Apologies:**

Razin Polara – Parramatta South Representative

Vicky-Rae Renier-Clark – Bankstown Representative

1. **Procedural Matters**
   1. **Welcome, Introduction, and Apologies**

The Chair officially opens the meeting at 4:05pm, acknowledging Country, and welcomed members and guests. The following members have provided their apologies for this meeting;

* 1. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians of the Land**

The Chair acknowledges the Council is meeting remotely on the lands of the Darug, Eora, Dharawal, Gandangarra, Wiradjuri and Bundjalung peoples. The Chair pays respect to campus and community Elders, past present and future and acknowledges any First Nations peoples present.

* 1. **Declarations of Interest**

The Chair invites the committee to declare any new conflict of interests in relation to any matters on the agenda or their role on the committee more generally. No members declare any conflict of interest.

* 1. **Starring of Item**

All items starred

* 1. **Order of Business**Order as per agenda
  2. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Tyler to circulate October minutes & Simon seconds the previous minutes

* 1. **Confirmation of Member Reports**

Simon seconds the January/December member reports

* 1. **Action Sheet from Previous Meeting**

TBC

1. **General Business of the Council**
   1. **Report from the Chair**
   2. **Report from Student Representation & Participation**

*Grant acknowledges student observers and gives a debrief on his role with the SRC and SR&P. Address organisational restructure of the university and invites questions offline. Grant also talks about proctored exams and the requirement for a multi-school approach and invites people to brainstorm ideas for upcoming meetings and being involved on the Covid-19 Student Taskforce. Reminds reps about orientation week and encourages involvement in orientation activities such as live webinar. Mentions risk assessment and almost has it completed to access student rep spaces, collective and equity spaces and prayer rooms. Advises it is unlikely we can provide disposable masks but hand sanitiser can be provided.*

* 1. **Report from Collectives**

*Rob asked Grant SR&P’s stance on mask exemptions in certain equity/collective spaces. Grant advised to have an offline discussing regarding the issue and Simon also expressed interest in the result of the meeting. Student observer Sara suggested tips on gentle reminders for mask wearing to avoid unnecessary confrontation. Danielle explains legislation dictates that only police can request proof of medical exemptions from wearing a mask and asks how the university’s policy overrides this. Simon mentions it could be a condition of entry.*

* 1. **Report on SRC Budget**

*Nikodin, Rosina and Manika express interest in joining Budget Committee*

* 1. **Reports and Recommendations from SRC Committees**
     1. **SRC Clubs & Activities Committee**

*Nikodin advised meeting is organised for February 9th and it is a crucial meeting for how student clubs will operate in the future. Address the new $1000 limit for student club funding which he believes will kill student clubs. There are approximately 20-30 clubs down from 130 clubs which requires immediate discussion to revive. He welcomes everyone to come along from 5-6pm.*

1. **New Business of the Council**
   1. **2021 Reflection** (moved to end)
   2. **Website Specified Times on Campus 2021**

*Motion is seconded by Nikodin*

*Simon gives overview of the item and advises that we put times on the website in which students can speak to reps about issues. Nikodin recommends using WesternLife in form of a booking system.*

*Proposed action: Include weekly days and times on the SRC website/social media pages*

*Motion passed.*

***action item for 3.2: SRC publish drop it times (Simon)***

* 1. **SRC Equipment and Resources**

*Motion is seconded by Danielle*

*Nikodin recommends a stocktake of inventory so that we are aware of what resources we have and how we can use it in the most effective way. Tyler asks what suggestions for stocktake and Nikodin responds that all reps advise what their campus space contains and provides an inventory list.*

*Motion passed.*

**Action list: campus reps attend office - list of inventories**

* 1. **SRC Social Media Policy**

*Motion seconded by Samira*

*Robert asks about working regarding 2.4 and Simon suggest rewording to clarify.*

Motion passed.

**Action item: publish final copy on website (Pearl)**

* 1. **Requirements of the SRC**

*Seconded by Tyler*

*Motion passed.*

**Action: for Nik and SRP to discuss proposed procedural changes and to see if they can be added into the current procedures amendment process still underway - on hold due to RMs leave**

* 1. **Advice Clinics for International Students**

*Seconded by Adeem*

*Nikodin addresses feasibility of allocated significant chunk of SRC budget towards solely international students. Manika suggests offline discussion.*

**Action: Manika to organise separate informal meeting regarding motion. Adeem and Manika to compose feasibility report.**

* 1. **Mardi Gras Soccer Tournament Team**

*Motion seconded by Pearl*

*Motion passed.*

**Action: Simon to lead formation of team.**

* 1. **SRC Chess Challenge**

*Seconded by Danielle*

*Motion passed.*

**Action:**

* 1. **Collective Funding Request**

*Seconded by Simon*

*Motion passed.*

**Action:**

1. **Other Business**

*Gavin Bloodworth addresses issues with DAP signoff for course variation as there is no available electronic form as requested by the DAP. SRC to follow up with DAP that this is not possible and they need to print and sign the form.*

*Pearl updates us on library fees in response to Covid-19 and students who received late fees due to lockdowns and the inability to return books to campus.*

*Danielle address contravention of SSAF legislation by WSU and urges a response be formalised to address the university. Email Danielle if you wish to get involved. Nikodin agrees and expresses dissatisfaction that the university is not consulting with the SRC.*

*Nikodin addresses issues regarding VPU events being rejected whilst the university continues to hold similar, larger events contradicting the terms for rejection.*

*Pearl proposes to extend meeting by 10 minutes. Motion passed.*

*Griffen, Crystal and Tracey left at 5:58pm.*

*Adeem left at 6:02pm.*

1. **Next Meeting and Close**

*Pearl closed the meeting at 6:09*

**Additional Documentation for January SRC Meeting**

**Action Sheet**

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| **Student Representative Council Action Sheet** | | |
| **Action** | **Responsibility** | **Completion** |
| *SRC publish drop it times (Simon)* | **Simon** |  |
| Campus reps attend office and provide list of inventories | **All reps** |  |
| Publish final copy of SRC Social Media Policy on website (Pearl) | **Pearl** |  |
| Discuss proposed procedural changes for minimum SRC Representative requirements and to see if they can be added into the current procedures amendment process still underway | **Nikodin/SR&P** |  |
| Manika to organise separate informal meeting regarding motion for International Student Advice Clinics. Adeem and Manika to compose feasibility report. | **Manika/Adeem** |  |
| Simon to lead formation of Mardi Gras soccer team. | **Simon** |  |
| Organise purchase of chess board | **Simon** |  |
| Chase up DAP approval for student observer Gavin | **Tyler** |  |
| Tyler to reach out to reps interested in SRC Budget Committee and liase with Grant about next steps | **Tyler** |  |