



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

2021 Meeting 5 - May

Tuesday May 25th – 5:00-7:00pm

Meeting ID: 864 1191 7675

Agenda

1. Procedural Matters

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

2. General Business of the Council

- 2.1. Report from the Chair
- 2.2. Report from Student Representation & Participation
- 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. National Conference with The Council of International Student Australia

Issue	Conference delegates from SRC to go to Darwin
Date	25-5-2021
Mover	Daniel Bonatti Vice President Postgraduate Education
Secunder	

Issue Description:

The CISA National Conference is scheduled for 21-23 July, be held at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin, asking to send two SRC delegates to conference in Darwin, SRC to allow pay travel expenses and accommodation. This year's conference is about embracing the strength and resilience amongst international students and celebrating their successful contributions to the Australian community. The conference program this year has been built upon the concept of rethinking and rebuilding. The conference will convene the multitude of

diverse voices of international students to discuss key areas, issues and concerns. It is a platform for them to air their concerns and work together to brainstorm ideas and solutions that will put their well-being and education at the forefront of the discussions. The conference provides international students with a national platform to have their voices heard. It serves to bring international student voices to the forefront of the sector, both statewide and nationally.

Portfolios/Students Impacted:

INTERNATIONAL students at WSU

Recommendation:

Send two SRC delegates, to attend the CISA National Conference scheduled for 21-23 July, in Darwin,, SRC to pay travel expenses and accommodation .EOI for who wants to go, the international rep is obvious choice. Accommodation is at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin from the 21-23 July.

Justification/Reason for Recommendation:

Issues with international students are too hard to resolve on our own. With COVID we need to show our commitment to international students. The university presence via delegates in Darwin will better networking than any online presence. A report to SRC meeting about the conference when delegates return makes our presence more worthwhile. Examples of CISA work are this year has been quite a challenging one for international students and for CISA. Despite this, we still manage to achieve significant things this year. We have made contributions to multiple public inquiries, including the Australian Strategy for International Education. We successfully managed to help lobby for a visa extension for Myanmar students and to continue to ensure that the plight of offshore international students are not forgotten. We have organized important discussions and events such as the CISA Summer Program and the current Anti-Discrimination Month. We have also maintained the relationship with our existing stakeholders and built new ones. We are also hoping to finally establish a pilot program for a Secretariat in the coming months that will significantly increase our advocacy capacity. None of this would have been possible without your membership in CISA. Your input have improve our advocacy and your membership fees sustain it

Budget Impact:

Items	Quotes/Cost
Travel airfares estimate for 2	\$ 1300
Accommodation 5 nights one room share estimate	\$1000
Meals pay and be refunded with receipts	\$ tba

Proposed Action:

Send two SRC delegates to National Conference CISA in Darwin 21-23 July 2021, pay for travel, accommodation, and meals.

3.2. Reaffiliate with The Council of International Student Australia

Issue	The funding to reaffiliate with CISA is \$484 not \$600
Date	25-5-2021
Mover	Daniel Bonatti Vice President Postgraduate Education
Secunder	

Issue Description:

Last month in principle reaffiliation of SRC with CISA was passed, the money amount of \$600 should of went thru this is follow up that only \$484 is required. This money is required with forms by 1st July 2021.

Portfolios/Students Impacted:

INTERNATIONAL students at WSU

Recommendation:

As current members are exempt from the membership price increase that we passed recently. As such, your current reaffiliation fee is \$440 plus 10% GST. As per the Constitution, the deadline for the payment of the fee is 1 July 2021 (by doing so WSU SRC shows its commitment to its international students). The recommendation is \$484 be paid before 1st July.

Justification/Reason for Recommendation:

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Budget Impact:

Items	Quotes/Cost
Reaffiliation Fee	\$ 448

Proposed Action:

Pay \$448 before 1st July 2021.

3.3. Fees due Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations

Issue	Fees due Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA)
Date	25 -05-2021
Mover	Daniel Bonatti Vice President Postgraduate Education
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Issue Description:

Fees due Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA). Last month in principle the SRC agreed to reaffiliate. Today we need to agree on fee model. This must be decided today as I already asked for extension from due date 7 May, WSU needs to explain to CAPA SCM the delay. There are three options:

- a. *The full member fee \$1.50 per postgraduate student is option A \$13655.68 plus GST*
- b. *or 5% \$6000*
- c. *Remission fee (could be rejected)*

2021 Unified Fee Model

The unified affiliation fee model (approved by Council at our Annual Council Meeting in December 2019) is in full effect in 2021, after a transitional period in 2020. This year, CAPA will charge a single fee of approximately \$1.51/postgraduate, regardless of their HDR or coursework status. There are three payment options available: (option A) payment in full, (option B) fee cap equivalent to 5% of your operating budget, and (option C) fee remission request.

- Option A Based on 2019 enrolment data publicly available from the Department of Education, your full affiliation fee is \$13,655.68 + GST. If your organisation is prepared to pay for this fee in full, please send an email to gensec@capa.edu.au and confirm your preferred payee details. CAPA will then invoice your organisation.
- Option B If your organisation would like to utilise the fee cap equivalent to 5% of your operating budget, please send an email to gensec@capa.edu.au with evidence of your organisation's operating budget, how much you are prepared to pay, and your preferred payee details. The CAPA Board will then consider your response. Once both CAPA and your organisation agree to an amount for affiliation, we will issue your organisation an invoice.
- Option C If neither Option A nor Option B addresses your organisation's circumstances, you can apply for a fee remission. I have attached the fee remission application form for your convenience. Please send your completed form and supporting documents to gensec@capa.edu.au and confirm your preferred payee details. The CAPA Board will then consider your response. If the Board approves your request, CAPA will then invoice your organisation.

Portfolios/Students Impacted:

POSTGRADUATES: Founded in 1979, The Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) is a membership based non-profit organization. CAPA's main role is in protecting and promoting the interests and needs of Australia's 455,000+ postgraduate students. CAPA represents the interests of postgraduate students to all levels of government (including the opposition and minor parties) to peak bodies in the tertiary sector, as well as to the press. CAPA also provides support to individual postgraduate associations as required. Postgraduate students includes equity groups: women students, international students, indigenous students, disability students, queer students and research students.

Recommendation:

A large university like Western Sydney University worth just less than one billion, should pay option A \$13655.68. We need to pay ASAP.

Justification/Reason for Recommendation:

Western Sydney University reaffiliated in 2018 after some absence, this meant WSU had a voice and other universities noticed us. In 2019 WSU for the first time got a representative elected media officer, Anuska Kapoor she is still currently representing us. Western Sydney University reaffiliation for CAPA's membership joins us with over 28 university or campus-based postgraduate representative bodies. My recommendation is SRC joins as a postgraduate representative body member organization of CAPA. WSU has about 5800 postgraduate students we are joining another 450000 obviously giving us a greater voice. Together we can fight government cut-backs sure to come due to consequences of COVID -19. CAPA organizes campaigns many of these campaigns are in WSU interest. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Postgraduate Association (NATSIPA) is also a member of CAPA, and NATSIPA currently operates through a grant provided by CAPA. CAPA

works with our member organisations to ensure that postgraduate students have strong representation and the opportunity to contribute to the discourse in matters that affect them. Being able to outsource lobbying efforts to CAPA, rather than doing this yourself

- Ensuring that there is a strong, united postgraduate voice in the sector and in the media.
- Being a part of research and lobbying on a national level
- Being able to work with a national organization with extensive, high level networks.
- Having the ability to raise issues affecting your constituents at a national level, with direct links to the Department of Education, TEQSA, Universities Australia, and political parties.
- Being able to access support when your organization is facing difficult challenges.
- Having networking opportunities with other postgraduate student leader.
- Being able to draw on CAPA resources, national campaigns and submissions when undertaking lobbying through your individual postgraduate associations. Examples
 - .National campaigning, research, and lobbying on mental health and wellbeing of postgraduate students
 - Campaigning on the financial realities of postgraduate life, particularly considering international student finances
 - Advocacy on student homelessness
 - Assist postgraduate associations with SSAF matters, and defend against Voluntary Student Unionism legislation
 - Austudy for local domestic postgraduate students.

Budget Impact:

Items	Quotes/Cost
Reaffiliation fees Option A	\$13655.68
Reaffiliation fees Option B	\$6000
	\$

Proposed Action:

Pay either option A or B

3.4. HDR higher Degree Students SRC get together

Issue	Event catering and Prize
Date	25/05/2021
Mover	Daniel Bonatti
Secunder	

Issue Description:

The HDR student picnic or BBQ. The day will be HDR centered day at Parramatta South campus but open to all HDR students. . Students are encouraged to engage in the event to win some prizes on the day. First three students willing to assist in preparation will earn a \$20 voucher. A survey filled in by students gives them chance to win \$20 voucher.

Portfolios/Students Impacted:

HDR

Recommendation:

For the SRC to approve an amount of \$320 towards HDR picnic or BBQ.

Justification/Reason for Recommendation:

Networking meet and greetings.

Budget Impact:

Items	Quotes/Cost
Voucher	\$ 60
Prize	\$ 20
Catering	\$ 240

Proposed Action:

I propose that the SRC allocate \$320 towards the HDR event on TBA next VPPE rep.

3.5. Domestic Postgraduate Students SRC get together

Issue	Event catering and Prize
Date	25/05/2021
Mover	Daniel Bonatti
Secunder	

Issue Description:

The domestic postgraduate student picnic or BBQ. The day will be domestic postgraduate centered day at Parramatta South campus but open to all domestic postgraduate students. Students are encouraged to engage in the event to win some prizes on the day. First three students willing to assist in preparation will earn a \$20 voucher. A survey filled in by students gives them chance to win \$20 voucher.

Portfolios/Students Impacted:

Domestic Postgraduate

Recommendation:

For the SRC to approve an amount of \$320 towards Domestic Postgraduate picnic or BBQ.

Justification/Reason for Recommendation:

Networking meet and greetings.

Budget Impact:

Items	Quotes/Cost
Voucher	\$ 60
Prize	\$ 20
Catering	\$ 240

Proposed Action:

I propose that the SRC allocate \$320 towards the domestic postgraduate event on TBA next VPPE rep.

3.6. NUS Reaffiliation

Issue	NUS Reaffiliation
Date	25 May 2021
Mover	Rameez Parkar
Secunder	Crystal Ram

Issue Description:

The National Union of Students is the top body advocating for students in the country. WSU needs to renew its reaffiliation to this body.

Portfolio:

N/a

Proposed Action

I move that:

1. the SRC approves an upper limit of \$5000 be allocated for the NUS affiliation fee.
2. The SRC delegates the task of the reaffiliation process to Rameez Parkar - The Ethnocultural Representative.

Budget Impact

Item	Cost
Reaffiliation fee	\$5000

4. Other Business

5. Next Meeting and Close

6. Additional Documents

6.1. April Action Sheet

April Action Sheet		
Agenda Item/Action	Responsibility	Completion
Rosina to chase up relevant department to maintain women's rooms.	Rosina	
Submit budget request for Women's Collective engagement	Rosina	
Liaise with relevant body for CAPA reaffiliation	Daniel	
Liaise with relevant body for CISA reaffiliation	Daniel	
Coordinate creation of Postgraduate committee	Daniel	
Create working group to connect students with their schools/clubs	Simon	
Coordinate SRC & Student Space clean up	Simon	

6.2. [CISA Conference Information](#)

6.3. [CISA Reaffiliation Options](#)

6.4. [CAPA Reaffiliation Options](#)