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STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

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Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, 11th February 2019

Time: 6:00pm

Where: WUSA Offices, (located on the ground floor of building 19)

Apologies

Luke Niforos, Taani Hendricks

Minutes of Previous Meeting

See attached.

Business Arising

Correspondence

President's Report

Representative's Reports

Treasurer

General Business

Motion to Financially Support the School Strikers

Following last meeting's motion in support of Wollongong's own School Strike contingent, Jordan Humphries and Nicholas Ritchie have been liaising with the high schoolers, AYCC and other environmental groups in Wollongong about the 15th of March Strike.

Throughout discussion it was decided that a Wollongong specific rally would be beneficial in putting us on the world climate activism map and that having it in Wollongong would allow other interested members of the community to join that may not be bothered/able to make the trek to Sydney.

The Wollongong Rally will begin at 12 Noon at the Wollongong Arts Precinct and then a march will proceed to the Wollongong Head Lighthouse after speeches.

It has been young people - in particular - that have taken to the streets around these issues and so this should be a priority issue for WUSA to endorse and support in every way possible.

Platform:

As students and young people will be the first generation to feel the most intense effects of Climate Change, working toward an organised student movement is vital if we want to reverse the effects of decades of GHG emissions and environmental degradation.

This is the first climate action hosted in Wollongong in recent years and therefore needs to set a precedent as a successful action to pave the way for more frequent and popular Wollongong climate actions in the future.

The organising team consists of 4 members – two of which are school students and the other two are Jordan and Nick. Hence, support from all ally institutions of the climate movement is needed to ensure maximum exposure to the student body and wider community.

Actions:

WUSA will allocate \$200 to the printing of leaflets and posters, creation of banners and stall skirts, boosting of Facebook posts and other promotional materials.

All WUSA representatives should promote the strike via their Uni lectures and tutorials, places of work, contacts from their former high schools and their personal social media in the lead up to March 15th rally.

WUSA O-Week stalls will have information about the strike, including posters and leaflets.

Mover: Nicholas Ritchie

Seconder: Jordan Humphries

Motion to financially support revitalisation of the Women's Collective on campus

Platform: The inactivity of the Women's Collective in recent years has led to this student service being under-used and forgotten. More specifically there is no information on the Women's Collective e.g. no link to a Facebook page or website. The Women's Space was neglected and not capable of being used for its intended purpose; that is, a safe and comfortable place for women. Therefore, the Space is in much need of fresh material and advertisement toward female undergraduates.

Actions:

WUSA will allocate \$200 to the printing of leaflets and posters, creation of banners and stall skirts and other promotional materials to setup the O-Week stall and promote the Women's Space around campus and within the room itself.

Mover: Isabelle Jones

Secunder: Kirrily Carrington

Motion to release WUSA funds for General Secretary Obligations

Platform: The WUSA constitution has stipulated that the obligations of the General Secretary includes distributing meetings on official notice boards. It is important for the exposure of WUSA as well as the transparency of the council for meeting notices to be distributed on notice boards around the University for the general undergraduate population.

Action:

WUSA will allocate a monthly printing allowance of approximately \$20.00 for the printing of meeting notices by the General Secretary.

Mover: Madison Lord

Secunder: Isabelle Jones

Student Question Time



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Minutes of the WUSA Council Meeting of the 11th February, 2019
held at the Wollongong UOW campus

*****Meeting opened at 6:01pm*****

Attendees:

- Madison Lord, General Secretary
- Chloe Rafferty, President
- Alexander Hall, Tertangala Coordinator
- Joshua Bell, Treasurer
- Kirrily Carrington, Welfare Officer
- Isabelle Liddy, Education Officer
- Nicholas Ritchie, Environment Officer
- Imogen Draisma, General Representative
- Jordan Humphreys, General Representative
- Isabelle Jones, Women's Officer
- Kat Nelson Smith, Visitor
- River McCrossen, Journalist
- Patrick Andersson, Visitor
- Claire Dunning, Visitor
- Olivia Pierson, Visitor

Apologies:

- Bilal Zafar Khan
- Joshua Clarke
- Taani Hendricks
- Emerson Burke
- Darcy Turner
- Luke Niforos
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Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Taken as read, distributed by General Secretary via email with current meeting agenda.

Moved: Chloe Rafferty

Seconded: Kirrily Carrington

Business Arising:

Kirrily Carrington: Access to Facebook administration, social media working group addressed.

Correspondence In:

- Sexual assault response training occurred Monday the 11th Feb at 10am. Information provided can be distributed to other members and OB's.

President's Report:

- Business SSAF negotiation, Chloe is being ignored despite requests for negotiation.
- Ramsay campaign promotion
- Climate strike promotion
- O week stall organisation

Representative's Reports:

- Treasurer
There has been no log of printing expenses taken as of yet, all have been approved by President and will be updated next meeting.
The financial working group has not yet been established but will be established in the next month.
- Tertangala
First edition has been sent to designer, is 33 pages long on A4.
Tert has begun process of hiring people, has conducted interviews for 3 new positions.
Tert coordinator has been in touch with WUSA staff about books in storeroom to be donated to Lifeline charity, which is being organised.
- Women's Officer
Women's space on campus has been cleaned out by Isabelle Jones for use by the public again, working on getting new material in the space.
- Education Officer
Ramsay Centre secret snap action Friday the 15th of February
Will reach out to smaller groups on campus to let them know about the harms of the Western Civilisation degree and gain their support.
- Environment
Climate forum discussed, Nicholas has contacted environmental groups around Wollongong but has not had too much of a response.

General Business:

1. Motion to Financially Support the School Strikers

Moved: Nicholas Ritchie

Seconded: Jordan Humphreys

Madison Lord proposed amendment: Amend motion to state that the financial support will be allocated to \$100 of reusable WUSA material, including banners etc. and only \$100 be designated for the printing of disposable paper flyers.

Amendment seconded: Imogen Draisma.

Amendment: Carried.

Amended motion to financially support the School Strikers: Carried.

2. Motion to financially support revitalisation of the Women's Collective on campus

Moved: Isabelle Jones

Seconded: Kirrily Carrington

Motion to accept that WUSA will financially support the revitalisation of the Women's Collective on campus: Carried

3. Motion to release WUSA funds for General Secretary Obligations

Moved: Madison Lord

Seconded: Isabelle Jones

Alexander Hall proposed amendment: WUSA will enact printing accounts for all office bearers and representatives to fulfil role obligations. **Amenable.**

Motion to accept amended motion to release WUSA funds for General Secretary Obligations: Carried.

Emergency Motion:

WUSA Supports the Palm Sunday 'Say Yes to Refugees' Rally

The Australian government has, and continues as of this very moment, to commit torture against those seeking their rightful claims of asylum. Two offshore detention centres - Manus Island and Nauru were instituted by the Labor government under Gillard in 2012, currently hold 1,278 men and women, with 52 of them children, whose only 'crime' was to flee war, persecution and genocide. Since they have opened, 3,127 people overall have been condemned to these halls where riots, murder by private security officers and suicide are all too common.

Among them, Iranian Reza Barati was beaten with a wooden pole embedded with nails by guards before being finished off with a rock to the head like an animal in February 2014. Only seven months

later, the blood of Iranian Hamid Kehazei was on the then Minister of Immigration's hands, Scott Morrison, as he refused to transfer him on medical grounds, deeming his sepsis to be of no consequence. Clearly he was wrong.

Among those lost due to the abhorrent treatment they received while unlawfully incarcerated, Iranian Omid Masoumali immolate himself - set his own body on fire in protest, so that inspectors from the UN would recognise the horrors these prisoners face every day. Even as recent as 2018, Iranian Fariborz Karami and Rohingya Salim Kyawning committed suicide due to their deteriorating mental health over the last five years of being held in cages against their will.

The children Manus Island and formerly Nauru, fare no better. Medecins Sans Frontieres have found cases of resignation syndrome in children, a syndrome associated with victims of prolonged torture and abuse. The group have also documented high rates of suicide attempts in children, some as young as nine years old. This is not aided by the government's policy to separate families on arrival in order to process them more effectively.

The current Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, regarding a bill to allow refugees to be transferred to Australia for medical treatment, has stated that he "will simply ignore it and we'll get on with business." The business of torturing innocent victims and crushing the will of children until they are literally comatose to deal with the pain. This is not to say that the Labor government of today is any better, as they also believe in "strong borders, offshore processing, regional resettlement and boat turnbacks."

Platform —

1. WUSA supports the Palm Sunday 'Say Yes to Refugees' Rally organised by the Refugee Action Collective, being held at Belmore Park, near Central Station, on the 14th April 2019 at 2pm.
2. WUSA condemns the treatment of refugees by the Australian government and calls for all refugees to be immediately released from unlawful detention.

Action —

1. WUSA will organise a contingent to the Palm Sunday 'Say Yes to Refugees' Rally organised by the Refugee Action Collective, in addition to sharing and promoting the event on social media and the WUSA email list.
2. WUSA encourages all its office bearers to attend the contingent to the rally.
3. WUSA will allocate \$200 for colour printing to advertise the rally, including but not limited to; posters, leaflets and pamphlets.

Motion to allow the aforementioned emergency motion to be discussed: Carried

4. Motion that WUSA Supports the Palm Sunday 'Say Yes to Refugees' Rally

Moved: Chloe Rafferty

Seconded: Isabelle Liddy

Motion Abstentions: Madison Lord, Imogen Draisma, Kirrily Carrington and Isabelle Jones

Motion that WUSA Supports the Palm Sunday ‘Say Yes to Refugees’ Rally: Carried

Student Question Time

1. **River McCrossen:** Questioned treasurer regarding previously stated figure of \$5000 reaffiliation to NUS, alleged this contradicted a Facebook interaction where the treasurer stated that the current value of NUS reaffiliation was undetermined.

Chloe Rafferty (President): Stated that the previous value of \$5000 was an estimate based on the previous amounts that UOW has paid to affiliate with the NUS.

2. **River McCrossen:** questioned General Secretary regarding why minutes of previous meeting and meeting agendas had not yet been made available on the public Facebook page and/or other platforms.

Madison Lord (General Secretary): Stated that at this stage the General Secretary has not yet been granted the ability to post on the WUSA Facebook page nor has an official WUSA website been constructed. Stated that a motion was passed within General Business which has released funds for the General Secretary to fulfil as many obligations as they are possible given the current circumstances.

Chloe Rafferty (President): Stated that she would rectify the social media issue following the conclusion of the meeting.

3. **Isabelle Jones (Women’s Officer):** Questioned general councillors regarding the possibility of having a link activated on the UOW WUSA page to the assorted collectives that it lists, including but not limited to the Queer Collective and the Women’s Collective.

Chloe Rafferty (President): Responded stating that this is something that could act as an interim support whilst the website has not been created. Office bearers will need to liaise directly with the University in order to achieve this.

4. **River McCrossen:** Enquired about the aforementioned WUSA minutes from the 2015 council.

Chloe Rafferty (President): Stated that they remain waiting on the ability to access the minutes from previous meetings, once they are accessed, they will be published alongside those of the current year on the official Facebook and WUSA website in the future.

*****Meeting Closed at 7:27pm*****

