



WOLLONGONG
UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

AUGUST MEETING

MINUTES

Date: 1 September 2020

Time: 19:30

Location: Discord

WUSA August Minutes

MEETING OPENED 19:35

President: Alec Hall

General Secretary:

Imogen Draisma

Attendance: Alec Hall, Imogen Draisma, Joel McKay, Robin Pierson, Frances Kerkham, Kal Slater, Liam Delfs, Jasmine Duff, Madison Lord, Kyle Douglas and Nick Rogers

Apologies: N/A

Election of General Representative

Nick Rogers elected

Correspondence Incoming

WUSA approached and now signatory to the Coloured Code campaign for International Students

Correspondence OutgoingN/A

President's Report

Alec had meeting with UOW Governance

- QR code on all the rooms including Tert Office, WUSA, Womens and Queer Rep spaces
 - If don't comply they will be shut down
 - Plans will be in the rooms, limits on the rooms
 - Surfaces cleaned before and after use
 - Need to know how many people will be present at meetings
 - Clothes Drive needs to be packed up
 - Womens Rep - Queer Reps - need to communicate to the collectives
 - Governance may have a 'press release' about the concise manner collectives are to use the spaces.

Alec still needs to have a meeting with UOW Governance about whether the election will take place in October.

Representatives Report

Tertangala

- Addition has been published online and another is on the way.

General Business

Motion to Support the Black Lives Matter movement

Moved: Imogen Draisma

Seconded: Kal Slater

Platform

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3. Affirms that the Black Lives Matter movement is intersectional and inclusive of the LGBTQIA+ and disabled communities.
4. WUSA holds the position that the Bachelor of Arts in Western Civilisation perpetuates the use Eurocentric perspectives as 'correct', and as a result supports systematic racism. That the degree undermines the work of progressive BIPOC academics who have worked tirelessly to change this perspective.
5. WUSA notes that there are subjects and academics at UOW that continue to enforce racism.
6. WUSA holds the position that it is responsibility of UOW and students to ensure that they are educated about the genocide of indigenous peoples and culture.
7. WUSA acknowledges lack of financial support for BIPOC international students during the COVID-19 crisis from both UOW and the NSW Government is inherently racist.
8. WUSA affirms that systematic funding cuts from both government the university always adversely affects BIPOC students, and that more funding is needed to provide ESL and Learning Development services on UOW campuses.
9. WUSA notes that symbolic changes do not go far enough to break down systemic racism, but that an Acknowledgement of Country should occur at the beginning of every class at UOW
10. WUSA thanks Farjad Hussain, the International Students Representative, for his powerful speech at the BLM rally in Wollongong 7 June 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Resume Meeting on Campus in September 2020

Moved: Imogen Draisma

Seconded: Kal Slater

Platform:

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Action:

1. The General Secretary will email all representatives to make sure they are comfortable/able to attend in person meetings.
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MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Amend the Tertangala's Budget For 2020

Moved: Kal Slater

Seconded: Imogen Draisma

Preamble:

The Tertangala is an important campus institution, in difficult times it must be able to adapt to changing circumstances and access funds to do so.

Platform:

WUSA commits to ensuring that the Tertangala in 2020 is able to access its funding for the most relevant uses during the COVID pandemic

Action: WUSA amends the 2020 Tertangala budget as follows:

Original

	Pay Cycle 1	Pay Cycle 2	Pay Cycle 3	Pay Cycle 4
Co-ordinator	\$625	\$625	\$625	\$625
Magazine Editor	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
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Podcast Editor	-	-	-	-

Changes to General Operations allocations as follows

	Original pre-covid	New
Printing	\$21,000	\$10,000
Events	\$3,000	-
Advertising	\$1,000	\$1,000
Equipment and Licensing	\$6,000	\$20,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$1,000

MOTION CARRIED

Emergency Motions

Emergency Motion to Support the forming of a Constitutional working group

Moved: Imogen Draisma

Seconded: Kal Slater

Platform:

1. WUSA supports the formation of a working group to discuss the constitution under COVID-19 restrictions.

Action:

1. WUSA will discuss the formation of a working group at the September Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING CLOSED 20:26



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WUSA August Agenda

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- Representatives have been provided by nominations, which were sent prior to the meeting.
- UOW Governance will be present for the conducting of the meeting.
- Nominees may be present in the Discord to deliver a short speak, in line with normal procedure.
- Eligible voters (Representatives) will then vote by online poll.
- Elected General Representative will then be declared by Governance.

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