



WOLLONGONG
UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

APRIL MEETING

MINUTES

Date: 26 April 2021
Time: 18:00
Location: 19.1067
Wollongong Campus

President: Taani Hendriks

General Secretary:
Imogen Draisma

April Meeting Minutes

MEETING OPENED 18:13

Acknowledgement of Country: Cr Draisma

Suspension of Standing Orders to Conduct Election

General Representative: Sean McLachlan, Ethno-Cultural Officer: Albert Leung, Treasurer: Jye Langley, Tertangala Coordinator: Eliza Lourenço

Apologies: Katherine Minns and Aish Cowgill

Confirmation of the March Minutes: Moved: Kaia Cox Seconded: Taani Hendriks

Correspondence Incoming: N/A

Correspondence Outgoing: Media Release - TBC

President's Report: Meeting and contact with the university about SA and health concerns in university accommodation and submitted financial quarter report.

Representative Reports

UOW fight back - meetings and movement going well, lots of engagement with the campaign.

School Strike 21 May 2020 - representatives involved in organisation and encourages attendance.

General Business

Motion to Support WUSA's UOW Accommodation Complaints Form

Moved: Imogen Draisma

Seconded: Alec Hall

Preamble:

Due to a number of complaints, mostly concerning experiences at Kooloobong WUSA launched an anonymous form for students to complete who have had these and other experiences in accommodation.

As a result of the form, we have seen a number of responses confirming the concerns of WUSA. These responses contain stories about the 'rape' culture that still exists within accommodation, victim blaming and inaccessibility of reporting mechanisms. The university has continued to express that these issues have been addressed since the release of the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) released Change the Course: National Report on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at Australian Universities report. However, from these responses it is evident that serious and sustained action is required to address these issues in UOW accommodation.

Platform:

- 1.WUSA supports the victims of sexual assault on campus.
- 2.WUSA condemns actions by university staff to silence victims of sexual assault.
- 3.WUSA condemns the failure of the university to address serious safety concerns, including mental health of students in university accommodation.
- 4.WUSA will continue to advocate for affective change in reporting processes and accessibility to reporting processes.

Action:

- 1.WUSA will publish a media release on the concerns about student experiences
- 2.WUSA will publish the form on the Facebook attached to the media release and sponsor this post.
- 3.The form will collect responses 30 June, with the final results to be published in a report, accessible to the public.
- 4.WUSA will write to the Vice-Chancellor with a copy of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to discuss emergency motion

Moved: Imogen Draisma

Seconded: Taani Hendriks

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Emergency Motion: Casual Vacancy of General Representative Position

Moved: Imogen Draisma

Seconded: Taani Hendriks

Platform:

- 1.WUSA Council received written resignation of Cr Jye Langley's resignation from a General Representative position after being successful elected as Treasurer.
- 2.Under 4.5.1(b) of the WUSA Constitution a position is declared vacant upon the 'submi[ssion of] a written resignation from their position to the General Secretary'.

Action:

- 1.WUSA declares one (1) general representative position vacant.
- 2.The president will be in contact with UOW Governance to conduct an election.

MOTION CARRIED

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