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UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENTS'  
ASSOCIATION

# FEBRUARY MEETING

## AGENDA

**Date:** 2 March 2020

**Time:** 18:30

**Location:** 19-1002

Wollongong Campus

**President:** Taani Hendriks

**General Secretary:**

Imogen Draisma

## February Meeting Agenda

**MEETING OPENED 18:40**

**Acknowledgement of Country:** Clr Hendriks

**Apologies:** Kaia Cox, Aish Cowgill, Katherine Minns and Claire Dunning

### Correspondence Incoming

- NUS '#Change the Age' Campaign running during the O-Week period
- WUSA co-signer of the 'News Ban & Student Media' media release by the National Union of Students, as well as the Tertangala.

**Correspondence Outgoing: N/A**

### President's Report

- O-Week was successful - fair bit of interest in the 19th March Climate Strike, new sign ups to WUSA.
- Working on an 'Welcome' and info event with Yas

### Representative Reports

**Education** - Clr Tomasivich

- Organising the Illawarra Climate Justice Alliance protest on 19th March and Refugee Alliance Coalition.
- ICJA and RAC meetings are coming up.

### General Business

#### Motion to accept Casual Vacancies

**Moved:** Imogen Draisma

**Seconded:** Alec Hall

#### Platform:

1. Under section 4.5.1(b) a Representative position shall be vacated if the representative submits a written resignation from their position to the General Secretary.
2. Clrs Slater, Mathisuthanan, Turner and Caddy have provided me written resignations via email since the January meeting.

#### Action:

1. The General Secretary will notify UOW Governance of the casual vacancies and ask that nominations be opened to fill the vacancies.

MOTION CARRIED

## **Motion to Condemn UniLife Membership Fee**

**Moved:** Imogen Draisma

**Seconded:** Liam Douglas

### **Preamble:**

The cost of students being able to access activities and facilities has steeply increased over the last four years. During O-Week 2021 UniLife Memberships were \$40 and this will increase to \$45 in the coming weeks. This coupled with the slow decrease in access to both club membership and extra-curricular activities at UOW, not to mention little to no access on the satellite campuses.

### **Platform:**

- 1.WUSA notes that students should have access to the benefits of SAF without excessive additional pay walls.
- 2.WUSA acknowledges that the cost of the UniLife Membership is excessive and unaffordable for university students.
- 3.WUSA is concerned UniLife Membership is required to access UniActive Membership discounts.

### **Action:**

- 1.WUSA will post the motion on the Facebook page.

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING CLOSED 19:16

## **(Emergency Motion) Motion to Support Refugee March**

**Moved:** Jamie Caulfield

**Seconded:** Dylon Tomasivich

**Preamble:** Even with the release of over 20 Refugees from Immigration detention in Brisbane this week, over 120 people remain in onshore detention and well over 1000 others continue to be held in offshore detention. These barbaric practices have continuously been supported by both Liberal and Labour governments alike for the last 30 years, with many people having been held in detention for almost a decade. Furthermore, even those released from Australia's detention Camps are still left without support by the Australian government.

### **Platform:**

- 1.WUSA opposes mandatory detention
- 2.WUSA supports the Immediate release of all refugees currently detained and the permanent closure of all detention centres both onshore and offshore.
- 3.WUSA Demands the extension of full citizenship to all Refugees as well as full welfare provisions
- 4.WUSA Condemns both the Liberal and the Labor party for their continued support for mandatory detention.

### **Action:**

- 1.WUSA will release a statement of solidarity with those in detention
- 2.WUSA Reaffirms its support for the Refugee campaign

## **(Emergency Motion) WUSA Supports the Fight Against the Military Coup in Myanmar**

**Moved:** Dylon Tomasivich

**Seconded:** Imogen Draisma

### **Preamble:**

Myanmar has been engulfed by strikes, protests and demonstrations against the military coup that deposed the democratically elected government on 1st February 2021. These demonstrations continue as we speak with the demands the military retreat from the political sphere and the government is reinstated. However, demands have been progressing to demanding an entirely new constitution that excises the military's presence from political life altogether and grant rights to the ethnic minorities that are currently excluded from political representation.

Over a million people have been involved in the general strike paralysing the civil service, electricity utilities, mining industries and nursing sectors. Students, youth, oppressed minorities, religious groups, professional associations and local strike committees have all come out to demonstrate for their demands in cities all over Myanmar; Yangon, Naypidaw, Mandalay and Myitkyina among others. Protests are everywhere throughout the country.

However, the military has not been silent on these demonstrations. The first death was a 20 year old student - Mya Thwet Thwet Khine - who was shot in the head by police at a protest. Up to now, there have been 22 deaths, many of them young students and workers. 18 of those deaths occurred in one day, accompanied by scores more wounded as the military seeks to shock protesters from the streets and workers from their strikes.

WUSA supports the right of all those fleeing prosecution, including Rohingya muslims and supports their right to asylum and resettlement in Australia.

### **Platform:**

- 1.WUSA condemns the coup enacted by the military of Myanmar. WUSA supports the strikes, protests and demonstrations that seek to topple to the military government.
- 2.WUSA supports the letter from MSAA and Next Gen written to the UNSC.

### **Action:**

- 1.WUSA will make a statement from its media pages in solidarity of the protesters and strikers in Myanmar.
- 2.WUSA will support upcoming demonstrations in support of democracy.

MOTION CARRIED

**MEETING CLOSED 19:12**