



WOLLONGONG
UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY MINUTES

Date: 4 February 2021

Time: 18:30

Location: 19-1004

President: Taani Hendriks

General Secretary:
Imogen Draisma

WUSA Meeting Minutes

MEETING OPENED 18:31

In Attendance: Taani Hendriks, Imogen Draisma, Alec Hall, Arlo Hatzis, Jamie Caulfield, Jasmine Duff, Kaia Cox, Jye Langley, Aish Cowgill, Ramanan Mathisuthanan

Apologies: Liam Douglas, Kal Slater, Claire Dunning, Dylon Tomasivich and Katherine Minns

Presidents Report

- WUSA needs to focus on rebuilding its services and increasing its reach on campus i.e. the book bank, Queer Collective, Wom*ns Collective, Clothes Drive.
- Supporting staff and fighting against further staff cuts.
- O-Week is coming up 23-24 February and WUSA will have a stall.

Representative Reports

Education and Environment - delivered by Clr Duff

- Need to focus on activism against the staff cuts
- In touch with some activists and forums this year
- March 19th Global Climate Strike - Clr Dunning is working closely with Illawarra Climate Justice Alliance

Queer - Clr Hatzis

- Building up awareness of the collective and getting back into the space.
- Queer Collective will have a stall at O-Week

Ethno-Cultural - Clr Mathisuthanan

- Wants to connect with multicultural/religious societies on campus

General Business

MOTION ONE: ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved: Imogen Draisma

Seconded: Alec Hall

Actions:

1. WUSA adopts the standing orders from 2020
2. The Chair may limit speaking time to three (3) minutes on motions if deemed necessary
3. WUSA will investigate to vote by proxy or if constitutional amendments are required to do so.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TWO: Motion to elect three (3) members of the executive

Moved: Alec Hall

Seconded: Imogen Draisma

Actions:

1. WUSA elects the following three members of Council as the three (3) elected members of executive.
 - a. Alexander Hall
 - b. Jasmine Duff
 - c. Kal Slater

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION THREE: FACEBOOK ADMINISTRATION

Moved: Imogen Draisma

Seconded: Alec Hall

Platform:

WUSA commits to a strong social media presence due to current and unforeseen limits on campus activities

Action:

1. WUSA will form a social media committee comprised of councillors' Hendriks, Duff and Draisma.
2. All posts on the WUSA Facebook Page must be approved by majority of the committee before anything is posted.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION FOUR: UNIVERSITY STAFF CUTS

Moved: Jamie Caulfield

Seconded: Aish Cowgill

Preamble:

The University of Wollongong has and is set to axe several hundred jobs through both direct redundancies and the termination of casual contracts over the coming months. This is an appalling example of the university administration's determination to protect themselves at the expense of staff and students. Conditions of staff have consistently declined with suffering a wage freeze for the next 2 years being implemented while the Vice chancellors Salaries remain as it was, even after this supposed crisis.

Platform:

- 1.WUSA opposes any attacks against staff conditions by the University administration.
- 2.WUSA also opposes any cuts to Staff wages in any form.
- 3.WUSA opposes the for-profit model of education and continues to support free education for all.

Action:

- 1.WUSA will issue a statement condemning all job cuts and redundancies as well as all negative changes (i.e. pay cuts or wage freezes) to their conditions the University makes.
- 2.WUSA will support any and all campaigns opposing Staff cuts over the coming year.
- 3.WUSA will reaffirm and continue its support for any campaign for free education for all.
- 4.WUSA will write to the NTEU and CPSU affirming its support of the unions on campus and any campaigns.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION FIVE: Motion to re-affiliate to the NUS for 2021

Moved: Alec Hall

Seconded: Imogen Draisma

Actions:

- 1.WUSA moves to re-affiliate to the NUS for 2021
- 2.WUSA approves the payment of \$3000 to the NUS in affiliation fees as outlined in the 2021 budget.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION SIX: Motion to support the Pride in Protest 2021 Mardi Gras March

Moved: Alec Hall

Seconded: Arlo Hatzis

Platform:

The first Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras was a protest, not a celebration of banks, police and university administrations. Mardi Gras should be about the inherent radicalism of queerness and standing in opposition to a society that wishes to see queerness minimised and in some cases extinguished. Pride in Protest stands against this and seeks to bring back the protest spirit to Mardi Gras, that's why this year the day the 'official' Mardi Gras takes place in the SCG Pride in Protest is organising a protest march with four demands.

Actions:

- 1.WUSA supports the demands for the Mardi Gras March 2021 as organised by Pride in Protest in full, outlined below.
 - a.#KillTheBill, End transphobic scapegoating and the so-called religious freedoms bills and education amendments bill. Job security, and universal and trans inclusive education and health care should be a right.
 - b.#NoPrideInDetention, End mandatory detention, and forced deportations in favour of permanent resettlement with the right to jobs, health, and housing. Say no to sexuality testing of queer refugees, and end the wars that create refugees.
 - c.#BlackLivesMatter, Over 437 Aboriginal people have been murdered by the state since 1991. End Black deaths in custody, end the overpolicing of Black communities, and abolish the police and correctional services.
 - d.#DecrimSexWork #LegaliseAllDrugsNow, Fully decriminalise sex work in every state and territory, with sex workers at the centre of law reform and policy change. Decriminalise and legalise drug use and support drug law reform that halts the war on drug users.WUSA will post flyers around campus to promote the event.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION SEVEN: WUSA Endorses March 19 Climate Strike

Moved: Jasmine Duff

Seconded: Kaia Cox

Preamble:

Greta Thunberg has called a climate strike for March 19. A rally has been called by the Illawarra Climate Justice Alliance. WUSA stands unequivocally for climate justice.

Platform:

- 1.WUSA endorses the Illawarra Climate Justice Strike on March 19.

Actions:

- 1.WUSA will call and promote a contingent from UOW to the protest
- 2.WUSA will provide \$150 for the printing of posters, fliers and facebook advertising for the climate strike

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING CLOSED 19:12