



Student Representative Council 2007 -2008 Minutes of the meeting

Date: 31st October 2007

Time: 2:25pm - 3:28pm

Venue: The SRC room, Block 5

Members present for the meeting:

- Rohini - Vice President
- Lyth - Communications officer
- Tyson - Secretary
- Sonia - General member
- Alfred - General member
- Jimmy - General member
- Eric Yenz Pang - National Liaison Committee [Guest]

Apologies for not being able to attend the meeting:

- Samarth - President
- Sarah - Treasurer
- Ammar - General member

Minutes of the previous meeting

Date: 3rd October 2007

Time: 12:26 pm - 1:05 pm

Venue: SRC room, Block 5

Matters arising:

Introduction of all the members to Mr. Eric Yenz Pang. He got to know about the SRC in UOWD and its formation. We discussed about the student bodies in Australia and the way they function and compared to the student bodies in Dubai. We also discussed about the issues that affected the university students and sought out for any advice from Mr. Eric Yenz Pang.

Mr. Eric Yenz Pang is a member of the National Liaison Committee and advocates the interest of international students in Australia.

Issues mentioned by Mr. Eric:

- In Australia the issues concerning international students and their treatment such as transportation and how the Student Council helped resolve the problem.
- About the legislation that happens in Australia.

- How to conduct a forum and that there should be a chair present to moderate it. He went on to mention that the forum held by the SRC on 31st October was disorganized and unprofessional. But went on to say that a low turn out was understandable.
- The differences of student body in Australia when compared to the student body (SRC) in Dubai. For example, here there isn't any political freedom for students to voice their opinions and everything should be dealt in a diplomatic manner.

Issues that were mentioned and discussed by the SRC:

- The **quality of education offered in the university**, compared to the quality of education offered at the main campus in Australia. Since the UOW degree is offered as well at the Dubai campus. The quality of the degree has to be maintained. The SRC has to question any issues pertaining to this subject.
- About the students **paying higher fees** every academic year.
- The **budget allocation for the marketing activities of the University is big**. But, not enough money spent on the students that exist at the university, example; the clubs aren't given much support financially.
- **For the finance students:** the issue about not being allowed to use the financial calculators and the fact being that financial calculators are an integral part in the working of finance students in the future.
- Also discussed about the fact that if the **SRC in the Dubai campus** were to face any problems that were of concern to the students then the SRC of the Wollongong campus in Australia would be willing to assist us.

If you have comments or concerns pertaining to any issues mentioned above or would like to address any issues that you have faced or have noticed, please come by to our office, **Block 5, room 002**. We have also setup a facebook group under the name of '**UOWD SRC**'. Feel free to join our group and the minutes of meeting (MOM) will be posted there as well.

Sora Tacio
Student Services Coordinator

Tyson Peter Fernandes
Secretary