

**UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

4th WUSA Council Meeting
3.30pm Monday April 4th 2006
Room – Function Centre Room 2

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Jess Moore (President)
Justin McKinnon (Honorary Secretary)
Amelia Rhodes-Moylan (General representative)
Grant Coleman (Media Officer) – departed at 4.11pm
Simon Frew (General Representative)
Jenna Fletcher (Womyn's Representative)
Karlee Jones (Queer Representative)
Toby Kell (International Students Representative) – departed 4.54pm
Jenna McConnachie (Education Campaigns Coordinator)
Jeff Barret (Events Coordinator) – departed 5.27pm
Nathan Barton (General Representative) - departed 5.27pm
Peter Dickson (General Representative) - departed 5.27pm
Maddy Phelan (General Representative)
Hayley Conway (General Representative)
Rejieli James (Disabilities Representative) – departed at 4.54pm
Callum Blanchard (Honorary Treasurer)
Paola Harvey (Environment Officer)

Observers: Katie Cherington (Returning Officer), Nick Dugonius, David Moodie,
George Marret, Kevin Leiniger

MEETING OPENED AT 3.53pm

1. Apologies
06/CM04/01

Justin McKinnon/Jenna McConnachie

It was moved that WUSA accept the apologies of Gareth Ward (General Representative), Chad Stronach (Welfare Coordinator), Ben Coughlin (General Representative)

CARRIED unanimously

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

06/CM04/02

Justin McKinnon/Jenna McConnachie

It was moved that WUSA accept the minutes of the 2nd WUSA council meeting of 2006 (**06/CM03**), a friendly amendment was made to the minutes as such the spelling mistake of Gareth Ward's name (Gareth Word) in the apologies was corrected and Rejieli James' apology was given.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Business Arising

4. Correspondence

06/CM04/03

Toby Kell/Justin McKinnon

- Submission from Thai Society regarding the release of \$200 for the Song Gran (Thai New Year) Festival. It was moved that WUSA accept the submission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Standard Operations Business

General Representative 2 was elected after George Marrot withdrew resulting in Matt Barden being the only candidate.

Elected General Representative 2: Matt Barden

General Representative 9 was declared after a secret ballot resulting in Nicolas Kafer being elected.

Elected General Representative 9: Nicholas Kafer

Unsuccessful: George Marret

Grant Coleman left at 4.11pm

General Representative 12 was declared after a secret ballot resulting in Kevin Leininger being elected.

Elected General Representative 12: Kevin Leininger

Unsuccessful: George Marret

General Representative 15 was declared after a secret ballot resulting in Joel Bryant being elected.

Elected General Representative 15: Joel Bryant
Unsuccessful: George Marret

6. President's Report

7. Representatives' Reports

Paola Harvey (Environment Officer) submitted report regarding the ASEN training camp attended by Hayley Conway and herself over January/February. This training camp provided skills for organisation, campaigning, lobbying and planning for NDA's for environmental activists. They plan to hold a series of skill shares to pass the knowledge on to collective and students. It also enabled valuable networking with environmental activists across the country.

8. General Business

06/CM04/04

C. Blanchard/M. Phelen

It was moved that WUSA approve the amended budget (attachment A).

TABLED

06/CM04/05

J.McConnachie/H.Conway

It was moved that WUSA begin negotiations with the University to get a memorandum of understanding in accordance with attachment B and that Jess Moore, Grant Coleman and Jenna McConnachie meet with the University on behalf of WUSA.
(Attachment B)

TABLED

06/CM04/06 PROCEDURAL MOTION

It was moved that WUSA suspend the agenda and move to emergency motion submitted by Toby Kell.

LOST
FOR 5
AGAINST 13

Maddy Phelan Left

06/CM04/07

J.McConnachie/J.McKinnon

It was moved that the WUSA council approve writing off the debt for salary overpayments of \$1492.61 in 2004. These were incurred due to late notification of a change in honorarium for 2 representatives.

CARRIED
FOR 13
AGAINST 2 (Nathan Barton, Peter Dickson)
ABSTAIN 2

Maddy Phelan Returned

06/CM04/08

N.Barton/J.McKinnon

It was moved that the WUSA Council create the Workplace Safety and Audit Committee charged with the task of auditing office operations and ensuring safety and legal compliance in the WUSA Office and all areas of WUSA responsibility.

The committee shall consist of the President (or someone nominated by the president), one member of employed staff, one General Representative and one University staff member with experience in OH&S policies and procedures.

The committee shall meet at least four times per year or more as required and shall be chaired by the President. Reports as well as meeting minutes from each meeting shall be made available to all Council members within 2 weeks of meeting, or by the next council meeting, whichever is sooner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/CM04/09

N.Barton/J.McKinnon

The general representative to be on the Workplace Safety and Audit Committee was voted on by the council. Candidates were Simon Frew and Nathan Barton. Simon Frew was elected winning 12 votes to 5, with one member abstaining.

06/CM04/10

N.Barton/J.McKinnon

That the WUSA Council amends the WUSA Council Regulations with the following amendments in order to keep Regulations up -to-date. (attachment C)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/CM04/11 Procedural Motion

It was moved that WUSA suspend the agenda and move to motion 7 of the Agenda.

CARRIED
For 15
Against 3

06/CM04/12

S. Frew/M. Phelan

It was moved that WUSA release \$200 to TIDE 2006.

TIDE is an annual anthology of poetry, prose and visual art from those in and around the University of Wollongong community. It has no funding from the University itself, and is a student-run and organised project. It is a vital point of cultural intersection and dialogue between the student community and the broader community. It seeks financial assistance from WUSA to cover the costs of printing, distribution, publicity and general costs.

A Contribution of over \$200 will obtain for WUSA a full-page sponsor's spot, as well as the inclusion of the logo on the front sponsors' page – i.e TIDE gratefully acknowledges the assistance of WUSA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/CM04/13 PROCEDURAL MOTION

It was moved that WUSA suspend the written agenda and move to motion 12 of the agenda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/CM04/14

K.Jones/G.Coleman

WUSA release funds of up to \$200 to purchase queer books for a queer library in the queer space, and a further \$225 for an end of year queer function. Budget Line: Queer.

CARRIED
FOR 16
AGAINST 1 (Nathan Barton)
ABSTAIN 1

Toby Kell and Rejeli James left at 4.54

06/CM04/15 PROCEDURAL MOTION

It was moved that WUSA suspend the agenda and move to motions 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 of the agenda.

CARRIED
FOR 14
AGAINST 2

06/CM04/16

It was moved that WUSA vote on motions **06/CM04/17** and **06/CM04/18** en bloc
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/CM04/17

J.Fletcher/J.McKinnon

WUSA release up to \$525 for food and drinks for the official opening of the Women's Space(\$150), for refurbishment of the Women's space(\$75) and for feminist literature from Spinifex Press(\$300), as determined by the Women's Collective. Budget Line: Womens

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/CM04/18

J.Barrett/J.McKinnon

It was moved that WUSA release \$260 to pay S.A.L productions 1/2 funds to come from Events budget the other half from the Women's budget

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/CM04/19

It was moved that WUSA vote on motions **06/CM04/20**, **06/CM04/21** and **06/CM04/22** en bloc

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/CM04/20

J.McKinnon/J.McConnachie

It was moved that WUSA release funds of \$2481.67 to the University of Wollongong for maintenance work and structural alterations carried out on the WUSA office in December 2005 and January 2006.

Budget Line: Asset acquisition and strategic spending.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/CM04/21

J.McKinnon/J.McConnachie

It was moved that WUSA release funds of \$66.00 to the University of Wollongong for alarm response fees incurred in September and November 2005.

Budget Line: Office and Administration expenses

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/CM04/22

J.McKinnon/J.McConnachie

It was moved that WUSA release funds of \$527.50 to the University of Wollongong for the installation of a dual data outlet.

Budget line: Asset acquisition and strategic spending

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/CM04/23

N.Barton

It was moved that WUSA amend **06/CM04/24** to read WUSA commit to a Repeal VSU campaign and commit to a join WUSA campaign.

LOST
FOR 2
AGAINST 14

06/CM04/24

J.McConnachie/H. Conway

It was moved that WUSA commit to a Repeal VSU campaign.

CARRIED
FOR 13
AGAINST 3 (Nathan Barton, Peter Dickson, Jeff Barrett)
Abstain 0

06/CM04/25

N. Barton

It was moved that WUSA amend motion **06/CM04/26** to read “WUSA calls a student strike for Mayday – May 1, 2006, to oppose the deterioration of students’ living conditions, VSU and Industrial Relations, provided over 100 students turn up to the education action collective meeting”.

LOST
FOR 1 (Nathan Barton)
AGAINST 15
ABSTAIN 0

06/CM04/26

S. Frew, J. McConnachie

WUSA calls a student strike for Mayday – May 1, 2006, to oppose the deterioration of students’ living conditions, VSU and Industrial Relations.

CARRIED
FOR 15
AGAINST 1 (Nathan Barton)
ABSTAIN 0

06/CM04/27

PROCEDURAL MOTION

It was moved that WUSA suspend the agenda and move to the emergency motions.

LOST
FOR 2
AGAINST 14

06/CM04/28

H.Conway/J.McKinnon

WUSA release \$180.24 in reimbursement for travel and registration at ASEN training camp.

Budget Line: Environment

CARRIED
FOR 14
AGAINST 1 (Jeff Barrett)
ABSTAIN 1

06/CM04/29

H.Conway/J.McKinnon

WUSA reps undertake the duty of cleaning the WUSA office as per a written roster, cutting \$4680 in expenditure from the budget. They will be required to fulfil the roster. The LHMU will be contacted to see if they comply.

CARRIED
FOR 15
AGAINST 0
ABSTAIN 1

06/CM04/30

PROCEDURAL MOTION

It was moved that WUSA suspend the agenda and move to the emergency motions.

LOST
FOR 3
AGAINST 13

06/CM04/31

J.McConnachie/H.Conway

It was WUSA release up to \$40 for fuel for transport to the anti-Blair protest
27/03/06
Budget Line: Unallocated Campaign Expenditure

CARRIED
FOR 13
AGAINST 3 (Nathan Barton, Peter Dickson, Jeff Barrett)

Nathan Barton, Peter Dickson and Jeff Barrett left at 5.27pm

5.27 pm Meeting Adjourned – quorum lost