

**UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

5th WUSA Council Meeting  
5.30pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006  
Room – Kemira room 3

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

Jess Moore (President)  
Justin McKinnon (Honorary Secretary)  
Amelia Rhodes-Moylan (General Representative)  
Simon Frew (General Representative)  
Jenna Fletcher (Womyn's Representative)  
Karlee Jones (Queer Representative)  
Toby Kell (International Students Representative) – departed 6.05pm  
Jeff Barret (Events Coordinator) – departed 6.00pm  
Nathan Barton (General Representative) - departed 5.55pm  
Peter Dickson (General Representative) - departed 5.55pm  
Hayley Conway (General Representative)  
Callum Blanchard (Honorary Treasurer)  
Paola Harvey (Environment Officer)  
Ben Coughlin (General Representative) - departed 5.55pm  
Gareth Ward (General Representative) – departed 5.55pm  
Mitchell Thompson (Indigenous Representative)  
Nicholas Kafer (General Representative)  
Kevin Leininger (General Representative)  
Joel Bryant (General Representative)  
Matt Barden (General Representative)

Meeting Opened at 5.40pm

**06/CM05/01**

Gareth Ward/Toby Kell

It was moved that council suspend the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting for within one week.

LOST  
FOR 8 (Nathan Barton, Toby Kell, Peter Dickson)  
AGAINST 10  
ABSTAIN 2

Gareth Ward, Nathan Barton, Peter Dickson and Ben Coughlin left at 5.55pm

1. Apologies

**06/CM05/02**

**Jess Moore/Justin McKinnon**

It was moved that WUSA accept the apologies of Chad Stronach (Welfare Coordinator) Grant Coleman (Media Coordinator) and Maddy Phelan (General Representative).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**06/CM05/03**

**Jess Moore/Justin McKinnon**

It was moved that WUSA accept the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting (**06/CM04**).

CARRIED  
FOR 15  
AGAINST 1  
ABSTAIN 0

Jeff Barrett left at 6.00pm

3. Business Arising

Katie Charrington's contract/work agreement was presented before council in camera. Summary of notes taken during selection and interview process including a comparison of candidates that are members compared to candidates that are not members.

4. Correspondence

5. Standard Operations Business

6. President's Report

7. Representatives' Reports

8. General Business

**06/CM05/04**

**Callum Blanchard/Jenna Fletcher**

It was moved that WUSA council approve the payment of \$247.50 to the University of Wollongong for work carried out in February 2006: patching outlets and the re-enabling of phone extensions. Budget line: Asset acquisition and strategic spending.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Toby Kell left at 6.05pm

**06/CM05/05**

**Callum Blanchard/ Jenna Fletcher**

That WUSA council approve the amendment of funds released for the purchase of 5 computers from \$5,680 to \$8184.00. Amendment is required due to a change from the original quote. Refer: 06/CM01/15. Budget line: Asset acquisition and strategic spending.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**06/CM05/06**

**Karlee Jones/ Grant Coleman**

That WUSA endorse the state-wide Students Against War conference to be held on Friday May 19. The themes of the conference are: Troops out now! Hands off Iran! Defend civil liberties! Stop the racist scapegoating of Muslims!

The aim of the conference is to assist in building networks between student anti-war activists in Canberra, Newcastle, Wollongong and Sydney, aiming to strengthen the campus anti-war movement and begin preparations for protests against the visit of US President George W. Bush, who will be in Sydney in September 2007, for the APEC conference.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**06/CM05/07**

**Jenna Fletcher/Karlee Jones**

That WUSA approve that money received for T-shirts by the Education Action Collective be to raise money for the EAC and be accounted for by the EAC as such.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**06/CM05/08**

**Jenna Fletcher /Matt Barden**

That WUSA endorse the call for a student strike on June 1 in opposition to the Liberal government's WorkChoices legislation. High school, TAFE and university students nationally are planning to take action against this legislation, which is a serious attack on the rights of all workers. We note that young workers in particular will be adversely affected by these anti-worker laws, and pledge also to build student contingents for the May 6 MayDay protests, and the ACTU-initiated national day of protest on Wednesday June 28.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**06/CM05/09**

**Jenna Fletcher/Justin McKinnon**

That WUSA affiliate to the Australia-Venezuela Solidarity Network (AVSN) and that WUSA contribute \$100 to support its activities. The AVSN has brought together a range of existing organisations and supportive individuals now campaigning to demand US hands off Venezuela and to break down the mass media's silence and lies in regard to the Bolivarian Revolution. The Network was formed at the Second National Australian Conference in Solidarity with Latin America in 2004. See attachment A.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**06/CM05/10**

**Nathan Barton/Jeff Barrett**

That WUSA publicly condemn the lemma Labor government for allowing the royal hospital for women to reach a critical financial position that half of its bills can be unpaid and to not offer ultrasound testing to all mothers. But WUSA acknowledge that ultrasounds are the basic right of all the women in the preparation for childbirth to protect against complications. That WUSA lobby the State Labor Government to guarantee that all birthing units in state hospitals be brought up to world class standards by year end.

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**06/CM05/11**

**Nathan Barton/Jeff Barrett**

That WUSA advertise for the position of General Manager of WUSA And seek to employ within the current session in line with the constitution 5.1.2 which states 'The Association shall employ General Manager on an ongoing basis to manage the operations of The Association offices'

TABLED

**06/CM05/12**

**Nathan Barton/Jeff Barrett**

That WUSA hold a referendum to clarify the students desire as to whether or not to be a part of the National Union of Students. That WUSA hold this at the same time as the general election later in the year to save on costs.

That Secure Vote be consulted on the costs of having such a vote and that the budget to be modified to allow such a vote to occur WUSA pay NUS monies owing, up to the full budget line allowed

TABLED

**06/CM05/13**

**Nathan Barton/Jeff Barrett**

That the Jeff Gilmore scholarship be advertised in print and electronically to all members and that a committee of the council be created to set requirements and review submissions. The committee shall put the best three candidates to council for final decision.

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**06/CM05/14**

**Nathan Barton/Jeff Barrett**

That the website be updated with the current operating budget and that all 2006 minutes to be uploaded also. That the regulations on the website be updated with the changes that were approved by council.

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**06/CM05/15**

**Nathan Barton/Jeff Barrett**

Selection of staff shall prefer members. If after the first round of interviews from membership base, the selection committee cannot find an appropriate person, or no members submitted their application, the position shall then be opened to the general public.

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**06/CM05/17**

**Karlee Jones/Amelia Rhodes-Moylan**

It was moved that WUSA endorse the August 13th national day of action calling for the repeal of same-sex marriage ban, state civil unions and equal de-facto rights.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**06/CM05/17**

**Karlee Jones/Paola Harvey**

It was moved that WUSA appoint Nicholas Kafer to make formal representations, on behalf of WUSA, to VP Admin Chris Grange to obtain a complete WUSA membership list so that WUSA may communicate more effectively with members & comply with constitutional requirements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**06/CM05/18**

**Jess Moore/Justin McKinnon**

It was moved that WUSA amend motion 7 of the emergency motions to read "The new eMac computers be made available for member use when not in use by Councilors."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**06/CM05/19**

**Jess Moore/Justin McKinnon**

It was moved that WUSA make the new eMac computers be made available for member use when not in use by Councilors

CARRIED  
FOR 13  
AGAINST 1 (Kevin Leininger)  
Abstain 0

MEETING CLOSED 6.30pm

## **Attachment A**

### Australia-Venezuela Solidarity Network

The Network has three main aims:

1. Support communities and organisations participating in the fundamental social transformation now underway in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
2. Campaign against the US led aggression against the Chavez government and peoples of Venezuela.
3. Demand that the Australian government condemn the U.S intervention in Venezuela's sovereign affairs.

The Network coordinates activities in four main areas:

1. **INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS** to inform trade unions, student and community organisations and the Australian public in general of the struggles of Venezuela's people.
2. **AID PROJECTS** that assist local communities in Venezuela.
3. **BRIGADES, EXCHANGES & TOURS** to promote the interchange of experiences between Australian and Venezuelan communities in struggle.
4. **ACTIONS & PROTESTS** in support of Venezuela's people and against foreign aggression.