

**UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

1<sup>st</sup> WUSA Council Meeting  
Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2007  
Room – WUSA Office

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

Liz LARBALESTIER (President) - Chairperson  
Nicholas KAER (Education Campaigns Coordinator)  
Callum BLANCHARD (Honorary Treasurer)  
Adam KNOBEL (Media Coordinator)  
Carla MORGAN (Welfare Coordinator)  
Nick DUGONICS (Environmental Representative)  
Llyane BROWN (Indigenous Representative)  
Ryan GORDON (Disabilities Representative) – arrived 11.31am  
Jess MOORE (General Representative)  
Paola HARVEY (General Representative)  
Clinton MEAD (General Representative)  
Broadie GALLOWAY (General Representative)  
Grace TIN (General Representative)  
Mimi SU (General Representative)  
Mellissa NGO (General Representative)  
Chad STRONARCH (General Representative) – non-voting

**OBSERVERS:**

Tim ROUEN, Nick ROUEN, Ashley PEMBERTON, Katie CHERRINGTON (WUSA Office Administrator)

MEETING OPENED AT 11.23am

**07/CM01/01**

**Jess Moore/Nick Dugonics**

It was moved that WUSA appoint Nicholas Kaer as acting Hon. Secretary, in the absence of Jenna Fletcher.

**1. Apologies**

**07/CM01/02**

**Nicholas Kaer/Nick Dugonics**

It was moved that WUSA accept the apologies of Jenna Fletcher (Hon. Secretary), Nikki Low (Queer Representative), Simon Frew (Events Coordinator),

Anthony Strik (International Students Representative), Nathan Marshall (External Students Representative) and General Representatives Levi Garry, Kristen Wall, Matthew Sly, Jeff Donohue and Nicael Holt.

CARRIED unanimously

**07/CM01/03**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**Jess Moore**

It was moved that the WUSA Council suspend standard meeting procedures to allow the delivery of reports before Standard Operating Business.

CARRIED unanimously

## **2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

N/A

## **3. Business Arising**

Nil.

## **4. Correspondence**

Nil.

## **5. President's Report**

**07/CM01/04**

**Nicholas Kafer/Nick Dugonics**

It was moved that WUSA accept the report of the President.

*Liz spoke to her report (Attachment A).*

CARRIED unanimously

## **6. Representatives' Reports**

**07/CM01/05**

**Nicholas Kafer/Callum Blanchard**

It was moved that WUSA accept the verbal reports of the following Representatives.

CARRIED unanimously

1. *Jess Moore: Discussed progress of the WUSA flyer and mentioned how it would not be ready by enrolment, so it might be necessary to copy the master and hand that out; emphasised the need for ALL Council Members to help out this year (particularly when WUSA visits satellite campuses) and updated the Council on the progress of the NTEU EBA.*
2. *Adam Knobel: Reminded Council of the Tertangala deadline.*
3. *Clinton Mead: Asked a question about the Tertangala in 2007.*

RYAN GORDON ARRIVED.

### **7. Standard Operating Business**

#### **Election of Members to Casual Vacancies:**

1. Global Solidarity Officer --  
Nominee: Matt Barden  
MATT BARDEN ELECTED.
2. WUSA Executive × 3  
Nominees: Carla Morgan, Adam Knobel, Paola Harvey.  
CARLA MORGAN, ADAM KNOBEL & PAOLA HARVEY ELECTED.

### **8. General Business**

**07/CM01/06**

**Jess Moore/Paola Harvey**

It was moved that the WUSA Executive have an open invite for the duration of the year. This will ensure that decisions made within the executive continue to be as democratic as possible and political decisions continue to be thoroughly debated.

CARRIED unanimously

**07/CM01/07**

**Jess Moore/Paola Harvey**

It was moved that WUSA set April 4<sup>th</sup> for the WUSA AGM at 12:30pm and for the location to be set at a later date.

CARRIED unanimously

**07/CM01/08**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**Jess Moore**

It was moved that the WUSA Council suspend the agenda by freezing the agenda (items 3-16) until voting on Emergency Motions 1-6 has been completed.

CARRIED unanimously

CHAD STRONARCH ARRIVED.

**07/CM01/09**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**Jess Moore**

It was moved that the meeting proceed into open discussion for the duration of talk over **07/CM01/10**.

CARRIED unanimously

**07/CM01/10**

**EMERGENCY MOTION**

**Nicholas Kafer/Liz Larbalestier**

It was moved that WUSA condemn UniCentre, as tenants of Bld 11 and as the representative body for undergraduate students, for their blatant disregard for communal student space – specifically the Glasshouse Lounge. Additionally WUSA condemns UniCentre for the removal of WUSA property (i.e. the Glasshouse water urn) without consultation.

CARRIED  
For 14  
Against 0  
Abstained 1

**07/CM01/11**

**EMERGENCY MOTION**

**Jess Moore/Adam Knobel**

It was moved that WUSA assume responsibility for the collection of its membership fees.

CARRIED unanimously

**07/CM01/12**

**EMERGENCY MOTION**

**Nicholas Kafer/Adam Knobel**

It was moved that WUSA condemn the Federal Government's attacks on student unionism (VSU) and commit to actively fighting against this horrendous legislation. Furthermore, WUSA also condemns the UOW Administration for failing to support student control of student affairs, via a funding agreement with WUSA.

CARRIED unanimously

**07/CM01/13**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**Jess Moore**

It was moved that the meeting proceed into open discussion for the duration of talk over **07/CM01/14**.

CARRIED unanimously

**07/CM01/14**

**EMERGENCY MOTION**

**Jess Moore/Paola Harvey**

It was moved that WUSA endorse the rally at Sydney Town Hall, 10am, Saturday September 8, opposing the meeting of the Asia Pacific forum on Economic Cooperation (APEC). The demands for the rally entitled "stop this weapon of mass destruction" are: "troops out of Iraq and Afghanistan", "Renewable energy, not wars for oil" and "Workers' rights not slavery". WUSA will also fully support and participate in any activities organised to build the rally as large as possible.

CARRIED  
For 8  
Against 7  
Abstained 0

**07/CM01/15**

**EMERGENCY MOTION**

**Jess Moore/Paola Harvey**

It was moved that WUSA endorse the Students Against War meeting in week two, raising student awareness about the ongoing role of the USA and Australia in Iraq and Afghanistan, including the US governments authorisation of 21,500 more US soldiers to be sent to Baghdad and Anbar.

CARRIED unanimously

**07/CM01/16**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**Clinton Mead**

It was moved that the meeting proceed into open discussion for the duration of talk over the proposed 2007 budget (**07/CM01/16**).

CARRIED unanimously



Budget Line: Expenses 2006

CARRIED

**07/CM01/23**

**Paola Harvey/Nicholas Kafer**

That the WUSA president or WUSA treasurer be allowed to authorise cheque payments for students in regard to second-hand book sales without council approval.

CARRIED

**07/CM01/24**

**Jess Moore/Nicholas Kafer**

That WUSA release \$200 for advertising of jobs needed for advertising of Administration Officer and Research and Advocacy Officer. In the past previous usage of advertising in local papers has been cheaper, so while the release of \$200 the Council will endeavour to investigate for a less costly option however understands that the job would be best advertised in local papers.

Budget Line:

CARRIED

**07/CM01/25**

**Paola Harvey/Carla Morgan**

That WUSA appoint Elizabeth LARBALLETIER, Jay Fletcher and Nick Kafer to represent WUSA on the staff selection committee and empower the WUSA Executive to finalise the job descriptions for Office Administrator, Bookkeeper and Advocacy & Research Officer.

CARRIED

**07/CM01/26**

**Nicholas Kafer/Paola Harvey**

It was moved that WUSA release \$60 to pay the registration for Paola Harvey to attend the Australian Student Environment Network Training Camp occurring in Canberra from the 20/1 to 25/1. (See Attachment D)

Budget Line: Environment Representative

CARRIED

**07/CM01/27**

**Paola Harvey/Nicholas Kafer**

That WUSA council release funds for the purchase of badge components for the badge-making machine.

Budget Line: O-week Activities

CARRIED

**07/CM01/28**

**Jess Moore/Carla Morgan**

It was moved that WUSA release up to \$15,000 to pay the President an honorarium.

Budget Line: Expenses - President

CARRIED

**07/CM01/29**

**Callum Blanchard/Jess Moore**

It was moved that WUSA release up to \$500,000 for investment, so that the Association can continue to survive in a VSU environment.

Budget Line: Discretionary Spending – Post VSU Contingency Fund

CARRIED

MELISSA NGO LEFT AT 12:35pm.

MEETING DECLARED INQUORATE AND CLOSED AT THIS TIME.

**07/CM01/30**

**Jess Moore/Nicholas Kafer**

It was moved that WUSA condemn the continuing incarceration of David Hicks without charge by the US military at Guantanamo Bay, which has continued for over 5 years. WUSA supports and also calls on the Australian government to support David Hick's immediate release. WUSA also supports the call for the immediate closure of the Guantanamo Bay prison camp, which denies all inmates the most basic of human and legal rights.

TABLED

**07/CM01/31**

**Jess Moore/Nicholas Kafer**

It was moved that WUSA condemn both the Australian Labor and Liberal governments for their facilitation of the ongoing theft of East Timor's oil and gas by Australia. According to international law, as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) the international sea boundary between countries situated close to each other is the median line (the half-way point). To protect itself from legal challenge, since March 2002 the Australian government has refused to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice or any dispute-settlement mechanisms under UNCLOS. If the illegal

border is maintained, East Timor, one of the poorest counties in the world, will be robbed of approximately US\$30 billion dollars over the next three decades.

TABLED

**07/CM01/32**

**Jess Moore/Nicholas Kafer**

It was moved that WUSA condemn the escalation of the occupation of Iraq, through the US's government authorization of 21,500 more US soldiers to be sent to Baghdad and Anbar. WUSA also calls on the Australian government to immediately rule out increasing Australia's military presence in Iraq and to commit to an immediate withdrawal of Australian troops from both Iraq and Afghanistan, in support of their right to self-determination.

TABLED

**07/CM01/33**

**Elizabeth LARBALESTIER/**

That WUSA adopt the draft proposal for the job description of Research and Advocacy Officer. Feedback from the University of Wollongong will be necessary as they are providing funding for this position so therefore WUSA will adopt the draft proposal but with an understanding that it may have to be put again, however it will be a basic outline so that advertising of the job can occur as soon as possible before the beginning of Session 1 2007.

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Signed as a true and accurate record

Nicholas Kafer  
Hon. Secretary

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(Chairperson)

**Explanatory Note:**

- **Motion Coding**

The coding for motions consists of four important pieces of information:

1. Year (i.e. 07)
2. Type of Meeting (i.e. CM = Council Meeting)
3. Meeting Number (i.e. CM01 = Council Meeting No. 1)
4. Motion number (i.e. 01, 02, ....25....99, etc) .

- **Example: 07/CM01/01**

In the Year 2007, Council Meeting number 1, Motion number 1.

**ATTACHEMENT A:**

**President's Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting 2007**

It's going to be a big year for WUSA. Exciting and challenging where we are going to be getting out to UOW students and convincing them to join the Student Union. It's going to be awesome speaking to students about the role of the Student Union and why it's in their best interests to belong to the Union. In the past years many Student Associations have not had to be upfront and explain to students face to face why they should be joining their Union. I can't wait to get out on campus and speak to students and find out their concerns, issues and ways in which WUSA can help and lobby for them.

**WUSA and Uni Relationships**

Regarding the funding proposal there are a few funding arrangements that we must make sure that the University Administration follows through with and I'll be making sure that this occurs especially for the funding of the Research and Advocacy Officer. Currently Chris Grange is on leave.

We may have space issues mid year and are already experiencing some at the moment re Glasshouse being turned into the VIP section. This is a great concern that an area that has been a space for many international students will now require a \$79 membership fee.

Funding for Clubs and Societies we will only gain if a working agreement can be made with WUSA and CSD. We will continue to nut out exactly what CSD and WUSA want and therefore see if we can reach any agreement so that Clubs and Societies can gain \$10 000 however we will be cautious to make sure that student voices are heard in the operation of Clubs and Societies by CSD.

**Staff**

Office Administrator Katie has put in notice for resignation meaning WUSA will be hiring a new Office Administrator. WUSA will consider the hiring of a Bookkeeper but with advice from Katie if we hire an Office Admin with Bookkeeping skills it may mean WUSA can increase the hours for the Office Admin around times such as BAS Statement.

### **John Adams Media Release**

John Adams, aren't we lucky ducks to have this one around for another year! It will definitely help us to recruit members for sure ;). I put out a media release with the oversight of our Education Campaign Coordinator Nick K. It will be included here, very a-political and just reiterating that a student union is the best voice for representing student voices, not John Adams. Adam's agenda is included here below so we can keep an eye of Senate and Council meetings.

- a) Senate/council relations
- b) UOW social Capital
- c) Having a register for speakers at UOW
- d) Allowing extra credit for subjects
- e) Compulsory financial penalties for plagiarism
- f) Allowing students to take material to exams
- g) banning academics from setting their own textbooks for the UOW subjects
- h) Establishing guidelines/policy for setting textbooks in general.
- i) No assessments in Week 13 (i.e the last week of session)
- j) Offering Course notes on CD rather than at paper (with greater the cost)
- k) Academic Senate Reform
- l) Vice Chancellor's award for original thinking (with a large prize in the order of \$100,000 p.a.)
- m) methodological content in degree courses
- n) Academic Culture
- o) Non-subject innovation
- p) Thinking Audit of UOW subjects
- q) Academic bill of rights
- r) Intellectual discourse of general staff
- (a) open floor plans for academics
- (b) abolishing exams altogether
- (c) abolishing titles from academia

### **Oweek and Roster**

We need to make sure that we have as many hands on deck to help with recruitment over enrolment and oweeks and that will continue throughout the year. As well, we must not forget the satellite campus and a roster will be prepared to make sure we can organize people on stalls to help sign up members.

### **Skills Share - today**

**OH&S Training** – will be organized for Reps who have not had the training.

### **Council Members Membership**

Reminder that all Council members must sign up to WUSA membership by Friday Week 1.

### **NUS President's Summit**

This went for 3 days on 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> January. It was very helpful where President's from about 20 campuses across the country reported back what the atmosphere is like on their campus, the membership strategies being implemented, funding agreements/proposals and relationships with other uni administrations. It was an eye opener for all Presidents to see that either they were in a better position than most other campuses or it's really looking dismal for their own campus but now have contacts and support. Imagine a group of 20 people so keen to talk about tamper proof stickers and if they should be circles or rectangles, or is a hard card better and membership systems, may appear so small but it was cool to find people who are going through the same

experiences. Most of the operational questions and other things WUSA has had to consider e.g. governance changes, are not only being experienced by one or 2 units in NSW but across the entire country.

Note that NUS is looking at changing the affiliation structure to take in that Student Associations have less income than others and trying to find a fair structure that will accommodate for unions that gain commercial revenue and others that don't

If anyone WUSA member is considering how to make things better we should always remember to check out with other student associations and get their advice.

National Campaign is 'Demand A Better Future' with 3 prongs

- Quality and Accessible Education (includes VSU)
- Student Rights at Work
- Climate Change: Clean energy is the future

We may as well try and get some poster out of them. Nick and I were both at the State Exec meeting and the NUS NSW seem keen to get the ball rolling on this campaign.

### ATTACHMENT B:

Currently typing up a budget – will be emailed out later.

### ATTACHMENT C:

<b>SUPPLIER</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>UP TO \$</b>
MPD	Tert printing	\$3000
Ricoh Business Centre	Toner for photocopiers	\$500
University of Wollongong	Phone & Internet charges	\$500
University of Wollongong	Monthly cleaning charges	\$250
Adept Security	Alarm monitoring fees	\$100.10
Ricoh Australia	Photocopier usage/maintenance	\$1000
Just Water	Spring Water	\$32

### ATTACHMENT D:

The Australian Student Environment Network (ASEN) is the national network of students active on environmental justice issues. We are made up of the state environment networks, which are made of campus environment collectives. There are 37 campuses in Australia, and most have environment collectives.

We are a non-hierarchical grassroots network and are constantly evolving, depending on what students are doing in our collectives and communities. ASEN was created by and continues to be organised by young activists committed to change. Students use our network to organise local campaigns, share information and resources, embark on

national campaigns such as climate change and no nuclear, and work alongside Indigenous peoples in their fight for sovereignty and an end to genocide.

In its biggest form, ASEN meets at the Students of Sustainability (SoS) conference every July. ASEN also has a Summer Gathering around the Invasion Day Corroboree at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra, to create a strategic plan for the year, and share skills and knowledge with environment activists from across Australia.

In 2006, we had our first annual Summer Training Camp with sixty students from across Australia meeting for a week of training and skillshares on collective organising, developing campaign strategies, strategic questions, media, non-violent direct action, and more.