

**UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

10th WUSA Council Meeting  
3pm Monday September 17, 2007  
Room – WUSA Office

Meeting Minutes

*Meeting opened at 3:29pm*

**Present**

Elizabeth LARBALESTIER (President)  
Matt BARDEN (Honorary Secretary)  
Callum BLANCHARD (Honorary Treasurer)  
Nick ROUEN (Education Campaigns Coordinator)  
Adam KNOBEL (Media Coordinator)  
Nick DUGONICS (Environment Representative)  
Lizzie SCALLY (Womens Representative)  
Nikki LOW (Queer Representative)  
Anthony STRIK (International Students Representative)  
Tim ROUEN (External Students Representative) – arrived at 4:31pm  
Jay FLETCHER (Global Solidarity Officer)  
Chris MONNOX (General Representative)  
Michael PARK (General Representative)  
Grace TIN (General Representative) – arrived at 4:27pm  
Clinton MEAD (General Representative)  
Brendan COOK (General Representative) – elected  
Brett JOHNSTON (General Representative) – elected  
Luke MCGREGOR (General Representative) – elected  
Toby KELL (General Representative) – elected – arrived at 3:37pm

**1. Apologies**

**07/CM10/01**

**Chris Monnox / Anthony Strik**

It was moved that WUSA accept the apologies of Melissa Ngo (General Representative), Simon Frew (Event Coordinator), Levi Garry (General Representative), Tim Rouen (External Students Representative), Brodie Galloway (General Representative), Carla Morgan (Welfare Coordinator), Ash Pemberton (General Representative) and Layne Brown (Indigenous Representative).

CARRIED unanimously

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

*The minutes of the previous meeting were unavailable at this time. They are to be tabled at the next WUSA Council Meeting.*

**07/CM10/02**

**Matt Barden / Adam Knobel**

It was moved that WUSA Council note the minutes of the Special General Meeting. These minutes are to be tabled at the next Special General Meeting. See **Attachment A**.

CARRIED unanimously

## **3. Business Arising**

Nil

## **4. Correspondence**

**07/CM10/03**

**Matt Barden / Adam Knobel**

It was moved that WUSA table the following correspondence:

Letter from Anthony Fernando, Manager, International Strategy and Communications Branch of Australian Education International, 21 August 2007.  
RE: Travel Concessions for International Students

Letter from Tanya Plibersek, Federal Member for Sydney, Shadow Minister for Human Services, Housing, Women & Youth, 6 August 2007.  
RE: Travel Concessions for International Students

Letter from John Faulkner, Labor Senator for New South Wales, 10 August 2007.  
RE: Travel Concessions for International Students

Letter from Jenny Johnson, Private Secretary, Office of the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance, 14 August 2007.  
RE: Travel Concessions for International Students

Copy of a letter from Clover Moore, Member for Sydney, to Hon. John Watkins MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, 16 August 2007.  
RE: Travel Concessions for International Students

CARRIED unanimously

## **5. Standard Operations Business**

*Election of Members to Casual Vacancies*

1 x Disabilities Representative

*No Nominations Received*

#### 4 x General Representative

##### *Nominations Received:*

- Brendan Cook
- Brett Johnston
- Luke McGregor
- Toby Kell

#### 1 x Position on WUSA Executive

##### *Nominations received:*

- Chris Monnox (General Representative)
- Brett Johnston (General Representative)
- Anthony Strik (International Students Representative)

#### **07/CM10/04**

**Nick Rouen / Matt Barden**

It was moved that the four nominees (Brendan Cook, Brett Johnston, Luke McGregor and Toby Kell) be elected to fill the four General Representative casual vacancies.

CARRIED unanimously

***Brendan Cook, Brett Johnston, Luke McGregor and Toby Kell were elected as General Representatives.***

*- Toby Kell arrived at 3:37pm -*

*Robyn Debbes (Office Administrator) acted as Returning Officer for the election of Council members to the WUSA Executive.*

*The results of the election were declared as follows:*

- *Chris Monnox (8 votes)*
- *Brett Johnston (4 votes)*
- *Anthony Strik (1 vote)*

***Chris Monnox was elected to the WUSA Executive.***

#### **6. President's Report**

The President reported on the visit of the NUS (National Union of Students) General Secretary and the negotiation of an affiliation fee waiver for WUSA, given the financial impact of VSU.

WUSA is currently in funding negotiations with the university regarding Advocacy and case-by-case funding.

The President reported on negotiations with the Returning Officer regarding the status of Honours students as members of WUSA.

All those who won prizes as part of the WUSA membership campaign have been emailed or sent letters (or contacted through the University) asking them to advise WUSA of whether they would like a Unishop or Myer vouchers.

## 7. Representatives' Reports

**Simon Frew (Event Coordinator)** submitted a written report:

Apologies, I have class and can't attend. Anyway can WUSA reps please discuss this and decide whether it is feasible or not and inform me what everyone thinks on Tuesday.

I thought that it would be a good idea to organise an end of semester WUSA event in the Unibar, Friday Week 13. The main motivation for this is to raise WUSA's profile, rather than to turn a profit.

I approached Eve Simons the Unibar Events Coordinator to find out the cost of putting on something there. Due to Public Liability and OH&S, it normally costs \$4,000 to hire the Bar for a night. This includes PA and sound engineer hire (\$1,500), which we can probably forget about because my PA will do the job adequately (theirs is better, but not \$1,500 better). I have a meeting with Eve and Melissa Z on Tuesday to discuss the exact prices. I should be able to get a couple of Sydney DJ's to play for free, so we won't have to pay artists.

I think we should charge \$10 entry, which means that we would need 250 people to break even.

Organising an off-campus event would be cheaper, but in my experience, it is much more difficult to get students to attend these.

**Adam Knobel (Media Coordinator)** reported on the large amount of media attention which *Tertangala* has received recently. The deadline of the last Tert for 2007 has been pushed back. Adam has been invited to present at the National Young Writers Festival representing *Tertangala* and WUSA. Adam is also undertaking a research project on the impact of VSU on student media around the country (with particular focus on *Tertangala*) in the hope of ensuring the future of this, and other, student publications.

**Nick Rouen (Education Campaigns Coordinator)** reported on the National Day of Action held recently on the Duckpond Lawn.

**Nikki Low (Queer Representative)** reported on the success of Sexuality Week and on the new allsorts website, soon to be accessible through the WUSA website. It is available at [www.uowallsorts.org](http://www.uowallsorts.org).

**07/CM10/05**

**Matt Barden / Adam Knobel**

It was moved that WUSA accept the Representatives' Reports.

CARRIED unanimously

## **8. General Business**

**07/CM10/06**

**Nick Rouen / Brett Johnston**

That the WUSA Executive move more quickly in the organization and distribution of prizes from the membership drive. If necessary, the President should delegate this duty or any which she can not perform.

LOST  
6 FOR  
6 AGAINST  
4 ABSTAINING

**07/CM10/07**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**Toby Kell**

It was moved that the motion (07/CM10/08) be put.

CARRIED  
10 FOR  
4 AGAINST  
2 ABSTAINING

**07/CM10/08**

**Jay Fletcher / Nick Dugonics**

That WUSA release up to \$1000 to hire a bus to Melbourne for the Latin America Asia-Pacific International Solidarity Conference (Solidarity Conference) in October, as passed by the SAW collective. This will arguably be the biggest gathering of local and international guest speakers in decades (see attachment A) and Students Against War would like to ensure that transport is not a barrier and that people from Wollongong can attend the event.

See **Attachment B**.

*Budget Line: Global Solidarity*

CARRIED  
8 FOR  
7 AGAINST (Nick Rouen & Luke McGregor)  
1 ABSTAINING

*- Brendan Cook left at 4:15pm, returned at 4:19pm -*

**07/CM10/09**

**Jay Fletcher/Lizzy Scally**

That WUSA release the attached Womyn's Collective budget. The budget aims

to ensure that the Womyns' Space and all resources for women can be replenished and restocked including, but not limited to, the library, emergency pad and tampon supplies, information resources and campaigning materials (calico, paints, posters, stickers etc).

See **Attachment C**.

*Budget Line: Womens*

CARRIED  
15 FOR  
1 ABSTAINING

- *Grace Tin arrived at 4:27pm* -

**07/CM10/10**

**Jay Fletcher / Anthony Strik**

That WUSA release up to \$500 to aid in campaigns expenditure including, but not limited to calico and paints, venue hire, badges and stickers, for building the Students Against War Collective for the rest of the year.

*Budget Line: Global Solidarity*

CARRIED  
8 FOR  
5 AGAINST  
4 ABSTAINING

- *Michael Park left at 4:29pm* -

- *Tim Rouen arrived at 4:31pm* -

- *Callum Blanchard left at 4:41pm* -

**07/CM10/11**

**Adam Knobel / Matt Barden**

That WUSA release up to \$892 to send three members from the media collective to the National Young Writers Festival (NYWF) in Newcastle. NYWF is a five-day conference (27 Sept - 1 Oct) for Australia's emerging young writers, publishers, performers and student media types. The festival involves workshops on writing, editing and also the emerging field of online media.

After hearing about our struggle to survive post-VSU, organisers have invited Tertangala to take part in the Student Media Roundtable. This roundtable is designed to bring together student editors from around the country to discuss the massive budget cuts and large number of closures in 2007. Following this, Adam Knobel has been asked to co-present a panel, discussing strategies to deal with the challenges faced by student media organisations in the near and distant future.

Aside from being excellent exposure for both Tertangala and WUSA, the roundtable and panel discussion will contribute to a research document that will

examine a number of potential models and avenues to ensure the magazines survival.

Breakdown of costs: \$577 for accommodation, up to \$75 for travel, and \$240 in disbursement for living expenses as per 4.2.3 of the Regulations governing Conferences.

*Budget Line: Tertangala*

CARRIED unanimously

*- Nick Dugonics left at 4:42pm -*

**07/CM10/12**

**Clinton Mead / Nick Rouen**

It was moved that WUSA Council recognise all UOW undergraduate students, including those undertaking diplomas, advanced diplomas, associate degrees, Bachelor degrees and Honours degrees, as being eligible for membership of WUSA and able to nominate and vote in the General Elections.

Acknowledging this, that the Returning Officer be provided with an updated electoral roll. All nominations to be considered according to this electoral roll.

CARRIED unanimously

**07/CM10/13**

**Clinton Mead / Nick Rouen**

WUSA reminds the returning officer that nothing in the WUSA constitution nor its regulations permits any member, including the president, from entering into legal contracts without the approval of an association meeting, and until it can be proven otherwise, any MOU which did not receive approval at an association meeting shall have no effect.

WITHDRAWN

**07/CM10/14**

**Clinton Mead / Nick Rouen**

WUSA unilaterally withdraws from the MOU pertaining to Honours students membership due to the fact this MOU may be anti-competitive conduct under the Trade Practices Act and continuing to enforce this MOU may allow legal action to be taken against WUSA.

WITHDRAWN

**07/CM10/15**

**Clinton Mead / Nick Rouen**

WUSA directs the returning officer to apply the explicit definition of undergraduate stated in the regulations, or failing that, the definition of undergraduate as defined by the university, and reminds the returning officer that to follow the constitution and regulations, and that in a case of the constitutions and regulations conflicting with any MOU, the constitution and regulations shall prevail.

WITHDRAWN

**07/CM10/16**

**Clinton Mead / Nick Rouen**

WUSA reminds the returning officer that a number of Honours students have been elected, are financial members and continue to serve on WUSA council, and as long as Honours students continue to be members of WUSA and serve on council, the only consistent application of the constitution and regulations is to permit Honours students to stand as candidates.

WITHDRAWN

**07/CM10/17**

**Clinton Mead / Nick Rouen**

WUSA directs the returning officer to immediately follow these instructions and the changes to the regulations, to prevent WUSA from either enforcing an agreement which was never validly entered, or to prevent WUSA from being legally liable for knowingly continuing to enforce an agreement which could be anti-competitive.

WITHDRAWN

**07/CM10/18**

**Clinton Mead / Nick Rouen**

WUSA shall instruct the returning officer to note the definitions in the current constitution, regulations and current practice and also note that nothing in the regulations nor the constitution instructs the returning officer to follow the regulations only as they were when the election was called and hence should apply any changes immediately.

WITHDRAWN

**07/CM10/19**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**Clinton Mead**

It was moved that the two emergency motions be heard.

CARRIED unanimously

**07/CM10/20**

**EMERGENCY MOTION**

**Brett Johnston /  
Anthony Strik**

It was moved that WUSA enquires into the state of the current website equipment and configurations with regards to performance issues.

CARRIED unanimously

**07/CM10/21**

**EMERGENCY MOTION**

**Adam Knobel /  
Nikki Low**

That WUSA empower a Working Group of interested Council members to work with ICIS (Illawarra Committee for International Students) to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the use of office space and resources.

CARRIED unanimously

*Meeting closed at 5:12pm.*

**Attachment A**

*1 page - attached at end of this document*

**Attachment B**

Solidarity Conference: A global call for participation

We call on all activists, organisations and communities who are committed to building a better world to join together at the Latin American and Asia Pacific International Solidarity Forum to be held in October 2007, in Melbourne Australia.

The forum has been initiated by the organisers of several successful conferences and gatherings in solidarity with Latin America and the Asia Pacific, the Australia-Venezuela Solidarity Network (AVSN), Asia Pacific International Solidarity Conference (APISC) and the Latin American Solidarity Network (LASNET). With this call we would like to invite you to participate in this international forum.

**Attachment C****Womyns Collective****Budget Sept 07**

<b>Campaigning Materials</b>	\$700
calico, paint, brushes, sticker paper, colour copying, posters etc T-shirts, screen printing materials	
<b>Tea/Coffee/Mugs/Dishwashing equip</b>	\$100
<b>Sanitary Supplies</b>	\$100
Pads, tampons etc	
<b>Library</b>	\$700
books and docos/movies Both sourced second hand and special one-offs	
<b>End of Session Event</b>	\$400
Food, drinks, guest speaker, equip. hire etc	
	<b>TOTAL</b>
	\$2,000



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**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday September 12, 2007**  
**12:30pm on the Duckpond Lawn**

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Meeting opened at 12:30pm.*

*There were fifty-four (54) votes cast.*

**General Business**

*Voting was conducted by secret ballot.*

**07/SMG1/01**

**Elizabeth Larbalestier/Matt Barden**

Amendment to Constitution

*4.3.1.16. General Representatives who shall be responsible for:*  
amended to

*4.3.1.16. Fourteen (14) General Representatives who shall be responsible for:*

**CARRIED**  
**38 FOR**  
**12 AGAINST**  
**4 ABSTAINING**

**07/SMG1/02**

**Elizabeth Larbalestier/Matt Barden**

New section to Constitution

*4.6.7. That all undergraduate students of UOW are eligible to vote.*

**CARRIED**  
**43 FOR**  
**4 AGAINST**  
**7 ABSTAINING**

*Meeting closed at 2:01pm.*