

University of Wollongong Undergraduate Students' Association

5th WUSA Executive Meeting
11:30am Monday, 17 September 2007
Room – WUSA Office

Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 11:34am

Present

Elizabeth Larbalestier (President) – Chairperson
Matt Barden (Honorary Secretary)
Callum Blanchard (Honorary Treasurer)
Nick Rouen (Education Campaigns Coordinator)
Adam Knobel (Media Coordinator)
Chris Monnox (General Representative)

Discussion Point One: Funding Proposal

Elizabeth Larbalestier reported that there are two streams of funding negotiations currently underway with the University: case-by-case funding applications and the Advocacy Officer position.

Case-by-case funding is being negotiated by Elizabeth Larbalestier and Matt Barden. In a preliminary meeting with David Christie and Damien Israel a general focus of the Funding Proposal was discussed. It will consist of:

- a) Good Governance Responsibilities: Trustee and Auditor fees.
- b) Student Representation: WUSA activities and collectives, conferences, Tertangala, NUS, President's honorarium and election costs, etc.
- c) Office Expenses: administrative staff, IT, cleaning, stationary, phone and internet, security, etc.

The University has requested a prioritised list of activities and explanations of how each activity will directly benefit UOW students.

Funding for the Advocacy Officer position is being negotiated by Elizabeth Larbalestier and Thor (WUPA Pres). Chris Grange (Vice-President Administration) has been involved in negotiations.

Callum to write draft 2008 budget for the University Council's October Meeting

Discussion Point Two: WUSA General Elections

We need to figure out an audit system of WUSA membership.

There was discussion about whether honours students should be granted membership of WUSA – and how honours students can be added to the electoral roll.

Discussion Point Three: Media

The local media are desperate for stories at the moment. Brainstorm ideas.

Discussion Point Four: NUS Visit

The NUS General Secretary visited WUSA on 5 September and discussed NUS Affiliation fees.

“They give wisdom and knowledge when they come” – Elizabeth Larbalestier

Discussion Point Five: WUSA Investments update

Money has now been transferred into a high interest account as per WUSA's investment strategy.

Discussion Point Six: Audit update

The audit should be finished very soon. The last of the required documents have been sent.

Discussion Point Seven: ICIS MOU

In accordance with a WUSA Council decision to create an MOU with the Illawarra Committee for International Students (ICIS) – who are currently using part of the WUSA Office free of rent - the Executive resolved to create a working group to create this MOU.

Discussion Point Eight: Membership prizes update

All winners have been emailed and asked to come into the WUSA Office between 11am and 2pm Monday-Friday to tell us whether they would like UniShop or Myer vouchers.

Meeting closed at 12:18pm