

WOLLONGONG UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION

8th WUSA Council Meeting
17:00, 4th August 2008
Room – WUSA Office

Minutes

Present

Brendan Cook (President) - Chair - *elected*
Luke McGregor (Treasurer)
Martin Laird (Disabilities)
Patrick Kennedy Bates (Education Campaigns)
Kate Mullany (Environment) - *elected*
Sarah Woodcroft (Events)
Tim Rouen (External Students)
Chris Monnox (Global Solidarity)
Annie Zhou (International Students) - *elected*
Bec Nash (Queer)
Allison Jeffares (Tertangala)
Jess Di Blasio (Welfare)
Hailey Sutton (Womyn's)
Nick Kafer (General Representative) – minute person
Catherine Garner (General Representative)
Nikki Low (General Representative)
Toby Kell (General Representative)
Geoff Pidcock (General Representative)
Charly Lindsay (General Representative)
Brodie Galloway (General Representative)
Michael Dicker (General Representative)

Observers

Jacq Dollard (Staff), Nick Rouen, Luke McCann, Leah Reid, Adam Everill

The WUSA Executive met at 17:30 finding that the Meeting was inquorate, and rescheduled the meeting to 17:50 on the same day in accordance with s 6.2.11 of the WUSA Constitution.

Meeting opened at 17:50

08/CM08/01

PROCEDURAL MOTION

B. Cook

It was moved that Catherine Garner assume the Chair.

CARRIED unanimously

Catherine assumed the Chair

1. Apologies

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08/CM08/02

B. Cook

It was moved that apologies be accepted from the following people: Adam Knobel (General Representative), Kirri Piper (General Representative), Mark Putvinas (General Representative), Hong (Henry) Jiao Shao (General Representative), Paul Dunwell (General Representative), and Dylan Harrison (General Representative).

CARRIED unanimously

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

08/CM08/02

B. Cook

It was moved that minutes from the 7th WUSA Council Meeting (votes for motions 08/CM07/08 and 08/CM07/10 amended) and the 5th WUSA Staff Meeting (Attachment A) be tabled.

CARRIED unanimously

3. Standard Operations Business

08/CM08/03

B. Cook

It was moved that Jacq Dollard act as Returning Officer for the duration of the meeting.

CARRIED unanimously

There are vacancies for the following positions:

Environment Representative

Nomination(s) received from:

- Kate Mullany

Kate Mullany declared ELECTED

Indigenous Representative

(To be elected autonomously by indigenous collective)

International Students Representative

Nomination(s) received from:

- Annie Zhou

Annie Zhou declared ELECTED

President

Nomination(s) received from:

- Patrick Kennedy Bates
- Brendan Cook

Brendan Cook declared ELECTED

Brendan assumed the Chair

08/CM08/04

PROCEDURAL MOTION

C. Garner

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It was moved that the standing orders be suspended until after motion 08/CM/08/06 is heard.
CARRIED unanimously

08/CM08/05 PROCEDURAL MOTION

T. Rouen

It was moved that Leah Reid be allowed to address Council.

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM08/06 EMERGENCY MOTION

H. Sutton/T. Rouen

That WUSA release an amount of up to \$100 to support Leah Reid in attending the National Student Leadership Forum.

Budget line: Unallocated Grants and Donations

CARRIED
For: 16
Against: 3
Abstentions: 1

4. Representatives' Reports

08/CM08/07 PROCEDURAL MOTION

H. Sutton

It was moved that Jacq Dollard be granted speaking rights for the duration of the meeting.

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM08/08

A. Jeffares

It was moved that Council accept the following reports:

Patrick Kennedy Bates (Oral Report) – Revolutions of 1968 Event

Geoff Pidcock (Written Report) – Australasian Survey for Student Engagement
(Attachment B)

Jacq Dollard (Oral Report) – WUSA Book Bank

Brendan Cook (Oral Report) – University's Student Representative Forum

CARRIED unanimously

5. General Business

08/CM08/09 PROCEDURAL MOTION

C. Monnox

It was moved that motion 08/CM08/10 be voted upon.

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM08/10

C. Garner/J. Di Blasio

That Council acknowledges and accepts the amendment made to the WUSA Constitution at the 2008 AGM in motion 08/GM01/04, and advises the Secretary of the University Council that the following further amendments will need to be made in order to ensure that the Constitution is consistent with University corporate governance policies, but that for these changes to take effect they will need to be approved by the Association's membership either through a Special General Meeting or a referendum.

REPLACE

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4.1 (c) Entering into contracts for the duration of its term.

WITH

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REPLACE

6.5.1. The Council shall conduct Special General Meetings at least three (3) times during the Financial year, at any time in session.

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REPLACE

6.6.1. The Council shall conduct Council Meetings at least ten (10) times during the Financial Year in a manner consistent with the Standing Orders.

WITH

6.6.1. The Council shall conduct Council Meetings at least ten (10) times during the term of the Council in a manner consistent with the Standing Orders.

CARRIED
For: 16
Against: nil
Abstentions: 4

08/CM08/11

PROCEDURAL MOTION

C. Garner

It was moved that Council hear Emergency Motions 08/CM/08/13, 08/CM/08/14, and 08/CM/08/15 en bloc.

CARRIED
For: 14
Against: 1
Abstentions: 5

08/CM08/12

PROCEDURAL MOTION

T. Kell

It was moved that motions 08/CM/08/13, 08/CM/08/14, and 08/CM/08/15 be voted on.

CARRIED
For: 14
Against: 1
Abstentions: 5

08/CM08/12

EMERGENCY MOTION

J. Di Blasio/N. Low

It was moved that the budget line Office and Administration Expenses – Financial Audit Fees be increased to \$24 750.

CARRIED
For: 11
Against: 6
Abstentions: 3

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08/CM08/13

EMERGENCY MOTION

J. Di Blasio/N. Low

That WUSA Council releases \$334.40 to pay for University of Wollongong invoice 271156 dated 20th July 2008 for alarm responses 1/4/08 to 30/6/08. That WUSA Council tables the relevant invoice as Attachment C.

Budget line: Office and Administration Expenses- Sundry

CARRIED
For: 11
Against: 6
Abstentions: 3

08/CM08/14

EMERGENCY MOTION

G. Pidcock/T. Rouen

It is proposed that WUSA offers \$2000 financial sponsorship to assist Amnesty International's (Wollongong) organization of 'Fire Inside the Wire' 2008- a charity concert supporting the amnesty 'Uncensor' campaign, which is focused on human rights and freedom of expression globally, with specific attention on China.

In return for the support, Amnesty International Australia offers to implement the WUSA logo into all event related media, and provide table space within the bar for WUSA initiatives during the event. In the context of the event's success last year (sell out crowd, \$13600 raised for aid and awareness in Dharfur), sponsorship provides an amazing opportunity for generating campus and community awareness of WUSA and its social justice initiatives, and provides rich prospects in recruitment (particularly for the anti-war and welfare collectives).

Budget line: Unallocated Grants and Donations

CARRIED
For: 11
Against: 6
Abstentions: 3

Meeting closed at 19:15

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Attachment A

4th Staff Meeting
1pm on 21st July 2008

Meeting Notes

Present:

Brendan Cook – wusa President
Jacq Dollard – wusa Front Desk Receptionist
Robyn Debbes – wusa Office Administrator
David – wusa IT Support

The meeting commenced at 1.10pm.

The following issues were discussed:

1. Re-location Plans

Brendan reported he met with UOW Buildings and Grounds to discuss relocation. Brendan confirmed the University plan to move us to Ground Floor, Building 19. Relocation will occur in 12-18 months.

2. Gift vouchers and Prize Pool Vouchers

Robyn advised we have unused \$20 UniShop gift vouchers that were purchased 12/4/07 stored in safe. Savannah, UniShop Manager confirmed the vouchers could still be used as long as they are used in the near future. The vouchers were purchased to encourage, acknowledge and support volunteers who participate actively in giving up their time for WUSA. The meeting agreed wusa should continue giving out the vouchers. Robyn will email current wusa Reps asking them to nominate student who deserves a voucher, write one sentence "why student should receive voucher" and reasons why, and forward to Brendan by 12.30pm 24th July so the nominees can be discussed at Council Meeting 7 held at 4.30pm that day.

Prize pool vouchers were also purchased from UniShop and Myer in October 2007 for prize-winners of your rights at uni Campaign. Uncollected vouchers remain in safe - vouchers expire in October 2008. The meeting agreed we should email winners asking them to collect within one month of the email date. Vouchers not collected after the close date will be reissued and used for another campaign. Savannah, UniShop Manager confirmed we could reissue vouchers.

Action: Robyn to email Reps as above.

Action: Jacq or Robyn to email winners as above.

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3. Presidency Issues

Chris Pettett did not graduate and to date has not resigned. Chris continues to receive fortnightly honorarium payments. Brendan advised if Chris misses one more wusa Council meeting, he will be removed as President and from wusa Council. Following that meeting, UOW Council will be informed. Brendan and Jess are going to meet with Solicitor on 24th July to discuss the Presidency issue.

4. Advocacy

Brendan confirmed he would meet with Siobahn to discuss WUSA and WUPA Advocacy representation including location issues.

Action: Brendan to organise meeting with Siobahn as above.

The meeting closed at 1.35pm.

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Attachment B

Geoff Pidcock – Australasian Survey for Student Engagement

Australasian Survey for Student Engagement: 2007 Results

An executive summary prepared by Geoff Pidcock for the WUSA council meeting upon the 4th of August, 2008. Any questions pertaining to this document should be forwarded to geoffpidcock@wusa.uow.edu.au

-15-20min Survey advertised to tertiary students in 25 universities (one of which being UOW) by the Australian Council for Education Research.

-Appraises student engagement- 'activities and conditions likely to generate high quality learning'

-2007 results freely available online at <http://www.acer.edu.au/ausse/findings.html>

-Most students spend 1-5 hours on campus per week (excluding class time), and do at least a quarter of their study online (*need for WUSA to adopt a stronger web presence?*)

-International students spend more time on campus than domestic.

-Students who work for pay on campus are often more engaged than others (*target student workspaces?*)

-Students who work for pay off campus (often 15-20 hours) are more engaged by work integrated learning and practices.

-Students perceive individual support and challenge higher than collective schemes of engagement.

-Students become more engaged from first year to third year, but feel less support from the university from first year to third year

Universities Reaction:

- Focus groups and report distribution
- Meetings with dept heads, deans, and student services
- Appraising STUDENT SPACES
- Considering new approaches- using US and Canada as case studies

What WUSA can do?

- Adopt a stronger web presence (Blog, forums, etc)- 'web advocacy' targeting students with little campus free time and online focused studies.
- Target student workspaces on campus- tap potential engagement.
- Target second and third year classes.
- Market employment benefits of WUSA involvement (work-integrated approach)
- Get a head start on student spaces-