



*WUSA Council Meeting 4
4PM April 8th, WUSA Space*

Meeting Minutes

Present

James Tier
Catherine Garner
Aijay Adams
Jess Di Blasio
Megan Zingel
Daniel Crameri
Tim Rouen
Hailey Sutton – Chair
Chris Monnox
Warren Hudson
Samita Rai
Annie Zhou
Bede Crasnich
Brendan Cook - minutes

Meeting opened at 16:20.

Apologies

09/CM04/01

C. Monnox

It was moved that apologies be accepted from the following representatives:
Stef Greenshields, Martha Johnson, Jessie Warren, Skye Parsons, Kirri Piper, Nathaniel Kennedy, Nyssa Murray, Vanessa Organo, Patrick Harrison, Allison Jeffares, Sarah Woodcroft, Christian Meek, Kathryn Ryan, and Ryan Gould.

CARRIED unanimously

Minutes

09/CM04/02

B. Cook

It was moved that the minutes from Council Meeting 3 be tabled.

CARRIED unanimously

Correspondence

09/CM04/03

T. Rouen

It was moved that Council table the following correspondence:

Letter – Kate Schouten (Development Officer UOW Liberal Club)

CARRIED
For: 13
Against: 1
Abstentions: none

Representative Reports

09/CM04/04

C. Garner

It was moved that Council accept the following reports:

- Hailey Sutton (President's report – written report)
- James Tier (University committee briefing, Queer Student Network reportback)
- Aijay Adams (E-Learning committee reportback)
- Chris Monnox (National Union of Students briefing)
- Brendan Cook (update on incorporation)
- Jess Di Blasio (Allsorts Fair day)
- Hailey Sutton (Safe sex party)
- Mark Putvinas (WUSA Events – written report)
- Tim Rouen (Tertangala deadline)

CARRIED unanimously

General Business

09/CM04/05

J. Tier/D. Cramer

It was moved that WUSA Council acknowledge irregularities that arose during the election to casual vacancies held in standard operations business of Council Meeting 3. Chris Meaney (External Students Representative) was unable to participate in the meeting's proceedings via teleconference (as he is constitutionally entitled) because the meeting was conducted in an environment with poor audibility and without access to a landline phone. WUSA Council failed to ensure that appropriate procedures were in place to prevent such a situation arising. Council undertakes to do the following for all future meetings:

- hold meetings indoors
- External Students Representative to inform Secretary as to availability for meeting attendance 24 hours prior to meeting
- President will contact External Students Representative 24 hours prior to meeting to arrange appropriate means of teleconference (if necessary)
- WUSA to investigate potential for video conferencing
- when an election to a casual vacancy is to be held, any written statements provided by candidates will be emailed by the Secretary to the External Students Representative 24 hours prior to the election
- all constitutional rulings made through the Chair regarding meeting process to be disclosed immediately to Council

CARRIED
For: 12
Against: 2
Abstentions: none

09/CM04/06

B. Cook/J. Tier

That WUSA release \$100 for the helium kit used at the safe sex party.
Budget line: Students Services – Events: Social Events

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM04/07

PROCEDURAL MOTION

C. Monnox

It was moved that motion 09/CM04/28 be heard after all other business, including emergency motions.

CARRIED

For: 12

Against: 2

(B. Cook)

Abstentions: none

09/CM04/08

T. Rouen/J. Tier

WUSA respects the media collective and does not dispose of Tertangala related items that are on the desks where the Tertangala is made without first consulting the Tertangala Editor.

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM04/09

C. Monnox/B. Crasnich

WUSA endorses the SARAH (Students Against Racism and Hatred) campaign, an initiative created by the Australasian Union of Jewish Students and the National Union of Students. The SARAH campaign is a pluralistic anti-discrimination campaign being launched in an effort to combat racism and discrimination on Australian campuses.

WUSA recognizes that the SARAH campaign represents students from all backgrounds and cultures and opposes racism and violence in all forms. WUSA recognises that SARAH is dedicated to overcoming racism and prejudice in the pursuit of peace.

WUSA recognises the important role that such a campaign can play in combating increasing levels of antisemitism and Islamophobia on campus and in the broader community, by promoting understanding between students of different cultural, religious, and political backgrounds. WUSA acknowledges that both the recent conflict in Gaza and ongoing world conflict has served as a backdrop to racially charged and intolerant actions, but that whatever one's opinion is of these issues it should never be used to legitimise the incitement of hatred or racism. WUSA condemns the racially charged and intimidatory nature of some recently held protests and will not be party to the proliferation of such protests, material, publicity or actions on Australian campuses.

WUSA supports the SARAH campaign and will provide resources for the campaign and help with the promotion of the campaign wherever possible.

CARRIED

For: 9

Against: none

Abstentions: 5

09/CM04/10

B. Crasnich/B. Cook

It was moved that WUSA release up to \$350 to cover costs associated with supporting the Students Against Racism And Hatred (SARAH) campaign at UOW. Such costs could include a campaign launch, materials to promote awareness of racism on campus, food for an event, and potentially costs associated with hosting a visiting speaker.

Budget line: Students Services - Collectives: Anti-Racism

CARRIED
For: 10
Against: none
Abstentions: 4

09/CM04/11

C. Monnox/B. Cook

WUSA delegates the task of preparing and submitting a National Union of Students Application Form for Further Reduction of Affiliation Fees to the President and the Education Officer. This Application is to stipulate that WUSA considers \$1 000 a reasonable affiliation fee in accordance with previous practice and is to be submitted to the General Secretary of the National Union of Students no later than the 23rd of April.

It was further moved that negotiations between the WUSA President or Education Officer and the NUS Affiliations Committee regarding affiliation fees include the demand that outstanding WUSA debts be waived prior to the payment of 2009 affiliation fees.

FAILED
For: 4
Against: none
Abstentions: 10

09/CM04/12

C. Monnox/

WUSA releases \$1 000 for the payment of NUS Affiliation Fees for 2009.

Budget Line: Student Services – Student Development: Conferences

WITHDRAWN

09/CM04/13

B. Cook/J. Di Blasio

It was moved that Council appoint Hailey Sutton and James Tier as WUSA delegates to the Student Representative Forum meeting to be held in Spring session 2009.

CARRIED
For: 12
Against: none
Abstentions: 2

09/CM04/14

B. Cook/J. Tier

It was moved that WUSA meetings be called for the following times:

- Annual General Meeting 12:30PM April 29th, Duckpond lawn

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM04/15

J. Tier/J. Di Blasio

That \$200 be released from the Environment Collective budget for resources to plan and promote Environment Week (May 4th-8th 2009).

Budget line: Student Services – Collectives: Environment

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM04/16

PROCEDURAL MOTION

C. Garner

It was moved that motions 09/CM04/17 and 09/CM04/18 be voted en bloc.

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM04/17

D. Cramer/J. Tier

That budget line Pre 2009 Expenses be increased from \$2,000.00 to \$2,400.00.

Budget line: Pre 2009 Expenses

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM04/18

D. Cramer/J. Tier

That WUSA Council release \$759.00 (including GST) to Daley & Co invoice dated 18/3/09 for trustee fees for the period 1/12/08 to 5/3/09.

Budget line: Administration expenses/Trustee Management Fees (\$511.33)

Budget line: Pre 2009 Expenses (\$247.67)

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM04/19

A. Adams/J. Tier

It was moved that up to \$50.00 be released to allow for the purchase of a rainbow GLBTIQ flag to be used in the WUSA space.

Budget line: Office Expenses – Strategic Assets

CARRIED

For: 12

Against: none

Abstentions: 2

09/CM04/20

PROEDURAL MOTION

B. Cook

It was moved that Council hear emergency motions 09/CM04/21, 09/CM04/22, 09/CM04/23, 09/CM04/25, 09/CM04/26, and 09/CM04/27.

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM04/21

EMERGENCY MOTION

C. Garner/J. Di Blasio

That \$100 be released to buy resources and supplies for a Womyn's Space launch.

Budget line: Student Services – Collectives: Womyn's

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM04/22

EMERGENCY MOTION

S. Rai/J. Di Blasio

That WUSA allocate \$150.00 for a microwave oven to be installed in the food court in Building 67. I have received feedback that there should be more microwave ovens around Uni because students have had to wait 15 to 20 minutes for their turn to heat up their food and I have seen the long queues of students waiting for their turns to use the two microwave ovens in the food court beside the WUSA Space.

Budget line: Office Expenses – Strategic Assets

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM04/23

EMERGENCY MOTION

A. Zhou/J. Tier

That WUSA Council release \$250.00 for a *Hangdog* Day on May 2nd to be held for international students. The \$250 will cover part of the venue entry fees, bottled water for students, and promotions for the event, including a small International barbecue to be held on April 29th.

Budget line: Students Services – Collectives: International Students

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM04/24

PROCEDURAL MOTION

C. Monnox

It was moved that motion 09/CM04/25 be amended so as to include the following:

The day of action will include demands for:

- *the Centrelink age of independence to be lowered to 21; and*
- *reform to the parental means test*

FAILED

For: 5

(C. Monnox)
Against: 5
Abstentions: 4

09/CM04/25 EMERGENCY MOTION J. Tier/J. Di Blasio

That WUSA and the Education Action Collective hold a campus day of action to coincide with the WUSA AGM on Wednesday 29th of April.

The day of action will be to call for the Federal Government to make immediate and necessary changes to Student Income Support. This will be in line with the national campaign being run by NUS and recommendations made by the Bradley Review. The day of action will include demands for:

- the Centrelink age of independence to be lowered to 18; and
- reform to the parental means test

CARRIED
For: 11
Against: none
Abstentions: 3

09/CM04/26 EMERGENCY MOTION J. Tier/J. Di Blasio

That WUSA release \$300.00 for costs related to the day of action, as follows:

\$100 – production of campaign materials (inc. colour posters, laminating pouches, etc)

\$150 – additional resources (dependent on campaign but may include chalk, spray paint, and t-shirts)

\$50 – food

Budget line: Student Services – Collectives: Education Action

CARRIED
For: 13
Against: none
Abstentions: 1

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09/CM04/27 EMERGENCY MOTION J. Di Blasio/B. Cook

It was moved that representatives of WUSA negotiating with the University Administration regarding the future WUSA Space ask for all toilets within this space to be gender neutral. WUSA further calls for all bathrooms in Buildings 11 and 19 that will be affected by ongoing refurbishment to be reclassified as gender neutral.

Any detailed suggestions regarding gender neutral toilets on campus submitted to the University Administration must also be disclosed to Council members via email.

CARRIED
For: 9
Against: 2
(W. Hudson)
Abstentions: 3

- Warren Hudson departed 18:05 -

QUORUM LOST

09/CM04/28

B. Cook/J. Tier

WUSA Council calls on all Representatives to adhere to the principles of Union solidarity, and to not participate in activities that are intended to undermine the status of the organisation on campus. Council does not seek to silence or censor opposing views, nor is it attempting to prevent legitimate public opposition to decisions made by Council, but calls on Representatives to end involvement in activities that are undertaken with the explicit intention of causing damage to WUSA's reputation with either the University Administration or the student body. Such activities include the undermining of ongoing negotiations between WUSA and the University. WUSA tables the following resolution submitted by Warren Hudson to the Student Representative Forum as a document of interest to Representatives (Attachment A).

TABLED