

**UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

2nd WUSA Council Meeting
4:30pm Thursday March 1 2007
Room – WUSA

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Liz Larbalestier (President) - Chairperson
Jenna Fletcher (Hon. Secretary)
Callum Blanchard (Hon. Treasurer)
Adam Knobel (Media Coordinator)
Nikki Low (Queer Representative) – non-voting – arrived 5:33pm
Layne Brown (Indigenous Representative)
Nick Dugonics (Environment Representative)
Carla Morgan (Welfare Coordinator)
Matt Barden (Global Solidarity Officer)
Frew (Events Coordinator)
Brodie Galloway (General Representative)
Levi Gary (General Representative)
Clinton Mead (General Representative)
Grace Tin (General Representative)
Paola Harvey (General Representative)

Observers:

Tim Rouen, Chris Monnox

MEETING OPENED AT 4:50pm

1. Apologies

07/CM02/01

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA accept the following apologies: Jess Moore (General Representative), Nathan Marshall (External Representative), Nick Dugonics (Environment Representative), Anthony Strik (International Representative), Mimi Su (General Representative), Jeff Donoghue (General Representative), Kristen Wall (General Representative), Matt Sly (General Representative), Melissa Ngo (General Representative)

CARRIED unanimously

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

07/CM02/02

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA accept the minutes of the 1st TH WUSA Council Meeting, with noted amendments.

CARRIED unanimously

3. Business Arising

Nil.

4. Correspondence

Nil.

5. Standard Operations Business

Nil.

6. President's Report

07/CM02/03

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA accept the report of the President.
Liz spoke to her report (Attachment A)

CARRIED unanimously

7. Representatives' Reports

07/CM02/04

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

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

CARRIED unanimously

1. Jenna Fletcher: Discussed scheduling for future Council Meetings and requested all reps submit to her their class timetables and availability times.

2. Matt Barden: Discussed global sol issues and anti-war campaigning.

3. Grace Tin: Raised the issue of the removal of Commerce students' common study space. It was suggested that the issue be brought to the

Education Collective.

8. General Business

07/CM02/05

Matt Barden/Jenna Fletcher

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.

WITHDRAWN

07/CM02/06

Matt Barden/Jenna Fletcher

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/CM02/07

Matt Barden/Jenna Fletcher

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.

WITHDRAWN

07/CM02/08

Matt Barden/Jenna Fletcher

It was moved 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.

WITHDRAWN

07/CM02/09 PROCEDURAL MOTION Adam Knobel

It was moved that WUSA Council suspend the agenda until voting on Emergency Motions 1-4 has been completed.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/10 EMERGENCY MOTION Adam Knobel/Jenna Fletcher

It was moved that WUSA empower a working group comprising of Adam Knobel, Nikki Low, Elizabeth LARBalestier and Jenna Fletcher to negotiate a working arrangement with CSD regarding Clubs and Societies. Among the conditions that this group will seek to attain are financial transparency and increased student contribution and input.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/11 EMERGENCY MOTION Adam Knobel/Jenna Fletcher

It was moved that WUSA agree to work out a regular monthly meeting time for council meetings and that all representatives commit to trying to make these meetings.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/12 EMERGENCY MOTION Matt Barden/Frew

It was moved that WUSA Council creates a Working Group to consider changes to WUSA's membership structure, in order to make WUSA membership more accessible and to maximise membership in light of the University Council's review of WUSA in August. That Liz L, Frew and Christian Darby be assigned to the working group but that participation in the Working Group be open. That Liz see that meeting times are well advertised and take notes of interest from anyone who would like to attend.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/13 EMERGENCY MOTION Layne Brown/Jenna Fletcher

It was moved that WUSA release up to \$120/month to cover weekly indigenous

BBQs.

Budget Line: Indigenous

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/14

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Jenna Fletcher

It was moved that WUSA vote Motions **07/CM02/15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21** and **22** en bloc.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/15

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA council release \$600 for payment of 2 medium advertisements in the 2007 Wallplanner, as per invoice received from Wollongong University Postgraduate Association.

Budget line: WUSA advertising

CARRIED

07/CM02/16

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA amend motion 07/CM01/19 to release the amount of \$242 (incl. GST) for payment of an invoice received from Ken & Jean Screen Printing for the printing of 100 T-Shirts (original motion only released \$200).

Budget Line: O week expenses

CARRIED

07/CM02/17

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA amend the budget line Discretionary Spending/Executive & Staff Training to be Discretionary Spending/Staff Training & Employment.

CARRIED

07/CM02/18

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA council release \$211.75 in payment to Spot On Accounts for MYOB training provided to the office administrator relating to end of financial year account procedures.

Budget Line: Staff Training.

CARRIED

07/CM02/19

Carla Morgan/Jenna Fletcher

It was moved that WUSA council release funds of \$550 per month for BBQs, and that payment of invoices received from Illawarra Smallgoods, Black Diamond Bakery and Southern Sweet Distributors be paid upon receipt.

Budget line: Additional Services & Provisions/BBQs

CARRIED

07/CM02/20

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA amend motion 07/CM01/27 to release the amount of \$273.15 plus GST for 1000 35mm badge components (the original motion did not specify an amount).

Budget line: O Week activities

CARRIED

07/CM02/21

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

That WUSA council approve a petty cash budget of \$500, with a maximum disbursement of \$50 for any one purchase. This is to be administered at the discretion of the petty cash custodian, to be used for stationery, cleaning supplies and other urgent purchases. Petty cash reports will be made available upon request to the petty cash custodian, who will be the Office Manager.

CARRIED

07/CM02/22

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

That WUSA council release \$150.00 in payment to Officeworks for office stationery supplies out of petty cash.

Budget Line: Stationery.

CARRIED

Layne Brown left at 5:25pm

07/CM02/23

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA amend motion 07/CM01/24 to release the amount of \$631.13 for payment of an invoice received for advertisements placed in the Illawarra Mercury over 5 days for 2 vacant positions within WUSA (original motions only released \$200).

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/24

Carla Morgan/Jenna Fletcher

It was moved that WUSA release funds of up to \$550 per month for BBQs, and that payment of invoices received from Illawarra Smallgoods, Black Diamond Bakery and Southern Sweet Distributors be paid upon receipts.

CARRIED

07/CM02/25

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

That WUSA council establish a working group to discuss WUSA finances that meets regularly. The first meeting will be 1pm on Tuesday 6 March in the WUSA offices. This working group is open to any elected representatives and interested members, and will ensure that financial-related decisions of the executive and council are carried out. The convenor of this working group is to be the treasurer, and the office administrator will be a part of this working group.

CARRIED

Nikki Low arrived at 5:33pm

07/CM02/26

Matt Barden/Adam Knobel

It was moved that any elected representative who has not become a financial Member of the Association by midday Monday 12 March be removed from Council by default as per section 4.5.1(c) of the Constitution, and that these positions be advertised as vacant at that time.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/27

Adam Knobel/Jenna Fletcher

That WUSA endorse the recruitment and hiring of volunteers in an employment experience program with the Tertangala. These students would help staff and produce the magazine in return for a letter of reference from the Media Collective and WUSA Council.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/28

Adam Knobel/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA pay for a sponsored internet account for the Media Coordinator. This internet account would be used for internet use related to the Tertangala and other office projects so that reps and Tertangala volunteers don't use up their internet quota.

07/CM02/29

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Brodie Galloway

It was moved that the meeting proceed into open discussion for the duration of talk over 07/CM02/28.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/30

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Carla Morgan

It was moved that the motion be now put.

CARRIED
For 10
Against 1
Abstentions 1

07/CM02/31

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Jenna Fletcher

It was moved that the meeting move out of open discussion.

CARRIED
For 11
Against 1

The motion was put.

CARRIED
For 11
Against 1 (Clinton Mead)
Abstentions 0

07/CM02/32

Adam Knobel/Jenna Fletcher

It was moved that WUSA release up to \$600 for the purchase of Adobe Creative Suite Software is needed in order to design the magazine and also posters, banners and flyers for other collectives and the union itself.

Budget Line: Strategic Assets and Spending Purchases

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/33

Adam Knobel/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA release up to \$80 for the purchase of one upright standing fan to assist ventilation of staffed areas.

Budget Line: Strategic Assets and Spending Purchases

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/34

Adam Knobel/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA investigate ventilation of our office spaces and look into avenues such as air conditioning in order to improve the space for staff and students.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/35

Jenna Fletcher/Paola Harvey

It was moved that WUSA endorse the March 8 International Women's Day rally and March in Wollongong. Organised by the Wollongong Women's Centre the events aims to raise political awareness regarding a wide range of women's issues. WUSA offers their support, time and resources to building the rally. WUSA also support women from Wollongong attending the Sydney rally on March 10 themed "Stop the war against women, in the home, in the workplace and in the world."

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/36

Frew/Adam Knobel

It was moved that WUSA demands the immediate release of all refugees from Australian detention centers. That all people seeking asylum be processed on the Australian mainland. That Australia comply with the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. That WUSA condemn both the Liberal Government and Federal Labor Party for supporting offshore processing of asylum seekers.

CARRIED

For 11

Against 0

Abstentions 1 (Liz Larbalestier)

07/CM02/37

Matt Barden/Jenna Fletcher

It was moved that WUSA condemn the welcome extended to US Vice President Dick Cheney by the Government and Opposition upon his visit to Australia. WUSA also condemns the comments of both Prime Minister John Howard, that it "would be the fault of the protesters if there is additional inconvenience to the people of Sydney" and Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd, that the protestors were "a bunch of violent ferals and they should expect absolutely no sympathy from the police," in relation to the protests surrounding the visit of Dick Cheney.

WUSA also condemns the New South Wales police force for not allowing protestors their legal and democratic right to protest and march.

CARRIED
For 7
Against 3 (Liz LARBALESTIER)
Abstentions 2

07/CM02/38

Jenna Fletcher/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA sign on to the invitation inviting President Hugo Chavez to visit Australia. As an affiliate of the Australia Venezuela Solidarity Network, WUSA has sought to raise awareness of what is occurring in Venezuela and a visit by President Chavez, would only further that understanding and establish friendship and solidarity between the Australian and Venezuelan people.

CARRIED
For 7
Against 0
Abstentions 5 (Liz LARBALESTIER)

07/CM02/39

Matt Barden/Jenna Fletcher

It was moved that WUSA endorse the Invasion Anniversary Rally to be held on March 17 at Sydney Town Hall. Furthermore, WUSA also condemns the recent announcement by the Howard government that it is to send 70 more Australian troops to Iraq and calls on the Howard government to immediately withdraw all Australian troops and military personnel, in support of the right of Iraqis to self-determination.

CARRIED
For 7
Against 2
Abstentions 2 (Liz LARBALESTIER)

07/CM02/40

Matt Barden/Jenna Fletcher

It was moved that WUSA condemn the continuing incarceration of David Hicks, who for 5 years has been held without charge by the United States government and calls on the Australian government to demand that he be brought back to Australia immediately and that the Guantanamo Bay detention camp be closed.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/41

Matt Barden/Jenna Fletcher

It was moved that WUSA sign on to the international anti-war movement's petition condemning the South Korean Government's decision to ban the March 17 protests planned as part of the international day of action against the war in Iraq. This decision violates the right of South Koreans to freedom of expression and is part of a movement by pro-war governments around the world to suppress dissent to the ongoing and unjust occupation of Iraq.

CARRIED

07/CM02/42

Clinton Mead/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA draft a letter to Chris Grange and UniCentre outlining that students have raised concerns that there is no other major bank provider other than NAB on campus and are therefore incurring the fee charged for using another Bank's ATMs.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/43

Clinton Mead/Matt Barden

That WUSA continue to fight for a supportive, positive and healthy student-learning environment considering class sizes, discrimination and grievances.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/44

Clinton Mead/Matt Barden

That WUSA investigate into the WUSA Advocacy and Research Officer being noted in all Subject Outlines for Student Learning Resources. The WUSA Advocacy and Research Officer is vital for students and therefore must be advertised alongside other on campus student resources.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/45

AMENDMENT

Matt Barden/Jenna Fletcher

It was moved that the motion 'In light of the VSU transitional funding by the Federal Government to UOW for a medical facilities service WUSA recommend that the medical facility provide bulk-billing services and friendly student opening times.' to read: 'In light of the VSU transitional funding by the Federal Government to UOW for a medical facilities service WUSA *demand* that the medical facility provide bulk-billing services and friendly student opening times.'

CARRIED

For 10

Against 0

Abstentions 2

07/CM02/46

Clinton Mead/Matt Barden

In light of the VSU transitional funding by the Federal Government to UOW for a medical facilities service WUSA demand that the medical facility provide bulk-billing services and friendly student opening times.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/47

Clinton Mead/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA empower the Advocacy and Research Officer to investigate into the apparent \$1000 guarantee campus college accommodation fee. UOW must put in other means of determining student placement than for housing to make a more equitable system.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/48

Clinton Mead/Adam Knobel

In conjunction with WUPA, that WUSA submit a request to the University regarding the visibility and access of the Student Associations on the UOW website.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/49

Clinton Mead/Matt Barden

It was moved that WUSA follow-up a meeting with Gerard Sutton and Chris Grange to make sure that the Bus Shuttle running between the University and North Wollongong Station is in the best sync with the public train timetable. At 4pm in the afternoon there is some discrepancy. With parking such an issue on campus the public transport needs to be efficient for students.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/50

Clinton Mead/Matt Barden

It was moved that NUS affiliation fees for 2006 be paid at the sum of \$6612.
Budget Line: NUS

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM02/51

Clinton Mead/Brodie Galloway

It was moved that WUSA pay up to \$160 for the design of movie slides advertising WUSA that will be shown during UniMovies.

Budget Line: Advertising

LOST
For 5 (Clinton Mead)
Against 6
Abstentions 1

Signed as a true and accurate record

Nicholas Kafer
Hon. Secretary

(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.

Attachment A

President's Report

- WUSA has been recruiting at enrolments, mainly getting people who are interested in joining WUSA and would like to receive updates.
- At Oweeks WUSA had stalls and free BBQs and got out speaking to students and saw an increase in paid membership, however, WUSA has not reached 4-6% of students as financial members.
- VSU Transitional Funding: UOW received \$5.1 million, \$4 medical facilities, sporting facility and a restaurant at Shoalhaven campus. The funding was welcomed however the process by which student funds are being used but students not engaged in the process could see in the future a misdirection of funding for University where it's needed most for students.
- NUS visited during oweek. NUS Queer Officer, Women's Officer and NSW State President, from all accounts they were helpful and in explaining the NUS Demand A Better Future campaign.
- Meeting with President WUPA regarding a written submission for greater accessibility of the Student Associations on the new Student Central page.
- WUSA have been getting media attention, WinNews have done segment during oweeks and on the transitional funding, Illawarra Mercury on Oweeks and ABC Illawarra on the transitional funding.
- The creation of WUSA slides for UniMovies advertising is coming along by WUSA's Advocacy and Research Officer.
- WUSA invited to meet and greet with the Vice Chancellor
- WUSA gives a warm welcome to our new staff, Office Administrator Robyn Deeb and Advocacy and Research Officer Jason Hart. This will definitely help lighten the burden on Council and enable WUSA to strengthen the Association for review and to let students know we are relevant for them even if they don't have the time to be actively participate and be involved in campaigns.