

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

7th WUSA Council Meeting
5:30pm Monday 23 July 2007
Room – WUSA Office

Meeting Minutes

Present

Elizabeth LARBALESTIER (President) – Chairperson
Matt BARDEN (Honorary Secretary)
Callum BLANCHARD (Honorary Treasurer)
Simon FREW (Event Coordinator)
Nick ROUEN (Education Campaigns Coordinator)
Adam KNOBEL (Media Coordinator)
Nikki LOW (Queer Representative)
Anthony STRIK (International Students Representative)
Jay FLETCHER (Global Solidarity Officer)
Tim ROUEN (External Students Representative)
Ash PEMBERTON (General Representative)
Clinton MEAD (General Representative)
Michael PARK (General Representative)
Chris MONNOX (General Representative)
Paola HARVEY (General Representative)
Chris PETTETT (General Representative)
Levi GARRY (General Representative)
Grace TIN (General Representative)
Matthew SLY (General Representative)

Meeting opened 5:46pm

1. Apologies

07/CM07/01

Adam Knobel/Ash Pemberton

It was moved that WUSA accept apologies from Nick Dugonics (Environment Representative).

CARRIED unanimously

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

07/CM07/02

Anthony Strik/Nick Rouen

It was moved that WUSA accept the Minutes of the 5th WUSA Council Meeting.

CARRIED unanimously

3. Business Arising

None

4. Correspondence

None

5. Standard Operations Business

None

- *Grace Tin arrived at 5:48pm* -

6. President's Report

Written Report (Attachment A)

07/CM07/03

Chris Pettett/Callum Blanchard

It was moved that WUSA accept the Minutes of the 5th WUSA Council Meeting.

CARRIED unanimously

7. Representatives' Report

Matt Barden (Honorary Secretary): *Written Report (Attachment B)*

Anthony Strik (International Students Representative): spoke about the National Liaison Committee (NLC) Conference.

Adam Knobel (Media Coordinator): advised the Council that the 45th Birthday Edition of *Tertangala* has arrived from the printers and will be launched on Wednesday (Week 1). Adam also suggested postponing the SGM until Week 3 so that all WUSA members can be advised that they are able to submit motions to the meeting and to maximise student participation in the meeting.

Nikki Low (Queer Representative): spoke about Queer Collaborations and problems with sexism at the event. Nikki reported on the development of the national Queer Students' Network and the NSW branch website. Nikki also spoke about her experiences at NOWSA.

Nick Rouen (Education Campaigns Coordinator): gave a report on the National Education Conference in Adelaide.

Tim Rouen (External Students Representative): gave a report on the National Education Conference in Adelaide.

Clinton Mead (General Representative): gave a report on the National Education Conference in Adelaide.

- Jay Fletcher left at 6:24pm. Returned 6:28pm -

07/CM07/04 **Nikki Low/Simon Frew**
It was moved that WUSA accept the Representatives' Reports.

CARRIED unanimously

8. General Business

07/CM07/05 **PROCEEDURAL MOTION** **Nick Rouen**
It was moved that Adam Knobel take the chair.

CARRIED unanimously

- Adam Knobel assumed the chair -

07/CM07/06 **PROCEEDURAL MOTION** **Elizabeth LARBALESTIER**
It was moved that the meeting move *in camera*.

CARRIED

FOR 14

AGAINST 3 (Clinton Mead, Levi Garry, Anthony Strik)

ABSTAINING 1 (Michael Park)

07/CM07/07 **PROCEEDURAL MOTION** **Clinton Mead**
It was moved that the meeting move into Open Discussion

CARRIED unanimously

- Levi Garry left at 6:45pm -

07/CM07/08 **PROCEEDURAL MOTION** **Paola Harvey**
It was moved that the meeting move out of camera.

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM07/09 **PROCEEDURAL MOTION** **Matt Barden**
It was moved that the meeting move out of Open Discussion

CARRIED unanimously

07/CM07/10**Elizabeth Larbalestier/Chris Pettett**

It was moved that WUSA Council pay up to \$770.00 to Design Factory Studio for the design of advocacy postcards to better advertise the advocacy service. After the initial 'it's all about you' designing there are hours left over from that budgeted for design. A recent survey that was done by WUSA found that very few students were aware of the advocacy officer service.

It was moved that a letter be written to our Advocacy Officer regarding the regulations for releasing WUSA funds and that this be done through the Executive.

Budget Line: Strategic Membership Campaign: It's all about you

CARRIED

FOR 13

AGAINST 3 (Nick Rouen, Clinton Mead, Tim Rouen)

07/CM07/11**PROCEEDURAL MOTION****Chris Pettett**

It was moved that Elizabeth Larbalestier take the chair.

CARRIED unanimously

- Elizabeth Larbalestier assumed the chair -

07/CM07/12**Anthony Strik/Clinton Mead**

It was moved that WUSA releases up to \$825 (incl. GST) for the production of 10,000 post cards that are promoting awareness of international students rights. WUSA will be required to pay the bill for production, but be effectively only contributing \$150 towards the \$750.

Background: WUSA has received \$500 in support from NLC (National Liaison Committee) NSW, and \$100 from ICIS. 10,000 cards will cost \$750. WUPA has contributed the design of the card and maybe funding of \$75. (See Attachment C)

Budget Line: International Students' Representative

CARRIED unanimously

- Simon Frew left at 6:55pm. Returned at 6:58pm. -

07/CM07/13**Grace Tin/Chris Monnox**

It was moved that WUSA release up to \$250 for decorations (including cake) for the upcoming WUSA annual dinner.

Budget Line: Unallocated Campaign Expenditure

CARRIED

FOR 14

AGAINST 1

ABSTAINING 2

07/CM07/14**PROCEEDURAL MOTION****Matt Barden**

It was moved that Motion 07/CM07/15 be put.

CARRIED

FOR 16

AGAINST 1

07/CM07/15**Ash Pemberton/Adam Knobel**

It was moved that WUSA condemn the recent actions of the Federal Government in Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. Under the guise of protecting children from abuse, the Howard Government's plan severely limits and in some instances eradicates the democratic rights and land rights of all Aboriginal people in remote NT communities. The plan is discriminatory (that is, racist) in its approach, and has been imposed with no consultation with the communities the Government has occupied.

Indigenous people have suffered decades of neglect, through being starved of adequate funding, resources and social programmes, which has directly caused a large array of social problems. The current "law and order" response of deploying police and army in Indigenous communities is completely inadequate to address the causes of these problems, and is based in cynical wedge politics on the part of the Government.

It was moved that WUSA endorse the Day of Action on August 2 called by the Illawarra Aboriginal community to march in Wollongong against these actions and Aboriginal deaths in custody.

CARRIED

FOR 9

AGAINST 2

ABSTAINING 6

07/CM07/16**Adam Knobel / Ash Pemberton**

It was moved that WUSA release up to \$150 for food and drinks for the official opening of the Tertangala Art Show. The Tertangala Art Show will display poster-art from the magazine's 45 year history, and will be a chance for current WUSA Council and members to mix with faculty and past editors.

Budget Line: Events

CARRIED unanimously

- Chris Pettett left at 7:35pm –

- Callum Blanchard left at 7:35pm. Returned at 7:38pm. -

07/CM07/17**PROCEEDURAL MOTION****Nick Rouen**

It was moved that the motion be put.

CARRIED unanimously**07/CM07/18****Ash Pemberton/Jay Fletcher**

It was moved that WUSA demands that the University of Wollongong declare if it has provided confidential student information to law enforcement agencies without warrant or subpoena. This follows revelations that both Sydney University and UTS have routinely given confidential student information to law enforcement agencies without warrant, subpoena or in some cases any explanation, grossly breaching the privacy of those involved.

CARRIED unanimously**07/CM07/19****PROCEEDURAL MOTION****Paola Harvey**

It was moved that Adam Knobel take the chair.

CARRIED unanimously

- Adam Knobel assumed the chair -

07/CM07/20**Liz LARBalestier/Matt Barden**

It was moved that casual position for receptionist/front desk be employed at previous hourly rate with the same job description for Session 2 ending the last academic week as what was carried out for Session 1 2007.

Budget Line: Staff

CARRIED unanimously**07/CM07/21****Liz LARBalestier**

It was moved that WUSA Council pay the tabled invoice of up to \$660 plus GST to

Design Factory Studios for the design of Advocacy advertising postcards that were carried out by the WUSA Advocacy and Research Officer in duties to increase awareness of WUSA Advocacy services.

Budget Line: Unallocated Campaign Expenditure: It's all about you

WITHDRAWN**07/CM07/22****Liz LARBalestier**

It was moved that WUSA Council release up to \$200 for initial expenditure of WUSA dinner including postage of invites, decorations, and displays.

Budget Line: Unallocated Campaign Expenditure: It's all about you

WITHDRAWN

- Paola Harvey left at 7:46pm -

- *Jay Fletcher left at 7:46pm* –

Meeting lost quorum at 7:46pm

Attachment A:**President Report 7th Council Meeting 17/07/2007****WUSA Submission to Uni Review**

This was put in after the last Council meeting. It was very well set out and articulated compared to the other submissions of the other parties. The WUSA Submission outlined current operations of WUSA, changes that had been made due to VSU and proposals of further changes and management to occur with a minimum cost budget. The WUSA Submission can be accessed on the website.

The deadline was extended from the Friday to the following Monday, however, I was only told this on the day and therefore best to have it submitted ahead of time when it had already been finished.

Especially like to thank Jason Hart for the initial layout, Callum Blanchard for the minimum cost budget, to Robyn Deebes who helped chase down numbers and administrative costs and to the cooperative Council.

Submissions from all parties have been received by WUSA. I have emailed the collated pdf of all submissions to Council.

Review Meetings

I have been giving Council a report back via email of the meetings had with the Uni so far and keeping Council informed of meetings coming up and the topic of discussion asking for their input.

I requested that another WUSA rep be allowed to attend, and observe however this was rejected. I also requested that we tape the proceedings but that was not allowed. The Secretary of the meeting has been writing detailed minutes that I have been revising and sending comment back.

NUS have been helpful in this time. President Michael Nguyen has spent hours helping to construct arguments, strategy and provide comparisons to the current structures at other Universities. So while WUSA cannot run the NUS campaigns we are receiving support from NUS in terms of advice and support structure.

NUS State President Tom Patton has put Save WUSA Campaign on the State Education Action Network Agenda. The meeting will be held this Friday at UTS Students' Association 6pm.

Advice from the National Liason Committee has been acquired and together with this support from NUS we have found some weak points that the University should take on when considering student representation.

I have also communicated with Univeristy of Canberra, ANU, UTS, USyd, UNE and UWS Student Associations to gain comparisons.

Initial Meeting

- strengths and weaknesses of current representation models
- all submissions addresses
- agenda for the following meetings

Representation

- define representation
- strengths and weakness of current representation
- solutions to weaknesses

Advocacy

Topic for Tuesday 17th Review Meeting

Details of all meetings are in the minutes that I have emailed out to all of Council. By the end of the meetings there should be a clearer picture of what representation is at UOW and how to make it more effective and accountable.

Education Conference Adelaide University on behalf of AUU

This is not my detailed report from Education Conference. I will submit that via email to Council or at the next Council meeting. Technically I have not been subsidized by WUSA as of yet, although the Education Campaign Coordinator has suggested that I could be subsidized through the Education Collective, this is yet to be finalized, so I do not have to submit a report to WUSA, however, with good intentions it is best that WUSA has information passed on.

NUS Education Conference. The turnout was about 60-80 student representatives from across the country. The seminars were well planned, some were run by experienced student representatives, others had speakers from outside attend.

Topics (I do not have the EdGuide with me so this is a rough outline):

Women in politics
G8 Universities
Women as Student Activists
Engaging outside youth and community
Lobbying v direct action
NUS restructure
Resolutions

NUS National Executive Meeting: Hayley Conway, NUS Queer Officer, included in her report recommendations that NSW NUS support WUSA in our campaign.

Audits

KPMG have been continuing with the audit process. Finalisation has been extended to July 27th. So far there have not been indications of any problems, the process has been slowed down because some information WUSA does not hold but UOW holds it and also past employment and lease history that current WUSA Council are not aware of, however, the Michael Gleeson of Daley & Co (the trustees) who have been with WUSA for a number of years have been able to assist WUSA with information from previous years.

Insurance

I have filled out 2007 Insurance survey which will see a report done to renew our insurance with UOW.

NUS Fee Waiver

Initial invoice from NUS has been received. I have shown the intention that WUSA requests a fee waiver. NUS have restructured their fee waiver system, taking in different criteria compared to last year. This includes considering amount of revenue of the Student Association. The fee waiver application report is due this Friday. I have been compiling this. If any Council Representative would like information as to how NUS has restructured for affiliation process I am more than happy to explain the current process. As our revenue has been severely cut, it should be expected that our affiliation costs come well below what has been budgeted for and the fee waiver invoice of 2006.

It should be noted that NUS is the student national representative voice, however, they must restructure and find new sources of revenue rather than sucking it out of Student Associations that simply can't afford to provide affiliation and not get results back. Although we have had the help of NUS Office Bearers at Autumn Oweek and Hayley Conway has furthered the WUSA cause and she has come to UOW to have meetings with myself to provide advice, a balance must be found.

WUSA Elections

WUSA elections will be held Oct 2- Oct 4th with the RO from last year. UOW did try to get a different RO however there is no one else available. If you have any concerns of practices that were carried out by the RO could you please email to me so that we can highlight the issues now, so that they are addressed now and so are not repeated for this year's elections.

If you have any concerns with the dates can you also raise them now so that they can be communicated to UOW asap.

UOW is carrying out under the presumption that elections will be open to all students to vote. This is necessary for WUSA to remain as the peak student representative body so that our representatives are accountable to the whole student body.

Advocacy Cases

There have been patterns occurring but these matters still remain confidential. I will approach certain advocacy matters and see if they would like WUSA to step in and take over from our Advocacy Officer. If you would like to know more about the patterns occurring I will be happy to speak to you in person as I do not want to report this in a document as of yet.

Save WUSA Campaign

The Save WUSA Campaign activists plan to have stalls and people out talking to students Tuesday to Thursday every week up to Friday 17th August (Wk4/5). I will be out talking to the students those days as I believe that is the priority of WUSA for this session to get the message out to students.

All WUSA Council members should commit time to going out and speaking to students during busy periods on campus.

Executive Meetings

I will be emailing all Executive members requesting their availability with their new session timetables. We need to get WUSA moving and this requires an active Executive. If you can not commit to weekly meetings I suggest that you reconsider your position on the Executive and leave it open for someone who is available to commit the time.

WUSA Dinner

Details are in the email that I have sent out. Any creative ideas you have send them through. Don't forget to book it into your diaries, get friends to come and buy tickets!! Any choice for speakers?

See Grace or myself.

Any questions please call 0403 880 754 or email president@wusa.uow.edu.au

Attachment B: Honorary Secretary's Report**1. Council Meeting Attendance**

Reviewing the Minutes of the last six Council Meetings, I have compiled the below table so that Council members can keep track of their meeting attendance so far.

Position	Bearer	CM01	CM02	CM03	CM04	CM05	CM06
President	Liz Larbalestier	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hon. Secretary	Jay Fletcher	A	P	A	P		
	Matt Barden					#X	P
Hon. Treasurer	Callum Blanchard	P	P	P	A	P	P
Events	Simon Frew	A	P	P	P	P	P
Education	Nicholas Kafer	P					
	Nick Rouen			#P	P	P	P
Media	Adam Knobel	P	P	P	P	P	P
Welfare	Carla Morgan	P	P	P	P	A	P
Womens	Cassie Hay						
	Lizzy Scally			#P	P	A	P
Environment	Nick Dugonics	P	P	P	?	P	P
Queer	Nikki Low	~A	~P		#P	X	P
Indigenous	Layne Brown	P	P	X	P	A	A
International	Anthony Strik	A	A	P	X	P	P
Disabilities	Ryan Gordon	P	X	X	X	X	A
	Matt Barden	#X	P	P	P		
Global Sol.	Jay Fletcher						#P
	Nathan Marshall	~A	~A				
	Tim Rouen				#P	P	P
Gen Rep 1	Jess Moore	P	A	A			
	Chris Pettett					#P	P
Gen Rep 2	Mimi Su	P	A	P	A	A	X
Gen Rep 3	Brodie Galloway	P	P	P	P	A	A
Gen Rep 4	Levi Garry	A	P	A	P	P	X
Gen Rep 5	Melissa Ngo	P	A	P	A	P	P
Gen Rep 6	Clinton Mead	P	P	P	P	P	P
Gen Rep 7	Jeff Donohue	A	A	P	A	A	X
Gen Rep 8	Grace Tin	P	P	A	P	P	A
Gen Rep 9	Nicael Holt	~A	~X				
	Michael Park				#P	P	P
Gen Rep 10	Shannon Hurst	~X	~X				
	Chris Monnox				#P	P	P
Gen Rep 11	Matthew Sly	A	A	P	P	P	A
Gen Rep 12	Kristen Wall	A	A	P	A	A	A
Gen Rep 13	Paola Harvey	P	P	A	A	A	P
Gen Rep 14	Chad Stronach	~P	~X				
	Ash Pemberton				#P	P	P

KEY:

P= present

A= apology

X= absent w/o A

#= elected at meeting

~= unpaid

Not elected yet

Resigned

Removed from Council

Please let me know if you think that this record is inaccurate.

2.Regular Executive Meetings

In our Constitution, the Executive is required to meet every week and, to make this possible, I would like to suggest that we set a regular weekly meeting time and advertise it permanently on our website. For example, Tuesday 12:30 or some other convenient time should be set aside as the time for the Exec to meet each week.

I would like to request that all Council Members email me with their available times once their Spring timetables are finalised so that I can find times that are appropriate for both Council Meetings and Executive Meetings.

3. Request for a half-year financial report

In accordance with Section 8.2.4. of our Constitution, I would like to suggest that at the next WUSA Council meeting, the Council table a report of the Association's financial status as of the end of June detailing our income, expenditure, money released by Council but not spent and outlining what money remains in each budget line. This is to fulfill our Constitutional obligations and also to ensure that we are not exceeding our budget and to make WUSA's Members aware of the Association's financial status.

8.2.4. The Council shall publish quarterly financial reports on the Association's website detailing income, expenditure and budgetary performance.

Attachment C:








Fare Go

DEMAND A FARE GO FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ALL STUDENTS NEED TRAVEL CONCESSIONS

DEMAND A FARE GO FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students studying at the University of Wollongong pay on average \$20,000 per annum for their tuition fees - this in addition to paying rent, transport, food & entertainment costs and paying higher taxes while juggling study and work. And while these same students contribute significantly to the Australian and local economies in excess of \$9.8 billion per annum - they are still denied transport concession travel on public buses, trains and ferries. In March 2008, the NSW Administrative Decisions Tribunal ruled that the Government was breaking its own anti-discrimination laws. What did the NSW Government do? They changed the laws so that it could continue discriminating against international students.

The Students Associations WUSA and WUPA are campaigning on behalf of international students to provide them with transport concession rights.

For more information on the campaign visit:
wusa.uow.edu.au/campaigns/travel-concessions

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