

**UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

11th WUSA Council Meeting

Wednesday October 22nd 2008
Room – WUSA Office

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Brendan Cook (President) - **Chair**
Nicholas Kafer (Honorary Secretary)
Luke McGregor (Honorary Treasurer)
Hailey Sutton (Women's Representative)
Rebecca Nash (Queer Representative)
Martin Laird (Disabilities Representative)
Annie Zhou (International Student's Representative)
Catherine Garner (General Representative)
Geoff Pidcock (General Representative)
Mark Putvinas (General Representative)
Charly Lindsay (General Representative)
Kate Mullany (Environment Representative)
Jess Di Blasio (General Representative)
Patrick Kennedy-Bates (Education Campaigns Coordinator)
Skye Parsons (General Representative)
Steff Greenshields (General Representative)
Nathaniel Kennedy (Co-Indigenous Representative)

Observers: James Tier (later General Representative), Daniel C (later General Representative),
Jacq Dollard (WUSA Staff)

MEETING OPENED AT 5.45pm

1. Apologies

08/CM11/01

Catherine Garner/Nicholas Kafer

It was moved that WUSA accept the apologies of Toby Kell (General Representative), Allison Jeffares (Media Coordinator), Nikki Low (General Representative), Chris Monnox (Global Solidarity Officer), Sarah Woodcroft (Events Coordinator), Tim Rouen (General Representative), Nyssa Murry (Co-Indigenous Representative), Paul Dunwell (General Representative).

CARRIED unanimously

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

08/CM11/02

Luke McGregor/Nicholas Kafer

It was moved that WUSA endorse the Minutes from the 10th WUSA Council .

CARRIED unanimously

3. Correspondence

Nil.

08/CM11/03

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Catherine Garner

It was moved that this meeting suspend standard operating procedures to hear Emergency Motion 1 (08/CM11/04).

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM11/04

Emergency Motion

Catherine Garner/Nicholas Kafer

WUSA Council acknowledges that the Referendum held alongside the WUSA Elections was conducted in accordance with all of the relevant requirements as outlined in the Constitution and Regulations.

CARRIED

For 9

Against 5 (C. Lindsay, P. Kenndey-Bates, H. Sutton, M. Putvinas)

Abstained 3

08/CM11/05

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Catherine

Garner

It was moved that Jacq Dollard be appointed RO for the duration of the meeting.

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM11/06

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Patrick Kennedy-

Bates

It was moved that WUSA suspends standard operating procedures to allow elections after the business of the meeting.

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM11/07

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Geoff Pidcock

It was moved that this meeting suspend standard operating procedures to hear Representative's Reports after General Business.

CARRIED unanimously

4. General Business

08/CM11/08

Kate Mullany/Nicholas Kafer

WUSA release up to \$700 to the Environment Collective for the purposes of making a permaculture garden at UOW

Budget Line: Environment Representative

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM11/09

Nicholas Kafer/Catherine Garner

WUSA empowers Brendan Cook and Nicholas Kafer to begin discussions with the University of Wollongong (UOW) and the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service around the provision of needle-exchange services on UOW campuses.

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM11/10

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Hailey Sutton

It was moved that this meeting suspend standard operating procedures to allow for the election of General Representatives.

CARRIED
For 14
Against 2
Abstained 1

James Tier and Daniel Crameri were elected, unopposed, to the position of General Representative – the RO would like it noted that she does not approve of these elections, on the grounds that these elections to casual vacancies were not advertised widely enough to the student body.

KATE MULLANY LEFT AT 6.09PM

08/CM11/11

Martin Laird/Nicholas Kafer

WUSA endorses Martin Lairds submission (attached) to the State Planning Department, and supports a block for Coal Truck 24 hour/7 day per week access to Pork Kembla Coal Loader and proposed 10 million tonne increased truck haulage.

CARRIED
For 16
Against 0
Abstained 2

08/CM11/12

Martin Laird/Nicholas Kafer

WUSA will release up to and no more than 350 dollars for 1000 disabilities bag, which will be handed out in O week Autumn 2009.

Budget Line: Disabilities Representative

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM11/13

Nicholas Kafer/Catherine Garner

It was moved that section 2.1 (ii) of the WUSA Pricing Schedule be replaced with the following:
"WUSA will receive a commission of 20% of the final sale price."

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM11/14

Nicholas Kafer/Catherine Garner

WUSA Council release \$1 265.00 (including GST) to pay Daley & Co invoice 12123 for Trustee fees for the period from 17th May 2008 to 30 September 2008.

Budget line: Office and Administration Expenses/Trustee Management Fees

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM11/15

Geoff Pidcock/Mark Putvinas

WUSA approves up to \$220 funding for the BBQ held during the Amnesty International 'Fire Inside the Wire'. This cost will cover 2 boxes of snags, bread, and sauce. Receipts will be provided after the event.

Budget Line: BBQ Budget Line

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM11/16

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Catherine Garner

It was moved that discussion on Motion 08/CM11/16 cease and the motion be put.

CARRIED unanimously

THE MOTION WAS PUT.

08/CM11/17

Geoff Pidcock/Nicholas Kafer

WUSA produces a 'Reps Orientation Guide', provided to the new council upon the start of next year. This guide will involve reports and portfolios written by each Collective, and a step by step process of registering and receiving keys/passcodes to the office.

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM11/18

Geoff Pidcock/Hailey Sutton

WUSA approves of up to \$200 for 1000 2009 WUSA membership stickers.

Budget Line: Strategic Spending

CARRIED

For 17

Against 1 (C. Garner)

Abstained 0

08/CM11/19

Mark Putvinas/Nick Kafer

WUSA release up to \$50 to purchase sunscreen, to be left on the front desk and available to students.

Budget Line: Welfare Coordinator

08/CM11/20

Hailey Sutton/Mark Putvinas

Release up to \$200 for decorations for the Halloween Party.

Budget Line: Events Coordinator

08/CM11/21

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Luke McGregor

It was moved that Council allow discussion of Emergency Motion 2.

CARRIED unanimously

08/CM11/22

Emergency Motion

Catherine Garner/Hailey Sutton

It was moved that the amount of \$4,500 be released to pay for affiliation fees for the National Union of Students and for the registration of the following delegates for the National Conference 2008:

Brendan Cook

Chris Monnox

Hailey Sutton

Patrick Kennedy Bates

Tim Rouen

A maximum amount of \$700 per delegate will be release for conference registration and a maximum of \$1000 will be released for affiliation.

Budget Line: NUS

CARRIED
For 17
Against 0
Abstained 1 (R. Nash)

MEETING CLOSED 6.55pm

Signed as a true and accurate record:

Brendan Cook
Chairperson

Nicholas Kafer
Hon. Secretary

Explanatory Note:

Motion Coding

The coding for motions consists of four important pieces of information:

- 1) Year (i.e. 06)**
- 2) Type of Meeting (i.e. CM = Council Meeting)**
- 3) Meeting number (i.e. CM06 = Council Meeting No. 6)**
- 4) Motion number (i.e. 01, 02...25...99, etc)**

Example 08/CM06/01

In the year 2008, Council Meeting number 6, Motion number 1.

Attachment A

PO Box 20
Keiraville NSW 2500

17th October 2008

Submission to Department of Planning

Re: Major project application 08-2009

I am a university student and a Keiraville resident writing in objection concerning the increased road haulage of coal on local highways to the Port Kembla Coal Terminal (PKCT) and twenty four hour seven day a week road access for coal trucks to this Coal Terminal.

Coal truck drivers are generally good drivers; however driving 24 hours day and night may cause problems for other drivers. An increase in Coal Truck numbers combined with the start up of car imports through Port Kembla will also cause problems for other road users and increase the risk of collisions.

Looking at the Environmental Assessment report, and not the official description of the proposal reveals plans to haul up to 10 mega tonnes per annum (mtpa) of coal by trucks over public roads.

This would be unthinkable for any other export coal terminal in Australia – either at Newcastle in NSW or any of the Queensland Coal Loaders where all of the coal arrives at the port by rail.

So when road haulage of coal is currently running at about 5 mtpa – which means a lot of coal trucks, more than one a minute at times on roads converging on the coal loader, why would the PKCT be wanting consent to double this amount ?

This is at a time that the Mt Ousley Road and the Picton Road is under stress during peak hours. In one months time, on 17 November 2008, on most days, a big ship will arrive carrying about 1000 cars mostly bound for Sydney. The Illawarra Mercury reported recently that this is will result up to an extra 24 trucks per hour on these and other highways.

We should be getting fewer and not more coal trucks on our major highways in and near Wollongong. The application for 10 mtpa is counter to previous assurances by the proponent (PKCT) in the Illawarra Mercury and on WIN TV that lifting the coal truck curfew would not increase the total number of trucks.

Also of concern is the high number of university student drivers coming from Sydney and Campbelltown who are through the Mt Ousley Road. Many of these drivers are on their red and green P plates, and are not fully confident drivers. Unfortunately a young woman when recently driving home from lectures at the University Of Wollongong and travelling North was killed when her car reportedly ran in to a coal truck.

We are frequently told that Australia as a nation should be reducing Greenhouse gas emissions, and that the NSW Government supports this approach. It is well known that in moving freight, trucks use three times the diesel fuel than a train to move freight. So the use of trucks, instead of trains, to move coal to Port Kembla means more greenhouse gas emissions or Carbon Pollution.

Some of the coal on road is from the Appin area. As an alternative to coal trucks, the Maldon Dombarton rail link should be completed and the coal companies be required to use it. Until then, there should be production limits imposed on the mines near Appin.

I know that people near the mine near Bellambi are also concerned about more coal trucks on the roads and extended hours of coal trucking. Many University students live in the Northern Suburbs of Wollongong and those that drive to Uni would also be concerned to learn of the prospect of more coal trucks on their roads.

Yours sincerely
Martin Laird