



12:50PM, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009  
(Rescheduled from April 29<sup>th</sup>)  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# MINUTES

## Present

Sarah Woodcroft, Hailey Sutton (chair), Daniel Cramer, Chris Monnox, Jess Di Blasio, Patrick Harrison, Stef Greenshields, Bede Crasnich, Annie Zhou, Samita Rai, James Tier (minutes) and 65 students.

**76 undergraduate members present and voting.**

**Meeting opened 12:50**

## 1. APOLOGIES

**Table** Apologies received: Brendan Cook, Catherine Garner, Kirri Piper, Kathryn Ryan, Nathaniel Kennedy, Nyssa Murray, Tim Rouen, Daniel Cramer, Aijay Adams, Pip Upcroft, Vanessa Organo, Allison Jeffares, Jessie Warren, Megan Zingel, Skye Parsons, Martha Johnsons, and M. Putvinas.

**Mover: James Tier**

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## 2. MINUTES

**Table** It was moved that the minutes of the 2008 AGM be accepted (viewable on the WUSA website <http://www.wusa.uow.edu.au/minutes>).

**Mover: James Tier**

*CARRIED unanimously*

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## 3. REPORTS

**Table** President's Report (oral)  
**Mover: Sarah Woodcroft**

*Hailey Sutton*

*CARRIED unanimously*

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## 4. BUDGET

**09/GM01/01** It was moved that the 2009 WUSA Budget be accepted by students (viewable on the WUSA website <http://www.wusa.uow.edu.au/budget>).

**Mover: Daniel Crameri / James Tier**

*CARRIED unanimously*

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## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**09/GM01/02** It was moved that this General Meeting approve the incorporation of the Wollongong Undergraduate Students' Association, as provided for in motion 09/CM03/14 of Council Meeting 3 (held 12/03/2009 – minutes viewable <http://wusa.uow.edu.au/minutes>). It was further moved that the following amendments be made to the WUSA Constitution to give effect to this:

### **DELETE**

*1.1.1. The Association shall be known as the 'University of Wollongong Undergraduate Students' Association' (WUSA).*

### **INSERT**

*1.1.1. The Association shall be known as the 'University of Wollongong Undergraduate Students' Association Inc' (WUSA Inc), and hereafter referred to as 'the Association'.*

### **AND**

*1.4. Legal Status*

*1.4.1. This Constitution shall be subject to the University of Wollongong Act 1989 and the by-laws of the University Council.*

*1.4.2. The Association is an incorporated association under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984.*

*1.4.3. The Interpretation Act 1987 applies to this Constitution in the same manner as it would apply if the Constitution were an instrument made under the Act.*

### **AND**

*8.7. All property of the Association shall be vested in WUSA Inc on behalf of the Association's members.*

*8.8. All contracts entered into on behalf of the Association shall be made in the name of WUSA Inc.*

### **AND**

*9.7. The Association's Public Officer shall be the Association's Office Administrator.*

*9.7.1. If the position of Public Officer falls vacant and cannot be filled by an Association employee, the President shall be appointed Public Officer until such time as an Association employee can be appointed to the position.*

*9.7.2. If the position of President falls vacant and no employee or member of Council can be appointed Public Officer, the Secretary to the University Council shall be appointed Public Officer.*

It was moved that all WUSA regulations (current as at 13/05/2009) be included as schedules of the WUSA Constitution as follows:

*Schedule I – Regulations Governing Assets and Financial Transactions*  
*Schedule II – Regulations Governing Code of Conduct*  
*Schedule III – Regulations Governing Committees*  
*Schedule IV – Regulations Governing Conferences*  
*Schedule V – Regulations Governing Elections*  
*Schedule VI – Regulations Governing Grants and Donations*  
*Schedule VII – Regulations Governing Members Who Receive an Allowance*  
*Schedule VIII – Regulations Governing the WUSA Office*  
*Schedule IX – Regulations Governing Student Publications*  
*Schedule X – Regulations Governing Queer Space*  
*Schedule XI – Standing Orders*  
*Schedule XII – Regulations Governing Student Loans*

**Mover: James Tier / Sarah Woodcroft**

*CARRIED unanimously*

**09/GM01/03** It was moved that WUSA allow Co-Representatives who share a single vote to exercise a full vote in the absence of one of the Representatives. The current Constitution requires both Co-Representatives to be present to exercise a full vote, effectively disenfranchising some collectives.

It was moved that the following amendments be made to the WUSA Constitution:

**DELETE**

*4.6.7.3. Representatives that share a position shall each be entitled to half a vote.*

*4.6.7.4. The Honorary Secretary shall consider Co-Representatives and Co- Coordinators as a single representative for the purposes of determining quorum, with each representative contributing half that of any other towards quorum during a meeting.*

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*4.6.7.3. Representatives that share a position shall exercise one (1) vote together.*

*4.6.7.3.1. If two Representatives sharing a position intend to vote differently, their vote shall be recorded as an abstention.*

*4.6.7.3.2. If only one Co-Representative is present at an Association meeting, that Representative shall exercise a full vote in the absence of the other Co-Representative.*

*4.6.7.4. The Honorary Secretary shall consider Co-Representatives as a single representative for the purposes of determining quorum.*

**Mover: James Tier / Sarah Woodcroft**

*CARRIED*  
*For: 54*  
*Against: nil*  
*Abstentions: 6*

**09/GM01/04** It was moved that quorum for WUSA General Meetings be altered to 40 members. The following amendments will be made to the WUSA Constitution:

**DELETE**

6.4.3. Quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall be ten (10) percent of Members.

**INSERT**

6.4.3 Quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall be ten (10) percent of Members, or 40 Members, whichever is lower.

**Mover: James Tier / Sarah Woodcroft**

*CARRIED unanimously*

**PROC.** It was moved that motions 09/GM01/05 and 09/GM01/06 be voted en bloc.

**Mover: Chris Monnox**

*CARRIED unanimously*

**09/GM01/05** That the following section be added to the Constitution of the Wollongong Undergraduate Students' Association:

**INSERT**

*8.7. Travel and Accommodation*

*8.7.1. No Representative shall receive a disbursement from the WUSA for travel or accommodation expenses until such time as a written report of the activity attended is presented to an Association Meeting. Nor shall such a disbursement be made if the funds were released by a motion not in accordance with the Regulations Governing Conferences, Transport and Accommodation.*

**AMEND**

The existing Table of Content to reflect this addition.

**Mover: Chris Monnox / James Tier**

*CARRIED unanimously*

**09/GM01/06** It was moved that the *Regulations Governing Conferences* be re-named the *Regulations Governing Conferences, Transport and Accommodation* and that Section 1 of the said regulations be amended accordingly. It was further moved that the following section be added to the said regulations:

**INSERT**

*6. Transport and Accommodation*

*6.1.1. No money for transport or accommodation shall be released from any budget line, excepting that of the Queer Collective, other than by a motion naming all the individuals who shall receive a share of the money released.*

*6.1.2. No money for travel or accommodation shall be released from the budget line of the Queer Collective other than by a motion naming at least one recipient of the money released and indicating the number of individuals who shall receive a share of the money released.*

**AMEND**

Re-designate the existing section 6 as section 7.

**Moved: Chris Monnox / James Tier**

*CARRIED unanimously*

**Meeting closed 13:10.**