



National Conference Minutes

2020

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Session 1

Conference Opened 11:30 am

Molly Willmott appointed chair.

Acknowledgement of Country

Chair's Report

Admin Motions 11:40 am

14.4 Confirmation of the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

En bloc

14.5 Solicitor

14.6 Clarification: Proxies

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

Session Paused 11:45 am

Session Resumed 12:05 pm

En bloc

14.1 Branding Guide

14.2 Financial Transparency

14.3 Governing Transparency

Moved: Lincoln Aspinall (Education Officer)

Seconded: Chris Hall (Curtin)

Failed

Rules Changes 12:10 pm

En bloc

1.1 National Conference Standing Orders Amendment

1.4 R24. Policy Process

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

1.2 R20. Votes

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

1.3 R23. Quorum

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Failed

En bloc

1.5 R29. Meetings (of the National Executive)

1.15 R28. Responsibilities (of the National Executive)

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

1.6 R31 National Officers

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

1.7 R48. Method of Election

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Failed

En bloc

1.8 R50. Eligibility

1.17 R32. Eligibility (Term Limits)

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

1.10 Publicity

Moved: Molly Willmott (National President)

Seconded: Zoe Raganathan (ANU)

Failed

En Bloc

1.11 B45. Accreditation Committee

1.12 B93. Solicitor

1.13 B90. Assets

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

1.18 Further Education

Moved: Lincoln Aspinall (Education Officer)

Seconded: Chris Hall (Curtin)

Failed

1.19 Account Signatories

Moved: Lincoln Aspinall (Education Officer)

Seconded: Chris Hall (Curtin)

Failed

1.20A Electing Delegates

Amendment: accepted by mover and seconder

Moved: Lincoln Aspinall (Education Officer)

Seconded: Chris Hall (Curtin)

Carried

1.21 Nothing about us without us

Moved: Lincoln Aspinall (Education Officer)

Seconded: Chris Hall (Curtin)

Failed

1.22 R68. Resolutions without Meetings

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Failed

Session Closed 1:00 pm

Session 2

Session Opened 2:07 pm

Education Chapter 2:07 pm

4.1 Standardise Assignment Submission Times

Moved: Will Broderick (University of Adelaide)

Seconded: Billy Zimmermann (University of Adelaide)

Carried

4.2 Students should be front and centre of university mergers

Moved: Billy Zimmermann (University of Adelaide)

Seconded: Will Broderick (University of Adelaide)

Carried

4.3 Changes to Further Study Admissions

Moved: Caitlin Allman (Flinders University)

Seconded: Arabella Wauchope (University of Adelaide)

Carried

4.4 Regional/International Students returning/remaining in their hometowns during Covid-19

Moved: Caitlin Allman (Flinders University)

Seconded: Arabella Wauchope (University of Adelaide)

Carried

4.5 Adjustments to online course components

Moved: Caitlin Allman (Flinders University)

Seconded: Arabella Wauchope (University of Adelaide)

Carried

4.6 UNTITLED

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Arabella Wauchope (University of Adelaide)

Carried

4.7 NGPs

Moved: Felix Eldridge (University of Adelaide)

Seconded: Arabella Wauchope (University of Adelaide)

Carried

4.8 Student consultation in formulating rural clinical placement charters

Moved: Shivangi Singh (University of South Australia)

Seconded: Arabella Wauchope (University of Adelaide)

Carried

4.9 Hidden Course Costs

Moved: Noah Beckmann (University of South Australia)

Seconded: Arabella Wauchope (University of Adelaide)

Carried

4.10 Activism means being proactive

Moved: Jack Mansell (University of Sydney)

Seconded: Nahui Jimenez Ludekens (La Trobe University)

Failed

4.11 Stand with ALL Staff

Moved: Cormac Mills Ritchard (RMIT University)

Seconded: Alicia Griffiths (La Trobe University)

Carried

En bloc

4.12 Free Speech without Restriction

4.13 Commit to Fighting Attacks on Free Speech

Moved: Lily Campbell (University of Sydney)

Seconded: Chris Giddings (RMIT University)

Failed

En bloc

4.14 Education Platform

5.1 Vocational Education Platform

Moved: Lincoln Aspinall (Education Officer)

Seconded: Chris Hall (Curtin Delegate)

Carried

Welfare Chapter 2:45 pm

6.1 Regional services are critical

Moved: Billy Zimmermann (University of Adelaide)

Seconded: Will Broderick (University of Adelaide)

Carried

6.2 Mental Health First Aid Courses:

Moved: Caitlin Allman (Flinders University)

Seconded: Arabella Wauchope (University of Adelaide)

Carried

6.3 University's Covid response to placements during lockdowns:

Moved: Shivangi Singh (University of South Australia)

Seconded: Arabella Wauchope (University of Adelaide)

Carried

6.4 We deserve more than poverty

Moved: Jack Mansell (University of Sydney)

Seconded: Nahui Jimenez Ludekens (La Trobe University)

Carried

6.5 Equal Pay for Equal Work

Moved: Shovan Bhattarai (University of New South Wales)

Seconded: Jack Mansell (University of Sydney)

Carried

6.6 Healthcare for All

Moved: Chris Giddings (RMIT University)

Seconded: Declan Kerr (Queensland University of Technology)

Carried

6.7 Men are not oppressed for being men

Moved: Natalie Acreman (National LGBTI Officer)

Seconded: Lily Campbell (University of Sydney)

Failed

6.8 It's not about men

Moved: Natalie Acreman (National LGBTI Officer)

Seconded: Lily Campbell (University of Sydney)

Failed

6.9 Welfare Platform

Moved: Ali Amin (Welfare Officer)

Seconded: Arabella Wauchope (SA State Branch President)

Carried

Session Closed 3:30 pm

Session 3

Session Opened 4:02 pm

Humaira Nasrin appointed chair.

Women's Chapter 4:02 pm

7.1 Survivor Consultation

Moved: Caitlan Allman (Flinders University)

Seconded: Arabella Wauchope (University of Adelaide)

Carried

7.2 Free Abortion

Moved: Nahui Jimenez Ludekens (La Trobe University)

Seconded: Alicia Griffiths (La Trobe University)

Carried

7.3 Security on Campus

Moved: Lily Campbell (University of Sydney)

Seconded: Nahui Jimenez Ludekens (La Trobe University)

Failed

7.4 Superannuation entrenches the poverty of women

Moved: Shovan Bhattarai (University of New South Wales)

Seconded: Nahui Jimenez Ludekens (La Trobe University)

Failed

7.5 Women's Policy Platform

Moved: Humaira Nasrin (Women's Officer)

Seconded: Georgette Mouawad (ACT State Branch President)

Carried

Molly Willmott appointed chair.

Queer/LGBTIA+ 4:40 pm

8.1 UNTITLED

Moved: Erin Dalton-Graves (UTS)

Seconded: Kirra Jackson (National Disabilities Officer)

Carried

8.2A UNTITLED

Moved: Erin Dalton-Graves (UTS)

Seconded: Kirra Jackson (National Disabilities Officer)

Carried

En bloc

8.4

8.5

8.6

Moved: Erin Dalton-Graves (UTS)

Seconded: Kirra Jackson (National Disabilities Officer)

Carried

8.3 LGBTI Policy Platform

Moved: Dashie Prasad (Queer Officer)

Seconded: Natalie Acreman (LGBTI Officer)

Carried

Session Closed 5:00 pm

Session 4

Session Opened 11:40

Sam Roberts appointed chair.

Disability Chapter 11:40

10.1 Disability Policy Platform

Moved: Kirra Jackson (Disability Officer)

Seconded: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Carried

Kya Branch appointed chair.

First Nations Chapter 11:45

9.1 First Nations Policy Platform

Moved: Kya Branch (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer)

Seconded: Keenan Smith (Flinders University)

Carried

Sam Roberts appointed chair.

International Chapter 12:00

11.1 Government intervention for Vocational institutions and predatory behaviour:

Moved: Noah Beckmann (University of South Australia)

Seconded: Shivangi Singh (University of South Australia)

Carried

11.2 Mental Health Plans for International Students

Moved: Dinuk Nanayakkara (UniSA delegate)

Seconded: Caitlyn Stone (UniSA delegate)

Carried

11.3 Education For All

Moved: Cormac Mills Ritchard (RMIT University)

Seconded: Chris Giddings (RMIT University)

Carried

11.4 International Platform

Moved: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Seconded: Varun Kale (Swinburne)

Carried

Param Mahal appointed chair.

Ethnocultural 12:25

12.2 Ethnocultural Policy Platform

Moved: Vinil Kumar (Ethnocultural Officer)

Seconded: Maryam Hasanova (Deakin University)

Carried

Molly Willmott appointed chair.

Small & Regional 12:45

13.1 Regional Platform

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

Student Unionism & Trade Unionism Chapters 12:50

En Bloc

2.1 Student Unionism Platform

3.1 Trade Unionism Platform

Moved: Molly Willmott (National President)

Seconded: Zoe Ranganathan (ANU)

Carried

Rules Changes 12:55 pm

1.9A Schedule - State Branches

Amendment: accepted by mover and seconder

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

Session Closed 1:00 pm

Session 5

Session Opened 2:00 pm

Zoe Ranganathan appointed chair.

Urgency Motions 2:00 pm

En Bloc

A3 15.5 Solidarity with delivery drivers - Justice for those killed at work

A4 15.6 Support the right to protest in Australia

A5 15.12 Solidarity with abortion-rights activists in Poland

A6 15.13 Solidarity with Trans Rights activists in NSW

A7 15.16 Solidarity with Black Lives Matter

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

A8 15.8 Fight the cuts at LaTrobe uni

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

A9 15.11 Health before profits, NUS supports lockdowns

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

A10 15.4 Solidarity with Djab Wurrung Heritage Protection Embassy

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

A11 15.13 Solidarity with queer rights activists in NSW

Moved:

Seconded:

Carried

15.1 Staff and Students United: The Vaccine to an Epidemic of Austerity and Extortion.

Moved: Max Dowell (UMSU)

Seconded:

Carried

15.2 Scomo the Reformist? A Plague on Both Your Houses (of Parliament)!

Moved: Max Dowell (UMSU)

Seconded:

Carried

15.3 VE Officer

Moved: Sam Roberts (National Secretary)

Seconded: Param Mahal (Swinburne)

Carried

15.4A Solidarity with NTEU Fightback – No Concessions!

Moved: Cormac Mills Ritchard (RMIT University)

Seconded: Shovan Bhattarai (University of New South Wales)

Failed

15.5A Solidarity with delivery drivers - Justice for those killed at work

Moved: Nahui Jimenez Ludekens (La Trobe University)

Seconded: Natalie Acreman (National LGBTI Officer)

Carried

15.6A Support the right to protest in Australia

Moved: Lily Campbell (University of Sydney)

Seconded: Shovan Bhattarai (University of New South Wales)

Carried

15.7 Solidarity with Pakistani students fighting for student unions

Moved: Vinil Kumar (National Ethno-Cultural Officer)

Seconded: Nahui Jimenez Ludekens (La Trobe University)

Carried

15.8A Fight the cuts at La Trobe Uni

Moved: Nahui Jimenez Ludekens (La Trobe University)

Seconded: Alicia Griffiths (La Trobe University)

Carried

15.9 2020 shows why we need a left wing, activist union

Moved: Nahui Jimenez Ludekens (La Trobe University)

Seconded: Natalie Acreman (National LGBTI Officer)

Failed

15.10 A nationally coordinated education campaign against campus cuts

Moved: Lily Campbell (University of Sydney)

Seconded: Jack Mansell (University of Sydney)

Carried

15.11A Health before profit, NUS supports lockdowns

Moved: Chris Giddings (RMIT University)

Seconded: Shovan Bhattarai (University of New South Wales)

Carried

15.12A Solidarity with abortion-rights activists in Poland

Moved: Lily Campbell (University of Sydney)

Seconded: Alicia Griffiths (La Trobe University)

Carried

15.13A Solidarity with trans rights activists in NSW

Moved: Chris Giddings (RMIT University)

Seconded: Natalie Acreman (National LGBTI Officer)

Carried

15.14A Solidarity with Djab Wurrung Heritage Protection Embassy

Moved: Nahui Jimenez Ludekens (La Trobe University)

Seconded: Jack Mansell (University of Sydney)

Carried

15.15 Solidarity with the global revolts

Moved: Jack Mansell (University of Sydney)

Seconded: Declan Kerr (Queensland University of Technology)

Failed

15.16A Solidarity with Black Lives Matter

Moved: Nahui Jimenez Ludekens (La Trobe University)

Seconded: Shovan Bhattarai (University of New South Wales)

Carried

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Session 6

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National Officer Reports 4:00 pm

Candidate Speeches 5:00 pm

Conference Closed 6:00 pm