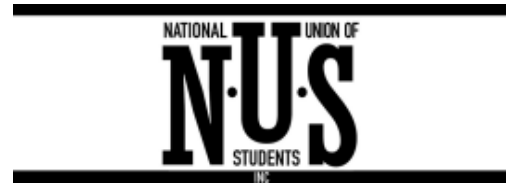


National Executive Meeting

National Union of Students Inc.

Tuesday, 1st March 2022



Minutes

Meeting Details:

Venue: Online

Time: 7:30pm AEDT

Chair: Georgie Beatty (National President)

Minute Taker: Emily Sagolj (National Secretary)

1. Meeting Open - 7:34pm

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Election of Deputy Chair

Action

The National Executive appoints Emily Sagolj as the Deputy Chair of the Committee.

Mover: Georgie Beatty (National President)

Seconder: Jordy Duffey (National Queer/LGBTQIA+ Officer)

Carried without dissent

1.3 Acceptance of Apologies

Action

The National Executive accepts the apologies of the following:

- Emma Hogan (NSW State Branch President)
- Lana Goodman-Tomsett (Qld State Branch President)

Mover: Emily Sagolj (National General Secretary)

Seconder: Akshay Jose (National Ethnocultural Officer)

Carried without dissent

1.4 List of Accepted Proxies

The following proxies have been accepted by the National Secretary:

- Billy Zimmermann (Emma Hogan)
- Emily Sagolj (Lana Goodman-Tomsett)

1.5 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Billy Zimmermann (National Welfare Officer) declared a conflict of interest in relation to motion 5.1 (Solidarity with Adelaide Uni SRC), due to his position as General Secretary of Adelaide Uni SRC.

1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Action

That National Executive acknowledges the circulated minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate reflection of that meeting.

Moved: Georgie Beatty (National President)

Seconded: Guleid Abdullahi (National Executive Member)

Carried without dissent

2. National Officer Reports

- 2.1 President
- 2.2 National Secretary
- 2.3 Education Officer
- 2.4 Welfare Officer
- 2.5 Women's Officer
- 2.6 Queer Officer
- 2.7 LGBTIQIA+ Officer
- 2.8 Small & Regional Officer
- 2.9 International Officer
- 2.10 Disability Officer
- 2.11 First Nations Officer
- 2.12 Ethnocultural Officer
- 2.13 **Motion to Accept National Officer Reports**

Action

That National Executive accepts the reports of the National Officers.

Moved: Guleid Abdullahi (National Executive Member)

Seconded: Isaac Solomon (SA State Branch President)

Carried without dissent

3. State Officer Reports

- 3.1 Victorian State Branch President
- 3.2 NSW State Branch President
- 3.3 SA State Branch President

3.4 WA State Branch President

3.5 ACT Branch President

3.6 **Motion to Accept State Officer Reports**

Action

That National Executive accepts the reports of the State Officers.

Mover: Georgie Beatty (National President)

Second: Sinead Winn (National Executive Member)

Carried without dissent

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1 **Profit & Loss**

Emily advised that the P&L for the financial year and year to date were available for everyone to see. No questions were received.

4.2 **Ukraine Solidarity**

Emily raised the importance of showing solidarity with Ukraine and suggested the NUS reach out to Ukrainian groups, particularly student organisations to collaborate on a vigil or rally. Georgie mentioned the Global Student Forum and their great relationship with Ukrainian student groups. Discussion ensued regarding the NUS's recently released statement and the need to focus on ensuring students affected feel supported.

4.3 **QLD & NSW Floods**

Jordy mentioned the devastating flooding currently happening in northern NSW and QLD, they noted that the NUS should put out a statement in support of people affected and push both governments to better support people, particularly students. Akshay mentioned the importance of universities having crisis accommodation for students and connecting with the respective student unions to push for this. Kelly and Grace voiced the importance of acknowledging the connection these floods have to climate change. Discussion ensued regarding how to support students who had lost their homes.

5. Matters for Decision

5.1 **Solidarity with Adelaide Uni SRC**

Kelly and Grace explained the issues at Adelaide Uni SRC due to the Adelaide University Union Board, which includes a funding agreement which prohibits the SRC from using its funding for anything disagreeable to the AUU. They acknowledged that the NUS has already spoken out against the situation, but voiced that the NUS should continue to stand against it.

Motion

- The NUS National Executive condemns the right-wing, anti-democratic

attacks on the Adelaide Uni SRC.

- The NUS National Executive recognizes the importance of campus activism and opposes all efforts to stifle campus activism and unionism.
- The NUS National Executive will sign on to the Adelaide Uni SRC statement to defend student union democracy: <https://www.facebook.com/adelaidesrc/posts/255109323461311>, and share this statement on social media.

Mover: Grace Hill (National Executive Member)

Seconder: Kelly Cvetkova (National Executive Member)

Carried with 1 abstention (Billy Zimmermann)

6. Meeting Close - 8:25pm