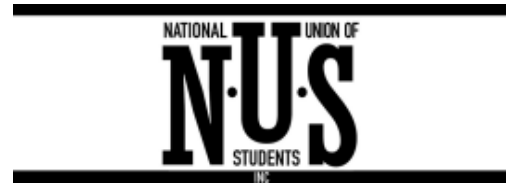


National Executive Meeting

National Union of Students Inc.

Tuesday, 23rd August 2022



Minutes

Meeting Details:

Venue: Online

Time: 7:30pm AEST

Chair: Georgie Beatty (National President)

Minute Taker: Emily Sagolj (National Secretary)

1. Meeting Open - 7:37pm

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Attendance

National Office Bearers/Non-voting members

Georgie Beatty	National President
Emily Sagolj	National Secretary
Luc Velez	National Education Officer
Billy Zimmermann	National Welfare Officer
Jacqueline Price	National Women's Officer
Jordy Duffey	National Queer/LGBTQIA+ Officer
Ella Hickey	National Queer/LGBTQIA+ Officer
Zebadiah Cruickshank	National First Nations Officer
Georgie McDaid	National Disabilities Officer
Dhruv Sabharwal	National International Officer

State Branch Presidents/Voting Members

Beatrice Co	Vic State Branch President
Emma Hogan	NSW State Branch President
Beatrice Tucker	ACT State Branch President - Joined at 7.48pm.

General Executive Members/Voting Members

Alex Nancarrow	General Executive Member
Guleid Abdullahi	General Executive Member - joined at 7.38pm.
Kedar Krishnan	General Executive Member
Kelly Cvetkova	General Executive Member
Sabrina Yassine	General Executive Member
Tiana Myers	General Executive Member

1.3 **Absent**

None.

1.4 **Guests**

Khanh Tran	Honi Soit Editor
Alexander Knowles	Proxy for Jeremy Gilchrist
Rafael Aquino	Proxy for Isobel O'Dwyer

1.4 **Election of Deputy Chair**

Action

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

Moved: Georgie Beatty (National President)

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

For: 15 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Carried Unanimously

1.5 **Acceptance of Apologies**

Action

The National Executive accepts the apologies of the following:

- Akshay Jose (National Ethnocultural Officer)
- Jonathan De La Pena (National Small & Regional Officer)
- Faizan Akram (WA State Branch President)
- Lana Goodman-Tomsett (Qld State Branch President)
- Isaac Solomon (SA State Branch President)
- Jeremy Gilchrist (General Executive Member)
- Isobel O'Dwyer (General Executive Member)

- Grace Hill (General Executive Member)
- Sinead Winn (General Executive Member)
- Trisha Banga (General Executive Member)
- Adam Steiner (General Executive Member)

Moved: Emily Sagolj (National Secretary)

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

For: 15 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Carried Unanimously

Emily flagged to person from honi about the importance of letting me know in advance if anyone is coming

1.6 **List of Accepted Proxies**

The following proxies have been accepted by the National Secretary:

- Alexander Knowles (on behalf of Jeremy Gilchrist)
- Emily Sagolj (on behalf of Lana Goodman-Tomsett)
- Kelly Cvetkova (on behalf of Grace Hill)
- Georgie McDaid (on behalf of Sinead Winn)
- Billy Zimmermann (on behalf of Isaac Solomon)
- Guleid Abdullahi (on behalf of Trisha Banga)
- Beatrice Co (on behalf of Adam Steiner)
- Rafael Acquino (on behalf of Isobel O'Dwyer)

1.7 **Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest**

None received.

1.6 **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Action

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

Moved: Georgie Beatty (National President)

Seconded: Billy Zimmermann (National Welfare Officer)

For: 16 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Carried Unanimously

2. National Officer Reports

2.1 President - submitted 2 days late

2.2 General Secretary - not submitted

- 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 - not submitted
- 2.9 International Officer
- 2.10 Disability Officer
- 2.11 First Nations Officer - not submitted
- 2.12 Ethnocultural Officer
- 2.13 **Motion to Accept National Officer Reports**

Action

That National Executive accepts the submitted reports of the National Officers.

Moved: Sabine Yassine (General Executive Member)

Seconded: Alex Nancarrow (General Executive Member)

For: 16 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Carried Unanimously

3. State Officer Reports

- 3.1 Victorian State Branch President - not submitted
- 3.2 NSW State Branch President - not submitted
- 3.3 SA State Branch President - not submitted
- 3.4 WA State Branch President
- 3.5 Qld State Branch President
- 3.6 ACT Branch President - not submitted
- 3.7 **Motion to Accept State Officer Reports**

Action

That National Executive accepts the submitted reports of the State Officers.

Moved: Georgie Beatty (National President)

Seconded: Zebadiah Cruickshank (National First Nations Officer)

For: 17 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Carried Unanimously

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1 Profit & Loss

Emily advised that the P&L for the financial year and year to date was attached for members to view. Luc mentioned his expenses are still listed as queer officer expenses. Emily advised that this doesn't mean his expenses are coming out of the queer officer's budget, it has just been misnamed in the profit & loss sheet. She advised that she would speak to Fin about fixing it.

4.3 Acces Con

Georgie McDaid advised that AccessCon is happening from September 12-14th online. She advised that registration is available on the event's FB page.

She said the goal is to reach 50 registrations and noted that there will be a lot of great workshops. This includes an NDIS explainer and a workshop on how to disclose disabilities to employers. Georgie noted that if anyone is interested in running a workshop they just need to fill out the form that has been made.

Georgie encouraged everyone to share the conference.

4.4 Queer Collaborations

Jordy let NX know that the annual Queer Collaborations conference is also coming up. They advised that it is being organised by themselves, Ella and AQSN.

The dates of the conference are 27th-29th September and will also be online. Jordy advised that more details can be found on the facebook event page, but just wanted to flag it so NX was aware that it is happening soon.

5. Matters for Decision

5.1 EdCon Expenses

Emily advised that the 2022 Education Conference ended up being more expensive than budgeted for due to the cost of booking rooms at the University of Sydney. In turn, USyd SRC have requested the NUS help to cover the loss. She advised that the NUS has a buffer to help cover this, since we have not spent as much on staff this year.

She advised that the expenses from USyd SRC total \$12,837.04, which is \$2,837.04 over the amount of their grant. Given the NUS has the money to cover the cost, she recommended the National Executive cover the loss.

However, she noted that in future the National Executive should not approve any future conferences unless we have full clarification about the cost of room bookings, because in this circumstance we had no clue about the cost of booking rooms until we had already approved the location.

Action:

The National Executive actions the General Secretary to grant USyd SRC \$2,837.04 to cover the extra expenses from the 2022 Education Conference.

Mover: Emily Sagolj (National Secretary)

Seconder: Georgie Beatty (National President)

For: 17 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Carried Unanimously

5.2 **AISA Statement**

Emily reminded everyone that responses had been received by Maurice Blackburn and have been passed on to the Executive team. She advised that Maurice Blackburn have recommended that we create a public statement to wrap up this issue and let our members know what the final outcome is and what changes we have made.

They have advised that we draft the letter and send it to them for advice, to ensure there's no risk of defamation. She noted that whilst this will add more to our legal costs, she thought it would be prudent to get their advice for the final step of this matter.

Action:

The National Executive actions the Executive to get advice from Maurice Blackburn in regard to a public statement about the finalisation of the AISA matter.

Moved: Emily Sagolj (National Secretary)

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

For: 17 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Carried Unanimously

5.3 **EthnoCon**

Emily advised that there has been one tender received for the 2022 NUS Ethnocultural Conference. This was submitted by the University of NSW SRC and has been attached for the consideration of the National Executive.

She encouraged everyone to help promote the conference and acknowledged the great work that has already been started by Akshay and UNSW SRC.

Action:

The National Executive Accepts the proposed tender for the 2022 NUS Ethnocultural Conference by University of NSW SRC.

Moved: Emily Sagolj (National Secretary)

Seconded: Georgie Beatty (National President)

For: 17 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Carried Unanimously

6. Meeting Close - 8.00pm