

2017 General Council Meeting

John Paul II Room

Monday 4th September 2017

Present

Dylan Gojak, Macy Gregson, Ana Ferreira Manhoso, Edward Blake, Rachel Porter, Justine Ralph, Emily Judd, Ashani Jeyadevan, Ashley-Rose Hooper, Joshua Scardina, Daniel Ta, Jayden Roberts, Emily Judd.

Apology

Darcy Harwood, Dee Cooper, Seth Wolff, Curtis Read, Emma Gooderson.

Proxy

Zoe Jess, Thomas Desmond, Troy Coelho.

Opening

Dylan opened the general meeting of the Student Association at 6.08pm.

Agenda Items

1. **Acknowledgment of Country**

Dylan reads through the Acknowledgment of Country.

2. **Passing of last minutes**

Dylan has made some amendments to the minutes from last meeting. He reads through the changes that were made by Macy. Justine raises that in the last minutes it stated that the 'SES can be very biased', but has been changed to 'can be biased'. Dylan moves to pass the minutes. Joshua seconds. The motion is passed. Ana and Teddy arrive 6.09pm.

3. **Approving Proxies**

Thomas Desmond is Seth Wolff's proxy. Zoe Jess is Emma Gooderson's proxy. Troy Coelho is Curtis Read's proxy. The proxies are approved. Dylan moves the motion. Ana seconds. The apologies are accepted, but Darcy just needs to sign her form.

4. **President Update**

Dylan says there are many motions to pass. These are attached in his agenda. He reads through them, as outlined in his paper. He says that the purpose of some of these motions is to take a stance on some issues. The executive will set up a booklet that is available to the council that includes all stances taken by previous

councils, for access in the future. This is also so that students can see more clearly some of our stances. Motion 1 links to Respect. Now. Always campaign and our sexual health week. Dylan moves that motion 1 be passed. Ana seconds the motion. The council unanimously approves. The motion is passed. Dylan moves that motion 2 be passed. Ana seconds the motion. The council unanimously approves. The motion is passed. Motion 3 is a bit more divisive, and Dylan wanted to bring this to the council as he has been in contact with the uni a few times and has not received a response. He puts to the council for extra support for the motion. He says it is so the university can clarify with casual staff. Dylan reads through the motion and details included in his paper. Dylan moves the motion. Ana seconds. The council unanimously agrees. The motion is passed. Emily arrives 6.17pm.

Dylan takes the time to thank everyone for the Ball on Saturday night. Dylan noticed that drink service was haphazard/slow. The ball was incident free. Joshua mentions that his friend said that someone came to the ball without purchasing a ticket, as there was no one checking at the door. Ana mentions that it was inefficient last year to check names, and so this year we didn't. Dylan was under the impression that names were going to be checked off, but it is too difficult for a few council members to monitor. Josh says people arrived after food, but mainly were there to party. He is only aware of 1 person who snuck in. Security was also a bit lax. Ana suggests doing wristbands or something to check tickets in the future.

Dylan had to change our documentation, which was a definition referring to the old Associations act. Dylan received confirmation that our constitutional changes have been lodged, and should have an answer by next week. There were no issues according to department staff. Macy needs to send minutes from the last SGM to the executive before posting to the student body.

The council had a confidential discussion about same sex marriage and came to a unanimous agreement on the statement we will make in the future.

5. Guest

Dylan introduces Ra, who is running for Mayor of Fremantle. Dylan says that we will also meet with Brad and see what their plans for Notre Dame will be. The council goes around the room and introduces themselves to Ra. Ra then introduces herself to the council. She would like our meeting to be an interactive process to voice concerns and the support we need from the City.

Ana would like to hear Ra's thoughts on Notre Dame's place in the Fremantle community, as she thinks that we are sometimes sidelined and not viewed as an asset. Ra is committed to Notre Dame, and believes it is a significant asset to Fremantle, and thinks there is some misconception about the University in the wider community. She thinks that Notre Dame needs to do a better job marketing itself. One example has been the restoration of heritage building, but this is it. She also think ND needs to improve their explanations about the rates they pay in Fremantle and needs review as a governance and due diligence issue. Another issue around rates is that on the buildings ND leases, rates are paid, but there is conflict around this.

On her Facebook page there is a post about their vision of the University and the West End of Fremantle. Richard Florida created an economic matrix on creative industries, and Notre Dame is an anchor for this knowledge hub. She would like

ND to become less insular and reach further into the Fremantle community as an investment. Ana says that her and Dylan have meetings with key players in the community, but found that ND is a halfway point almost for some people. She affirms that the University is a business, and Ra agrees. Ana personally thinks that ND has an ingrained separation between student's university life and their wider engagement in Fremantle that does not match the student life of other universities. Ra thinks that it is about the offering and incentives to students, and says that the City has never been seen as a retailing offering. She says there is no coherent vision for what the offering of Fremantle can be. Dylan says that the business offerings in Fremantle for students have decreased, particularly during the week and later in the afternoons. Dylan wants to see more business offerings to incentivize students to stay in Fremantle longer than their uni hours. He suggests an 'employ local students' mentality, whereby the SA can support these businesses.

Dylan thinks that collaboration does not seem to happen because people are self-interested, and believes that young people add to communities. Ra says that festivals/events are fenced in, and the community allows operators to control who can sell food/drink/merch.,etc. She thinks it is not the City's role to preference shops, but says they can create amenity to become more precinct-like. She understands Dylan's concerns about afternoon/night life, but says that this will be a long process, especially with the King's Square development and other financial burdens Fremantle faces. She would like to see more students living in Fremantle, too, but does acknowledge financial problems for students looking to buy/rent. She has suggested some student accommodation for new building developments in Fremantle with St. Patrick's. Ana says regional students get preference, but Ra is interested in looking into setting outlines/guidelines, but does not want to limit accommodation to the West End. Dylan wants the SA to have a greater role to ensure student consultation with developments happening in the community.

On her Facebook page, she has suggested extending residential parking for accommodating Notre Dame students, and is looking into other parking options.

6. Vice President Update

Ana says that the Clubs Office Occupancy Policy is for the allocation of offices for clubs in the new office space in ND3. Dylan reads through some amendments to be made. Dylan also says that clauses need to be added for finalization. Section 13: Lease Review and Renewal. Dylan asks when she wants the Clubs Director to renew the lease, and his issue with presenting it at the end of the lease period is that it does not give enough time. Ana affirms lease review to be done no later than AGM. He reads through the new clause for Ana. 'Lease' to be changed to 'occupancy'. Justine asks if there is a difference between renewing and applying for occupancy. Ana says we need to trial the policy as it is drafted, and Justine agrees. 5.7: add a clause about occupants needing to reapply each year and reviewing application. Section 13 to be changed to 'appeals'. Approval process to be 5.9: All decisions made by NDSA Council are final. Ana will make amendments for review at the next meeting. Dylan moves to pass the policy in principle. Ana seconds. The council unanimously agrees.

7. Welfare Update

She debriefs on the sexual health week. She said the weather complicated the layout. She notes that engaging with students can be difficult, but would like the

council members to be more proactive in engaging with students. This was noticed by the organizations and did not think that the council was doing as much to support them as we could.

The organizations and students provided feedback. She has attached an email someone sent about the pro-life material being insensitive. The university chose these organizations, but Justine has not responded to the student yet and says that this needs to be taken on board. The student approached Justine in person, and Justine followed up by email. Dylan has spoken with Justine about whether we bring this to the attention of the University. Ana says that we attempted to have a balance, but we did not receive both sides. Justine is unsure about running an event like this in the future, and does not think we are creating positive relationships with the organizations. She thinks we need to use more collective relationships. Ana suggests sending a message to the organizations explaining the difficulty we had with the event and why.

She now discusses the sexual health information evening. Dylan thinks we need people that present different sides of the debate. The theological speaker has expressed their interest in speaking, and Justine has tentatively organized next Wednesday night.

Justine thinks we need to push the sexual harassment panel back to later October, but is still keen to organize this event. Wellness Week is next week and event forms and RAMPS have been submitted. Her paper includes the plans for the week. Thursday is quiet, and Rachel suggests setting aside some money for Clubs to use to get involved.

Dylan has proposed a blanket fort with Justine, and this will depend on the weather. Ana asks if this would be best to hold on pajama day. Dylan also says people are interested in Tarot reading, although this is not very on par with 'Wellness' week. Dylan also thinks Justine or Erv could approach High Street dispensary for 100 free coffees. Ana asks about the pampering day, and massages from Physio students. Justine will get in contact with them.

Joshua will look into blanket fort resources. Ana will email Erv about HSD and will look online into palm readers in Fremantle. Rachel will pursue clubs. Ana will look into affirmation face-masks. Ashley is organizing free fruit and yellow face-paint.

We will need to get canvas, paints, brushes, etc. for the therapy art project. We are invited to contribute to the bake sale. Justine will send Emily a list of all events for her to market on Facebook. Macy will organize ribbons.

8. Publicity Update

Hunch will be sent to Erv to be approved, and if it is approved it will be sent to the students. Scitech has been in contact about giving tickets to the "Fascinating Forensics Event". NDLSS and Science clubs will be contacted to get interested students. Emily will respond. This event will be on the 16th September. We can promote at Wellness Week. Emily says that when we promote at Wellness and get Clubs and Deans to send info out. The council is keen to have us promote this event.

9. Events Update

End of Semester party will be discussed next week.

10. Environment Update

Jay says that the WiFi report went up on our Facebook page. It is currently on the DSC, SAC and NSB agenda. Ana wonders whether because we have contact with

IT why extend, but Jay says it is better to get the word out, esp. with LTC. The whole idea is about involving more voices in the conversation. Jay is not sure how to forward it through to the committees, and Ana will be in contact.

An email has been sent about a water fountain in Prindiville Hall. Dylan thinks it is odd that we don't have a water fountain in our libraries. Justine suggests a water dispenser, but this is too expensive. This will be raised with Dave. Ana flagged opening the Henry Street entrance to St Theresa's, but Rommie will look into this. Jay will also talk to campus services.

He thinks we could have more communication for DSCC for promotion.

11. Clubs Update

There have been calls to hold open nominations from the whole student body for more nominations for the Club Awards Night. Ana thinks that this might bias School-based clubs, but Rachel says that the reach will in fact highlight those clubs that have been active. It is not the number, but NDSA still has final decision.

Rachel says that Dee wants to create a Facebook event for everyone, but Rachel wants to invite people only once they have RSVP'd. Josh leaves at 8.01pm. Ashley-Rose leaves 8.01pm. Dylan thinks it is a good idea to add people as they RSVP. Rachel is worried about over-publicizing the event, especially given the free drinks and the fact that it is a free event.

The council is happy with Rachel's plan.

Melissa Dinnison has emailed regarding the establishment of an Indigenous Students' Association. Dylan says that we need to reply to Melissa regarding the difference between an Association and a club and we will deal with this when we get more information.

12. Sports Update

Curtis' paper is not read out as he is absent. Rachel leaves 8.06pm. Ana will message Curtis about finding shield quotes.

13. General Business

Ana asks council members to send in their nominations for elections. Dylan says that we can't have council members using the BBQ to promote their nomination. They can't be seen as incentivizing 'vote for me'. Dylan says that there are a few council members not running, but Ana will look into how we run this BBQ more. Macy, Ana and Justine will coordinate on rosters.

Dylan closed the meeting at 8.22pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dylan', written in a cursive style.