

## 2017 General Council Meeting

John Paul II Room

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### Present

Dylan Gojak, Macy Gregson, Ana Ferreira Manhoso, Edward Blake, Dee Cooper, Rachel Porter, Joshua Scardina, Kirralee Coulter, Courtney McManus, Thomas Desmond, Justine Ralph, Emily Judd, Emma Gooderson, Daniel Ta

### Apology

Ashani Jeyadevan, Ashley-Rose Hooper, Jayden Roberts, Curtis Read, Darcy Harwood, Seth Wolff

### Absent

### Opening

Dylan opened the general meeting of the Student Association at 5.02pm.

### Agenda Items

1. Acknowledgment of Country  
Dylan reads through the Acknowledgment of Country.
2. Passing of last minutes  
Dylan moves to pass last minutes. Justine has an amendment. This is grammatical. Rachel seconds the amendment. All are in favour. Dylan has an amendment. Justine seconds. There are no other amendments. Dylan moves that the minutes are passed. Josh seconds. All are in favour. The minutes are passed. Dan arrives at 5.04pm.
3. Approving proxies  
Apologies have been received from Ashley-Rose, Ashani, Jayden, Curtis, Darcy and Seth. The apologies are approved. Thomas is Curtis' proxy. Kirralee is Darcy's proxy. Courtney is Ashley-Rose's proxy. Monte is Jay and Seth's proxy. Justine seconds the proxies. All are in favour. The proxies are accepted.
4. Budget Report by Edward Blake  
Dylan gives the council a new budget list as some last minute amendments were made after the publishing of the agenda. All affiliated clubs are included, even though they may not be active.  
Dylan's document will be submitted to the university and will come back to the council on the 27<sup>th</sup>. He says that Events has not been changed, because they were spot on with their budget this year. \$5000 from end of semester party has been moved to the Back to Uni party because it is a better investment. We have

also discussed looking at having this event at the J Shed. We have boosted the Orientation Day expenditure. We went \$441 over this year. Given our success, Dylan has allocated an extra \$2000. An extra \$500 has been given to free food for the year. Merchandise budget has also been boosted, and also plays into the marketing budget. An extra \$2500 has been given to merchandise. This is because we are moving into our new office space, and so we need to do work to put up our new signage. Office equipment was not budgeted for this year, but we spent \$749 this year. For 2018 we have allocated \$700. Rachel asks what we spent \$749 on this year, and Teddy and Dylan confirm it was the aircon. The Secretary will do an audit of all our office supplies. We also have included the \$500 that is available to all Clubs. \$9000 has been allocated to Welfare, and this is because Welfare has expanded a great deal. Also, the \$9000 will be split between the Welfare officers and the director. \$3000 will be dedicated to the 2 Wellness weeks. \$4000 to sport, and \$3000 will be for Founders Cup and the rest will be incidental spending. Academic did not spend anything this year, but 2018 has been allocated \$6000. This will be split between the officers and director also and accounts for the expanding role. Rachel asks why Sport is not included in Welfare, and Dylan confirms it is because of Founders Cup. Dee says it would be useful to have a pre-mixer, realising that nothing is done with Clubs unless you have face-to-face relationships. Monte will be more effective with ensuring compliance and support for Clubs, and Dee suggests an extra \$1500 for a pre-mixer type of event. Rachel suggests maybe an extra \$1000 to be added to the Clubs budget. Dylan will discuss further with Teddy. Marketing is at \$5000, and Dylan thinks we will invest more in our marketing next year so the larger budget is required. In discussion with future directors, Dylan has been thinking about contacting a freelance graphic design, for example for the website. The main cost of overhauling the Discount Program will include the creation of a discount booklet. Dylan thinks this will come back to us through the purchase of the discount program. Dylan says we will be asking the University for \$50,000. With discussions with the University, no budget increases have been awarded to any department for the next few years. Dylan still thinks our budget is very justifiable. We don't include our expected revenue in our budget priorities document, and this has been previous practice also. Dylan says Teddy has done a good job, and mentions that the budget priorities are also still subject to change. The final budget priorities for 2018 will be passed on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

5. Events Update by Events Director

Darcy is absent, and has not asked her proxy to read out her paper. Dylan speaks to the End of Sem Bash. He says that set up was not very good as it was only he and Darcy there. Besides that, he says it was quite a successful event, even though it took people a long time to arrive. We sold 115 tickets. Another issue was that we were selling them at the door and this was difficult because they did not have proper transaction equipment. Out of nowhere, the proprietor told Dylan that we could not give out the bar cards. Dylan thinks we will still have our O-Day after party at the Orient. The council congratulates Darcy on a great period as Events Director.

6. Welfare Update by Welfare Director

Justine says we had our last Sexual Health and Consent Forum on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. One thing that was raised that there was a concern about our lack of 'thought and sensitivity' for what was discussed. Other than that, positive feedback was given. Dylan wants to get clearer indication from people whether the events were of interest and 'allowed'. Justine says we need some clearer guidelines from the University. She says we were congratulated on the process, and she thinks overall it was a successful venture. Dylan says the dogs and kittens were successful. \$50 was paid for the dogs. Dylan has continued to hand out the coffee vouchers. Dee says that Life Choice has just uploaded a Constitution. She says that it is not compliant with ours at the moment. Their Constitution is the incorporated one from Life Choice Australia, which is separate

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to the clubs affiliated at universities. Dee is not fully inclined to support their affiliation until they can come to an amicable relationship.

7. Clubs Update

Still chasing some clubs for their AGM updates and office bearer updates. She thinks that because she had been away and noticed that clubs didn't send in their quarterly report, giving them only 3-5 weeks to send in another one has made some of the clubs confused. She suggested having financial reports due at the end of each semester instead of quarterly. Dylan has no issue with submissions coming in at the end of semester. Dylan will think about this for the next meeting. She does not have any NDLSS updates. He says Maddie has withdrawn the incorporation paperwork. He is meeting with NDLSS, Rommie and the Dean for 2018, but no date has been sent yet. Dee is going to be doing a short summary for each club for the peer mentor program.

Because of the conflict of interest with the review of PAANDA's constitutional changes by the Executive Council, it is being put to the council. Dee moves that the Constitutional changes be accepted. Dylan seconds the motion. The constitutional changes are passed.

She has also received a Bible Fellowship affiliation request. She suggests considering accepting their request, but she is still working on the constitution. They have included 'objectives and central beliefs'. She says that Clause 4 of our NDSA Constitution says we can't discriminate based on religious grounds. She thinks we should keep the central beliefs, but change the membership agreement. She doesn't think we have a basis for denying Clause 4. Justine says people can't be forced to declare their beliefs. It will be changed: "I will uphold the values of the central beliefs as set out in clause 4 of this constitution". Anyone can join their club, and she will put this forward for formal affiliation once their constitution has been sorted out.

8. Publicity Update by Publicity Director

Dylan likes Emily's report. He makes it clear to the council that handover notes needed to be submitted, rather than a finalized handover as of now.

On Wednesday, Dylan and Emily discussed the outcome of the marriage equality vote coming out soon. If the outcome is no, we will link counseling services.

He says we will need to change our FB cover photo. Emily will be away, but Dylan is happy to fill in and assist when needed.

9. Life Choice

Izzy arrives at 5.51pm. She says that she is aware that there might be a misconception of Life Choice as being a 'pro-life bashing' club. It is a pro-life group that is non-political and non-religious in nature, and aims to start a discussion on university campuses. They have been established across 5 universities in Sydney, and are branching out to Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. She says they are a club about winning hearts rather than winning arguments. Dylan asks for their ideas for events for their club. She says that they have already bought in Trent Horn for a Q&A and that this was successful. Bringing in pro-life speakers to hold lectures will continue, and they also plan to hold forums where they will bring in pro-choice speakers. She says as a Catholic University, there can be no pro-choice club on campus. She says the University, being Catholic, acts as a backer and protector for what they aim to do. She says that she has a list of ideas for speakers for the aforementioned events. She also says that they intend to hold lunch time sessions, but these events will be structured because it is easy for things to turn into heated arguments. She also says that Life Choice supports the 2 pregnancy assist centres in Perth by raising funds and raising awareness of their services. Monte arrives at 6.01pm.

The council is happy with having a discussion now. Josh asks how they will respond to people who have different opinions to what they are promoting. She says that Life Choice is about having compassionate arguments and knowing when to let an argument go. Those affiliated with the organisation complete training days on how to handle this. Ana arrives at 6.06pm.

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Justine expressed concerns about the welfare concerns about their events that might trigger students. She asks what they plan to do to protect the welfare of students. Izzy says that their compassionate approach is at the centre of their actions. They don't want to be putting out super controversial images publicly. She says they can try their best to be as compassionate as possible. Justine reminds her that she also spoke about collaborating with counseling services. A staff member told Izzy about Trent Horn being in Perth. She says that she was unable to promote the counseling services at this event because there was a rush between the event approval and the actual event itself. Dylan asks whether they would promote ND counseling as well as the pro-life counseling services associated with Life Choice. Dee affirms that the counselors at ND are required to uphold university values. She thinks that Dylan is meaning to say that there should be a priority to have integrated services for counseling. Izzy is open to looking into this, but cannot promise anything.

Courtney mentions Catholics for Choice website. She asks what puts the club in the position to talk about women's bodily autonomy. Dylan specifies that this issue affects peoples' welfare, and that none of their council are professionals that can ensure that they are not detrimentally affecting people's welfare. She counters this by saying that no other clubs are run by professionals at the university. Izzy says that Life Choice has been affiliated at other secular universities. Courtney says that because we are a Catholic university, we are limited in having a pro-choice club and so debates and opinions will be limited, which was affirmed from Izzy's statement. Izzy says she has spoken to officials at the university who are in support of the club, and says that they realise this is in line with the constitution of the university. Courtney has no other questions.

Rachel says that lots of students come to ND not because of its Catholic background. She says that abortion is legal in Western Australia, and says that a large majority of students agree with this. Izzy asks whether the law is backed by morality, and Rachel says 'not necessarily'. Her concern is that it will be a very biased voice on campus. Izzy says the pro-life and pro-choice discussions are intertwined. Izzy says that this is the purpose of debates. She asks what a display at an event will look like. Izzy says that their stall would include their logo and merch (badges and lollipops). She says that explicit images might be available privately, but she can double check with Life Choice Australia. She also says that there would be a sign up sheet. Rachel also asks what they aim to get out of affiliation. Izzy says to be a club on campus. Rachel asks what this means to her. Dylan says that there have been clubs in the past without being affiliated. Dee says that you just need staff sign off. Izzy says that they know they get money from NDSA by being affiliated, and their goal is to raise funds and make a profit. Dylan comments that she thinks they have great fundraising capabilities. Izzy confirms that Life Choice has had success in this.

Dee wants to go back to one of their personal discussions, in regards to proactive integration. She asks whether there is more that they can get out of NDSA affiliation besides money. Ana says 'representing students'. Dee says in order to represent students and to also represent a particular viewpoint, how they will balance this and be integrating all voices. Izzy says that no club represents every single student. Ana says that they are all inclusive and open, and Izzy believes that they are. Dylan thinks this is a broad statement. Ana says that if they are trying to be inclusive, but will refer students to counseling that are only pro-life (example from earlier), it does not seem congruent with a balanced and representative club.

Ana asks what staff approval has to do with the affiliation of their club. She says she has lots of staff contacts through SES. Dee clarifies that Ana was meaning why she mentioned her staff approval in this context. Izzy says that if the heads of the university support their club, it should receive support. Ana says that the University also needs to represent students. Ana says that she should be mindful of saying that their club is going to represent a 'large majority of students'. Izzy

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understands this.

Daniel asks if there was a pregnant student and she did not want to speak to counselors, what would Izzy and her club do to help her. She says she would first ask why she wanted to have an abortion. Daniel asks if her resolve is strong and that she wants advice more than an opinion on whether or not she should have an abortion. He suggests that steering the girl towards a doctor or clinic would be against their club's goals. Izzy says that there is still time for women to decide, and would suggest a counseling service for the girl.

Emma asks whether they would ever recommend a pro-choice counseling service for people coming to them for help. Izzy says that they refer to their associated counseling service. Izzy says that she would not be able to refer them to an explicitly pro-choice counseling service because it is against their objectives. Emma asks whether they would still look to the University counseling service, and Izzy says that they might refer them as a third option.

Ana asks if their affiliation proposal is unsuccessful, will they still be able to achieve their goals. Izzy says no, because they would like to be able to receive the financial support. Dylan affirms that the main difference between affiliated and non-affiliated clubs is funding and club space. Izzy says that they would like to have a club space, and Ana asks how this will affect them holding their events. Izzy says that once a club becomes bigger, space is required to organize events. Ana clarifies that she does not think that there will be many limitations if they are not affiliated. Izzy confirms that she would like to affiliate for money and club space. Dee says that the primary reason for clubs to be affiliated is to be linked to students, and Ana adds that it is about bringing together the community. Izzy says she does not know everything about clubs, and Dylan says this is fair. Ana is saying that we are having to draw out her answers about supporting students etc., but Izzy says that these are a given in her coming to us to affiliate.

Dylan asks whether she thinks its fair that the pro-choice argument and a women's right to choose will not be represented at our university if their club is affiliated. Izzy says that this is not the kind of circumstance where we need a balance, because they are dealing with morality. She says we are at a Catholic university, and the University supports their stance. Ana asks how it is fair that they can be affiliated but a pro-choice club can't. Izzy says that because their club supports the objects of the University they should be affiliated. Rachel reminds her that the NDSA is not a Catholic organisation although we do still uphold the objects of the university. Dylan adds that we have other objects we have to adhere to about the welfare and representation of students.

Dylan asks about changing laws in Australia about abortion. Izzy does not support this.

Dylan wants to ask whether they would share things about late-stage abortion, and says that if they were affiliated they would be in a position unlike any other club at the university. He says that the affiliation of this club could have detrimental effects to the welfare of students on campus. He says that at the University of Sydney there has been a move to disaffiliate a Life Choice club. Dylan says that as President, making decisions that could have a detrimental effect on the welfare of students takes a lot of careful planning. He notes that the draft constitution they sent has been from Life Choice Australia. Dee clarifies that on a number of occasions she has asked for the clubs draft constitution to be ready for tonight. Izzy does not think this is what happened. Dylan says that on the document they submitted, she needs to insert their name of their club on the form. He thanks Izzy for coming and answering our questions and giving us an insight into their club. He says that it will be discussed, but not decision can be made tonight. We pause the meeting at 6.55pm to take a break. Meeting resumes at 7pm and the council discusses the affiliation of Life Choice.

#### 10. President Update by Dylan Gojak

Dylan moves to pass amendments to the Standing Orders. He passes around an amended Motion 9 and Motion 14.

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Dylan reads Motion 1. It reads: "To amend Clause 9.4 of the Standing Orders of the Student Association of the University of Notre Dame Australia Inc. to delete \$1000 and insert \$500. Dylan moves the motion. Macy seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

Dylan reads Motion 2. It reads: "To create a Clause 17 *Procedural Motions* in the Standing Orders of the Student Association of the University of Notre Dame Australia Inc.". Dylan moves the motion. Macy seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

Dylan reads Motion 3. It reads: "To create a new clause 17.1 in the Standing Orders of the Student Association of the University of Notre Dame Australia Inc. which shall read as follows:

17.1 That the question now be put

- i) Can be moved at any time during debate but not by a member who has already spoken to the original or substantive motion; the motion can interrupt a speaker and is the only motion that does not require a seconder.
- ii) The Chairperson, at their sole discretion, may reject the procedural motion on the grounds that motion has not been sufficiently debated, or the speaker has not been fairly heard.
- iii) If accepted, no further debate is permitted and the question shall immediately be put. However, the mover of the original or substantive motion has right of reply before the vote is taken".

Dylan moves the motion. Macy seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

Dylan reads Motion 4. It reads: "To create a new clause 17.2 in the Standing Orders of the Student Association of the University of Notre Dame Australia Inc. which shall read as follows:

17.2 That the meeting proceeds to the next item of business

- i) Can be moved and seconded at any time during debate, but not by any member who has already spoken to the original or substantive motion; the motion cannot interrupt a speaker.
- ii) There is no debate allowed on this motion.
- iii) If carried, it suspends any further debate on the motion that was being considered, but means it can be raised again at the next meeting.
- iv) If, however, this motion is raised and carried in respect to an amendment under consideration, then the amendment shall lapse and the next item of business will be the original or substantive motion the amendment related to"

Dylan moves the motion. Macy seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

Dylan reads Motion 5. It reads: "To create a new clause 17.3 in the Standing Orders of the Student Association of the University of Notre Dame Australia Inc. which shall read as follows:

17.3 That the debate be adjourned

- i) Can be moved and seconded at any time during debate, but not by any member who has already spoken to the original or substantive motion or related amendment, and it can interrupt a speaker.
- ii) If carried, the debate is adjourned and the only debate allowed is to determine the period of time that debate is to be adjourned". Dylan moves the motion. Macy seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

Dylan reads Motion 6. It reads: "To create a new clause 17.4 in the Standing Orders of the Student Association of the University of Notre Dame Australia Inc. which shall read as follows:

17.4 That the meeting be adjourned

- i) Can be moved and seconded at any time including interrupting a speaker.
- ii) If carried, the meeting is adjourned and the only debate allowed is to the matter of the period of time, date and place of the next meeting". Dylan moves the motion. Macy seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

Dylan reads Motion 7. It reads: "To create a new clause 17.5 in the Standing Orders of the Student Association of the University of Notre Dame Australia Inc. which shall read as follows:

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17.5 That the speaker no longer be heard

i) Can be moved and seconded at any time during debate, but not by any member(s) who has already spoken to the original or substantive motion, and is moved to interrupt a speaker.

ii) This motion can be debated and, if carried, prevents the speaker from speaking again during further debate about the particular motion being considered”.

Dylan moves the motion. Macy seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

A new motion is made to amend “Guild” to “NDSA”. Dylan moves the motion.

Macy seconds. All are in favour. The amendment is passed.

Rachel moves to amend 17.6 (i) to change “Rules” to “Regulations”. Ana seconds the amendment. All are in favour. The amendment is passed.

Dylan reads Motion 8. It reads: “To create a new clause 17.6 in the Standing Orders of the Student Association of the University of Notre Dame Australia Inc. which shall read as follows:

17.6 That the Chairperson’s ruling be disagreed with

i) Can only be moved immediately after the Chairperson has made a ruling, and only in respect to rulings not covered by mandatory rules cited in the NDSA’s Constitution/Regulations and/or Standing Orders.

ii) If carried the Chairperson’s ruling shall be reversed”.

Dylan moves the motion. Macy seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

Dylan reads Motion 9 (the new amended one handed out to council). It reads: All are in favour. The motion is passed. Thomas asks whether this will be minuted.

Dylan affirms that it will be noted that the meeting moved ‘in camera’.

Dylan reads Motion 10. It reads: “To create new clause 17.7 in the Standing Orders of the Student Association of the University of Notre Dame Australia Inc. which shall read as follows:

17.7 That the Chairperson lacks the confidence of the meeting

i) Can be moved by any member at any time.

ii) Once moved and seconded, the Chairperson shall call for a substitute Chairperson to conduct debate on this procedural motion and, if carried out, that substitute shall seek approval from the meeting to continue in the Chairperson’s place for that meeting.

iii) Debate can take place with the challenged Chairperson having the right to speak

iv) The motion must be carried by a ¾ majority”.

Dylan moves the motion. Macy seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

Dylan reads Motion 11. It reads: “To create a new clause 17.8 in the Standing Orders of the Student Association of the University of Notre Dame Australia Inc. which shall read as follows:

17.8 That the meeting resolve to move in camera

i) Can be moved and seconded at any time but cannot interrupt a speaker.

ii) Used where the NDSA needs to discuss a matter in confidence and, if carried, allows minute taking to cease for the purposes of debate/discussion on that item only.

iii) A counter motion to move out of camera is required when the confidential discussion has concluded.

lii) Cannot be moved at an AGM or SGM”.

Dylan moves the motion. Macy seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

Dylan reads Motion 12. It reads: “To amend clause 16 of the Standing Orders of the Student Association of the University of Notre Dame Australia Inc. to delete the words ‘General Meetings’ and insert the word ‘Proxies’. Clause 16 shall read as follows: 16 Proxies”. Dylan moves the motion. Macy seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

Dylan reads Motion 13. Dylan clarifies that all of these amendments about proxies have been made in consideration of our SGM and AGM. This is also compliant with other university guilds. As per Dylan’s motion, Clause 16.1 will be amended

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to delete the words 'four (4)' and 'general' and insert the words 'one (1)' and 'including SGM's and AGM's'.

Rachel moves to delete the apostrophes after AGM's and SGM's to now read "AGMs or SGMs". Dylan seconds the motion. All are in favour. The motion is passed. Clause 16.1 now reads: "Ordinary Members of the Student Association may not hold more than one (1) approved proxy at any meeting including SGMs or AGMs of the Student Association and may hold proxy votes of Office Holders of the Student Association". Dylan moves the motion. Macy seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

Dylan reads Motion 14. It reads: "To amend clause 16.22 of the Standing Orders of the Student Association of the University of Notre Dame Australia Inc. to delete the words 'four (4)' and 'general meeting' and insert the words 'one (1)' and 'SGM or AGM'. Clause 16.2 will now read as follows: "Office Holders of the Student Association may not hold more than one (1) approved proxy vote at any SGM or AGM of the Student Association". Dylan moves the motion. Macy seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

Motion 15. Ana suggests clause 19.2 (ii) may need to add "currently". It will now read, "currently be an elected Office Holder of the NDSA". Dylan moves this amendment. Ana seconds. All are in favour. The amendment is passed.

We look up the definition of IPP in the Constitution. Dylan moves to amend Clause 19.1 (i) to now read, "be the previous person who served as President of the NDSA in the preceding year". Ana seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Dylan moves to create Clause 19.4 in the Standing Orders. This Clause will read, "In the instance that the person who would serve as Immediate Past President currently serves in another elected position on the NDSA that role will revert to the person who previously served as President". Dylan moves the motion. Ana seconds. All are in favour. The motion is passed.

Dylan thinks our Standing Orders are now up to standard.

We discussed the budget priorities earlier in the meeting.

The Financial Assist Policy has been included in his paper. Ana will format it correctly. Emma has an amendment for the form. "State" needs to be amended to "statement". Terms and Conditions (vii) needs to be amended to read "practicum". The amendments do not need to be passed because it is just the form. There are no issues with the contents of the policy itself. Dylan moves to pass the Financial Assist Policy. Seconded by Ana. All are in favour. The policy is passed.

#### 11. Vice President Update by Ana Ferreira Manhoso

Ana has made business cards for the 2018 council. She is thinking that if we can pass the expenditure, we could stagger it. She says that there are certain roles more in need of the cards first. Ana puts forward the motion to spend \$715 on business cards for the 2018 council. Teddy seconds. All are in favour. The expenditure is passed.

#### 12. Environment Update by Environment Director

Jay's paper contains no updates.

#### 13. General Business

Dylan says we have one meeting left. He has said that we have achieved a lot and thanks everyone and all the proxies for turning up and giving our time to pass all the amendments.

## Closing

Dylan closed the meeting at 7.56pm.

