

2017 General Council Meeting

John Paul II

Monday 27th November 2017

Present

Dylan Gojak, Ana Ferreira Manhoso, Edward Blake, Rachel Porter, Justine Ralph, Jayden Roberts, Emma Gooderson, Daniel Ta, Ashani Jeyadevan, Darcy Harwood, Ella Gorringer, Monte Nathan

Apology

Macy Gregson, Dearbhla Cooper, Joshua Scardina.

Absent

Ashley-Rose Hooper, Curtis Read, Emily Judd, Seth Wolff.

Opening

Dylan opened the meeting of the Student Association at 6.15pm

Agenda Items

- 1. Acknowledgement of country**
Dylan reads through the acknowledgement of country.
- 2. Minutes**
Dylan moves to pass last meetings minutes. Emma seconds the motion. The motion is passed.
- 3. Apologies**
Apologies received are Macy Gregson, Dearbhla Cooper, and Joshua Scardina.
- 4. Approving proxies**
The proxies received are Monte Nathan as Dearbhla's Cooper's proxy, and Ella Gorringer as Joshua Scardina's proxy.
The council unanimously approves the proxies present.
- 5. President update**
Dylan presents his paper. He announces that the 2018 budget was updated, as there was a mathematical error. The events budget line has been brought down to \$90,000, Elections budget line has been brought down to \$1500, and Office Equipment budget line has been raised to \$1200. \$1000 was also added to the

Clubs budget line, leaving the total figure at \$154,100. This means we are requesting \$50,000 grant from the University, the justifications for these changes can be seen in Dylan's update.

Dylan moves to pass the 2018 Budget Priorities, Edward Blake seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Ashani arrives 6.18pm

6. Welfare

Justine has no updates to report. She states it was a good year overall.

7. Environment

Jay has no updates to report. Dylan to pass on information to Jay regarding the green space on Croke Street as discussed in the recent mayoral meeting with Brad Pettitt.

8. Clubs

Monte presents the clubs update on behalf of Dee.

He states that NDLSS have held their AGM, and have submitted an Office Bearers Update, which can be read in the Clubs paper. Rachel asks that Monte contact NDLSS to amend the Office Bearers Update to reflect Darcy's election to the committee. Ana confirms Darcy was elected Vice President Social.

Monte states that Life Choice are still working on developing their constitution and that it will likely not be done for a while, meaning the council may be presented with a renewed affiliation application in some time to come.

Bible Fellowship have resubmitted their affiliation application with their amended constitution. Rachel raises concerns for section 5.3, and the wording around 'supports' versus 'believes'. Dylan states that the affiliation form needs to be amended to include their name in the final statement in order to it to be valid. The council agrees to recommend the following amendment to section 5.3; 'upholds central beliefs' rather than 'supports central beliefs', as well as the request to rectify the application form. Monte to pass on the recommendation to the applicants.

Dee reported in her paper that she has a copy of the draft Semester 1 2018 Student Services calendar, which will be passed on to Monte and to the 2018 council.

The council then addresses the funding request for \$260 for Notre Dame Business Society. The request outlines that \$100.00 is for a retractable banner, and \$160.00 is for pens (merchandise). The council discuss whether the club has sufficient funds that they are entitled to from the NDSA grant cap of \$500.00. Edward confirms that NDBS is still entitled to the money they are requesting. Monte moves to pass the expenditure for the funding request for Notre Dame Business Society for \$260.00. Dylan seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Before Monte presents the Club Occupancy Applications, Dylan acknowledges the conflict of interest between council members who are a part of PAANDA, and recommends that in order to maintain quorum, those members remain a part of these deliberations despite the conflict of interest, upon the condition of remaining unbiased and transparent with their contributions. The council members not a part of PAANDA agree with this recommendation, and states intention to be transparent in the deliberations to come.

Dylan also notes that the council is not obliged to allocate all office spaces club occupancies, simply due to the amount of applications. There is possibility for the fifth office space to be used for alternate purposes, given it is unairconditioned, and does not have a roof.

Monte begins by presenting PAANDA's office occupancy application. The council takes note of PAANDA's considerable amount of assets, and activities, as well as their requests for special consideration. Ashani states that it is important to note that PAANDA is arguably the most active club on campus, so it is reasonable for the council to look favourably upon PAANDA's application for an office space. Emma agrees with this and also notes that the club has outlined a need for the space in order to store their items and operate.

Dylan moves to approve PAANDA's Office Occupancy Application. Emma seconds the motion. The council is unanimously in favour of this motion, the motion is passed.

The council then agrees to discuss the rest of the applications consecutively, before making final decisions of allocating the remaining office spaces.

Monte then presents NDLSS's office occupancy application. Monte notes the club outlined the biggest need for them to have an office space is to store several confidential items and documents. It is also noted that NDLSS does have an inherent membership of law students, which is reliably large. Rachel asks the council if incorporation of NDLSS would affect or impact their office occupancy. Ana states that the Clubs Office Occupancy policy outlines clubs' responsibility to come forth and advise the NDSA of any changing circumstances.

Darcy arrives 6.38pm

Dylan notes that the lack of NDLSS's activities in 2017 did not warrant them an office space, however the council looks favorably on the application given the potential of the new 2018 committee.

Monte then presents Red Cross's Office Occupancy Application. Monte states the club is quite small and has a small membership. The council notes that the only perceived reason for the club to request an office is to be able to store their keep cups. The council agrees that there are alternate storage options in the new space for this requirement. Dylan recommends that Red Cross would work well in the pop up office.

Monte goes on to present Notre Dame Business Society's application. Monte sets out that their membership is far larger than Red Cross', and highlights the several events that the society runs. They are fairly active and have some assets that need storing. Dylan notes their growth this year and the benefit of them being school based means reliability of membership.

Monte presents ND46 application. He notes their small amount of assets, membership, and activities throughout the year. The council notes the lack of necessity for an office space, and the council believes the assets they do have and given the size of the club, operating from a pop up office will work well for them. Justine notes that she has not seen the club put on any events in 2017. Rachel states she did go through the events process with the club and it was disappointing to see their activity became minimal given they had access to this support.

Monte presents Education Society's application. He notes that the club's assets are currently stored in a cupboard in the Education building, and the club has grown in size and activity this year especially given the leadership change. The council are all happy to consider this club for an office space.

Dylan asks the council to defer a decision with what they intend to do with the fifth office space, without a roof and air con, as it may be better suited for other purposes. Given at this time NDSA hasn't seen the finalized fifth office, we will need ascertain whether it is appropriate for a club to go in there. Given there is not a huge demand for clubs to be in office spaces, it might also be useful for delay making a decision.

Dylan suggest on the basis of their applications and needs NDLSS, NDBS, & Education Society be allocated the other three office spaces. The council unanimously agree. Ashani asks the council whether consideration can be made for clubs that did not submit an application whom the council thinks is deserving of the application, Dylan responds by stating this is another reason to consider leaving the fifth space out of occupancy for now for this flexibility, however, clubs where given ample opportunity to submit an application and should of all been aware of the deadline.

Monte moves to approve the applications of the office occupancy for NDBS, NDLSS, and Education Society. Rachel seconds the motion. All in favor. The motion is passed.

Dylan and Monte to sign all application forms after the 1st of December.

Rachel asks for the council to consider a future policy regarding locks and keys and access of the pop up offices and club offices.

9. Events

Darcy has no updates to report.

10. Sports

Curtis has no updates to report.

11. Academic

Seth has no updates to report.

12. Publicity

Emily has no updates to report.

13. General Business

Dylan reminds the council of the Sundowner on Friday 1st December. Dylan then thanks the 2017 council for the successful and productive year. Despite the stress at times, we have achieved a lot more than what was anticipated, and it was all down the council's efforts and dedication.

He looks forward to continuing to work with those staying on in 2018.

Dylan moves that the 2017 NDSA Executive acknowledges and thanks the 2017 NDSA council for all their hard work, and wishes those outgoing members the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Ana seconds the motion. All in favour.
The motion is passed.

Closing

Dylan closed the meeting at 6.54pm

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