



## 2017 General Council Meeting

John Paul II Room

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Present

Dylan Gojak, Macy Gregson, Ana Ferreira Manhoso, Edward Blake, Seth Wolff, Ashani Jeyadevan, Curtis Read, Dee Cooper, Justine Ralph, Darcy Harwood, Ashley-Rose Hooper, Emma Gooderson, Jayden Roberts, Rachel Porter, Emily Judd, Joshua Scardina

### Apology

Daniel Ta.

### Absent

### Opening

Dylan opened the general meeting of the Student Association at 6.03pm.

### Agenda Items

#### **1. Acknowledgment of Country**

Dylan reads through the Acknowledgment of Country.

#### **2. Passing of last minutes**

Dylan moves to pass the minutes from last meeting. There are some amendments to be made. Josh arrives 6.06pm. Macy makes the amendments. Dylan moves to pass the amended minutes. Ashani seconds. The minutes are passed. Emily arrives 6.08pm.

#### **3. Approving Proxies**

Daniel has sent in his apologies. No proxies. Justine is listed as his proxy but this is not valid.

#### **4. President Update**

Dylan has a few motions to pass, that go back to his making of a 'policy book'. This is to cement our position for future NDSA members.

Motion 1.1 refers to handovers. He says that handovers in the past have not always been consistent across different roles, and so has drafted the position so that incoming members have adequate information to assume their roles with confidence and ease. He says that the outlined actions are flexible, but do provide guidelines. He moves that this motion be passed. Rachel seconds. Motion 1.1. is passed.

Motion 1.2 relates to our media policy, which authorizes a limited number of members to

speak on the NDSAs behalf. He reads through the 7 actions to the council. Ana arrives at 6.12pm. Action 6 will be amended to read, "Breaches of this policy will be presented to the council for consideration". In regards to action 3, Ana wants to use a stronger word than 'confident', but Dylan argues that there is not always time for extensive council discussion. Ana brings up the sticker scenario, and Ana says that Dylan assumed the council's position. Ana wonders whether we can have something more binding to include council feedback. Dylan suggests "certain", and this is agreed. Ana moves to amend clause 3 to say "certain". Dee seconds. All are in favour. The amendment is passed. Clause 7 will be amended to say "may" instead of "must abstain". Darcy moves this amendment be made. Dylan seconds. All are in favour. The amendment is passed. Dylan moves to pass motion 1.2. Darcy seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Motion 1.3 Transparent Student Association. Dylan reads though the motion. The position is that students have a right to know of the actions of the NDSA, and are also encouraged in the decision-makings of the council. Dylan says that we are already practicing clause 3 – uploading our minutes. Dee says there is no stipulation to when minutes and agendas are released. Dylan says they can be attached together. Clause 3 is amended to say, "minutes being placed on the NDSA website with agendas attached". Ana moves the amendment. Dylan seconds. The amendment is passed. Dylan moves to pass motion 1.3. Ana seconds. The motion is passed.

Motion 1.4 relates to emails being sent from NDSA hosted mailboxes to enable smooth handover. Ana wants to include the fremantle.studentassociation email. She suggests it could be used as a communication platform. This will not be included. Dylan moves to pass motion 1.4. Darcy seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

For motion 1.5, Dylan wants portfolio director feedback. This motion is 'basic academic principles'. Under clause 11 (Preamble), "examination" will be removed. Clause 11 (Preamble) will also be amended, removing "Furthermore, students clearly retain intellectual property rights over their work". Dylan moves to make these amendments. Ana seconds. The amendments are passed. Dylan moves to pass motion 1.5. Dee seconds. The motion is passed.

Motion 1.6 relates to the appropriateness of textbooks for courses of study. Dylan moves to pass motion 1.6. Seth seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Motion 1.7 relates to online teaching resources. He moves to amend the motion to add "across the board" after "access to online lectures". Dylan moves the amendment. Dee seconds the amendment. Dylan moves to pass motion 1.7. Seth seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Motion 1.8 is a follow up to our statement already made regarding LGBTIQ+. "STUDENTS" will be amended to correct grammar (lower case). "Transphobia" will be added to clause 3 after "homophobia, biphobia". The numbering of the clauses will be amended to correct numerical order. The wording of clause 3 will now read, after "financially or otherwise", "discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity in any of its affiliated clubs and societies". This same wording will be applied to clause 4. Clause 6 synergises with our council direction Dylan moves to pass motion 1.8.. Justine seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Motion 1.9 is about parking. Clause 1 will be amended to say "students" instead of "student". Clauses 5 and 6 will be removed. They may be recommendations for the new environment director for 2018. Rachel seconds the amendments. The amendments are passed. Dylan moves to pass motion 1.9. Joshua seconds the motion. The motion is passed. All are in favour.

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Motion 2.1 is about the right to protest for students. “Non-violent and peaceful manner” will be amended, removing “non-directly offensive manner”. Justine moves the amendments. Dee seconds the amendments. The amendments are passed. Dylan moves to pass motion 2.1. Justine seconds the motion.

Motion 2.2 will be amended to read “appropriately considered” under ‘Position’. Dylan moves that motion 2.2 be passed. Rachel seconds the motion. The motion is passed. Dylan found out last week that ND is a member of the ‘healthy university’ program. This forms the basis of motion 2.3. Amendments to action 1 will read, “will be investigated” instead of “with”. This will further be amended to say, “will be considered”. Rachel moves this amendment. Dylan seconds the amendment. The amendment is passed. The issue of planning to look into gym discounts with local Fremantle gyms is a direct response to statistics that show that students’ fitness decreases as they go through university. Clause 4 will be amended to say, “Initiatives” and “provided”. Dylan moves to pass the motion. Justine seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Dylan now discusses the creation of the policy book, and the council is on board with this. His next item relates to club compliance/disciplinary regulations. He would like council feedback on his drafts. (Nothing will be passed today). He reads through the draft. In regards to 5.2, Dee inputs that taking away club funding makes them compliant at the point that they need funding, but not for the entire year. Dee also mentions how little clubs request funds. This policy needs flexibility and guidelines and therefore cannot be rushed, and the council agrees. Justine suggests the possibility of creating a subcommittee, but Ana thinks this draft is good. Ana thinks a warning clause could be the first step, and then the tribunal will decide cases on individual bases. She says for the policy to serve its purpose, all possible actions need to be outlined. Ana thinks this should be finalised by the meeting on 13 November. Dee says clubs are waiting on these guidelines. Dylan thinks he might be able to have it completed by 30 October.

The Assist Policy is still being drafted. Standing Orders amendments will be presented on the 13 November. Dylan’s report is attached.

## **5. Vice President Update**

Ana notes that ND LSS held their elections. She says the people they have been liaising with do not want to show their committee the election report. Ana also says the ND LSS has no election regulations. Ana is not comfortable with the committee not seeing this report. Ana has also received messages asking for the vote counts. Dee says that during their AGM the report will be an agenda item. Darcy will message ND LSS and give them the 2 options about the elections report. Ana also mentions that ND LSS need election regulations due to poor conduct during the elections. Darcy says that there are plans to change their constitution. Ana also mentions that because they don’t have regs, a person has had to withdraw from their position. Katie Cranfield had to withdraw, so the role will go to the next person with the highest votes. If there is an issue, the position will become vacant. Ana asks if she needs to amend the report. Edits will be included, and it will be up to ND LSS to publicise the change.

Since Adel is absent, Ana says that they will go forward with the office policy. This will be circulated through SAC tomorrow.

Her sundowner report is included. The expenditure will be \$300. Rachel seconds the expenditure. The expenditure is passed.

Ana says that the election report has only been edited for typos. Ana will ask Erv to edit it again.

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## **6. Secretary Report**

Macy's report is included. There is nothing to discuss.

## **7. Treasurer Report**

Teddy's report is included. We made a profit, and we also spent a lot of money. The separate "pasta" expenditure will be removed.

## **8. Welfare Update**

The Building Safer Universities event has been approved. Dylan thinks we need to push this event more, with more posts and links to articles and videos about sexual assault and harassment on campus. Her report is also included. She also asks the council for some questions for the Buildings Safer Universities event. Ana will also look into online submission for questions. Dylan says we can also send out fact sheets.

## **9. Environment Update**

He is waiting on some emails from Carol. David has sent an email about the vending machines. There have also been discussions about the possibility of having coffee vending machines. His report is included.

## **10. Events Update**

Darcy says we need to confirm everything about the end of semester party. Possible locations are included, and she proposes having it at the Orient, with ticket prices at \$10. Free entry to Metros after, and the loss will only be \$1200 (with 200 tickets sold). 2 free drinks, also. We will also be able to decorate how we like. Ashani proposes \$5 and 1 free drink. Ana and Darcy think the \$10 and 2 free drinks is the best option.

300 people: \$4200 drinks; \$400 pizza, \$300 décor, \$100 prizes = \$5000.

Darcy moves to pass \$5000 expenditure. Dylan seconds. The expenditure is approved.

Dylan wants to discuss the marketing of this event. "End of year bash" is preferred if the theme is summer. Emily will make the poster. Darcy's report is included.

## **11. Publicity Update**

The Building Safer Universities event needs to be included. Emily would like to change her report, and will send in her edited one ASAP.

## **12. Academic Update**

Seth's report is attached.

## **13. Sports Update**

Lauren wants to use the ping pong tables for a campaign to stop people-smuggling.

## **14. Clubs Update**

Seth, Curtis and Ashani leave at 7.51pm.

Awards need to be confirmed. She moves that PAANDA win best marketing and presence.

NDLSS ball will receive a special mention for best club event. Dee moves this motion.

Justine seconds. The motion is passed.

Smegma's won over NDLSS competitions for best external achievement. Factors: big

audience; profit. PAANDA was also the only application for this award. The council agrees

with this decision. The winner and notable mentions are approved. The motion is passed.

Most improved: winner → EdSoc. Implemented mid-year AGM and constitutional changes, to bridge the lapse that happens when second years are on prac. This used to affect their

presence on campus, but now we have seen more events on campus. Notable mentions

are NDNS and NDBS. Josh leaves at 8.03pm. Ana mentions that "up and coming" should

be a new club, therefore THUNDA moved to the "most improved" category, and Dylan also

agrees with this. "Sustainability" may also move to the "most improved" category. Practice

has been that "up and coming" has been reserved for new clubs. The council is still happy

for EdSoc to win the "most improved category". THUNDA will receive a notable mention.

NDNS removed from notable mention. Jayden leaves at 8.11pm. Notable mentions for up and coming will be Red Cross, SAHND, with Sustainability the winner.

Best Clubs person nominees are Rachel, Heather, Amy, and Holly. Rachel leaves. Dee is very grateful that Heather has actively sought guidance and help when needed to make sure that she can fulfill the role of President. Emily also advocates for Heather. Darcy advocates for Amy. All those present are in favour of Heather receiving this award. This is due to Heather being able to build the club give that she had no handover. Dee nominates Heather. There is unanimous support for Heather. The council agrees. Rachel and Amy will be the honourable mention nominations.

The best club nominee, NDNS – Emma reads through the nomination, and notes that they are not publicizing all of their support, and so are not reaching the nursing student body as a whole, which needs to be taken into consideration. The recommendation for NDNS is not as fully supported. He raises the point that this council has a lot of PAANDA members, and if they win it will mean that they have won 3 awards. Dylan is wary of clubs feeling that their wins are biased, but also believes that credit is deserved when it is due. Dee says that Sustainability were a very solid case for marketing and presence. Emily also mentions EdSoc as a contender. NDNS does lots of external charity.

Ana suggests writing a blurb for each award to make all decisions transparent.

PAANDA is nominated for best club. Honourable mention for NDNS. Emma moves for PAANDA to be nominated for best club. Dee seconds. The nomination is passed. Emily leaves at 8.35pm. Ana proposes for Doug to be an honourable mention for best club person, but Dee says that there is a lack of follow up for accountability.

Funding requests have come through for ResLifeRoos, Physio, and Club 46.

Dylan says that the ResLifeRoos event is not designed to raise money, and Dee says they have had issues with their council, and so they are putting this event on to raise awareness. They have money in their account to fund their sausage sizzle, and profit from this will also contribute to their cocktail party event. They are also charging a ticket price. \$250 will be passed, but not the additional \$50 for Halloween candy. This funding request is approved.

The second funding request is from Physio, who are requesting \$500. All of their financials are in order and their AGM is organized. Dee moves to pass the funding request. Dylan seconds. The funding request is approved.

There has been a Lifechoice possible affiliation request, which is brought to the attention of the council. Dee discusses.

Funding request from Club 46 for a quiz night and the set up costs required. Dee will enquire further.

Wristbands and drink tokens for Club Awards Night at Miss Chat's.

### **15. General Business**

Darcy says that Maddie does not want the report in their AGM. Dee will be in contact.

Dylan received mail from Ascot, and said that we have received 100 free tickets for the carnival open day. He has an issue because it is promoted by Crown and Perth Racing, but we do have the free tickets.

### Closing

Dylan closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

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