

2017 General Council Meeting

John Paul II Room
Monday 7th August 2017

Present

Dylan Gojak, Ana Ferreira Manhoso, Macy Gregson, Edward Blake, Darcy Harwood, Seth Wolff, Ashani Jeyadevan, Rachel Porter, Justine Ralph, Joshua Scardina, Jay Roberts, Curtis Read, Emma Gooderson, Emily Judd.

Apology

Dee Cooper

Absent

Daniel Ta.

Opening

Dylan opened the general meeting of the Student Association at 6.10pm.

Agenda Items

1. **Acknowledgment of Country**

Dylan reads through the Acknowledgment of Country.

2. **Passing of last minutes**

Dylan motions that the minutes be passed. Josh seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

3. **Approving proxies**

Dee has sent in an apology form. Emily is coming.

4. **President Update**

Last week, Respect Now. Always. Was released. It included our individual statistics. He said that ours were fairly standard, but some were alarming, particularly those being sexually harassed on public transport. He says that the university has now placed 2 support officers with the main aim to oversee procedures and policies and to assist students. We should always be trying to help students and refer them to the support officers. They are Rommie Maserei and Lisa Goldacre. This is an ongoing issue the university is taking seriously, and remains an agenda item on the NSB. In reality, the university has never had a major incident, so we do not know how it operates in practice. VC, Dylan and Ana spoke on Friday and are committed to sending a joint letter between NDSA and uni

to relevant ministers about making public transport into Fremantle safer. Emily arrives 6.15pm. They have spoken to the Mayor, and he wants us to get back to him about how far students are willing to walk from their parked car. Dylan thinks we are back to square one with this issue. Permit system in play by Mayor and other candidates. Ana suggests doing a survey asking for how far we would walk. Dylan suggests a sliding tab, or Josh says a poll with different time frames. The biggest issue arising in the last week is SAAF. Last year Ana put a paper to the NSB saying that SAAF would be a good idea. Finally, a policy and procedure has been organized, finalized for September. Dylan notes that it has moved through so quickly because of universities requiring more money to meet dividends. 10% to be allocated to us, but there is little for us to argue. What we need to do is to work on policies and plans on how we can spend the money. Dylan says we need to have performed well to get more money. He wants us to argue that with the 10% is on top of what we get given. This SAAF money should be spent on new services rather than support existing services. This will be our position. When this money comes in, for the first 12 months someone will help us with the transitions (hopefully) to help us transfer. We will need an office manager to oversee governance and procedure in a more set role. We are still coming to terms with it as it is moving very quickly. Dylan is not sure that the university has had enough consultation, as it has only been discussed at NSB. Medicine students will not be charged for medical students for the first year, which Ana says is because they have a different fee structure to other undergraduate degrees. Dylan has been speaking to Curtin president, and they have said that you need to put in place a really good plan to get a good percentage. We need to argue that this is not for your education, but is meant to go to amenities and services and the students you elect should have a greater say on how money is spent. This increases accountability. Rachel asks why the support officer was not in the counseling office. Dylan says that their aim is to offer support, and would like to know their training qualifications. Dylan says that the support officer has to triage, and the council affirms. Dylan wants to request better training, as he believes that this is very new to the support officers. Dylan thinks they should be connected to counseling, or Ana says even student services would be good. It would be good to have such high-up uni personnel to emphasize the importance, but in reality someone with a more specific role will be beneficial. Ana asks who we raise these concerns through, and Dylan says the VC. Justine asks if we can look into getting further training for us, and Ana affirms this. Dylan says that sexual assault triage training will be relevant for a few council members (might be too much for the whole council).

Dylan has gone away and looked into the proxy business, which was very difficult. He says the legislation gives no guidance. The only guideline was that if your SO say that they can have more than one proxy, and then it is best to go to a ballot. Dylan has added a new clause, as the existing ones are very council meeting specific rather than for SGM/AGM. For these special meetings, Student Association members can hold 4. He thinks we need a placeholder to refer to. There is no rule for what ordinary members can do for proxies, but we have limits on how office holders can hold proxies. Justine is concerned about us changing standing orders between SGMs, but Ana says that this does not necessarily advantage us. Dylan says that it could be interpreted that only office holders can

have proxy votes, but we are going to let people know we changed them. Rachel suggests not raising it as something that we have actually changed, and the council agrees. Dylan moves that a new clause 16 be amended to read... - as included in the agenda. Dylan moves the motion. Ana seconds the motion. The motion is passed. Dylan also moves clauses 7.4,7.5,7.6 be amended to read... - as included in the agenda. Dylan moves the motion. Ana seconds the motion. The motion is passed. The council unanimously accepts these motions. To address any concerns, we can say that we made the changes to ensure a more credible process after realizing the problems from the first SGM. Dylan says that we are going to release an agenda for the next SGM, which gives a clearer running order for everyone. We will also need to suspend standing orders, like last time. He thinks an agenda will be helpful, and will work to make the process easier. We go to Ana's paper.

Ana is in charge of publicity for the SGM. She will update the website, and has included posters. There are also 'how to vote' posters, voting slips and proxy forms. The council is happy with the posters. There will be a link to the secretary email for people to send through their proxies. Dylan asks if what he sent to Ana can be published, and Justine will also send in her email. She will post on the event page rather than our main page.

Dylan says more people know about the SGM now, and this invites more opposition. However, Ana says we cannot be any more transparent. Rachel asks about a gameplan for the debates at the SGM. Dylan says we don't have procedural motions, but usually there is a point where debate has gone on for too long that the motion can now be put forward in other institutions. Dylan thinks we need to be vigilant about keeping time, and Dylan can keep order. We cannot stop any opposition, but make sure we have enough speakers to speak on different topics that support the change. Ana says that Ashley did not like Dylan being the chair because he was not impartial. Ana asks whether we should have someone else there in case there is another issue. Dylan understands her point, but says we needed people there to call people out. Dylan says there is nothing about the chair being impartial in the standing orders. Rachel says that cutting people off was not good, but Dylan says this is allowed. This will be outlined at the beginning of the meeting. Only the chair needs to answer points of order – speakers do not necessarily need to answer it. When someone interjects, the timer needs to be paused while they ask a question/make a statement. Dylan says the problem with any debate is to make sure that we provide correct info to counter opposition. He will draw up talking points if the council wants to talk about certain things. If we are more respectful, this will be better, but people are still swayed in the heat of the moment.

5. Sports Update

Curtis reads through his paper. The biggest issue will be getting numbers to attend. Physio can only get there at 4.30, but Josh thinks he might be able to get an Education team together. Ana says this will be ideal. Darcy says lots of Law people are interested in making a team, which will be organized by Friday. This means we are kicking physio out because they will not have enough time. If one team is short, extra people can make up a team. Ana asks how we want to pay the umpire. \$150 each for the afternoon. Dylan prefers us to BSB and have them sign a receipt (petty cash invoice). Dylan would prefer to avoid cash.

6. Welfare Update

Justine reads through her paper. Mental Health First Aid is tomorrow morning. Curtis leaves 6.48pm. She says we can't do free food at the charities day because there are food trucks. She suggests tea/coffee/HC/biscuits. The council is happy with this. Dylan is meeting with Dave tomorrow to review the price of food trucks. There is nothing else major to discuss.

7. Environment Update

Jay says that secure parking is denying students their discount price if they leave after 9pm. He emailed them, and said they can't do anything. He let Dave McLean know, and said to make it known to students that we can use staff parking after 5pm. The problem is that they are still getting full very quickly. The cable gate ND4 is not consistently down. He got a message from Campus Services about water fountains being decommissioned for Prindi renovations. He will send through info to Ana.

Wifi Report has been finalized, needing exec summary from Dylan. He asks for any opinions or things to change/add. Dylan will write exec summary. He thinks that it could be released this week, the earlier the better. VC has said it will be tabled as a matter of urgency. She wants to see the report. We need to release it publicly. Looking strong on wifi will be good for our image, and so tells Emily we should not back down on our stance. He says we need a strong media campaign/catchphrase. Jay notes that ND Fremantle wasn't included, mainly Sydney. Dylan thinks we should email the report and have a notes sheet with the most important info.

8. Events Update

Darcy says that the spending for DJ/lighting needs to be approved. The price has been dropped by \$300. The council is happy with this. She has contacted Blacklight Photography, and says they could do 7-10.30pm. However, we want someone for the whole night. Josh has a housemate that does photography, and he can look into this. Darcy will keep looking, and will also look into the photographer for the Law Ball. Ashani knows someone called Lisa, and will also enquire.

The main thing is decorations to be decided. The new one pictured from Centrepiece HQ is still expensive. She also says we could do the round mirrors which are cheaper and buy our own tealights. Everyone likes the big feathers, but think the centerpiece looks tacky. We will just get the gold urns and Flamingo Surprise. A purple or gold will be looked into to match with our posters. She will look into smaller table decorations. Photobooth sorted, just waiting for confirmation on the design. All food allergies need to be organized. We have met our minimum spend. We would like to get 400 tickets. Most of the council and PAANDA haven't bought tickets, so this will up the number. We might need to send an email for all the new students. She has emailed Uber for discounts. She would like an email sent out this week.

Prize has been organized, but we need to announce the winner.

Darcy motions to approve the DJ/lighting and decorations. Total is \$2000 roughly. Seth seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

9. Publicity Update

She says that her social media plan will change with Ana posting about SGM. She asks when we will announce the winner of the ball. Darcy will pick a name now.

Most of her posts are about the sexual health campaign. She will post tonight if we draw the winner tonight. She will do a ball post soon, and the same content will be ready for Thursday. Dylan will probably release wifi report on Thursday. Rachel asks about the meet the council member posts, but it has been difficult to arrange it around all other posts. Darcy picks the winner – Ashleigh R. We will post and then send her a message.

10. Clubs Update

Rachel reads through the paper. The process for letters of condemnation will be posting on the Clubs Council page to see if a certain group/club should be nominated for a certain award. Need to make sure that we award clubs because they do stuff – otherwise Clubs may see that we are just giving everyone an award and think we don't really value them. Hard-copy invites will be organized, and plaques are being organized also.

The Federal is the best venue suggestion, and the council affirms this. She will look into Miss Chatt's. O-Day debrief is self-explanatory.

There is a new affiliation for Newspeak Journalism Club. The council does not have any issue with affiliating this group. Dylan says it will be interesting if they foster a relationship with Hunch. There is a list for Teddy to organize signatories. Need a deadline for each club to have an AGM. Ana asks about PAANDA signatories, and 2 SA execs are already on it. Dylan will think about it. Rachel proposes to pass the affiliation of Newspeak. The council unanimously passes it. The affiliation is accepted.

11. General Business

NDLSS need to make a constitutional amendment before elections. Darcy will look into this.

Seth says that the book swapping page has nearly reached 200 likes. He says not many people are swapping books. He has spoken to Kim about resumes, who is booked for the whole of August. She may be free in September, but will keep Seth informed. He asks if the council is ok for him to look into the original people he proposed. Dylan is open to this, but needs Seth to do up a paper with a date that does not clash with our events. He asks if we need food, and Seth will need to specify this in his paper. Dylan gives Seth a list of things to do.

Dylan says we need to do a stationery inventory, and will message Dan to do this. Ana says that we need to figure out who to cook for Emma's post for week 3. Ana makes a list of who will be able to cook, as she needs to let the people know by tomorrow. If we keep receipts we can get reimbursed. Jay, Darcy, Emma, Rachel, Emily say they can cook.

Dylan says we need to organize our proxies for SGM. Messaging friends is the bet way to go. Dylan says that we should not be afraid to endorse these changes.

Closing

Dylan closed the meeting at 7.46pm.