



2016 General Council Meeting

John Paul II Room

Monday 2nd October 2017

Present

Dylan Gojak, Macy Gregson, Ana Ferreira Manhoso, Edward Blake, Darcy Harwood, Joshua Scardina, Emily Judd, Rachel Porter, Dee Cooper, Jayden Roberts, Curtis Read, Ashani Jeyadevan, Seth Wolff, Justine Ralph, Daniel Ta.

Apology

Ashley-Rose Hooper, Emma Gooderson.

Absent

Opening

Dylan opened the general meeting of the Student Association at 6.13pm.

Agenda Items

1. Acknowledgment of Country

Dylan reads through the Acknowledgment of Country.

2. Passing of last minutes

Dylan reads through the amendments for the minutes from the 4th September. Macy amends them. Dylan moves that the minutes be passed. Ana seconds the motion. The council unanimously agrees. The minutes are passed. Dylan confirms that in future, amendments need to be typed out in full for future reference. Dylan says that from now on, we will attach agendas when we upload our minutes to the website. He says that there are still things that will need to remain confidential before they become public. Dylan asks the council to be mindful when they write their papers in case there is some confidential info. Dylan moves that the minutes from the 18th September be passed. Ana seconds the motion. The council unanimously agrees. The minutes are passed.

3. Approving proxies

There are no proxies to approve. We have received absences from Ashley-Rose and Emma, and these are accepted.

4. President Update

Dylan says that we need to give a date for the AGM, with notice given not less than 21 days. A proposed date is the 25th October. This gives us 2 days. Mia will be contacted

regarding the use of Bateman Courtyard. Dylan says that it is up to the exec to put together the annual report. Teddy's task will be including our financial report, Dylan will write an overview, and Dylan says that individual directors will also need to submit. These will be required to be handed in by the 15th October. This will include their successes and what can be improved. Length will be 1-2 pages. Ana will send Dylan our last report for reference, and will be accessible to the rest of the council to read. He notes our roles end on the 1st December, and he says that now each director's role is consolidating his or her handover. Because the structure has changed, Dylan and the exec. want to have a greater role in the handover process to make sure that the direction for next year is more clear. Dee says that she has been in contact with Monte, and they plan to have him shadow some of her meetings this year so that people next year will know his face. Dylan is happy with this, and envisages much greater communication during the last half of the year. Dylan says the reason for handovers is to ensure that all documents are written in case of council changes. Dylan asks that re-elected members to start planning their direction for next year ASAP.

5. Proposed Amendments to Election Regulations

Ana says that we need to change the election regulations again. Ana's first motion is to amend section 3.4 of the Election Regulations from its current reading to, "The Election Tribunal will provide the Constitution and these regulations to all student with notice under 3.1.1.". Ana moves the motion. Dylan seconds the motion. The council unanimously agrees. The amendment is passed.

Her second motion is to amend section 3.7 of the Election Regulation, to now read, "Written notice includes these forms of communication: 1. The Student Association Website (www.ndsa.com.au) 2. Email (from election.studentassociation@nd.edu.au) 3. Social media". Ana moves to pass the motion. Dylan seconds the motion. The council unanimously agrees. Her amendment is passed.

Her third motion is to amend section 5.3 to now read, "Students may nominate for multiple positions in preferential order". Ana moves the motion. Dylan seconds the motion. The council unanimously agrees. The amendment is passed.

Her fourth motion is to amend section 7.1 to now read, "The Election Tribunal will release the names of candidates at least 24 hours prior to the opening of polling". Dee raises the issue of people that are off-campus voting early and not making informed decisions. Dylan says that we didn't have a campaigning period this year due to the SGM, but says that our voting period essentially doubles as a campaigning period. Ana confirms that students cannot begin campaigning until their nomination has been processed. Ana says that in theory it makes sense for us to have a campaigning week, but we tailor the timeline every year. Ana says that she is editing the regulations to cater for the flexibility we required this election. Dylan seconds the motion. The council unanimously agrees. The amendment is passed.

Her fifth motion is to amend section 7.2 to now read, "All candidates, including policy statements, will be advertised on the Student Association website in alphabetical order under the first preference position they are nominating for". The rewording is confirmed, and clauses will be included (7.2, 7.3). Ana rereads her clauses. Ana moves to pass 7.2. Dylan seconds. All are in favour. Ana moves to pass 7.3. Dylan seconds. All are in favour. Both amendments are passed.

Her sixth motion is to add the following clause to section 8: "Campaign material may not contain any official logos of the University or the Notre Dame Student Association". This clause will follow section 8.6, adjusting clauses 8.7-8.10 to correct numerical order. Dylan

wants to add, "To the University of Notre Dame Australia". This is not necessary. Ana moves to pass the amendment. Dylan seconds. The council unanimously agrees. Her seventh motion is to amend section 10.2. Dylan wants it say "confirm format of ballots". This motion comes from the reality that it was the job of the Returning Officers to prepare the ballots. However, it will really be an approval of the ballots because they are not actually creating them. Ana asks if this stipulates whether they need to be approved before we can use ballots. Dylan says to remove the parts about the ballots under the duties of Returning Officers. Ana does not think this is needed, however. Dylan changes, and says it should say "approve ballots". For online ballots, a test can be sent to the Returning Officers for approval. The new amendment reads, "3. Confirm ballots" under the duties of the Returning Officers. Ana moves the amendment. Dylan seconds. The council unanimously agrees. The amendment is passed. Daniel arrives 6.49pm. Ana's eighth motion is to amend section 11.3. "At least" will be included before the specifications of the time, and will now read "Polling places must be open at least between 8.30am-4.30pm during the polling period". Ana moves to pass the amendment. Dylan seconds. The council unanimously agrees. The amendment is passed. Her ninth motion is to amend sections 15,16,17 and 18 to correct numerical ordering. Ana moves to pass the amendment. Dylan seconds. The council unanimously agrees. The amendment is passed. Her tenth motion is to amend section 15.1 to read, "Voting in elections for the Executive (4.1) and Director Positions (4.2), and Officer Positions (4.3) shall be optional preferential". Ana says this amendment is to make it fairer, even though first past the post is easier. Dylan believes that first past the post is better in our ND setting, however. Dylan thinks that more explaining is needed to give to voters for preferential voting. Justine prefers preferential because you get a better mandate. Ana sees the argument with both sides. Justine also mentions the problems that can arise with people nominating for lots of roles and using first past the post. Dylan thinks that we could do some research into how other universities hold their elections, but needs to consider how our voter turnout is different/how our election culture is different. We will keep the regulation as saying 'first past the post', but will spend more time thinking about this amendment. Dylan says we could consult Martin Drum. Dee says that we have raised most of the pros and cons. It will be put to a vote now. 7 people vote for first past the post 8 people vote for optional preferential. Justine moves to amend section 15.1 to optional preferential. Ashani seconds the amendment. The amendment is passed. Yes: Dee, Rachel, Macy, Jayden, Emily, Daniel, Ashani, Justine. No: Ana, Josh, Darcy, Teddy, Curtis, Seth, Dylan. Ana's eleventh motion is to amend section 16.2 to read as follows, "Only the members of the Election Tribunal are permitted to count the votes". Ana moves to pass the amendment. Dylan seconds. The council unanimously agrees. The amendment is passed. Her twelfth motion is to amend section 17.2 to update the website link under "Written notice includes these forms of communication" to 'www.ndsa.com.au'. Ana moves to pass the amendment. Dylan seconds. The council unanimously agrees. The amendment is passed.

6. Elections Debrief

The report needs to be updated with all of the changes and withdrawals that took place during the elections.

7. Welfare Update by Welfare Director

The event form has been submitted for 'Building Safer Universities: A Response to

Respect Now Always'. Ashley-Rose has been in contact to organize animals for study week. Justine moves to spend \$50 on a donation to Animal Companions. Dylan seconds the expenditure. The council approves the expenditure unanimously. Are we both thots? –AFM. Justine will purchase chocolate for next Tuesday, International Mental Health Day.

8. Publicity Update by Publicity Director

Emily has no updates.

9. Environment Update by Environment Director

Jay will chase up Carol regarding the possibility of a temporary water filter. Jayden leaves after reading his paper.

10. Events Update by Events Director

She is waiting for replies from Metros and Newport. She has also contacted Captain Cook Cruises. Teddy says that we can put \$2,000 towards our end of semester party.

11. Clubs Update by Clubs Director

Rachel says that PSS has RSVP'd to the Club Awards Night, but have not submitted anything all semester. They have messaged them, but have received no replies. Dee suggests meeting with their staff contact and Rowan Pierce. Daniel Leary will also be contacted.

Rachel reads her suggested food options. "Not ghosts in a cup Curtis" – AFM. The rest of Rachel's expenditure breakdown is included in her paper. These include food and drinks, balloons, and microphone. Joshua leaves at 7.26pm. Rachel moves to expend \$5000 for food and drink for the Club Awards Night. Dee seconds the expenditure. The council unanimously agrees. The expenditure is passed.

Dee is looking at prices for engravings and fixing last years' mistakes. This means that it will cost more than we planned. Dee reads through the general updates. She says there is an issue that clubs' objects have been moved, and there may be issues when clubs have to move back into Prindiville. We need to find out who packed the containers in case things are missing or broken. The problem is that only 2 clubs have submitted inventories, so this will cause trouble for other clubs. Dee has meetings met up with different clubs. Ana suggests contacting Emily instead of Toni from SAHND. Ana also says that NDLSS elections opened today.

12. Sports Update by Sports Director

He says we got our refund of \$757.35 from Founders Cup. He has included quotes for engraving the trophies. Curtis can do both the Club Awards and Founders Cup engraving. An award will be needed first for Club Awards. Ana moves to pass \$150 for engraving the trophies and amending the plaques from last years Club Awards. Dylan seconds the motion. The council unanimously agrees. Money will also be put aside for printing and frames.

13. Academic Update by Academic Director

Dylan and Ana will present the DCC Terms of Reference at the NSB. Seth will need to email Selma and ask Selma about any exams that are 70% and above, as he wants to discuss the reasoning behind this.

14. General Business

Ana purchased all the emails/domains last night. It will take 48 hours to exist. She wants to know if we should have it on an automatic renewal. It is a yearly thing, and she asks whether we automatically renew or whether we make the council pay each year. Dylan says that the current council can't pass expenditure that future councils have not passed. He thinks having it automatically renewable will be better, but says that the next council can change this if they are not happy. Justine also says that automatic renewal ensures

that the future council will not forget to pay it. Ana moves to automatically renew the emails and domains at a cost of \$1070. Dylan seconds the expenditure. The council unanimously agrees. The expenditure is passed.

She says that all our existing undasa emails need to exist so that we can forward website links and old emails to our new ones. However, she can't update clubs emails until undasa is deleted. Ana suggested to Dylan that we have a forwarding period (1st December – 1st February) so that clubs still have access to undasa until it is changed to ndsa.com. She also says that all syrahost emails forward to ndsa outlook emails by 1st December and placed into a 2017 file. However, directors should just include important emails and can use their judgment for this.

The Clubs Manual is almost complete, but the three strikes policy is still being reviewed.

Closing

Dylan closed the meeting at 7.46pm.

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