



**2017 S.A. General Committee Meeting
The Loft Meeting Room
Monday 27th March 2017**

Present: Dylan Gojak, Ana Ferreira Manhoso, Macy Gregson, Edward Blake, Justine Ralph, Rachel Porter, Darcy Harwood, Ashani Jeyadevan, Dearbhla Cooper, Liam Godsall, Curtis Read, Daniel Ta.

Apology: Seth Wolff, Emma Gooderson, Emily Judd, Jayden Roberts, Joshua Scardina.

Opening

Dylan opened the General meeting of the Student Association at 6.01pm.

Agenda Items

1. Acknowledgment of Country

Dylan reads through the acknowledgment of Country.

2. Passing of last minutes

Dylan proposes to pass the minutes from last meeting. Ashani seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

3. Approving proxies

Liam Godsall is Joshua's proxy. He is approved as Joshua's proxy.

4. Social Welfare Changes by Dylan Gojak

Dylan begins reading his paper, and emphasises that it is important for us to take a stance on issues that are affecting our students, even if we cannot effect any solutions. The first issue is Schedule 15 of the Social Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2017. This Schedule results in part-time students who are left for 5 weeks without access to welfare, and he has proposed that this Schedule is amended so that part-time students do not fall under the category prescribed in the Bill. Rachel asks for clarification that Dylan (as President) is acting on behalf of the Student Association as a whole. She also asks what Stage this Bill is at. Dylan says that it is Third-Stage Senate, and has therefore passed the HOR. Rachel also suggests posting the letter on our Facebook Page so that there is greater transparency for our students. Dylan proposes the motion to write a letter to the Minister for Social Services. The council unanimously agrees. The motion is passed.

5. FWC Decision by Dylan Gojak

Dylan's second paper involves the cut to weekend penalty rates. He has two amendments to his proposal: after "weekend penalty" there needs to be added

“rates”; from (1) remove “will” from the first sentence and change “write” to “writes”. This will be reflected in an amended agenda. Daniel arrives at 6.10pm. Dylan proposes to write to the University and the Minister for Employment. The council unanimously approves. The motion is passed.

6. Student Board Paper by Dylan Gojak

This paper is coming before the Student Association because it affects our allocation of our budget, and Dylan did not want to make any amendments before putting it to the council for debate and discussion. The motion Dylan is proposing is to create a ‘financial assist officer’. This individual will most likely be a full-time employee by the University of Notre Dame. Dee questions how this issue affects the Student Association, and Dylan is unsure of how much influence we will have. He would like for us to have some input during the hiring process if it is decided that this staff position is viable. Dee worries that the University is not likely to cooperate with us so closely on the implementation of this role, and Dylan is also not sure. Darcy and Ana believe that we should be promoting this idea, but since it is a University staffing issue that we should be realistic in how we approach our input. Ana thinks that the best-case scenario will be that the University will undertake this role but will be credited as a Student Association initiative; Dylan would like the SA to be credited as initiating this role. He believes that this will be a way of taking on a more mature role as well as a way of achieving a buy-in for future policy influence. There is general consensus on the motion, but there is an overall general concern surrounding the finer details of the motion. Justine suggests taking the proposal to the National Student Board, and Darcy agrees. Dylan will continue to work on the issues with his paper and then bring it back to the Council. He will take it to the NSB and wait for feedback. There is no action on the motion.

7. Income Statement by Edward Blake

Edward reads through his paper. The biggest expenses over February were O-Day and the marquees. Dylan notes that the Ball expenditure and deposits are leaving us very “cash light”, and so he suggests that Directors should start thinking about events/items early on so that we can set aside appropriate funds. Such considerations should also be given to Club funding requests.

Dylan mentions that we need to renegotiate our contract for our deposits, and Darcy will be informed about the action that the Executive want her to take.

8. Standing Orders Amendments by Macy Gregson

Macy reads through the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders of the Student Association. Macy proposes the amendments. Rachel seconds the motion. The council unanimously agrees. The motion is passed.

9. Events Update by Events Director

Darcy reads through her paper. The venue for the Cocktail Party will be The Old Brewery, and tickets prices will be \$70 for general tickets and \$60 for NDSA members. Darcy puts to the council discussion for 3 canapés. Darcy suggests the arancini, pastizzi and chicken skewers. The council agrees with these options. Darcy leaves at 6.44pm.

10. Welfare Update by Welfare Director

Justine reads through her plan for Wellness Week. She suggests purchasing 50 free Boost Juices for \$300 in order to get people involved. She also mentions that the next big cost will be the Monster Ball Amusements. The first amusement ride will be a bouncy castle on Monday. Justine has also suggested allocating money to purchase board games. The second and third amusement ride will be Sumo Suits and Boxing Bouncer. The cost for the Monster Ball Amusement also includes

supervisors for all the rides. As opposed to a balloon release, the council suggests that having a 'goals tree' will be more environmentally friendly. In terms of choosing the first 50 free boosts, Rachel suggests giving them to the first 50 people who complete the Welfare Survey. This survey will be done both online and hard copy. Dee suggests monitoring the survey by having only 50 hard copies of the survey available for people to complete. We move on to Ashani's paper now. Justine continues, and Ashani asks about having a pyjama day during Wellness Week. Justine moves on to scheduling for Wellness Week. She will post on our Facebook and get everyone's availability. Justine also distributes the Welfare Survey, and there is feedback from the council about further widening the demographics, such as mature-age students. Dee suggests changing the scale to a 6-point one as this will create a better scope. Joshua arrives at 7.04pm. Dee suggests cutting down the number of lines for comments after every question. Dylan asks whether a question could be included that reads, "Should ND have a Queer Society?" Justine will continue to make changes to the Survey. Dylan suggests a finance question, and Rachel suggests a question about sport and recreation facilities/opportunities. Dylan is unsure as to whether question 6 needs to remain. Question 5 will be removed but question 6 will remain at Justine's suggestion. The council agrees. Justine moves on and discusses the sanitary items action, and notes that this has unfortunately been delayed. Justine has also been in contact with Andrew Duirs regarding a short leadership seminar for the NDSA council and Clubs Executives. She puts to the council to discuss which weekday would be most suitable, and Dee provides feedback that the most positive response from Clubs will be if the seminar was held after 4pm. She suggests that before a council meeting might work best. She will continue to be in contact with Andrew. As far as the Consent Matters course, the cost is far too high for what it is worth, so she will continue to research other options. She has also been in discussion with Naomi Trengrove about the West End Dash for Wellness Week in semester 2. She has also received some requests to collaborate, and she believes that our role will primarily be to advertise as a show of support.

11. Environment Update by Environment Director

Ana reads through Jayden's paper. She attended the Student Affairs Committee meeting last week, and begins by discussing the general cleanliness of student space. The problem areas include: microwaves, toilet paper, bins, Clubs Room, etc. The NDSA has been asked to write a report after observing certain spaces for a weeklong period. Ana will write this report and forward to Dave McLean. Another big issue regards parking for students. Some solutions will be researched. Dylan mentions that some staff parking will be available from 5pm, but this has not been advertised. They need to confirm that students will be able to park in staff areas. He has also spoken to the Fremantle Mayor, Brad, about this issue. Fines will be discussed, and the impact that this can have for students. Another option includes purchasing a sticker for cheaper parking rates. An issue with this includes the scope of the geography for parking, as well as incidents where there is no parking left for students. There still needs to be lots of discussions about this plan as it is a very complicated issue. There was a proposal about a car-pooling app, but Dylan ultimately decides that this is not a good idea as most people will not be confident car-pooling with students. Dylan suggests instead that we encourage car-pooling. This will continue to be researched and discussed. Teddy also raises concerns about limited bike racks, and this will also be looked into. Other alternatives about public transport will also be considered.

12. Social Media Plan by Publicity Director

As Emily is away, her paper is not discussed.

13. Clubs Update by Clubs Director

Dee reads through her paper. She begins by discussing Club Events: PAANDA is planning a BBQ and EdSoc are hosting their AGM in order to elect members for handover, and SAHND are holding a BBQ. Dee has also received an affiliation for a Footy Fans of Western Australia club. Details are outlined in her paper, and their affiliation form has been presented. Ana suggests that it would be great for this club to be involved in our Founders Cup. The council unanimously agrees to support the affiliation of this club and its presentation to the University for official affiliation. Social Justice has presented their disaffiliation forms, and Dee is waiting on Gagan to supply the disaffiliation forms for Mindhive. She presents in her paper the disaffiliation forms for European Football Supporters Club. Dee is also waiting for disaffiliation forms from the Debating Society. Club 46 now has a fully functioning committee, and Dee has a meeting lined up with them. She suggests that it might be worthwhile looking into a Reconciliation Director on the NDSA, but this is a discussion for another time. Dee has also been in contact with Karess Dias from Young Soroptimists, who will stay affiliated but not active. Dylan will look into policy about whether this is allowed. Some council members will be in discussion with someone who is involved in Young Soroptimists to get more information. Justine thinks that if they actively work to become more active (i.e. hold an AGM) they will get a lot of support from the student body. Dee and Dylan are also looking into holding a meeting with MSAND in order to foster a relationship for future movements of MSAND coming under NDSA. She has also spoken to Daniel from Labour, and has informed him of proper conduct for event planning. She has also been in contact with the Secretary and Treasurer from the Liberal Club regarding holding some public discussions. She has also included the Office Bearer Updates. There have been no funding requests. She reads through the general update in her paper. In regards to the key/code changes, Dylan suggests holding off on this until Prindiville has been refurbished. Ana also wonders whether they need to be changed every year if the members for clubs remain the same. There exists an open-door policy, and Dee thought that it was superfluous. Dylan thinks that this policy exists to foster involvement, and Justine recounts the success of having this policy. Dee suggests that clubs have their contact email, their Facebook page and the NDSA Clubs Director email on their doors so that students know whom to contact. Dylan also encourages us to keep in mind the changes to the space when Prindiville is refurbished. Dylan affirms Ashani's question as to whether the NDSA will implement the open-door policy. Josh and Liam leave at 7.59pm. Dee suggests holding a leadership workshop before holding a publicity and fundraising one. Teddy suggests making a poll on Facebook to gauge availability and preference by clubs. This will be held later this semester as preparation for semester 2. Options will be given to clubs by Dee.

14. Academic Update by Academic Director

Seth is absent, and so his paper is not read out.

15. Sports Update by Sports Director

Curtis' paper is not read out.

16. Wellness Week Barnyard Animals by Ashani Jeyadevan

Dylan thinks that we should not follow through with this idea since NDVN has already organised barnyard animals on Tuesday.

Closing

Dylan closed the meeting at 8.05pm.



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