



General Council Meeting

Prindiville Hall

5th March 2024

Minutes written by Lana van Wyk

Attending

- Eric De Sousa (President)**
- Georgia Comerford (Vice-President)**
- Lana van Wyk (Secretary)**
- Mikaela De Kok (Treasurer)**
- Taneisha Ricketts (Marketing Director)**
- Sophia Giuffre (Clubs Chair)**
- Tharushi Kannangara (Academic Chair)**
- Elizabeth Lee (Welfare Chair)**
- Julia Watson (Environment Chair)**
- Japneet Mehta (Events Director)**

Attending via proxy

- Edward Hamersley (Ordinary Council Member)**

Apology

Absent

N/A



Opening

Eric De Sousa opened the General Council Meeting of the Notre Dame Student Association on 5th March 2024 at 5.47pm.

Agenda Items

1) Acknowledgment of Country

- Eric does the Acknowledgement of Country.
- NAIDOC week 7-14th July.

2) Approval of Proxies

- Eric put forward the motion to approve the proxy of Edward. Sophia seconds the motion. All are in favour, the motion is passed.

3) Approval of Minutes

- Eric put forward the motion to approve all previous minutes, Lana seconds the motion. All in favour the motion is passed.

4) Treasurer's Update

- Total Bar Tab: \$3,500, \$500 from the minimum food and drink spend.
- Expected for the instalment to come on the 14th March. Might have an issue with the ball deposit.
- Rest as read.

5) Secretary's Update

- As Read.

6) Academic Chair's Update

- As read.



7) Presidents Update

Assist Director

- Want to avoid speculation regarding Sebastian's resignation and move forward.
- Highlights that there has been some failure in the system in order to recognise where members of the council are feeling like they are not able to function properly.
- Positive view on Natasha as our new Assist Director.

Respect Now Training

- Concern regarding camera in the ND11 toilets. Will discuss issue following meeting.

O-Day Planning

- Need to figure out how we want to market ourselves to prospective students.
- Mikaela recommended pushing our on-campus activities.
- Recommended not doing Juke Bug, would rather do an interactive activity.
- Recommended to be next to student life.
- Shanara suggested creating a video showing everything we've been doing before Open Day and presenting it on a TV. Eric will ask if there's a TV we can use.
- High school student's there to look at courses instead of student life. Had a lot of prospective students asking where things are.
- Mikaela suggested having stickers for different degrees for us to wear.

8) Clubs Chairs Update

- Approval of modified constitution for the Multicultural Society.

9) Sports and Health Directors Update

- All as read.
- Eric said we can put in advertising for the Founders Cup in the Student Newsletter.
- Tharushi said that the schools haven't gotten back about getting players from schools.

10) Marketing Director's Update

- As read.
- Liz asked if we could start up a NDSA Tiktok, Taneisha thinks that's a good idea. General agreement from council. Very relevant.
- Have an old NDSA tiktok which can be revamped, just need to log in.

11) Ordinary Council Member's Update

- Shanara will be stepping down from her position as health science representative but is working to get the Health Science Society up and running in the meantime.
- All club's receive \$500, additional \$250 grant for new clubs.
- All positions on the Multicultural society have been filled. In the process of organising Harmony Week. Collaborating with Welfare on the Tuesday for International Happiness



Day. Collaborating with Student Life on the Friday, as it will be the biggest day.

12) Vice-President's Update

- Understanding that it has been very stressful time and a lot of people are getting burnt out. Reaffirming that uni work is the number 1 priority.
- Following NDSA events, opening a feedback survey for students to fill out.
- At the start of a meeting filling out a positive sheet for someone in the committee.
- Pre-planning if we're going out after a meeting.
- Georgia informed council that if there's any feedback for the exec, go to Georgia and let her know.

Meeting with Selma

- Doing webinars with the schools where students can ask her questions as they don't usually have the chance to talk to higher up's.
- Wants to collect feedback on the temporary study space.
- Not enough space, no quiet spaces, lack of air-conditioning, charging ports don't work in drill hall.
- If there's any free classrooms you can go into them to study.
- There's a tutorial in one of the very few study spaces which seems really unfair.
- If the council has any conversations with people regarding it and people have any suggestions or comments, can feel free to message Georgia.
- Suggestion to put in tables in the courtyard by Drill Hall.

13) Welfare Chair's Update

- Welfare is unable to fund another big event such as the World's Greatest Shave, discussion with Eric to have it be an NDSA/MSAND event.
- MSAND has been adamant that they have two med students on the committee.
- Would be able to get staff involved as well.
- MSAND isn't affiliated with the NDSA and they don't have a desire to be. They brought forward 3 options:
 1. They run it on their own.
 2. The NDSA runs it in collaboration with MSAND.
 3. The NDSA runs it on our own.
- They brought this forward to us as they wanted it to be university wide instead of just for medical students.
- MSAND has experience running it before. Discomfort regarding having the NDSA and the MSAND name on the same event. They have sent an email explaining how to run it.
- Student Life would be more inclined to help out if it's just us and not MSAND.
- Welfare event but with the support of the rest of the NDSA.

Welfare Week:

- Catered for 100 students but ran out within 10 minutes.



- Concern with whether they've catered for enough students regarding coffee van. Eric stated that they'll take a lot longer to do coffee, it'll be fine.

Men's Representative:

- Someone has messaged the welfare account asking about a men's representative.

Motions

Motion	Put forward by	Seconded by	Votes	Passed/Not Passed
To approve the expenditure of \$250 for the Philosophy and Theology Meet & Greet during Academic week	Tharushi	Bless	All in favour.	Motion is passed.
To approve the expenditure of \$500 for the LinkedIn events which will be reimbursed.	Tharushi	Julia	All in favour.	Motion is passed.
To approve the expenditure of \$125 for catering for the How to Take Effective Notes workshop during Academic Week	Tharushi	Japneet	All in favour.	Motion is passed.
To co-opt Natasha Liem into the Assist Director role.	Eric	Mikaela	All in favour.	Motion is passed.
To approved the updated MSA Constitution	Sophia	Mikaela	All in favour.	Motion is passed.
To approve the constitution and document of intent for the Health Science Society	Sophia	Eric	All in favour.	Motion is passed.
To approve the Club Finding Application for the Education Society and approve their grant for \$750.	Sophia	Mikaela	All in favour.	Motion is passed.




To approve the Club Funding Application for \$500 for PAANDA	Sophia	Tharushi	All in favour.	Motion is passed.
To approve the expenditure of \$100 for Zooper Doopers on International Happiness Day	Liz	Bless	All in favour.	Motion is passed.
To approve the expenditure of an additional \$100 on Inner Bean Coffee on the 6 th March 2024	Liz	Eric	All in favour.	Motion is passed.

Closing

Eric De Sousa officially closes the general council meeting at 7.13pm.

Confirmation of Minutes

By signing below, I, Eric De Sousa, confirm that these minutes are a correct and accurate reflection of the meeting dated 5th March 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Eric De Sousa', written on a white rectangular background.

Signed: Eric De Sousa, President