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## General Council Meeting

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**Prindiville Hall / Zoom**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

**Minutes written by Lana van Wyk**

### Attending

**Georgia Comerford (Vice-President)**

**Lana van Wyk (Secretary)**

**Mikaela De Kok (Treasurer)**

**Tharushi Kannangara (Academic Committee Chair)**

**Elizabeth Lee (Welfare Committee Chair)**

**Bless Rañola (Sports and Health Director)**

**Julia Watson (Environment Director)**

**Shanara Wijethunga (Ordinary Council Member)**

### Attending via proxy

**Edward Hamersley (Ordinary Council Member) – Lana van Wyk acting as proxy.**

**Japneet Mehta (Events Director) – Lana van Wyk acting as proxy.**

**Sophia Giuffre (Clubs Director) – Elizabeth Lee acting as proxy.**

### Apology

**Eric De Sousa (President)**

### Absent

**N/A**



## Opening

Georgia Comerford opened the General Council Meeting of the Notre Dame Student Association on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 at 5:36pm.

## Agenda Items

### **1) Acknowledgment of Country**

Georgia reads through the Acknowledgment of Country.

### **2) Approval of Proxies**

- Georgia puts forward the motion to pass all the proxies, Bless seconds. All are in favour; the motion is passed.

### **3) Sport and Health Director's Update**

Motions:

- Bless puts forward the motion to approve netball to be the sport for the Founder's Cup. Tharushi seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.
- Bless puts forward the motion to spend \$350 on the venue for the Founder's Cup. Elizabeth seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.
- Bless puts forward the motion to spend \$850-950 on food for the Founder's Cup. Georgia seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.
- Bless puts forward the motion to spend \$350 on awards for the Founder's Cup. Lana seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.
- Bless puts forward the motion to spend \$500 on sports equipment for the Founder's Cup. Shanara seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.

General Updates:

- Georgia voiced concern that due to the Founder's Cup only being on one day, people will miss out as they won't be able to leave class. Suggests making it a multi-day event.
- As read.

### **4) Treasurer's Update**

Motions:

- Mikaela puts forward the motion to pass the first draft of the 2024 Budget. Tharushi seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.

General Updates:



- NDSA expressed support of coffee catch up plan prior to Orientation Day.
- As read.

#### **5) Vice-President Update**

Motions:

- Georgia put forward the motion to have *Lois Andrew* and *Mignon do Plessis* removed from the bank account with the details BSB: 066 163 and Acc: 10749928. Mikaela seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.
- Georgia put forward the motion to add *Lana van Wyk* and *Mikaela De Kok*, and for *Eric De Sousa* and *Georgia Comerford* to remain on the bank account with the details BSB: 066 163 and Acc: 10749928. Elizabeth seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.
- Georgia put forward the motion to have *Lana van Wyk*, *Mikaela De Kok*, *Eric De Sousa* and *Georgia Comerford* granted spending bank cards for the bank account with the details BSB: 066 163 and Acc: 10749928. Lana seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.

Meeting/Zoom Etiquette:

- Expectation that we are in person for every meeting.
- Exceptions when people are on holidays, sick etc.
- Aiming to have meetings in person.

#### **6) Academic Committee Chair's Update**

Motions:

- Tharushi put forward the motion to have school specific representatives present school specific seminars for first year's at Orientation Day. Elizabeth seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.
- Tharushi put forward the motion to approve the spending of \$100 for Physiotherapy strapping and massaging crash course on 11/03/2024 and 14/03/2024. Lana seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.
- Tharushi put forward the motion to have a School of Business meet and greet and Sundowner on 22/03/2024. Elizabeth Seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.
- Tharushi put forward the motion to spend \$250 on student exam care packages for any student who finishes earlier than the general cohort on 18/04/2024. Lana seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.
- Tharushi put forward the motion to spend \$250 on student exam care packages on 16/05/2024. Georgia seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.
- Tharushi put forward the motion to spend \$250 for the student stationary cupboard refill for the year on 22/02/2024. Georgia seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.



- **Tharushi put forward the motion to spend \$100 on catering for an Education tips and tricks event. Elizabeth seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.**
- **Tharushi put forward the motion to spend \$300 for an Academic Week in Week 4. Lana seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.**
- **Tharushi put forward the motion to spend \$200 on catering for 2 Study Nights (09/05/2024 & 23/05/2024). Georgia seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.**
- **Tharushi put forward the motion to spend \$77 for one of the 2023 Mask Fit tests done for Health Science Students. Lana seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.**
- **Tharushi put forward the motion to spend \$100 on catering for a Tips and Tricks to Start Your Own LinkedIn workshop on 11/04/2024. Elizabeth seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.**

#### General Updates:

- 1 - as read.
- 2 - as read.
- 3 - Business students looking to restart the Business Society.
- 4 - Georgia recommends to expand the event beyond just nursing students, and to make it for everyone who finishes early as to not isolate any students.
- 5 - as read
- 6 - as read
- 7 - liz asked what the role of the Education society was in the event. The academic council was not planning on having the Education Society play a major role. Elizabeth suggested that 4<sup>th</sup> year students could assist in running the event and planning things. Tharushi stated focus on making event student based.
- 8 - as read.
- 9 – Tharushi mentions that the event has been done before, and that they expect higher attendance this year.
- 10 - Tharushi will send invoice to Georgia and she will pay it from NDSA bank acc.
- 11 - as read.
- 12 - as read. Still looking into finding the shirts, will find the cost and looking to get it done through the same place that the NDSA shirts are being done. Informed that if under \$500, it can be approved by the Executive.

#### **7) Welfare Committee Chair's Update**

##### Motion:

- **Elizabeth put forward the motion to spend \$300 on lunch and coffee for the Welfare Development Day on 25/01/2024. Tharushi seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.**



- **Elizabeth put forward the motion to spend \$500 on Sanitary products for the bathrooms in Prindiville Hall for the beginning of semester. Tharushi seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.**

#### General Update:

- Elizabeth states that Welfare hasn't had a Development Day yet but it is planned and coming on upcoming Thursday (25/01/2024)
- 1 - as read. Suggestion from Georgia, last year's Welfare Chair ran a make your own welfare pack event which was very popular.
- Lana notified Elizabeth that the Notre Dame Nursing Society is running a welfare event in week 1.
- 2 - as read.
- 3 - as read.
- 4 - as read.
- 5 - Georgia put forward concern that it would take a very long time to get approved (Minimum 6 months). Suggested perhaps something smaller scale. Georgia suggests a big canvas somewhere on NDSA property or something similar, but that would come out of our budget.
- 6 - as read.

#### **8) Secretary's Update**

##### Motions:

- **Lana put forward the motion to pay \$150 to Animal Companions Inc. WA for 2 therapy dogs and parking for the volunteers on 13/02/2024 at Orientation Day. Tharushi seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.**
- **Lana put forward the motion to spend \$700 on Get Chunky for Orientation Day on 13/02/2024. Tharushi seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.**

##### Therapy Dogs:

- Lana informed the committee that the dog's would have to remain in the shade, probably underneath the marquee so won't be able to walk around on campus as initially thought.

##### Food Vendors:

- As read.

##### Orientation Day Events:

- As read.

#### **9) General Business**

**Lana put forward the motion to spend \$50 for dinner following the meeting. Tharushi seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.**



Shanara and Tharushi spoke to Student Life about this year's Harmony Day and have sent an email to the Clubs Director to start a Multicultural Student Association at Notre Dame. Have been told that it is likely it won't be approved prior to Orientation Day. Rebecca Paterson-Hollow (Student Life) has recommended to still have a stall for the Multicultural Student Association at Orientation Day

**Georgia puts forward the motion to allow the proposed Multicultural Student Association to have a stall at Orientation Day. Tharushi seconds the motion. All are in favour; the motion is passed.**

Committee suggests that the Welfare Committee and the Academic Committee are encouraged to come and represent their respective committee's at Orientation Day.

#### Closing

Georgia Comerford officially closes the general council meeting at 6.41PM.



### Confirmation of Minutes

By signing below, I, Georgia Comerford, confirm that these minutes are a correct and accurate reflection of the meeting dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

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Signed: Georgia Comerford, Vice-President