

NUPSA Executive Meeting Minutes – July 2017

A meeting (2017/07) of the Newcastle University Postgraduate Students' Association Executive, will be held at 11am on Mon 31 July in SC408.

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Minute Taker:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ellie Clay (SRSO) 	

Meeting opens: 11.02am

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

1.1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Pambalong clan of the Awabakal people and pay my respects to the elders both past, present and future, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia.

I would like to acknowledge the loss of lands, cultures and treasures, acknowledge the consequences of this loss for the people, communities and nations.

We meet today, believing we can walk together to a better future.

1.2. APOLOGIES

Equity Rep

1.3. ABSENCES

1.4. RESIGNATIONS

1.5. ELECTIONS

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS NUPSA MEETING

IN CAMERA ITEM

11.05am VP enters

Motion to accept minutes for previous meeting, held on 29 June 2017

Moved: Int. Rep; Seconded: Coursework Rep, Passed: Unanimously

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ITEM	ACTION	ASSIGNED TO	STATUS
	Request a break-down of ResLife community levy spending	SRSO, Intl. Rep	Done; Student Living Rep passed on useful contacts
	Chase faculties for 2016 Annual Dinner ticket payments	SRSO	Done
	Motion to dispose of records prior to 2010	SRSO; passed by Pres, VP and Intl. Rep	Ongoing;
	New NUPSA office / post grad space	President/Intl. Rep/PO	Ongoing; awaiting feedback from UON.
	2016 audit	SRSO/President/Bookkeeper	Done

	Policy Working Group	All	Ongoing;
	New student FAQs/guidebook	SRSO/PO	Ongoing;
	Yourimbah discussion	All	Done; contacted bodies and informed them of NUPSA's position. Research Rep asks about reception of decision; President received feedback from Yourimbah, seems mostly amicable and NUPSA will continue working with them in a professional manner
	Peer review workshop	SRSO/President/Research Rep.	Ongoing; waiting for meeting with DVCR
	HMRI parking fee increase	President	Ongoing; awaiting feedback once parking fees change in August.
	Sexual Assault Strategy for NSW with Pru Goward – 7 June	President & Equity Rep	Done; President met with DOS to provide updated details on NSW policy; UHNCR report released 1 August; GLBTI Rep notes there will be staff and student briefings in relation to the report
	NUPSA SGM	All	Done; 2016 financials passed
	ALLY training	GLBTI Rep/SRSO	Ongoing; GLBTI Rep notes more training on 31 Aug, will send through details to the office; will look at remote options for Satellite Rep.
	Semester 2 Orientations	All	Done; thanks to Exec for participating.
	Redeemed Christian Fellowship affiliation request	Senior Executive	Done; future religious club requests to be forwarded to Chaplaincy first.
	New NUPSA bookkeeper	President; Senior Executive	Done; previous bookkeeper conducting handover pro bono
	CAPA ACM submission	President; PO	Done, waiting on submission result (dates set for 5-8 Dec)
	June Executive Minutes to be amended.	President; SRSO; VP; Senior Executive	Done
	NUPSA Response to federal budget.	All	Ongoing; to discuss below.

4. STUDENT ENQUIRIES LIST

4.1. Student Enquiries Report as at 28 July 2017

GLBTI Rep notes two 'Other' categories, SRSO to fix

5. REPORTS

- 5.1. President - no questions
- 5.2. Vice-President – President notes removing names, no further remarks
- 5.3.
 - 5.3.1. Coursework – President notes removing names, no further remarks
 - 5.3.2. Coursework CISA Report – no questions
- 5.4. Equity – President asks Equity Rep to add office cover dates
- 5.5. GLBTI – GLBTI Rep notes forgot to add 'Wear It Purple Day' planning, will amend and re-submit
- 5.6.
 - 5.6.1. International – no questions
 - 5.6.2. International CISA Report – Research Rep notes photos a great addition! No questions
- 5.7. Research – (by email) Equity Rep asks for amendment of AGM to SGM
- 5.8. Satellite – no report for July
- 5.9. Project Officer - President gives thanks for covering while SRSO was away! No questions
- 5.10. SR Support Officer – no report for July

Reps to re-submit amended reports to be passed by Senior Exec

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 6.1. Balance Sheet – June
- 6.2. Profit and Loss
 - 6.2.1. June
 - 6.2.2. Jan-Jun – (by email) Equity Rep notes the unspecified reimbursement is wrongly categorised. It is a refund of overpayment and should be offset against the expense in the first place. President responds that total income is still accurate. GLBTI Rep notes categorisation not a reason to not pass reports.

Motion to accept financial statements

Moved: Intl Rep; Seconded: Research Rep; Passed: Unanimously

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1. NUPSA response and action for UON bars after-hours costs

NUPSA are following up with DVCA and other student entities; NUPSA has submitted a letter to Acting DVCA outlining the impact of bar closures on NUPSA operations and events, waiting for response. Noted that this decision does not fit with UON strategic plan for "building student community". Research Reps asks how other departments are responding; President notes Student Central has also submitted their position to UON. For now NUPSA will move after-hours student events off-campus.

7.2. NUPSA Position with BATYR

Research Rep notes PHWG had presentation from BATYR; the idea is that they are an external body aiming to decrease the stigma of mental health issues, with a view to liaise with groups on campus, run workshops and train students and staff; more proactive engagement than PHWG with a focus on peer-to-peer engagement and prevention stage care; funded partly by UON, NUPSA would have access to activities. GLBTI Rep notes BATYR was also discussed in HPWG, questions were raised about costs. Research Rep seeks NUPSA's position on working with BATYR, with or without UON affiliation. President notes NUPSA has Health Promotions budget to assist with funding, particularly as mental health is a major issue for PG students. VP asks about defining "youth mental health"; Research Rep notes BATYR covers all ages and could run workshops tailored to postgrad students.

Motion to approve UON partnership with BATYR

Moved: Research Rep; Seconded; GLBTI Rep; Passed: Unanimously

Office to approach BATYR to organise next steps

7.3. NUPSA Position of supervisor load IN CAMERA ITEM

7.4. NUPSA Executive members' roles in 2018.

President strongly suggests any current NUPSA members thinking of running again next year should also consider running for Academic Senate and other representative positions, to provide a consolidated student voice. President invites Exec members to attend next meeting with Dean of Students to discuss student roles within the university.

President/SRSO to update NUPSA nomination form to add role descriptions.

7.5. NUPSA Response to federal budget.

President contacted VC to provide feedback on NUPSA response, which was appreciated. President looking to development a Newcastle-relevant response, if any Exec would like to contribute to a letter to the local member.

SRSO to set meeting for 1pm, Thurs 3 Aug

7.6. PONdER Funding request.

The club have received \$300 to date. Intl Rep notes requested amount too high, suggests max \$400. President happy to match annual max of \$750 i.e. \$450 for second round of funding.

Motion to approve funding for \$450

Moved: Intl Rep; Seconded: Coursework Rep; Passed: Unanimously

7.7. HDR Coffee club funding request.

One of NUPSA's most active clubs, based in Ourimbah.

Motion to reimburse \$439.90

Moved: Research Rep; Seconded: VP; Passed: Unanimously

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS LIST

8.1. Determined which Executive members will attend meetings and events in August 2017

VP to provide President with feedback on UON elections prior to Election Framework meeting with VC.

SRSO to try and movie DVCI to Wed 23 August to accommodate Intl Rep.

SRSO to organise induction session with Satellite Rep in August.

9. NEXT MEETING

Proposed: 11am, Mon 28 Aug

Intl Rep will be an apology.

10. MEETING CLOSED

12.04pm