

NUPSA Emergency Executive Meeting Minutes– August 2019

A meeting (2019/8) of the Newcastle University Postgraduate Students’ Association Executive, was held at 3pm on Friday 9th August 2019 in HA150 Hunter Building.

Distribution list:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ash McIntyre (President) ▪ Barrie Shannon (Vice President) ▪ Tanika Koosmen (GLBTI Representative) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nikhil Saini (Coursework Representative) Hugh Milligan (Project Officer)
Minute Taker:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hugh Milligan (Project Officer) 	

Meeting opens: 2.56pm

1. WELCOME AND 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

The Research Representative, International Representative and Equity Representative give their apologies.

1.3. QUORUM

The chair confirms that quorum is established.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting the chair calls on the Executive to declare any conflicts of interest regarding any matters on the agenda.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Taronga Zoo Trip

At the last Executive meeting, the Executive approved an early quote provided by Taronga Zoo for a student trip; more recently, however, other additions to this package have been explored that may improve the quality of the event for students.

The President outlined several new package options for the Executive, including elements such as hands-on workshops, animal photo ops and a ‘sky safari’. The Executive determined that, in the interest of catering to students with different financial commitments, it would be best to offer a choice of two ‘tiers’ of ticket purchases – one that covers basic admittance to the zoo, and another that includes additional workshops and content.

The two pricing packages (for students) they agreed on were a \$15 basic zoo entry package (ordinarily priced at \$27) and a \$30 ‘additional workshops and sky safari’ package (ordinarily priced at \$59). They also agreed that this would be a postgraduate students-only event, and that students would be expected to arrive promptly at the start of the event.

Motion: That NUPSA run the Taronga Zoo trip with a tiered system of ticketing, the first tier covering park entry and the second covering additional workshops and content.

Seconded: GLTBI Representative.

Motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Climate Strike Letter to VC

NUPSA has been approached by the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) about adding its signature and its support to the School Global Climate Strike planned for September 20. The Executive agreed that, as global warming has an adverse effect on postgraduate students as much as any other student (or human being), it would be appropriate for NUPSA to lend its support to the strike, and close its office during the event on September 20.

Motion: On September 20, that NUPSA close its office doors and participate in the School Global Climate Strike held at Park on the Hill.

Seconded: GLBTI Representative.

Motion passed unanimously.

3.3 Club Funding Request – Graduate Gamers

Motion: To approve the Graduate Gamers' request for \$80 in club funding.

Seconded: Coursework Representative.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. NEXT MEETING- Friday 30th August 2pm

Meeting closes: 3.16pm