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## General Council Meeting

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### Prindiville Hall

19<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Minutes written by Lana van Wyk

#### Attending

- Eric De Sousa (President)**
- Georgia Comerford (Vice-President)**
- Lana van Wyk (Secretary)**
- Taneisha Ricketts (Marketing Director)**
- Natasha Liem (Assist Director)**
- Shanara Wijethunga (Ordinary Council Member)**
- Tharushi Kannangara (Academic Chair)**
- Elizabeth lee (Welfare Chair)**
- Julia Watson (Environment Director)**
- Sophia Giuffre (Clubs Chair)**
- Bless Rañola (Sports and Health Director)**

#### Attending via proxy

- Mikaela De Kok, proxied by Sophia Giuffre**
- Japneet Mehta proxied by Shanara Wijethunga**

#### Apology

**N/A**

#### Absent



**Edward Hamersley**

## Opening

Eric De Sousa opened the General Council Meeting of the Notre Dame Student Association on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 5.50pm.

## Agenda Items

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

Eric reads through the Acknowledgment of Country.

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

Lana puts forward the motion to approve the proxies of Japneet and Mikaela. Eric seconds the motion. All are in favour, the motion is passed.

We note the absence of Edward Hamersley.

### **3) Approval of Previous Minutes**

Eric puts forward the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Liz seconds the motion. Natasha abstains, the rest are in favour. The motion is passed.

Eric informs Taneisha that the minutes of meetings need to be uploaded to the NDSA website, so the website will need to be updated to include the minutes which will be done following the meeting.

### **4) Academic Chair's Update**

As read.

### **5) Clubs Chair's Update**

As read.

Clubs Meeting:

- Went well. People got involved and had quite a few questions.
- Many of the clubs had issues with their banking but have thankfully been able to get them more or less solved.



- NDNS has voiced their concerns about lack of study spaces and have enquired about getting more storage spaces for their merch.
- NDLSS President was unwell so had to join via zoom, was unable to talk to them regarding their needs so will find another time to talk to them.
- No PAANDA representatives present.

#### **6) Ordinary Council Member's Update**

As read.

#### **7) Assist Director's Update**

- After discussing with Eric during handover, have decided not to do the How to Adult Week this semester as it is too late to organise and won't be of much benefit this semester as a lot of the student's are now wrapping up on campus.
- Rest as read.

#### **8) President's Update**

As read.

SEA Position:

- Eric explained that the SEA's hours will likely be spread into two 5 hour shifts, but this is flexible depending on what is required each week.

#### **9) Welfare Chair's Update**

SEAC Meeting:

- Explained that if people are experiencing issues regarding equity that we can go to her as she is on the board so might be able to raise these issues.
- Eric recommended that she use the contacts that she gets from these meetings in order to get things done in between meetings.

Rest as read.

#### **10) Vice-President's Update**

End of Semester Council Party:

- Council seemed to be in favour of doing the party the weekend before semester 2 starts.

#### **11) Marketing Director's Update**

- As Read.

#### **12) Secretary's Update**

Updates to Terms of Reference:

- Council showed general support for the update to the Terms of Reference.



**13) General Business**

- Council voted on which ball theme we wanted to go with. It was between 90’s Hollywood and Starry Nights. All were in favour of Starry Nights. The decision was made to have that be the theme for the ball.

**14) Motions**

Motion Put Forward	Put forward by	Seconded by	Votes	Passed/Not passed.
To approve the expenditure for the \$500 clubs grant for Notre Dame Bible Fellowship.	Sophia	Julia	Lana abstains. Rest are in favour.	The motion is passed.
To approve the expenditure of \$500 on restocking the student pantry.	Eric	Liz	All are in favour.	The motion is passed.
To approve the expenditure of \$100 for 2 therapy dogs on the 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Liz	Sophia	All are in favour.	The motion is passed.
To approve the expenditure of \$50 on Zooper Doopers and Cookies for 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Liz	Tharushi	All are in favour.	The motion is passed.
To co-opt Shanara as the Deputy Academic Chair	Tharushi	Liz	Shanara abstains, the rest are in favour.	The motion is passed.
To approve the expenditure of \$57 on pizza for the council during the meeting.	Lana	Julia	All are in favour.	The motion is passed.

Closing

Eric officially closes the general council meeting at 6.45pm.



### Confirmation of Minutes

By signing below, I, Eric De Sousa, confirm that these minutes are a correct and accurate reflection of the meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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Signed: Eric De Sousa, President