



General Council Meeting

Zoom

2nd April 2024

Minutes written by Lana van Wyk

Attending

Eric De Sousa (President)
Mikaela De Kok (Treasurer)
Tharushi Kannangara (Academic Chair)
Bless Rañola (Sports and Health Director)
Julia Watson (Environment Director)
Shanara Wijethunga (Ordinary Council Member)
Japneet Mehta (Events Director)
Elizabeth Lee (Welfare Chair)
Natasha Liem (Assist Director)

Attending via proxy

Sophia Giuffre (Clubs Chair) – Proxied by Elizabeth Lee
Lana van Wyk (Secretary) – Proxied by Mikaela De Kok

Apology

Taneisha Ricketts (Marketing Director)

Absent

Edward Hamersley (Ordinary Council Member)
Georgia Comerford (Vice-President)



Opening

Eric De Sousa opened the General Council Meeting of the Notre Dame Student Association on 2nd April 2024 at 5.41pm.

Agenda Items

1) Acknowledgment of Country

Eric reads through the Acknowledgment of Country.

2) Approving of Proxies & Apologies

Motion		
Approve the proxies of Sophia and Lana, and the apology of Taneisha	Moved by: Eric Seconded by: Tharushi	In favour: All Against: N/A Abstained: N/A
The motion is passed.		

3) Approving of Previous Minutes

Motion		
Approve the last meetings minutes.	Moved by: Eric Seconded by: Mikaela	In favour: All Against: N/A Abstained: N/A
The motion is passed.		



4) Academic Chair's Update

As read.

5) Environment Director's Update

As read.

Motion		
Approve the expenditure of \$72 to Greenfleet for the Carbon offsetting of the Sydney executive council trip.	Moved by: Julia Seconded by: Mikaela	In favour: All Against: N/A Abstained: N/A
The motion is passed.		

6) Assist Director's Update

As read.

7) Clubs Chair's Update

Presented by Elizabeth.

Motion		
Approve the club funding application for the Notre Dame Screen Club of \$500.	Moved by: Elizabeth Seconded by: Tharushi	In favour: All Against: N/A Abstained: N/A
The motion is passed.		

8) President's Update

SSAF

- Most other university's give 50% of their SSAF to their student guilds/unions.
- Projected amount that Notre Dame will generate for us is between \$2.8 Million to \$3 Million.
- Will be one of the biggest changes to the NDSA since its founding.
- Communication will be released to the student's in the next week.
- Since it is funded by student's directly, student's will have a direct say in how it is sent via an annual survey.
- SSAF will have a governing committee which will include members from the NDSA.



- There will likely be a significant change to the NDSA.
- Meeting will be held tomorrow regarding SSAF.
- Shanara asked if the clubs would be receiving part of the grant. Eric explained that it would go directly to NDSA and SAUNDA. It will then be directed where necessary including clubs.

Semester 1 Events:

- Would be the events mentioned above from the Academic Committee.
- Potentially having an environment week, will probably only occur semester 2 as Julia will be leaving for her prac and exams from Week 8.
- Liz mentioned hopefully having more therapy dogs, pot plant painting, handing out smarties etc. each odd week.
- Tharushi asked if there was a plan for anything ahead of exams. Liz mentioned they've only planned up to Week 9. Academic and Welfare will collaborate for an event.

Free Food Events Sem 1:

- Mikaela offered to help run and organise a few free food events.

SEA Position as read.

9) Sport and Health Director's Update

As read.

10) General Business

- Mikaela explained the functioning and purpose of the Reimbursement form.

Closing

Eric officially closes the general council meeting at 6.08pm.



Confirmation of Minutes

By signing below, I, Eric De Sousa, confirm that these minutes are a correct and accurate reflection of the meeting dated 02/04/2024.

Signed: Eric De Sousa, President NDSA