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MINUTES:

of the 3rd regular meeting of the 95th SRC held on **Tuesday the 4th of April 2023**. Meeting held in the ABS Seminar Room 1050.

*There was a quorum count at 6:10pm
The meeting was found quorate.*

A. Meeting open at 6:12 pm

A1. Election of Deputy Chairperson

The Chair moved that Tiger Perkins be elected Deputy Chairperson.
The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

B. Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Sydney Students' Representative Council acknowledges the traditional owners of this land (Sydney), the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. We stand on this land today as beneficiaries of an uncompensated and unreconciled dispossession that occurred over 200 years ago. Many of the descendants of those dispossessed live just down the road in abject poverty, and as young people it is important to recognise how this history of dislocation and disenfranchisement has contributed to the inequality we observe in modern society. We acknowledge both our privilege and our obligation to redress the situation as best we can: to remember the mistakes of the past, act on the problems of today, and build a future for everyone who now calls this place home, striving always for genuinely practical and meaningful reconciliation.

C. Apologies, Proxies and Leaves of Absence

Zoe Coles to Iggy Boyd
Matylda Hayne
Emily Mackay will arrive at 7pm
Alexander Poirier to Daniel Bowron
Ella Haid to Tom Williams
Bryson Constable to Luka Fon
James Sherriff to Alev
Annabel Jones Tom Wilks

The apologies were noted.

D. Changes to Membership

E. Electoral Report

E1. Consideration of any resignations

Annabelle Jones to Tom Wilks

Motion: That the Council accept the resignations.

Moved: Honey Christensen

Seconded: Yasmin Andrews

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

F. Minutes of the previous Council meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of 95th SRC Council held on 1st March 2023 were circulated.

Motion: that the minutes of the 1st March 2023 be accepted.

Moved:

Seconded:

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

G. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business for this item.

H. Question Time of 15 minutes, which may be extended by resolution for a further 15 minutes.

I. Visitor's Business

There was no business for this item.

J. Report of the Undergraduate Fellow of Senate

Apologies sent and no report from the Undergraduate Fellow of Senate

K. Elections

K1. Election of 3 Indigenous Students' Officer/s **

K2. Election of 4 Mature Age Students' Officer/s

K3. Election of 3 Ethno-Cultural Officer/s **

K4. Election of [2 Queer Officer/s **

** Affirmative action and Active member requirement provisions apply

No nominations were received.

L. Report of the President and Executive

L1. Executive Minutes

Minutes of the Executive meetings from the 21st Feb to the 22nd March 2023

Motion: that the minutes of the executive meetings from 21st Feb to the 22nd March 2023 be accepted.

Moved: Harrison Brennan

Seconded: Jack Scanlan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The report was circulated and noted.

The President deferred the Chair to the Deputy Chairperson.

L3. President's Report

Lia Perkins tabled a written report:

NOTE: We no longer need to move the May Council meeting to Tuesday, so if everyone is happy to continue with our normal meeting time (first Wednesday of the month), let's do so. That will make the next council meeting May 3rd at 6pm.

Activism

March was a month of action in many ways, and I've outlined the events I participated in – many of which were supported by the council at our last meeting. The goal for the SRC should be to build these events to get as much support among students as possible.

Climate Strike

Early in March the NUS Day of Action for the Climate started at USyd and marched down to Town Hall to join School Strike for Climate. The following week, I attended the action outside the Downing Centre to support Violet CoCo and to demand the right to protest. It was good to hear that Violet CoCo didn't receive the severe punishment that the NSW Police would have liked. In more recent news, it is incredibly disappointing to see the safeguard mechanism pass in the place of real action on climate change.

NTEU Strikes

This month has excitingly seen the 7th and 8th days of strike action at the University of Sydney. The SRC has supported these entirely, closing on the days of strike action and joining the picket lines. So far, the strike action has prompted important concessions from management, including sick pay for casuals, yet there is a lot more to be fought for. I think that this article provides a good overview of the campaign so far: [Link](#). I encourage everyone to get a good understanding of the threat of Education Focused Roles, which is what management is attempting to force staff to accept. A strike has been called for TOMORROW – see you at the pickets!



Day of the Unborn Child

Every year, St Mary's Cathedral celebrate 'The Day of the Unborn Child', an act of hatred and cruelty towards anyone who has ever needed to access the basic reproductive right of getting an abortion. The Women's Collective had a counter protest planned for months, until a few days earlier hundreds members of Christian Lives Matter violently

attacked CARR activists. This was an awful display of bigotry, and I extend solidarity to those involved. While we attempted to find a way to safely hold the counter protest it was clear that this would not be possible with CLM members eager to harm us. Instead, we held a speakout at Town Hall steps and will continue fighting until abortion is free, safe and accessible.

Trans Day of Visibility + Fuck TERFs!

I attended the Trans Day of Visibility Rally in Newtown. The rain was atrocious but the crowd was amazing – it was fantastic to see such a proud demonstration of people supporting trans rights. I know we were all appalled to see neo-Nazis in Melbourne supporting Parker and her transphobic bigotry, so it was great to see how the movement for trans rights has so much more energy and support than these groups.



Other rallies/forums this month (chronologicallyish)

- On International Working Women’s Day (March 8) I attended the rally for full sex worker decriminalisation, standing in solidarity with sex workers who want to form a fighting sex worker union that will stand up for their rights. I also attended breakfast at my cousin’s school which was lots of fun.
- The SRC hosted a forum on free speech on campus and the right to protest, in support of Deaglan and Maddie’s appeal, and opposing Cherish’s sentence for participating in a protest.
- I helped out at the Women’s Collective Bake Sale (and made brownies) raising money for an Indigenous activist.
- Immediately before the state election we had a rally for housing justice. During this cost of living crisis landlords and business owners continue to rake in massive profits, while most people struggle to pay rent and afford basic necessities.
- We ran a survey about student housing which provided some damning results, many of which were used in an Honi feature, and data will be used to promote upcoming actions in the housing campaign.
- The Student Centre is ending a number of staff contracts, and re-hiring staff at a lower level. This is absolutely not what the workers or students at this University need, when we are struggling to manage the University’s robotic-style bureaucracy. It was good to join the EAG and NTEU standing up against these changes.
- I attended ACAR’s Land Day rally, commemorating the historic events of 1976 including an inspiring General Strike organised by Palestinians. Speakers identified important connections between the struggle of First Nations people in this country with those of Palestinians fighting for their land.



Projects and SRC work

100+ years of International Students at USyd

2023 marks 100 years since the University accepted an International Student (they were from Wuhan, China). SUPRA and Student Life are preparing events in Semester 2 that will celebrate this milestone. The SRC has some involvement, and I met with a few councillors and OBs last week to determine what our participation should look like. I have a grave concern with the way the University approaches international students – viewing students as ways to supplement government funding, rather than as students with equal rights and needs to the rest of us. Therefore, we are planning to campaign on key issues that affect international students today, coinciding with the 100+ celebration. Email me president@src.usyd.edu.au if you would like to get involved.

Summary of various SRC activities

- I am still doing consultation hours twice a week and I appreciate the students who have come to speak to me. The Monday time isn't popular, so I am going to remove it after this week, but will continue doing Wednesday 3pm to 5pm (except for on strike day, of course, when I'll be picketing with everyone!)
- The SRC Legal Service Board met to ensure myself and the General Secretaries are officially transferred as directors of the legal service. This happened efficiently and we are in full compliance.
- The Auditors finished their Audit and myself, the Vice Presidents and General Secretaries met with the auditors to discuss and sign
- The Acquittal will be submitted by the time Council meets. The acquittal is a full evaluation of the way we spent SSAF in 2022.
- I met with the University about our office relocation. I outlined the key things we need in our office space and they are looking for a place for us to move. I will update the council when I hear anything more.
- The SRC Caseworkers are working on a submission to the Universities Accord – highlighting the urgency at which JobReady needs to be overturned and the cost of living crisis for students needs to be addressed.
- We opened applications for a paid social media intern, which we are able to fund due to a successful SSAF application to create this position. Interviews for this position will occur later this week.

Committees

Committees I have attended in the last month include:

- Safer Communities Advisory Group – I met with a few other SRC reps before this meeting to discuss the agenda. We asked a few questions of the presenters and felt largely disappointed with their answers (particularly pertaining to the colleges)
 - There was some discussion of safety for students on placements, with a trial being run in FMH. Many students have reported incidents of sexual harassment on placement and it is critical that support and reporting is available (and pay students on placements!)
- Student Consultative Committee
 - The Uni is doing a big review of food on campus
- Thematic Review

- The focus of the thematic review is on the quality of first year teaching, support and learning. As I said in my Honi report, I believe the key problems in first year are an over-reliance on casual teaching staff, a lack of clarity on where to go for support, and a university culture which marginalises students from diverse or low SES backgrounds. All of which the University needs to address.
- Academic Quality Committee
- Undergraduate Studies Committee
 - It is alarming to see honours courses in FASS moved to being discipline specific to being school-based. For more details: [link](#).

Other things

- Thanks to Ben for inviting me to lunch at the Gadigal Centre. It was great to meet students and staff at the Gadigal Centre, and I look forward to future events hosted by the First Nations officer/collective.
- I will be away from Friday 7th April to Monday 10th April.



Lia 😊

Discussion:

Lia Perkins spoke to her report.

Satvik Sharma was named.

Lia Perkins continued with her report.

Thomas Thorpe asked about the day of the unborn child protests.

Satvik Sharma asked about the budget deficit and why it was so high.

Lia Perkins noted that it was because of staff being on maternity leave and the impact of inflation.

Cooper Gannon asked about the photocopy machine costs.

Lia Perkins responded saying that the SRC rented the photocopier, this included all its servicing and ink. Adding that Printing is a large component of many OBs work.

Procedural motion to limit questions to two per report

Moved: Harrison Brennan

Seconded: Jack Scanlan

The procedural was put and **CARRIED**.

Procedural motion to limit speaking time to 2 minutes per person for motions and 1 minute per person for reports.

Moved: Harrison Brennan

Seconded: Honey Christenson

The procedural motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Motion to accept the report of the President.

Moved: Tiger Perkins

Seconded: Daniel Bowron

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

M. Report of the Vice-Presidents

Daniel Bowron and Rose Donnelly tabled a written report.

The Vice Presidents are pleased to see the back of the Dominic Perrottet led Liberal Government. We hope the new Labor government will deliver better reform on gambling machines and address the housing crisis in NSW in a substantive way.

Whilst we are pleased by the change of government on a state level, we are displeased by the projected \$368 billion that the current federal Labor government has promised to America for not even a dozen state-of-the-art submarines.

We believe the purchase of the subs to be an act of militarism and such exorbitant spending on subs is quite a poor decision when looking at the state of the cost of living crisis in Australia right now, alongside some shaky international relations unhelped by such a gesture towards America. Upcoming protests: Rose has been working with the NUS on how best to engage with climate protest during budget week. Will come in clutch with updates shortly.

Once again, we stand in solidarity with the NTEU strikes and hope wholeheartedly that the University changes its offer to what staff at this University have a right to demand- least of which- a wage rise and remuneration for hours they currently work for free.

FoodHub update:

As of last Friday 626 students have used FoodHub in the current year, we have seen an increase in students using the service, which indicates that the impact of the cost of living crisis is affecting students more than ever, but also that word about the FoodHub service is spreading. FoodHub currently has an excess of energy drinks supplied by the USU, if you guys are interested stop by 10am-2pm Tuesday or Thursday. FoodHub will be open during mid semester break.

We are once again asking for volunteers, as FoodHub expands, and the semester gets busier!!! Please email vice.president@src.usyd.edu.au if you are able to assist at all!

Discussion:

Rose Donnelly and Daniel Bowron spoke to the report and covered its main points.

Motion: that the report of the Vice Presidents be accepted.

Moved: Jordan Anderson

Seconded: Victor Zang

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

N. Report of the General Secretaries

Jasmine Donnelly and Tiger Perkins tabled a written report.

Last report we mentioned that we had been working on the SSAF acquittal for the 2022 SRC, a sort of analysis and justification for our funding across the year so that the funding may continue into 2023 and beyond. This was submitted on the 30th of March. We also had the audit of our 2022 expenses with an independent financial auditing company, where we went through all our expenses and budget lines. Certain anonymous individuals have often joked that it would be pretty easy to do so but having sat through the audit, we are now convinced it would be exceedingly difficult. The audit documents are included in the documents attached to the report.

We attended another day of strike action on Friday and wish all power to the staff of the University in their fight for better working conditions. Speaking to a casual tutor the other day, many tutors are not even paid to attend the compulsory lectures for their subjects and do so out of a moral obligation to their students. We in turn have a moral obligation to support them, starting again from tomorrow at 7am.

Attached is the finalised budget, which was preliminarily passed last council is officially here for all to see. It also goes into much more detail about SSAF funding and the SRC's allocation of SSAF in its entirety.

Discussion:

Jack Scanlan asked about SSAF acquittal.

Tiger Perkins clarified it was for last year's SSAF funding and the expenditure of last year's council.

Rose Donnelly asked about what was enjoy about the acquittal process.

Jasmine Donnelly responded saying that the auditor was very helpful and a nice person so it was an enjoyable experience.

Satvik Sharma was named again

Motion: that the report of the General Secretaries be accepted.

Moved: Rose Donnelly

Seconded: Jack Scanlan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O. Report of Committees and Officers

O1. Report of the Education Officers

Ishbel Dunsmore and Yasmine Johnson tabled a written report

The past month has been another hugely busy one! We've seen two days of NTEU strike action, numerous rallies and a swathe of new changes to mobilise around.

Strikes! Everyone's talking about 'em. Despite the odd post on USyd Rants complaining that "strikes are disrupting my classes or whatever", both the March 9th and recent March 31st strikes saw record numbers of staff and students out on the pickets. They were demanding a fair pay rise above inflation (Management's most recent offer is still 2.4% below the projected 7% CPI), Indigenous employment targets, casuals rights, and the protection of 40-40-20 without being contingent on the creation of Education-Focussed Roles, which would have a devastating impact on future staff's rights to a work-life balance. This was after several NTEU members meetings, the most recent bringing out the largest number of members in USyd NTEU history, to vote on continued strike action in a clear majority, even after a bit of hesitancy in earlier meetings. That these members, and even those who voted not to continue strike action, showed up in such numbers to the pickets is a victory in and of itself. But the fight isn't over yet. Staff will be striking once again tomorrow (5/04) to demand the same of management as previous strikes. Management are clearly reaching a point of desperation and EB meetings are increasing in frequency, so it is more important than ever to show up in support. The EAG is proud, as always, to stand alongside staff to demand the impossible, to fight for an education that is democratically controlled by staff and students, to fight for a liberatory education.

The most recent strike was perhaps the best in my opinion. Between the flying and zoom pickets, the snap rally outside the student center in support of casuals whose contracts have not been renewed, the NTEU picnic after, and the pickets themselves, lots of memories were made and it was a real energising and joyous occasion. A quick shoutout goes to the unions who came out in support: the UWU, AMWU, MUA, Unions NSW, Teachers Fed, IEU and more, as well as the students and staff who came up from ANU to show support. A quick and dishonourable mention goes to a certain councillor with a name starting with 'S' and ending with 'atvik' who tried on multiple counts to cross picket lines with very little success before crying to security that staff weren't letting you break the strike (see the affixed pictures). Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Now, onto the other things we've been doing. The housing campaign, run by the Welfare Action Group and National Union of students, has been going swell. We went along to the 'Students v. Landlords' rally on the 24th to demand an end to the rental crisis, a rent freeze, a ban on evictions, and the building of more public housing. The week before, we also attended and spoke at the AFR counterprotest, which brought out Australia's biggest and baddest villains - Peter Dutton, Twiggy Forrest and Mathias Cormann were a few of the guest speakers. Finally, we attended a public housing rally after the March 9 strike organised by Hands Off Glebe to again demand public housing be retained, protected and expanded.

The recent explosion of fascist and Nazi support for the TERF cause in Sydney and Melbourne is no doubt of concern for the average citizen. We saw first-hand the hatred of the so-called 'feminists' who called for the genocide of trans people, so it is really of no surprise that literal Nazis (and cops) support and protect their cause. The recent brutalization of members of Community Action for Rainbow Rights in Belfield by so-called Christians signifies a real and pressing need to combat these bigots wherever they rear their head. This is part of the reason we turned out in numbers to protest Kelly Jay-Keen and her entourage of TERFs and Christian Lives Matter 'activists' at the

counterprotest against the anti-LGBTQIA+ far right, the KJK counterprotest, and the annual WoCo 'Day of the Unborn Child' counterprotest. Solidarity to those members of CARR who fell victim to these far-right bigots. An attack on a queer person anywhere is an attack on queer people everywhere, which is why we must fight back! The recent annual Trans Day of Visibility rally was a testament to the fact that we are organised and ready in numbers to combat this rising hatred. Props to the Queer Action Collective and Pride in protest for organising such a successful rally.

EAG members also showed up in numbers to the recent Israeli Apartheid week events and rally, and in recognising the Israeli regime as a violent colonial project, we also recognise the lengths to which the Australian state has gone to bolster support for Israel. We also recognise and think it's important to consider how Thales - the weapons manufacturer with ties to USyd - provide weapons of mass destruction to Israel. We are keen to continue our Thales campaign, so keep an eye out for future events.

As always, EAG meetings run weekly, so come along and get involved. It's never too late! And come to the pickets tomorrow! There's never been a more important time to make your voice heard.



A story in two parts

Discussion:

Ishbel Dunsmore spoke to the report covering its main points.

Henry Collier asked about what management have done pushing back at these strikes.

Ishbel Dunsmore saying management have been pretty benign, saying they are disappointed at the union, and have not come back with another offer that is still a real wage cut.

Jack Scanlan asked about the student strikes in France and if Ishbel thinks they will have an impact there and here

Ishbel Dunsmore responded with yes.

Motion: that the report of the Education Officers be accepted.

Moved: Jordan Anderson

Seconded: Victor Zhang

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

02. Report of the Wom*n's Officers

Iggy Boyed and Alev Saracoglu tabled a written report

The Womens' Officers have been very active over the last month and there's been a lot to organise around. Notably we attended the Sex Worker Action Collective's Rally for the Full Decriminalisation of Sex Work, a very well organised and moving action, the counter-protest of Kellie Jay Keen in Hyde Park, the EAG Student Centre Cuts Stunt Action and The Land Day Speakout organised by ACAR and SFP; we'd like to give a shoutout for the organisers of those actions.

Day of the Unborn Child Counter-Protest

This year we were confronted with a very different political situation around the Day of the Unborn Child than in previous years, namely with the rise of Christian Lives Matter and their horrific attack perpetrated against members of Community Action for Rainbow Rights in Belfield. We continue to show deep solidarity with those affected and condemn this right wing street violence in the strongest terms. In place of the usual counter-protest outside the Cathedral, we held a smaller but effectively organised speakout at Town Hall which brought together a number of different groups and a strong crowd on short notice. WoCo will continue to organise around the issue of full Reproductive Rights for all in NSW and that is our expectation and demand, if you will, of the Chris Minns government; that all hospitals in NSW provide abortion services on demand and that abortion is both free and freely available to all who need it.

Trans Day of Visibility

Trans Day of Visibility was brilliant this year, with attendance estimates placed solidly between 2000 and 3000 protesters. I think this action demonstrably showed that the popular politics in NSW, and the country at large, is trans rights and not hateful bigotry. Thousands of people showed up, stood through and marched through the awful weather because they believe in this cause. Our numbers are vastly bigger than the right wing can summon on this issue and we will win in this fight. The recent transphobic agitation from the christian right in the leadup to the State Election clearly reflected in the result, as One Nation lowered their vote share and the Liberal Party was summarily crushed by one of the most boring Labor candidates perhaps ever. This violence is an expression of its own; it is an expression of the fringe, reactionary right becoming fearful of our strength and lashing out because they can see their worldview dying out as trans people become only more proud and visible.

WoCo Supports the Strikes

WoCo was, again, out to support the NTEU strike on Friday, as we have always done and will continue to do so. The strike taking place on Trans Day of Visibility was fitting for a campaign which has embraced and demanded trans rights in the workplace at this University and we are proud to continue our support for staff in their fight for secure employment and a pay rise above

inflation. We will be out there tomorrow, for this week's strike, to show our support and we will also be there in week 10 and we will be there beyond that. We hope, and indeed we expect, that everyone here will be there on the pickets and not on campus tomorrow.

Roundtable / Forum Updates

Now that the State Election is over we're glad to announce that we are finally able to get our public Roundtable event off the ground with Jenny Leong and the Greens. As of the writing of this statement we are finalising details and preparing to put up a facebook event. Now that the Labor government has power in NSW, it is no longer acceptable to simply make overtures towards action on the Colleges. The Colleges must be abolished now, to make way for public housing, the particularities of which we will be discussing at this event. We hope everyone can make it and you'll be hearing much more from us about this over the next weeks.

Online Consent Module Update

Still shit. We are starting discussions about shifting it to an in-person training to be rolled out across the entire university. Safer communities have flagged being understaffed but we will obviously keep pushing for comprehensive sex education that is not undertaken by students just because they cannot graduate without completing the online module.

Discussion:

Iggy Body spoke to the report and covered some of its main points.

Satvik Sharma asked Iggy about the Strikes.

Iggy Boyd didn't have a comment.

Harrison Brennan asked about the challenges from the far right.

Iggy Boyd responded saying that we need to continue to push back against this rhetoric, and argued that the Belfield attack was street violence.

Motion: that the report of the Wom*n's Officers be accepted.

Moved: Harrison Brennan

Seconded: Honey Christenson

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

03. Report of the Welfare Officers

The Get A Room Campaign - endorsed and supported by the Welfare Action Group - has been tracking strongly. With a message that connects to students, the campaign has drawn more attention to the housing crisis. We have co-hosted actions counter-protesting the AFR summit and just last Friday a pre-election action in Martin's Place to challenge both an irresponsible parliament and malevolent property associations. WAG is looking forward to future Get A Room actions

targeted at university management and the corporations who own student housing, responsible for pushing up the price of shoe-box apartments around the university.

In the past few weeks, we have seen the NTEU staff strike campaign escalate, as management offers pitiful concessions to staff who have been bargaining since 2021. Picket attendance from both students and staff has been spectacular and continues to show university management that our welfare and the quality of our education cannot be undermined without a fierce fight. It's important this solidarity with staff continues into Week 10, and next semester if management refuses to cede substantial ground to union demands.

The election results have seen Labor unseat the Coalition government and their ghastly 12-year reign. Whilst this is a small win for NSW, it is not enough. Labor enters office without any effective plan for dealing with the housing crisis, apart from a myriad of legal tweaks and scrapped together policies. Labor, with 45 seats, must now engage with the Teal independents or the Greens in order to pass any policy. We hope that Labor will faithfully engage with the Greens, adopting their far more radical vision to solve the housing crisis in NSW.

In France, we have seen thousands take to the streets to protest the French pension reforms pushed through parliament undemocratically by Emmanuel Macron using article 49.3 of the French constitution to increase the retirement age from 62 to 64. Trade unions representing teachers, energy workers, transport workers, dockworkers, and public-sector workers, have all come together in unity to organise disruption, challenging Macron. It is important we show solidarity with the workers and people on strike in France and learn from their display of militant action, particularly that extra-parliamentary change through protest can be done, people can be mobilised, and it must be done to fight for a better world.

Our next WAG meeting is on Tuesday at 4pm, you can visit the Welfare Action Group Facebook page for more details.

Discussion:

Harrison Brennan spoke to the report and covered its main points and spoke about the NSW election results. And about the actions taking place in France.

Henry Collyer asked if the Welfare Action Group (WAG) will be supporting the NUS protest for budget day and if there are actions planned.

Harrison Brennan noted that there is a motions the agenda about this and that the WAG has been working with local activist who set up their protest earlier than NUS but have been largely ignored by NUS, will to talk about this more when the motion is up for debate.

Cooper Gannon asked what has changed because of the strike actions.

Harrison Brennan said that management have been coming to the table with new agreements and the strikes are achieving their aims of securing worker wins.

Motion: that the report of the Welfare Officers be accepted.

Moved: Victor Zhang

Seconded: Rand Khatib

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O4. Report of the Environment Officers

News:

The IPCC Report

The IPCC report could not be clearer. We need to start reducing global emissions now. If we continue with the current direction of emissions we are looking at 3-6C global warming by 2100. To put that in perspective, the Ice Age was 5-6C colder than the 1800s.

What's needed is pretty simple. Shut down fossil fuel projects, fund mitigation responses and a transition to renewable sources of energy. Unfortunately, governments and corporations are not acting. Global emissions reached a record high last year and look like they will continue to spike in response to inflated oil and gas prices. It's going to take a big fight to get them to change course but the planet depends on it.

Labor's Safeguard Mechanism

This Abbott- era legislation will give greenwashing cover to the biggest expansion of Australia's fossil fuel capabilities ever seen in history. It will allow Australia to meet its international climate agreements without ever decreasing its CO2 emissions. It does this through false accounting and the usage of carbon offsets. Unfortunately, despite initially criticising the legislation, the Greens approved the bill without substantially changing the content. This is not a win for the planet. It's a disaster and will allow Labor's 116 new gas and oil projects to go ahead.

NSW Labor victory

NSW has had a change in parliament but not a change in climate policy. Penny Sharpe is the new Environment Minister and recommitted to Santos' NSW gas project through Indigenous Gomerroi land.

Campaigns:

Anti- Plibersek rally today!

With the Cross Collective Enviro Organising group we organised a rally to protest Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek's approval of a new Santos project in QLD. We marched from USyd to her office in Redfern to demand she reverse this decision.

Anti - Thales & Anti - Santos Campaign

We've launched a new USyd campaign with the Education office to focus on USyd's ties to both Santos & Thales. We will be hosting a rally in Week 9 and will be putting out research and having a working bee during the mid sem break.

Discussion:

Satvik Sharma added a verbal report bringing in a lump of coal and repeating Scott Morrison's speech about not fearing coal.

Motion: that the report of the Environment Officers be accepted.

Moved: Cooper Gannon

Seconded: Luka Fon

The motion was put and **FAILED.**

O5. Report of the Global Solidarity Officers

Verbal reports:

Cooper Gannon:

- Read out a post from the USYD Rants Facebook page about Socialist Alternative
- Saying that this is relevant as we sometimes talk about things that aren't relevant to students and we should re focus on that

Satvik Sharma:

- Spoke about investment bankers and then said the most oppressed people at USYD are Socialist Alternative because they can't come to the meeting because he brought a lump of coal.

Motion: that the report of the Global Solidarity Officers be accepted.

Moved: Luka Fon

Seconded: Quiana Harvey

The motion was put and **FAILED.**

O6. Report of the Interfaith Officers

Thomas Thorpe gave a verbal report

- Some news I've contacted the other officers, I've heard from one but not from all of them and pitch the idea of an interfaith panel, but am yet to receive a response
- Later this week is Easter, Good Friday and the easter long weekend, this is one of the most important holidays in the year commemorating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Rand Khatib asked Thomas Thorpe where did your prophet die?

Thomas Thorpe asked for clarification that she was talking about Jesus Christ. Asking if Rand meant prophet or messiah .

Thomas Thorpe answer that he died in Jerusalem.

Rand Khatib asked if Thomas Thorpe knew what was going on in Jerusalem right now.

Thomas Thorpe said that that was irrelevant to the report.

Angus Dermondy asked if Thomas has crossed the picket line and if he was going to do it again.

Thomas Thorpe said this was not relevant to the report but would answer saying he went to class and then intended to go to the library and went to cross the picket line. I was stopped and spoke with them as I wanted to hear what they had to say, then the police directly me on.

Motion: that the report of the Interfaith Officers be accepted.

Moved: Quiana Harvey

Seconded: Satvik Sharma

The motion was put and **FAILED**.

07. Report of the Social Justice Officers

This March, the social justice officers Julius, Eddie, and Keira have been campaigning around a variety of social justice issues.

We attended the march 3 national climate strike and have continued to push for further climate actions such as the action at Plibersek's office earlier today.

Our climate activism has been spurred on by the total failures of the political parties to enact any kind of serious plan for fighting climate change and shutting down the fossil fuel industry. While federal Labor are overseeing an historically criminal expansion of the Australian fossil fuel industry, they have also been keen to obscure this through greenwashing laws. This is designed to give the impression that the government is acting and there will be some kind of reduction of carbon emissions thanks to Labor's climate bill.

However the truth is that Australian fossil fuels are rapidly and continuously expanding, and the legal safeguards that have been put in place have no power to stop this. Most scathingly the Greens have betrayed their *raison d'être* by giving political support to Labor's bill, revealing that these political parties cannot be trusted to act in the interests of ordinary people and that any serious climate movement must be independent from the interests of these parties. Adam Bandt smugly declared that this bill will put "serious hurdles" in the way of fossil fuel expansion but the truth is that it does nothing but cover up the reality, and we don't need hurdles - we need an end to fossil fuels.

We have also been getting the word out and bringing people along to the week three and week six staff strikes. This is a key issue relating to social justice because the inequality between management and staff at this university is an ongoing source of anger for staff.

Management have offered staff a pay offer of only 3.5%, which is lower than what UTS staff have agreed to in their EBA. USYD management have said they will accept the demand of 40:40:20, even as they contradict this by only advertising for education positions.

It is clear that the fight against inequality at this university is a fight in which university management are our enemies. We must treat them like our enemies not by supporting the cancellation of strikes, but by supporting and building up the strikes as students in every way possible.

Discussion:

Jordan Anderson spoke to their report and highlighted the protest today and also the strike tomorrow. Also mentioning the rise in the far right against Queer rights and also the importance of housing justice.

Henry Collyer asked how the rally for Trans day of visibility on Sunday went.

Jordan Anderson said they had work so could not attend but heard it went well and was well organised even with the bad weather.

Motion: that the report of the Social Justice Officers be accepted.

Moved: Ishbel Dunsmore

Seconded: Harrison Brennan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

A quorum count was called.

The meeting was found inquorate

There was a motion to wait 15 minutes for quorum

The motion was put and **FAILED.**

The meeting lapsed at 6:52pm.