

SRC South Formal Agenda - 4th/02



Note: The format of these minutes is under review and may be subject to change

COUNCIL AGENDA

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TUU SRC South

19 January 2015

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Ariel Wells

Motions

[Motion 1A]

Title: Youth Awareness Resource Network (YARN) Bondi Beach Barbeque

Description: The Youth Awareness Resource Network (YARN) is an organization run by Warren Roberts. On the 25th of January 2015 he is organizing a barbeque at Bondi Beach.

Justification: The Youth Awareness Resource Network (YARN) and its creator Warren Roberts is something that I would like the TUU to get involved in the future. This barbeque will be an excellent opportunity to network and make connections with Warren Roberts, Bridget Camo the NUS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer and others involved with welfare and advocacy issues within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

Cost: \$20 Attendance Donation

[Motion 2B]

Title: Yabun Festival 2015

Description: The Yabun festival is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander event held on the 26th of January commonly referred to as Australia Day or Invasion Day or Survival Day within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Justification: This is an event that celebrates and explores Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and would be an excellent opportunity to discover elements that I could implement in my own events.

Cost: \$40 admission donation

Additional Expenses: Both of these events are occurring in Sydney at a time when I will be attending the NUS Presidents' Summit. This means that I will be able to attend these events

without the costs of flights however I will need accommodation and travel expenses to be provided.

Costs:

\$90 accommodation

\$40 travel

<https://www.facebook.com/YabunFestival>

<http://yabun.org.au/>

<http://www.indigenous.gov.au/news-and-media/event/yabun-festival-2015>

[Motion 3 B]

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Costs:

\$90 accommodation

\$40 travel

Passed in Bulk

Received

9-0 - **Carried.**

Minutes TUU SRC South

Formal Meeting February 4th

Started at 5 TUU boardroom

Attendance

Present: Topher Webster, Anna Young, Hamish Giec-Yorston, Eibhlinn Cassidy, Ariel Wells, Mikki Chin, On Ee Chin, Liam Salter, John Tanner, Sophia Mallick

Absent: Kat (Katherine) Ellision

Apologies: Molly Hanson,

Observers: Tomas Rolf, Heidi La Pagila

Started at 5 TUU boardroom

Introductory items

Acknowledgement of Country Performed By Ariel Wells

Discussion on whether the NUS report should be included within the SRC South's minutes or agenda. This should be a State Council initiative – put in their minutes not the SRC minutes. Further discussion needed.

Reports

Campus President's Report – Topher

Going to use a fixed agenda for the future. A very simple agenda. Just reports and formalities and a 'special business' type of section for content that doesn't fit into a report etc. Attempting to streamline the meeting process.

Reports – everyone will send a report for every formal meeting with three headings-

Progress since last report – self explanatory

Plans going forward – self explanatory

Motions – self explanatory

This is all to make report writing easier

Motions - Need to be specific and to the point of what you want your motion to do. Needs to have a breakdown of expenditure in it and potentially where it is coming from (what budget). Make sure that the wording used shows that it is a motion etc.

Budget information doesn't need to be overly specific such as baseline funding etc. just saying that it is to come from your positions budget or the SRC's budget as a whole etc.

In 0 -Week the TUU needs to be there to handle campus tours Monday February 16

O week Banner – being handled by the activities officer. Perhaps collaboration with the pubs and coms officer.

Edge Radio – quote down to around \$5000 for sponsorship. This would be to enhance the TUU’s presence on campus.

Potential to run gigs in conjunction with them – generate larger crowds etc.

It will not infringe the media policy as long as it sticks to advertising the TUU and its events.

Potential to do interviews on the shows they already have – need to work with State Wide Pres on this.

Edge will be at the Thursday morning free breakfast

Partnering with edge offers the TUU a way to interact with the student body as to counteract the lack of awareness of the TUU.

It is for a 1 year contract.

NUS – wasn’t too pertinent for campus presidents in the TUU due to its different structure.

Tuesday 24th of O Week there will be breakfast at the satellite campuses – need for volunteers. Making a google docs roster for events.

Con – Hamish eb

Fine arts – John, Sophia, Anna

Med (Menzies) and nursing – ariel molly

Liveat for catering? Sophia and john will figure out the logistics for the breakfast.

Second hand book sale – organising by Liam

Second hand book sale drop off will be during 0 week – to be held in the TUU

Use a raffle style system for the identifier on books etc?

Pricing can be done at around 60% of the RRP of the book

The potential to have a second hand booksale more often.

Queer Officer Report – Anna

Silicon wrist bands and badges for qsoc – prices at \$1.09 for 200 wrist bands (this is a minimum)

Badges at \$0.85 for 200.

The need to move fast on this as they wont get here in time for O week

Vagina monologues – they want to borrow the vagina costume – need to contact the On Ee about this.

Taiko quotes for the night market – 20 mins set – may not be able to perform during the event time as it is 5-8pm.

Discussion around the Night Markets open hours needs to happen between Sophia, anna, mikki, on Ee, John.

Motions – See Below

Con Rep Report – Eibhlinn

Issue with vending machines at the con. Enviro officer had concerns with getting new vending machines from larger corporations

Talking to fantastic furniture about replacing furniture at the con – maybe ask CSD to do this need to see the SSAF process through

Booking the last spot for O week bands – in communication with one currently

NUS report –

NUS president summit – unable to inform the difference in structure as to allow a better choice of candidates to attend. The campus pres from TUU doesn't need to attend.

Working group and face book groups for organising NDAs

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Report – Ariel

Report delivered no questions.

Motion w/ Queer Officer – see below

International Officer - Mikki

Wanted an outdoor projector however it was already booked for the night markets time slot. – may book it for march

O Week banners etc. will all fall under the o week themed posters etc.

May need an independent poster design for the night market

Motions – See Below

Starting a buddy program for international students or anyone in general.

Women's Rep – On Ee

Report delivered.

Motions - see below.

Enviro Officer – Sophia

Wants to get recycling for O Week

The need for an energy audit – need to speak to Jenny about this for further information on the proper way to fund this.

Activities Officer – John

Discussion about the Monday barrel – wont be at the amphitheatre. Will be at ref steps. The src needs to organise food. Christ college will be running the bar

The need to look into the funding for reps to get their RSA

Discussion about O Week activities

Tuesday being an important day for TUU visibility

Motions – see below.

Moved by John, seconded by Topher. Unanimous support.

Education Officer – Liam

Delivered report.

Pubs and Coms –Hamish

Motions – see below

Meeting closed at 7:45

Written by Liam Salter and Tom Rolf

Motions

Campus President/SRC

Motion: that the SRC south endorses the pursuing a \$5000 partnership between the TUU and Edge Radio – unanimous support – passed.

Moved Topher, Seconded Anna.

Carried - Unanimous support.

Queer Department

Motion: that the SRC approves 233 from the Queer officer's budget for ordering wrist bands for QSOC

Moved by Anna, seconded by John. Unanimous support – passed

Motion: that the SRC approve \$185 from the queer officers budget for the purchasing of badges for QSOC for O Week

Moved – John, seconded by Anna.

Carried - Unanimous support.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Department

Motion: that the SRC approves 233 from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander budget for ordering wrist bands

Moved by Ariel, seconded by Anna. Unanimous support

International Students Department

Motion – that the SRC approves \$100 to go towards a night market poster for O-Week

Moved – John, seconded by Anna.

Carried 9-1.–

Woman's Department

Motion that the SRC south approves \$700 for the womens collective and the women of colour collective for an O Week Stall

- \$250 for promotion
- \$300 for the purchasing of banners for the women of colours collective

- \$150 for food

Moved by On Ee, seconded by Anna

Carried Unanimous support.

Motion: SRC South approve \$2500 for the TUU Women's Room renovation:

- \$500 for books,
- \$500 magazines ,
- \$200 pamphlets ,
- \$300 for merchandise and advertising,
- \$1000 for furniture and decorations.

Moved by On Ee, Seconded by Anna –

Carried -Unanimous support.

Motion: That the SRC south approves \$100 for On Ee and the Women's collective president Ruby Grant to attend the 2015 international Women's day big breakfast Wednesday 11th march.

Moved by On Ee seconded by Anna.

Carried - 9-1.

Activities Department

Motion: that the SRC south approves \$150 for the purchasing of fairy lights.

Moved by John, seconded by Topher.

Carried -Unanimous support.

Publications and Communications Department

Motion: That SRC South approves a maximum of \$500 to put towards a radio sound system for the TUU building.

Moved Hamish, seconded Topher.

Carried - Unanimous support.

Reports From SRC Reps

Activities Officer Report February 2015

O-Week

So most of my time since the last meeting has been taken up by planning O-week. Thus far things is looking good with only a few minor details to settle.

A breakdown of the week would look like this

- Monday- Night barrel to be held at the amphitheatre (pending Uni Decision) we are choosing between the amphitheatre and the ref steps with the preference, being towards the amphitheatre. To make this achievable we need to fill out a 6_page risk assessment and then let the Uni decide if we get the green light. we decided to compromise by scrapping the Jelly pit as this will make it easier to get approval
- SRC to be provide Food, Music, liquor licence to christ college, and the security by ect.

•Tues

- Night market being held out the front of Lazenbys near the GEO building
- Collaboration between Enviro, International, and Activities officers

•Wed

- Society's day. (little to no planning involvement) SRC will have a Food stall and Autonomous Collectives will have sign up sheets at the stall to gain members

•Thurs

- Due to problems snagging a headliner I have decided to Showcase local comedy

•Friday

- Band night. so far bands have been chosen and paid. we have some pretty good bands and had to work hard to select big bands as we have competition from someone trying to cash in on O-week
- Have entered negotiations with compass to arrange the best deal for us. Falling to secure a beneficial deal with compass will result in us moving the location of the gig.

Theres a lot more I'm sure but to be honest it's been such a blur also met with the designers and will be seeing designs soon. We have gone with O-week through the ages and are seeing some really cool designs from the artists

Counter Course Guide I have also been helping arranging CCG articles. Everything should be in now and i worked on the Activities portfolio write up and the bat of gen studies

SRC South Report

5 February 2015

Ariel John Wells

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer

Actions Debrief

The Riawunna Centre's End of Year BBQ Event

The Hobart Riawunna Centre's End of Year BBQ Event was a success with around forty people attending being a combination of staff, students and a few individuals associated with the Recognise campaign. There were a few speakers including Marta Hodul Lenton from Recognise and Maggie Walter the Pro-Vice Chancellor of Aboriginal Research and Leadership at the University of Tasmania.

It was a great opportunity to opportunity to create greater awareness about the campaign for Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the Recognise Paste Up Project with most of the participants having photos taken to be used in the project.

I have been unable to reimbursing the Riawunna Centre for the expenses incurred despite sending them many emails over the last three months. I have yet to receive proof of the money that was spent (receipts) other than photocopies that were out of focus and missing content.

Joint Select Committee on Constitution Reform

I attended the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Reform. It was an interesting experience however there were only two students that attended with the other attendees being the Elder and staff from the Hobart Riawunna Centre.

Ancestry Subscription

I've organised the purchase of the Ancestry subscription software but am waiting for Aunty Brenda Hodge the Elder in residence up at the Hobart Riawunna Centre to inform me when she wants the product activated as she has been on holidays.

Bondi Beach BBQ Event

I met Warren Roberts CEO of the Youth Awareness Resource Network (YARN) and Bridget Cama 2015 NUS National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer at a barbeque event held on Bondi Beach. We discussed a number of issues relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and planned possible projects for future implementation.

YARN

Warren Roberts has agreed to come down to Hobart to launch the YARN program in Hobart at some point during 2015. Ideally this will occur around midyear when Bridget Cama is in Hobart attending the NOWSA conference.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Conference

Bridget Cama discussed her plans of bringing back the previously successful Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students Conference. Her intention is to hold this conference midyear in order to capitalize on the semester break and get the greatest amount of attendees possible.

This is a project that I had discussed with others with the intention of creating including the Tasmanian University Union (TUU) Post Graduate President, who had verbally agreed to fund this event.

This conference however would have taken at least three years to generate interest and promote in order to be successful. Bridget Cama's intention of putting on this conference means that it may be implemented this year ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will gain the benefits much sooner than if the TUU South Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer had to organise this event.

Yabun Festival

I attended the Yabun Festival in Sydney. This was a good opportunity to meet other people involved in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues. I also witnessed a variety of different performances including art, music, dance and speakers all of which have given me a greater insight and understanding of the kind of events I would like to put on during the year.

Counter Course Guide

I have completed an article for the counter course guide detailing the purpose of my position within the Student Representative Council (SRC) and the projects I intend to implement during the year.

I also provided the official Acknowledgement of Country to be included in the counter course guide. I had intended for a Welcome to Country to also be included along with an explanation of the difference between an Acknowledgement and a Welcome, however the Elder in residence at the Hobart Riawunna Centre has been away on holidays for some time making this impossible.

I have ordered a map of the traditional Aboriginal Australia map to be included in the counter course guide however this has yet to arrive and I am worried that due to time restraints it will not be delivered in time to be included.

Progress Since Last Report

Recognise Paste Up

I attended more meetings with Martha from the Recognise organization on the progress of the paste up project. From the meeting that Martha has had with the university they all seem very supportive and encouraging of the project however they are uncertain and resistant to some aspect of the project. This has made the possibility of implementing the Recognise mural project at the University of Tasmania unlikely.

They believe that the glue being used to paste up the images onto the wall will cause significant damage despite being used in other states and territories without any known damage reported. They have offered a solution to Recognise but these will cost around \$2,000 to implement making the project unviable under these conditions.

The university is also adverse to the location requested. They are claiming that Recognise is unable to use the wall on the outside of the Morris Miller library (containing the Clubs and

Societies Day banner) due to conflict with their other plans for the location. The only location that was given as a possibility was in the breezeway on both sides of the wall opposite the Morris Miller library however this location seems to limit the desired exposure that the project will receive.

Launceston Trip

I organized a meeting with Paul Medcraft (TUU SRC North Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer) and Clark Cooley (TUU SRC North Campus President) concerning issues impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at the University of Tasmania (UTas). There has been progress made however there is still a lot of work needed in order to come to a mutually beneficial arrangement.

Plans Going Forward

Potential of setting up a smaller version of the Recognise Paste Up Project in the Morris Miller Library and the Hobart TUU Building

Setting up the Hobart Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collective to be titled 'Hobart Mob'.

TUU SRC South 2015 Conservatorium Representative Report

- Vending machines in the Common Room

This was the #1 concern brought to me when I asked Con students for their input regarding projects for this year. For those of you who don't know, the vending machines in our common room are older than I am – they don't accept notes or credit cards, and frequently refuse to accept coins or dispense food. I've been in touch with Campus Services and asked them to upgrade the machines; they've contacted Coca-Cola Amatil, and someone will head to the campus within the next week or so to measure up. Campus Services have pretty much taken this on, so I'll follow up with them after semester starts if I don't hear back from them/see new vending machines in place.

P.S. – I will be applying for money for general furniture upgrades in the room. Watch this space.

- The Commons, week 2

The student common room operates as a venue for Con-affiliated bands; students enrol in a business unit and can be marked for their contribution to organising gigs. I'll be writing up a formal plan and budget as soon as I have more details, as this will be the first Commons gig I've been associated with.

In the past, businesses like Taco Taco have provided food; this time around I'd like to get the Street Food Society involved to cater, for this and possibly future gigs. They can get their name out at the Con, sell memberships, etc.

I'd like to heavily promote this on main campus, so the Con is promoted as a satellite campus and that the Commons gets a nice full house. I'll talk to the office and get the TV screen in our foyer showing the poster (will get the details and Commons logo to Hamish), which should also be disseminated around the other campuses. Tabitha and the Tog team should also be informed, as well as Edge Radio – currently, the tentative date is Friday March 15. If there are no objections I will book performers who I know and think are appropriate – smacks of nepotism, I know, but once semester goes back I'll have access to bands and solo artists I'm not yet in touch with.

I need to find out about security, alcohol provision, access to the room, setup and audio guys, how to pay the performers. I also need to get the Commons logo for design purposes.

- O-Week bookings

John tells me that the White Rose Project has been booked for the Friday gig in O-Week, which is great. I've emailed him a few band bios that were sent to me – if none of these are appropriate I'll start asking people I know personally. Again, I'll be compiling a list of performers-seeking-gigs once semester goes back and I can meet the new students.

Please do not tell musicians that we expect them to perform without pay. This tarnishes the TUU's reputation and makes it more difficult for us to find local performers willing to work for us, if there's the expectation that they won't receive proper remuneration for their time

SRC REPORT

Environment Officer - 4th February 2015

O-Week

Recycling - I am hoping to get recycling at Societies Day for all the cans!!

Night Market (Tuesday 25th) - John and I are currently helping Mik work on organising the Night Market. Any ideas about potential performers/food stalls would be great! So far we have the Taiko drummers playing. Dave thinks we need a minimum of ten stalls to express interest within the next week or two for the night to go ahead.

Volunteers - I am currently working on a volunteer roster for Oweek which will be sent around as a spreadsheet a week or two before the Monday. It would be great if all SRC members could make themselves available for as many events as they can throughout the week!

Some Future Plans

Solar Impulse Presentation - I am planning a screening of a presentation on the Swiss long-range solar-powered aircraft project called Solar Impulse. This will be in collaboration with the UTAS sustainability department and will be during a week in March.

Recycling at Barrels - After seeing how successful recycling is during societies day I am hoping to make recycling an easy option for societies who throw events and barrels. This will either be through the Universities current waste contractor, or through an external contractor, and I am hoping to have any costs subsidised by the TUU.

Recycling Market - I had a meeting with Matt from Resource and we are planning a recycled market, hopefully with a clothes swap of some kind. Maybe during March or April.

Energy Audit - Continuing with the Repower the TUU project, I was planning an energy audit of the TUU statewide, however there may be some issues with this due to SSAF submission changes. I am hoping that an energy audit will be included in the renovations that are proposed for the Sandy Bay TUU offices, but still hope that a state wide audit will be possible.

On Ee CHIN, Women's Officer SRC (South) Report, 1st February 2015

1. Updates

In the period of 16th January – 1st February, the President of the Women's Collective, Ruby Grant and I have:

- Booked two stalls at the University Expo Day (16th February) for the Women's Collective and Women of Colour Collective.
- Contacted local women's groups and figures to ask for contributions in the form of informational and promotional material to have at our stalls.
- Submitted our contributions for the SRC (South) Counter Course Guide. I submitted a statement for my role as the Women's Officer and Ruby submitted a statement for her role as the Women's Collective President and also a piece for the Sex Advice Section.
- Made promotional material and initiative for the Collectives to restart and take off for the semester, as well as to welcome new members.

Iona Johnson, the Community Engagement Officer from Sexual Assault Support Service (SASS) in North Hobart has contacted Heidi with an interest in launching an awareness and promotional campaign during 'O' Week. Katherine and I will take over from there and follow up with arrangements to foster this initiative during Orientation Week and 'O' Week.

The Women of Colour Collective, as of 1st February is now officially open for business.

2. Motions

Title: The SRC South approve \$700 for the UTas' Women's Collective and UTas' Women of Colour Collective stalls for Societies Day in 'O' Week (25th February 2015).

- \$250 will be for the purchase of promotional and informational material for the stalls. This also includes a contribution to the welcome bags.
- \$300 will be for the purchase of 2 banners for the start-up of the Women of Colour Collective which will be used for the rest of the year.
- \$150 will go towards food and other refreshments for prospective and incoming new members.

This motion is in line with Initiative 1 as per the SSAF proposal I submitted for 2015.

Title: The SRC South approve \$2500 for the maintenance and upgrade of the TUU Women's Room.

- \$500 for the purchase of relevant books.
- \$500 for the purchase of relevant magazines.
- \$200 for the purchase of pamphlets detailing the women's welfare services.

- \$300 for the purchase of magnets, flyers, and other merchandise and advertising of the Women's Officer role, as well as the Women's Collective and Women of Colour Collective.
- \$1000 for furniture and decorations.

This will enable me to start working on improving and maintaining the women's room as promised in Initiative 2 of my SSAF proposal.

Title: The SRC South approve \$100 for Women's Collective Ruby Grant and I to attend the fundraising 2015 International Women's Day Big Breakfast on Wednesday, 11th March at the Wrest Point Hotel & Casino.

- Our interests in wanting to attend this event is not for enjoying a paid-for meal, but to make a contribution to the Royal Hobart Hospital Research Foundation to support local health and medical research.
- Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AM, Governor of Tasmania will be present as a Guest Speaker.
- This would be a good opportunity for Ruby and I to introduce ourselves to and into the Tasmanian women's network.

SRC Business

Counter-Course Guide: sent the Education Write-up. The piece which I was going to do, has been sent to Togatus for a feature about the about them. I have been working with them on it.

This also includes an article explaining what is currently happening with the higher education reforms and what might come of it. Considering the recent controversy generated from other reps writing articles, I recommend that SRC members inform Heidi as President (TUU Media Policy), or Topher of their intention to write articles, if it conflicts with their role or position.

As suggested by Sophia in the previous meeting, I will write up a specific TUU/SRC piece of explaining the units to students - most likely a TUU PDF or pamphlet.

O-Week - Second Hand Book Sale - I will get working on this, and start contacting societies about it. I recommend that the date be the Thursday afternoon of that week. As previously reiterated, I have spoken to Daniel (Regional Secretary - 2014), and he advised me to contact with societies, to see if they are running similar book sales.

Maybe the possibility of an online book sale?

Education Committee: With Ingrid, I have emailed the societies and have received some interest from some societies, and progressively contacting them. I would like to have a meeting in preliminary in this month in the next two weeks and get something running by March.

University Business

University Learning and Teaching Committee (3rd Feb) - Will give a verbal brief, as the meeting is just before the SRC meeting.

Student Retention Strategy: The Student Centre is working on a student retention strategy, to target at risk students and prevent them from falling behind in their degrees and dropping out. There was an interested for student representatives and I did show my interest, as it is something that I wouldn't mind being a part of.

Breadth Units - I am raising the existing problems with the Breadth Units including the lack of advertising at the UTLC, if the University can write more information that is detailed about the course requirements and units themselves.

Swot Vac For those that do not know, the proposed change to reduce Swot Vac by two days was deferred, pending review from the Student Committee and student consultation. However, it also caused controversy from UTAS staff who opposed the change - especially from within science. The University is now investigating assessment practices, because it was observed that in many cases, particularly in the sciences, assignments were being due particularly late in semester etc. Obviously, there is active interest from the student community about this, and I'm organising a meeting to see what progress is being made in this area and keep everyone updated and involved.

There is also a meeting on 18th December, for SRC reps who attend on committees, if anyone is interested on committees.

Division of Students and Education Department Changes - I have discussed this with Heidi, and my views were largely shared with other SRC reps. Some of the changes would be to the detriment of students, and I am a little bit concerned that the merger of Student Services and Library Services would mean that letter becomes overlooked. Also has to be considered is slight that the TUU would pick up - particularly in processing student complaints, and some welfare services.

This is going to major in the coming weeks, and particularly in the first half of this year. It would be one of the issues in the forum that is planned for April/May.

Sydney Campus - There has been a serious complaint given about the current state of learning and teaching services at the Sydney campuses (Paramedicine - Rozelle). It was sent originally to Heidi/Kate (TUU advocate). In short, it was a major complaint about the quality of teaching and support including the poor lecture quality, etc. Complaints about the Sydney campuses are not new - particularly when about the quality of student support. However, I recommended this be addressed brought up to the Deans/UTAS Management.

As earlier as stated issues with Sydney not a new problem, though I am recommending that the TUU look at an expanding it Sydney services, because I think these have been overlooked for too long.

Higher Education - Federal

As many of you know, the Higher Education Reform Bill will be up for Parliament this month as the first items on the government's agenda. This will again be another major phase in the higher education debate, and it appears that the Government and Education Minister Chris Pyne are not making concessions. It will be interesting to see how this goes, and I am cautiously optimistic that it will fail again, though I am not holding anything with the Current Senate. Key independents, including Jacquie Lambie appear to be voting against the bill. This includes Ricky Muir. If Pyne does not succeed this time, it will properly drag out to become a major election issue. In my NUS capacity, we are lobbying the Senators. The debate is begin to be very political over the next two years.

Additionally, it will also be assisting the debate about SSAF. It was largely sidelined last year, because of broader troubles reflecting the Federal Government. However, it would be on the rise again this year and will certainly be interesting to see how it will turn out.

Miscellaneous

Brighter Futures 15th - Attended a linkup to the mainland. There is momentum rising for a national campaign against the government higher education, and articulating an argument for greater education funding. The campaign at this stage is best described as 'embryonic'. However, the organisers do raise a good idea in supporting a national wide, positive campaign.

Education Action Group Meeting -22nd January

Attended an Education Action Group meeting with other student activists across the country. It did give good update about how other campuses were going fighting the reforms, about what other campuses are doing about education activism. Plans for the next NDA being made, including PDF and posters are being sent out.

Other campuses seem to be doing other events around a O-Week - any possible ideas?