



Student Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 6th July, 2021

Participants

Students: Emma Wellham, Cordel Murphy, Roshan Ojha, Elizabeth Argue, Zoe Elleyn.

Staff: Simon Stubbs, Kerrie Sheelah, Louisa Quiddington

Agenda item	Assigned
<p>1. Acknowledgement of Country</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>2. SCC constitution - this item was postponed for discussion as quorum for voting was not met.</p>	<p>Emma Wellham</p>
<p>3. Student grievance</p> <p>A student raised a couple of issues which were brought to her attention by other UNE students. One of the issues was in regards to assignments not being returned before final exams and the lecturer not providing much feedback in general.</p> <p>Another issue was discussed, in regards to the Pathways course, specifically, how a student navigates applying for degrees after they have completed the pathways course. The final point of discussion was in regards to UNE not using My eEquals. Many students agreed that not having equals is a big concern for students graduating.</p> <p>In response to this issue raised, a staff member responded about the plan for UNE to use My eEquals in the near future (potentially going live in the next couple of months).</p> <p>One student asked if students results on Equals will be backdated.</p> <p>One of the staff members responded, stating that at this stage it may not be possible but backdating results may be a possibility in the future.</p>	<p>Caity Allen</p> <p>Wenyu Wen</p>
<p>4. Elective units – this item was postponed for discussion as the SCC representative was absent</p> <p>5. Goals for trimester 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Responding to COVID-19 survey</i> - The idea of gathering student feedback from students to gain information about how students are coping in this lockdown 	

(online student or on-campus, main concerns during covid) was discussed. How the survey should be designed was discussed. One student suggested linking up with UNIDAYS for discounts and using multiple choice questions. Another student mentioned that using a likert scale is a good option in surveys. One representative suggested a short survey with an optional comments box would be beneficial, and also proposed publishing the results in an article on our facebook, our website or other UNE sites. The issue of Ethics approval to conduct a survey was also raised.

- One student provided feedback about UNE's response to COVID-19 stating that a few students in Melbourne felt let down throughout the lockdown. The student stated that several students they know have felt as though UNE abandoned their students, particularly the students who are located in Victoria.
 - The chair acknowledged that many students have been in tough circumstances, and many students have been affected by financial and social problems. One of the staff members commented that the SCC can help students during these tough times by providing the student voice, which is required by the university, in order to understand what students are struggling with and how the university could assist.
 - *Website SCC topics of discussion*
 - The chair proposed writing about the key issues on the SCC blog, to inform UNE students about what the SCC is discussing.
 - One student suggested providing mental health resources on the website.
 - One student suggested including a blog on the website where people can add comments about the issue being discussed and link it to UNE websites so that it is accessible to students. Another student suggested having 'drop – box' (eg. A library drop box and information about student grievance unit). The student also mentioned that we need to be representing the entire online student body, and focus on problems that arise that need to be prioritised before they become a 'problem.'
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- *Meet and greet with Chancellor (held on*
- Thanks Cordel for meeting with the chancellor, arranging a time that suits the rest of the SCC will be useful
- One student suggested including a blog on the website where people can add comments about the issue being discussed and link it to UNE websites so that it is accessible to students.
- Cordel suggested website changes will need to go to TDS at UNE, agrees with other students about UNE website and raised idea of using bookmarks on myune
- Simon commented that feedback on the university websites would be useful
- Discussions surrounding changes to rules and courses with the new unit course catalogue
- Zoe asked Simon if we can have staff members come and ask for our feedback

6. SCC space in the library

- Discussions around focusing on the online SCC space but consider a physical space in the library in the near future for the SCC
- Zoe suggested an in-person suggestion box, push for more of a social media presence so students know about the SCC

7. Elections (terms)

- Which students are still involved in the committee? Please email the scc admin about your current status as a student

General business

- Cordel suggested using teams for SCC meetings. Some students supported this idea, whereas others said they prefer zoom.
- Discussions about how we should manage student representatives who are no longer engaging with the committee. Students discussed referring to the constitution and Caity suggested checking in with students to see if they are ok.

Simon Stubbs

