



**Flinders University Student Council Meeting
Agenda of the Meeting held on 23/9/2017**

Alere Function Room, Hub level 2

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0. Matter for Decision

0.1 Acknowledgement of Country at FUSA student council meetings – Yaritji Green

Preamble:

The welcome and acknowledgement of country is an important step in reconciliation with Australia's true owners, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. It is a statement that should not be taken lightly or seen as tokenistic. An Acknowledgement of Country is a way of showing respect and awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owners of the land on which a meeting or event is being held, and of recognising the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to their Country. It is a demonstration of respect dedicated to the traditional custodians of the land or sea where the gathering of participants is being conducted. Government agencies and community organisations are adopting the practice of acknowledging the traditional custodians of country at events, ceremonies, meetings and functions.

Motion:

Acknowledgement of country is an important part of starting any meeting that is upon Kurna land – the opening of the student council meeting and the acknowledgement of country should be done by the Indigenous Officer – someone who is recognised and acknowledged as such as a true member of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Apologies

Hamish Richardson

Sean Cullen-MacAskill

3. Welcome Guests

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4.1 October Meeting Minutes

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5. Reports

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7. Matters for Decision

7.1 Solidarity with Refugees on Manus – Laurence Lagoon Williamson

Preamble:

-There are over 600 refugees on Manus Island and they protested against its closure for over 100 days

-The detention centre was shut down on November 1. This means that all water, electricity and food have been cut off. Medical and security staff have left. Mosquito fumigation has ended, accelerating the already abysmal living condition and making a malaria outbreak much more likely

-The Nauru detention centre is now considered a PNG military base and the refugees fear attacks from the Navy. The detention centre has been looted and refugees have faced attacks with machetes and bush knives

-Peter Dutton claims there's alternative accommodation but it is unsuitable or unbuilt, leaving refugees with nowhere to go. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection now threatens that the refugees have one day left to move, otherwise force will be deployed

-The PNG courts have rejected applications to restore services to the refugees on Manus. The PNG government is still trying to force people to accept living in PNG and it still insists on moving them – with pressure and military force – to either prison camp

-If it weren't for the Australian government, the refugees wouldn't be on Nauru in the first place. This is the most extreme violation of human rights and is just the latest in an ongoing trend of inhuman treatment of refugees by the Australian state.

Motion:

7.2 Opposition to imperialism in Asia – Laurence Lagoon Williamson

Preamble:

We are facing the greatest threat of nuclear war since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis: a nuclear war that would make the terrible destruction the US wreaked on the defenceless populations of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki seem like a kindergarten affair.

What is the response of the Australian government? It has gone out of its way to declare its full-blooded support for a warmongering US president who has promised "fire and fury" against North Korea.

Prime minister Malcolm Turnbull announced he was "absolutely of one mind" with Donald Trump over North Korea after a "very warm" 30 minute phone conversation with the US president on 6 September.



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Previously, Turnbull had proclaimed that “we are joined at the hip” with the US. In August, he said that “if there is an attack on the US, the ANZUS treaty would be invoked” and Australia would come to the support of the US:

“The ANZUS treaty means that if America is attacked, we will come to their aid and if Australia is attacked, the Americans will come to ours ... The American alliance is the bedrock of our national security.”

After a briefing from the Australian defence chief, air chief marshal Mark Binskin, following an overnight telephone call with US vice president Mike Pence, Turnbull announced, “We stand shoulder to shoulder with the United States”.

Turnbull has called for the “enforcement of strong economic sanctions” against Kim Jong-un’s North Korean regime. Indeed, he has called for additional sanctions beyond those already imposed.

This belligerent rhetoric is simply egging on Trump, who tweeted that the US “is considering, in addition to other options, stopping all trade with any country doing business with North Korea”. If this threat were carried out, it would devastate US trade with China and plunge the world economy into depression, throwing tens of millions of workers across the globe out of their jobs.

Along with his strident backing of Trump over North Korea, Turnbull is also joining with the Trump regime in stepped-up military involvement in the fighting in the Philippines.

Meanwhile, in an attempt to outdo Turnbull’s warmongering, former PM Tony Abbott has called for Australia urgently to consider a missile defence system. If adopted, this proposal would provoke a regional arms race and divert billions of dollars away from vitally needed public services.

Labor’s stance has been virtually indistinguishable from the Liberals’. Bill Shorten said, “Australians should be reassured that on this matter of North Korea and our national security, the politics of Labor and Liberal are working absolutely together.

“I’m not going to comment on every personal comment that comes out of the mouth of the Americans but what I do recognise that if you want to talk about provocative conduct, I think it starts with the North Koreans.”

This is the same Bill Shorten who, during the US presidential election campaign, described Trump as “barking mad” and “entirely unsuitable to be leader of the free world”. Talk about bowing before power.

Previously, in April, Shorten declared, “I know these days there is some concern about the United States. I have to say, when you look at the role that the United States’ security plays in our region I am grateful for their presence and certainly I regard the American alliance with Australia as being very important”.



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But the US alliance has never been about protecting the security of ordinary Australian workers. It is an aggressive alliance aimed at asserting US and Australian imperial power and economic dominance over the region.

The Greens reacted angrily to Turnbull's comments – accusing him of inflaming tensions in the region.

“What we've got is two dangerous, paranoid and unhinged world leaders goading each other into a conflict which puts the very survival of each and every person on the planet at risk”, Greens leader Richard Di Natale said. “If there was ever a clearer example of why Australia needs to ditch the US alliance and develop an independent, non-aligned foreign policy, this is it.”

Di Natale is right to denounce the warmongering of Turnbull and Trump, and to call for an end to the US alliance. However, it is mistaken to see this conflict as simply being a clash between “two dangerous, paranoid and unhinged world leaders”.

It is about the assertion of US imperial power. On the one hand it is aimed at putting North Korea in its place. But more broadly, it is part of the ongoing conflict between a declining, though still incredibly well armed, US power and its up and coming rival China.

It is not simply Trump, Turnbull and Kim Jung-un that are dangerous and unhinged. It is a dangerous and unhinged world capitalist system, which needs to be got rid of.

Motion:

FUSA calls on the Australian government and the Federal opposition to end the US-Alliance and stop supporting imperialist incursion into East Asia, threatening North Korea and escalating the possibility of a catastrophic nuclear war. FUSA affirms its opposition to imperialism in all its forms.

7.3 Support Streets' Workers – Laurence Lagoon Williamson

Preamble:

Ice cream manufacturer Streets, owned by Unilever, is the latest company to apply to terminate its enterprise agreement with its workforce. Workers at the Streets factory in Minto, south-west of Sydney, could be forced back on to the award if Streets wins its case at the Fair Work Commission.

The Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union, which represents the 178 skilled production workers whose agreement is on the line, says that award wages are up to 46 percent lower than under the agreement. Under the award, workers would also lose a number of important conditions, including some annual, personal, parental and compassionate leave entitlements and redundancy payments. The company will be able to ignore existing restrictions on the use of contractors and labour hire and changing shift patterns.



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The workers produce all major Streets ice creams, including Magnum, Golden Gaytime, Paddle Pop, Cornetto, Splice, Callipo, Bubble O'Bill, Blue Ribbon and Vienetta. The union is calling for a boycott of Streets ice creams and will be campaigning throughout summer to raise awareness of the dispute. It is calling for a "Streets-free summer" and will target major events, such as the cricket, with a message about workers' rights.

Negotiations for a new agreement started 18 months ago. The company has been pushing for a 4 percent pay cut and the scrapping of longstanding conditions. Before the company went to the commission to strengthen its hand by tearing up the existing agreement, workers had voted overwhelmingly to reject the company's sub-par offer.

According to Stephen Murphy, AMWU site organiser, the factory is producing record tonnages of ice cream products. The workers know that the push to cut their wages is driven only by greed. They are refusing to submit to the company's ultimatum.

The dispute is shaping up to be another major test for a union movement facing off against a renewed employers' campaign to wind back long standing wage rates and conditions. As with the months-long brewery dispute at CUB in 2016, Streets workers can target popular consumer products to publicise their struggle.

Concerned about the impact of a campaign against its brands, Streets has already taken the extraordinary step of issuing a memo to workers that bans them from reacting to the union's social media posts. The company has even threatened workers with consequences if friends or family are found to be posting about the dispute.

Motion:

FUSA supports the "Streets-free summer" campaign by the AMWU and solidarises with the workforce against the employer.

7.4 Opposition to Police Powers in Adelaide CBD

Preamble:

Starting from 6 pm Friday, the SA Police will have the power to search and ban pedestrians from North Terrace, West Terrace, Currie Street, King William Street and Hindley Street between 6pm and 6am on Fridays and Saturdays.

This special zone of extraordinary police powers has been innocently labelled a 'public precinct', and yet, anyone within it is liable to be subject to arbitrary searches, from metal detector searches to full searches – which the police already use to intimidate, violate and assault people.

Officers will have the individual authority to arbitrarily judge who to search, ban and fine. If an officer considers someone "offensive or disorderly" in this 'public precinct' they can issue a fine of \$1,250 and a ban of up to 24 hours. Similarly, an officer can remove under 18 year old's altogether from the area. And, once banned, if one does not leave or re-enter, they may be fined up to \$2,500.



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"Likely to have a disproportionate impact on both Aboriginal people and young people" says The Law Society of SA. This is an understatement, it is undoubtedly aimed at removing Aboriginal people from the city as "undesirables" and an extension of the State Government's project of gentrification.

Motion:

FUSA says no to the new police powers in Adelaide's city centre which are being used to target Aboriginal people, the homeless and monitor and restrict freedom of movement.

7.5 Celebrate the Success of the "Yes Campaign" – Laurence Lagoon Williamson

Preamble:

It seems very likely that we are about to see a historic victory for LGBTI rights in Australia with a yes vote in the marriage equality postal survey. Throughout the history of this campaign the key points have been marked by grassroots activism and mass rallies. It has been fantastic to see the NUS LGBTI department continue the best aspects of this campaigning style during the survey process.

Motion:

FUSA commends the NUS LGBTI department for their activist approach to the marriage equality campaign, particularly their role in on and off campus protests including the two central demonstrations in Adelaide, and commends the protest based approach as a model for future student campaigns

7.6 Transfer of NAIDOC budget monies moved to the Indigenous Officer's Budget line – Yaritji Green

Preamble:

FUSA's 2017 NAIDOC celebrations was a success this year. Although the budget had outlined to spend the majority of the money during the NAIDOC celebrations not all of it was spent due to a panel being cancelled and the associated casuals not needed, and the fact that the rights to play Sapphires weren't needed to be paid as FUSA already had the rights to play the movie.

Motion:

Student Council to approve the use of the remainder NAIDOC Festival Budget \$1880.00 to be transferred over to the Indigenous Officer's budget line for the Indigenous Officer to use before the close of this year.

7.7 Indigenous Badges 2017 – Yaritji Green

Preamble:

The Flinders University Queer Society have done well with promoting their society with their badges they have made. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are happy to have badges as a way of expressing and or promoting culture and identity at various times in the year.

Costs for badge supplies from Badge-A-Minit are as follows: 250 x 25mm badges, \$106.95



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100 x 35mm badges, \$50.00

Motion:

Student council to approve \$156.95 from the Indigenous Officer's budget to be spent on badge supplies before the close of the 2017 Indigenous officer's term.

7.8 Indigenous Diaries 2018– Yaritji Green

Preamble:

In preparation for 2018 and re-establishing an active First Nation's Collective Committee, I would like to create welcome packs for the Committee. Included in the Welcome Packs would be assorted Indigenous paraphernalia which would include IAD Press' 2018 ANGKITJA hardcover Diary. I would also like to buy extra copies to use as prizes for surveys for the First Nations Collective.

Motion:

Student Council to approve spending from the Indigenous Officer's Budget, the sum of \$354.48 (inclusive of shipping) for the IAD Press' 2018 ANGKITJA hardcover Diary for use of as prizes, and welcome packs for the First Nations' Collective Committee.

7.9 First Nations Collective Students: Papua New Guinean Students End of Year Dinner – Yaritji Green

Preamble:

The Papua New Guinean Flinders University Students would like to have an end of year dinner. They would like to have 20 dollars per student (13 Papua New Guinean students) to help contribute to their end of year dinner. The sum would be a total of \$260.00.

Motion:

Student Council to approve the sum of **\$260.00** for the Papua New Guinean Students to use for their end of year dinner to come from the Indigenous Officer's budget.

7.11 Co-op Vouchers for First Nation Students – Yaritji Green

Preamble:

To help 2018 First Nation Students ease their way financially with buying textbooks or stationary in Semester 1 and 2, I would like to purchase ten \$50 dollar vouchers from the Flinders University Co-op store. I would offer five in each Semester(eg S1 and S2) next year as prizes via the First Nations Collective Facebook Page.

Motion:



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Student council to approve the spending of \$500.00 from the Indigenous Officer's budget on buying ten \$50.00 vouchers from the Flinders University Co-op store.

7.11 Small Indigenous Notepads and Water Bottles from Utopia Australia – Yaritji Green

Preamble:

In preparation for 2018 and re-establishing an active First Nation's Collective Committee, I would like to create welcome packs for the Committee. Included in the Welcome Packs would be assorted Indigenous paraphernalia which would include Utopia Australia contemporary Aboriginal Designs small note pads and water bottles from various artists. I would also like to buy extra copies to use as prizes for surveys for the First Nations Collective.

Each small Notepad costs: \$3.18

I would like 20 small Notepads.

Each Indigenous designed water bottle costs: \$17.23

I would like 20 various Indigenous designed water bottles.

Subtotal is \$408.20, plus shipping (18.00), the end total is \$426.20.

Motion:

Student Council to approve spending from the Indigenous Officer's Budget, the sum of \$426.20 for the include Utopia Australia contemporary Aboriginal Designs small note pads and water bottles from various artists for use of as prizes, and welcome packs for the First Nations' Collective Committee.

7.12 Indigenous Flag Stickers "Australian Made" – Yaritji Green

Preamble:

In preparation for 2018 and re-establishing an active First Nation's Collective Committee, I would like to create welcome packs for the Committee. Included in the Welcome Packs would be assorted Indigenous paraphernalia which would include Indigenous Flag Stickers "Australian Made". I would also like to buy extra stickers to use as prizes for the First Nations Collective.

Each Indigenous Flag Sticker "Australian Made" costs: \$5.46

I would like 20 Indigenous Flag Stickers "Australian Made" from RedBubble store HogarthArts. With each set of 10 stickers there is a 50% discount, making the total: \$54.60. With shipping, \$5.48, the end total is \$60.28.

Motion:

Student Council to approve spending from the Indigenous Officer's Budget, the sum of \$60.28 for the Indigenous Flag Sticker "Australian Made" for use of as prizes for the First Nations Collective, and welcome packs for the First Nations' Collective Committee.



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7.13 Indigenous Flag Tote Bags – Yaritji Green

Preamble:

In preparation for 2018 I would also like to buy Indigenous Flag Tote Bags to use as prizes for the First Nations Collective.

Each Indigenous Flag Tote Bag costs: \$23.96

I would like 10 Indigenous Flag Tote Bags from RedBubble store “national-flags”. With each set of 2 bags there is a 15% discount, making the total: \$203.60. Plus shipping \$20.44, the end total is: \$224.04.

Motion:

Student Council to approve spending from the Indigenous Officer’s Budget, the sum of \$224.04 for the Indigenous Flag Tote Bags for use as prizes for the First Nations Collective.

7.14 AIATSIS Aboriginal Australian Maps – Yaritji Green

Preamble:

In preparation for 2018, I would also like to buy AIATSIS Aboriginal Australian Maps to use as give-aways for 2018 Indigenous Officer events as well as to use as prizes for the First Nations Collective.

Each AIATSIS Aboriginal Australian Map costs: \$14.95

I would like 20 AIATSIS Aboriginal Australian Maps. There is a discount of \$59.80; plus shipping (\$17.70), making the end total 256.90.

Motion:

Student Council to approve spending from the Indigenous Officer’s Budget, the sum of \$256.90 for 20 AIATSIS Aboriginal Australian Maps for use of as give-aways for 2018 Indigenous Officer events as well as to use as prizes for the First Nations Collective.

7.15 Indigenous Bush Tucker Foods – Yaritji Green

Preamble:

In preparation for 2018 and re-establishing an active First Nation’s Collective Committee, I would like to create welcome packs for the Committee. Included in the Welcome Packs would be assorted Indigenous paraphernalia which would include Indigenous Bush Tucker Foods from Outback Pride. I would also like to buy extra Indigenous Bush Tucker Foods use as prizes for the First Nations Collective and for any Indigenous Officer events in 2018.

Bush Dukkah - 120gm 6 @ \$9.95	\$59.70
Native Fruits Dukkah - 120gm 6 @ \$9.95	\$59.70
Wild Fire Dukkah - 120gm 7 @ \$9.95	\$69.65
Savoury Sauce Gift Pack 4 x 250ml 7 @ \$27.95	\$195.65
Jams & Marmalade Gift Pack 4 x 250ml 7 @ \$27.95	\$195.65



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- Subtotal \$580.35
- Shipping \$15.00

Total cost of the Indigenous Bush Tucker Foods is: \$595.35

Motion:

Student Council to approve spending from the Indigenous Officer's Budget, the sum of \$594.15, plus from the Flexi-Fund, the sum of \$1.20 – to cover the full cost of \$595.35 for the Indigenous Bush Tucker Foods for use of Indigenous Officer events and as prizes for the First Nations Collective, and welcome packs for the First Nations' Collective Committee.

7.16 Feminist Reading Nook – Meaghan King

Preamble:

I would like to create a 'reading nook' within the Women's Space. Many female students have suggested that the Women's space isn't cosy enough and could be more welcoming so I believe this is a great way to encourage more students to use the space and take time out from their busy schedules. Naturally, I've liaised with the Women's Officer regarding this and she is in full support.

The books purchased will cover a wide range of women's issues and will be inclusive of the different experiences of queer, indigenous, religious and trans women. I'm also going to be including books with content on mental health and mindfulness.

Motion:

That Student Council approves \$500 from my General Councillor budget to fund the purchase of a bookshelf and books to create a reading nook within the women's space.

8. Matters for Discussion

9. Matters for Noting

9.1 Election Report – Chris O'Grady

10. In Camera Items