



Flinders University Student Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd August 2016.

Function Space, Level 2 of the Student Hub, Flinders University Student Association.

18:05pm

Present: Caleb Pattinson (Student President), Simone Jowett (General Secretary), Jordon O'Reilly (Education Officer), Alfred Lowe (Indigenous Students Officer), Ali Roush (Environment Officer), Angela Tomarelli (Women's Officer), Prashanth Magandram (International Student Officer), Christine Bennetts-Roberts (Post Graduate Students Officer), Amy Hueppauff (Disabilities Officer), and Nardy Zanos-Jardine (Queer Officer), Sarah Polanco (Social Activities Officer), Pauline Bullock (Mature Age Officer), Sean Lamonby, Hamish Richardson, Grace Hill, Christopher Norman, Hilary Wigg (General Council Members), Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement), Anthea Stanton (Minutes).

Meeting Opened: 18:05

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and Meeting Open

It was acknowledged that the Student Council meeting was taken place on the land of the Kurna people.

Welcome Pauline Bullock (Mature Age Officer)

2. Apologies

Jason Byrne (Welfare Officer) & Joshua Sunman (General Council Member)

3. Welcome Guests

Josh Jarvis, Eleanor Danenberg & Liam McNally (Empire Times Editors)

4. Accept Minutes from previous meeting

Motion: Student Council accepts the minutes of the previous meeting.

Moved: Caleb Pattinson

Seconded: Simone Jowett

All in favour.

Motion carried.



5. Ratification of previous Executive Committee Minutes

Motion: Student Council accepts the previous Executive Committee Minutes.

Moved: Caleb Pattinson

Seconded: Jordon O’Rielly

All in favour.

Motion Carried.

6. Matters for Decision

Procedural Motion: Add the following matter for decision to the agenda:

- **6.12 Honorarium of the Education Officer– Caleb Pattinson**

Moved: Caleb Pattinson

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.0. Motions left un-starred to be moved en bloc:

6.1: Changes to the Student Council Standing Committee Regulations

Preamble: Student Council have made a number of changes in 2016 to the operation of Standing Committees. The largest change is the move from the use of the title ‘Sub-Committees’ to ‘Collectives’. The Standing Committee Regulations have also been updated to reflect the change of title for the Disabilities Officer and the subsequent change from Accessibilities to Disabilities Collective.

Motion: A motion that Student Council accept the updates to the Student Council Standing Committees Regulations.

6.3: Student Radio

Preamble: In April 2015, the Student Council of FUSA approved the establishment of a Student Radio. The Senior Executive Team (SET) of the University endorsed the establishment of Student Radio in August 2015.

After the SET endorsement, I began the first step of the recruitment of the Radio Coordinator (staff) position. After submitting the Position Description to HR concerns



were raised regarding the setup of Student Radio with regards to the use of students as 'volunteers'. It was decided that legal advice should be sought.

The Student Radio project has been on hold since August 2015 whilst we have awaited this advice. This advice has been forthcoming and on the 29.7.16, the DVC(S) has given approval to now proceed provided that the project is a two year trial to see if the project is a success and to determine if the student demand and interest matches that expressed when the idea was first canvassed.

Given that it was April 2015 when the Student Council last endorsed this project, I thought it prudent to go back to Student Council for re-endorsement before proceeding with the establishment of student radio at Flinders.

Please refer to attached:

A summary that I have prepared as an update: 'Establishing and Implementing Student Radio at Flinders University'

The report provided by JB_AU Consulting

I believe the recommendations provided in the report by JB_AU Consulting are reasonable and provide for an excellent framework to begin the establishment of a FUSA student radio station. I am recommending that Student Council re-endorse, in principle, all 15 recommendations in the report and approve the Manager, Student Engagement to proceed with the establishment of Student Radio as per the 'intermediate model' as outlined in the report (expenditure subject to change).

Motion: That Student Council endorse, in principle, all 15 recommendations in the report provided by JB_AU Consulting and approve the Manager, Student Engagement to proceed with the establishment of Student Radio as per the 'intermediate model' as outlined in the report.

6.5: NUS Affiliation

Preamble: The National Union of Students have continued to be at the forefront of the campaign to defeat hostile higher education policy, recently the deregulation of University fees.

Motion: Student Council affiliates to NUS, paying \$15,000 from the NAB bank account.

6.8: Multicultural Festival



Preamble: It will probably take place at the Tavern. It will roughly be around 20-25 people and estimating about \$25-\$30 person. This meet up will provide information about the Multicultural program for those two days. The people that would attend are each in charge of the stall and associations that would be involved on the day.

Motion: Request 700\$ from the International Student budget to hold a lunch meet up with the sub community members to update everyone about the Multicultural Festival.

Motion: Student Council accept the items left un-starred to be moved en bloc:

Moved: Caleb Pattinson

Seconded: Amy Hueppauff

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Motions left un-starred:

6.2. 2017 Draft FUSA/Student Engagement Budget

Chris O'Grady: Once Student council have endorsed the proposed 2017 FUSA Budget, it will be taken to the SSAF Budget Advisory Committee, which consists of Clare Pollock, Jodie Zada, Caleb Pattinson, and Simone Jowett

Caleb Pattinson: The proposed 2017 FUSA Budget will increase by 5%. The increases include Salary increase due to the National Union Tertiary Education agreement (NUET), increase to the O'Week Budget by \$20,000. Increase in student art and printing of Empire Times. Rearrangement of Student Council Honorariums. Budget proposed to support the Student Representation & Development Officer by employing a student casual.

This also brought forward the usage of 2016 Student Council Officer Bearers own budget. As of 31st June 2016 it is clear that not one Student Council member has utilised the \$3000 of their budget.

Angela Tomarelli: Questioned the reduced funding for Officer Bearers initiatives.

Caleb Pattinson: At the discretion of Student Council, the 2017 FUSA Budget proposes officer bearers budget decrease from \$3000 to \$2000, The General Council Members decrease from initiative budget of \$1000, conference budget of \$1000 to \$1000 for initiatives and conferences.

Due to the success of the Flexi-Fund, this access of \$15000 will create Pool Funding in which all Student Council members can use with the approval of council.



Jordon O’Rielly: Questioned the need for Pool Funding as he had experienced other officer bearers accessing his own budget.

Caleb Pattinson: Stated the proposed Pool Funding, makes it less likely for Council Members to access other Council Members budgets. Giving more autonomy to Council Members to use their whole budget.

Angela Tomarelli: Questioned whether Student Council members are not utilising their budget as there is no transparency of how much they have spent.

Amy Hueppauff: Stated that she was unable to organise an event because she could not access the total of her budget or the Flexi-Fund.

Caleb Pattinson: Suggested that at each Student Council meeting the Office Coordinator submits spreadsheet showing Officer Barer funds.

Alfred Lowe: Suggested everyone keep a personal record of their budget and submit it with their report.

Chris O’Grady: Supported idea of Student Council Members submitting their spending with their reports.

Christine Bennetts-Roberts: Highlighted that sometimes Admin carries out the transactions and you do not know the total of what was spent on your initiative. Christine agreed that the totals of each Officer Barers budgets should be tabled at each meeting. She suggested it could be the responsibility of the General Secretary.

Motion: That Student Council endorse the 2017 draft FUSA/SE Budget allowing for minor changes to be made by the Manager, Student Engagement in consultation with the Student President and General Secretary.

Moved: Caleb Pattinson
16 For

Seconded: Alfred Lowe

0 Against

1 Abstention

Motion carried

6.4. August 24th National Day of Action – Jordon O’Reilly

Jordon O’Rielly: Informed Student Council that another Nation Day of Action has been called for Wednesday the 24th of August. The staff cuts, deregulation through the Flagship Degree program, fighting trimesters and restructures were all of concern, however Jordon wishes to focus a petition against the deregulations policy.



He spoke of the BuzzFeed article which acknowledged Flinders University in support of deregulation. He believed a petition against deregulation is more engaging to students and will provide evidence against this claim.

Jordon has requested to use Hamish Richardson's budget about hiring a bus to transport students to the city for the rally.

Caleb Pattinson: Proposed amending the motion to include a reimbursement of \$20 to Student President for sponsoring the petition.

Alfred Lowe: Alfred second the amendment.

Grace Hill: Supported Jordon focusing on deregulation and providing buses.

Caleb Pattinson: Asked Student Council to specifically petition against this accusation of Flinders University being pro-deregulation. He asked each council member to help petition on Thursday August 11 9-2pm. Caleb would then take this petition to the University Council.

Amended Motion:

Action 1: \$400 for a NDA BBQ from the Education Officers budget (see BBQ template attached)

Action 2: \$200 for a 16 seater mini bus for either Des Mini Van, Flinders University Bus, or maxi taxi. Priority will be given to non-council members to encourage more general students to attend and get involved in the bigger campaigns. This money will come from General Councils Hamish Richardson's budget.

Action 3: \$60 for free bus stickers to go on the NDA posters provided by NUS from the education officer's budget.

Action 4: FUSA will endorse a petition calling for the Vice Chancellor to reject Flagship Degrees and deregulation as well as DVC(A) to reject the proposal to reduce of staff and student numbers on Uni Council. Flinders University Student Council will table this petition to via the President at university council.

Action 5: FUSA will also endorse an email campaign to send a generic message or personal message if a student chooses to send to the DVC(A) in order to show the overwhelming numbers of students + staff rejecting this proposal. This campaign will happen directly following the meeting as consultation is due back by the 5th. I will also ask that this email is CC'd to Colin Stirling



Action 6: Reimbursement of \$20 to Student President for sponsoring the petition.

Moved: Caleb Pattinson

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Seconded: Alfred Lowe

All for

6.6: FUSA Banking

Simone Jowett: Simone had researched a number of different banking options for Student council, which are outlined in the attached research report. She recommended People's Choice Credit Union.

Simone wished to amend the motion, removing, Grace to clear outstanding debts as this was completed with Fay Hart previously.

Caleb Pattinson: Also proposed amending Option 2 to include People's Choice Credit Union.

Jordon O'Reilly: Seconded this

Motion:

Student Council move to close down the NAB Community Fee Saver Account in FUSA's name, and direct General Councillor Grace Hill to assist with this process, including transferring funds to a new account once opened.

Student Council move to open an appropriate account with People's Choice Credit Union, with Student President Caleb Pattinson and General Secretary Simone Jowett as signatories.

Moved: Simone Jowett

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Seconded: Jordon O'Reilly

6.7: Flinders Market Garden

Ali Roush: Informed Student Council that a garden is located on campus in which Buildings and Properties have allowed students to work on. Student Josh Jarvis has approached Ali to support his advancement of this garden to a profitable permaculture garden.



Josh Jarvis: Proposed to revitalize the gardening community at Flinders and attended this meeting to generate support from Student Council for the establishment of a student ran, not-for-profit commercial market garden.

Josh explained that the current vision is to establish a Gardens Collective that will link all of the student gardens together and provide the platform to co-ordinate all of the gardens on campus with student involvement

The idea is to sell produce to the food vendors on campus, all of whom I have met with already, and to the local community in order to sustainably finance the operation. Excess produce will be donated to FUSA, for their free meals, and to the 'food is free' movement for further distribution to students in need.

Mat Jeffrey, the Sustainability Officer of Flinders University, has suggested movable beds to feature in the hub.

There has also been interest in the development of gardens in the biology department, the humanities department and Oasis. The contribution program should see students and staff from other departments desire the establishment of more gardens.

Profits from the Flinders Market Garden (FMG) will be used to fund the development of more gardens and to support the activities of the gardens collective.

The biology department is applying for the SSAF grant in the hopes of gaining the funding they need for a proposed garden in the biology department. Josh is hoping to merge his proposal with theirs, as it is mutually beneficial. If successful, this could secure the start-up funding both groups need.

Grace Hill: Suggesting amending the motion removing the preamble in the motion.

Amended Motion: The Student Council support the establishment of a Flinders Market Garden.

Moved: Ali Roush

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Seconded: Grace Hill

All for

6.9. Documentary Screenings

Ali Roush: Is organising a series of lunchtime documentary screenings on the Plasma Screen (looking at 3 a week, starting Week 3). The documentaries will focus on social and environmental issues, and each week will have a different theme. She was seeking Student Council to approval to purchase the documentaries.



Motion: The Council approves the Environment Officer spending up to \$1,000 on educational DVDs and screenings on these documentaries:

- **Poverty Inc. (5x public screening at the same venue) = \$320 with shipping**
- **This Changes Everything (1x Public Screening 1-60) = \$140 with shipping**
- **Tapped (DVD) = \$323 with shipping**
- **Vanishing Bees = \$100 (not including shipping)**

Moved: Ali Roush

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Seconded: Sarah Polanco

All for

6.10 Environment Day

Ali Roush: Is organising an event similar to Waste Day last semester, called Environment Day (6th of September), to be held in the Plaza.

I'm also working to get the first legally accredited Tiny House in South Australia transported onto campus for the event. At this stage, the cost associated with transport is unclear, but likely to be between \$500- \$1000. Other foreseeable costs for the event at this stage are a BBQ and potentially hiring someone to film the forums for future records and to simultaneously screen on the plasma.

Caleb Pattinson: Reported that as of 31st of June Ali has \$2500 remaining in her budget.

Angela Tomarelli: Offered support from her budget if required.

Christopher Norman: Offered support from his budget if required.

Sarah Polanco: Offered support from her Outdoor Cinema budget if required.

Motion: Student Council approves the Environment Officers spending of up to \$1,500 on the event. If necessary, approves the request for some of the money to come from a General Secretaries budget (with their permission).

Moved: Ali Roush

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Seconded: Sarah Polanco

All for



6.11. Club Affiliations

6.11.1. Flinders Poker Society – non financial affiliation

Simone Jowett: This club has formed from the Business School assignment. They initially applied as a financially affiliated club, however Adam recommends we amend the motion that the Poker Society be Non-Financially Affiliated, on the condition that Poker Games remain free to enter and play until we receive further advice from the university.

Caleb Pattinson: Second it

Christine Bennets-Roberts: Reminded Student Council that they have financially affiliated two drinking clubs this year. Alcohol consumption can be addictive just as the playing of poker is.

Grace Hill: Stated the difference is the drinking clubs cannot purchase alcohol with SSAF funding.

Nardy Zanos-Jardine: Asked if the Clubs and Events Officer could organise gambling awareness training for members of the Poker Society. At least phmahlates from SPOL and Gambling Responsibility to SA

Amended Motion: Student Council approve the Poker Society as Non-Financially Affiliated, on the condition that Poker Games remain free to enter and play until we receive further advice from the university

Moved: Simone Jowett

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

16 For

0 Against

1 Abstention

Motion carried.

6.11.2 South African WEI Volunteers Society (SAVS) – non financial affiliation



Simone Jowett: South African WEI Volunteers Society wishes to fundraise for annual volunteer trips to South Africa. Money raised will go towards communities that host us and essential equipment for group sharing.

As there are two administrative errors Simone wanted to amend the motion restricting their affiliation until they have corrected the details.

Amended Motion: Student Council approve the Non-Finical Affiliation for South African WEI Volunteers Society on the condition that the corrected membership list (with emails and defined executive positions) is provided to the General Secretary within two weeks.

Moved: Simone Jowett
All for

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

Motion carried.

6.12 Honorarium of the Education Officer

Caleb Pattinson: Took the proposal as read and seeking Student Council approval to transfer the approximately \$7,647.50 of super paid by the University each year into the Education position.

Simone Jowett: Wanted to know the Universities justification of change the payment system from fortnightly payments to monthly.

Amy Hueppauff: Was concerned that Super is being removed.

Angela Tomarelli: Concurred, as women on average receive less Super, therefore it is worth fighting for.

Alfred Lowe: Informed council that Centrelink payments will be dramatically effected by monthly payments.

Caleb Pattinson: Noted the conversation was advancing beyond the motion, however agreed Student Council receiving a liveable wage with Super is an argument worth having.

Grace Hill: Stated that whether Student Council should receive a wage or not, the motion must be amended, confirming that we are paid fortnightly as monthly payments are detrimental to our Centrelink.

Motion: Student Council approve reallocating \$7,000 from the Student Council on-costs to increase the honorarium of the Education Office to \$10,000 each year.



The Student President will table changes to regulation and an outline on the payment procedure for 2017 at the September Council meeting.

Student Council direct the Student President to defend the fortnightly payments, ensuring Student Council do not receive monthly payments which will affect their Centrelink.

Moved: Caleb Pattinson

Seconded: Simone Jowett

14 For

3 Against

0 Abstention

Motion carried.

7. Matters for Discussion

7.1 Academic Integrity – Jordon O'Reilly

Jordon O'Reilly: The Academic Steering Committee is asking our opinion on the Student Learning Centre three prong approach to changing the university's culture around academic integrity. They propose the module would be compulsory for all undergraduate courses, completed through FLO and recorded on their academic transcript. It is clear the university is taking a disciplinary approach to academic integrity. Jordon asked for Student Council to comment on how to improve academic culture

Caleb Pattinson: Is against any mandatory compulsory subjects. If the university thinks this a serious problem they need to invest in training of their staff and increase resources to support students.

Grace Hill: Questioned the disciplinary approach, why not a positive approach increasing student's awareness, allocating funding to Student Centre for education programs, especially for students of a second language. The university has shown that it is underequipped to support students who plagiarise.

Angela Tomarelli: Emphasised a workshop approach would educate students rather than a compulsory quiz.

Simone Jowett: The idea that this is FUSA's responsibility is laughable, perhaps the transition office should take responsibility, especially for first years.



Christine Bennets-Roberts: Questioned whether university culture or student culture influences academic integrity. She emphasised that university should foster positive reinforcement when students plagiarise, a wholistic approach that takes into consideration a student's circumstance.

7.2 DUX Archivist – Caleb Pattinson

Caleb Pattinson: DUX member Sandra will archive at FUSA for her Bachelor of Arts, focusing on the motions of Student Council since its inception in 2012.

8. Matters for Noting

9. In Camera Disussion

Meeting Closed: 21:30