

**Flinders University Student Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 2nd September 2014**

1.1. Meeting Room, Flinders University Student Association.

1.2. 6:00pm

Present: Yadollah Bahrami, Michael Bezuidenhout, Lauren Brice, Rosalie Grace-Dow, Roxanna Henshaw, Ira Herbold, Grace Hill, Haidarr Jones, Will Menzies, Tim Mitchell, Caleb Pattinson, John Photakis, Justin Shaw, Tut Tut, Jaka Yusuf, Alison Taylor (6:15pm), Chris O'Grady, Paul Harrison (minutes)

Guest(s): None.

Apologies: None.

Opened: 6:20pm.

1. Welcome and Meeting Open

2. Apologies: None received.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Michael Bezuidenhout: Mainstream media page 17 should be changed to 'mainstream opinion'.

John Photakis: My honorarium should be stated for the month before as well.

Ira Herbold: 'I think this a good motion' on page 17 should be made in to a full, grammatically correct, sentence.

Chris O'Grady: I was in attendance at the meeting.

Motion: Student Council accepts the minutes of the previous meeting with the proposed changes.

Moved: Roxy Henshaw

Seconded: Grace Hill

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstention: Tut Tut

Motion Carried

4. In Camera Discussion

Alison Taylor entered the room 6:15 pm.

5. Reports

5.1. Student President's Report

John Photakis: Last paragraph last line (page 20) in the last sentence "I condemn the police for violence" etc. I'd like to draw the council's attention to condemning the police. I don't think that is in very good taste. The police's job is to enforce the law.

Grace Hill: My report is not meant to reflect the view of Student Council, it is the view of me

Jaka Yusuf: The problem is that it has to be illustrated what exactly happens. On one side you may see that as something that is offensive, but on their side it may not be. It might be better to ensure you have the views of both sides.

Grace Hill: Their side of events can be viewed in the media reports. Our side of events is they rode a number of horses into a peaceful crowd of people injuring a number of people.

5.2. General Secretary's Report

Michael Bezuidenhout: I just wanted to know why the NAB bank account went from so little to so much. I'm just wondering how we did that.

Roxanna Henshaw: I cannot remember at the moment. I will get back to you with further information.

Motion: Student Council approves all reports.

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstention: Tut Tut

Motion Carried.

6. Matters for Decision

Motion: Move un-starred items on block.

Un-starred items consist of:

6.1 Monster Climate Change Petition – Environment Officer

Motion:

1. Flinders Student Council endorse the Monster Climate Petition, and authorises the Environment Officer to sign it on behalf of FUSA.

2. The petition be promoted through the FUSA Facebook page.

6.3 Indigenous Students Celebratory Dinner – Indigenous Officer

Motion: Student Council approves the above proposal and budget taken from the Indigenous officer's budget.

6.7.1 Flinders Entrepreneur Society

Motion: I motion to accept the affiliation of the Flinders Entrepreneur Society.

6.8.2 Returning Officer Appointment

Motion: I motion that Rob Manwaring be appointed as Returning Officer for the Election.

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

For: 15

Abstention: Tut Tut

Against: 0

Motion carried.

6.2. Lecture Theatres – Justin Shaw

Tut Tut: I'm wondering if that motion is serious or just a joke. How are we going to spend Council's time to prevent students' feelings being hurt? Fix your own affairs if you're going to step your head in the wrong lecture theatre.

Grace Hill: It seems like the actual motion is to look into whether these ideas are actually feasible, not to actually do something

Justin Shaw: Yes, that is correct.

Ira Herbold: Two things. I think we've had this discussion before that I think it's inappropriate for council members to be rude or dismissive to other council member's suggestions. As far as I know some theatres have timetables outside the theatre; although this is not consistent. It would probably be quite feasible to implement this overall.

Will Menzies: Lets not downplay the things people go through in their lives because we don't know what everyone is going through.

Tut Tut: Well once again I've been labelled as being dismissive or rude; but something which flies in the face of reason needs to be called out. It's just walking into the wrong place, there's really no reason to bring that here.

Caleb Pattinson: I like the idea of the timetables maybe online integration

Rosalie Grace Dow: This is another good one to do some surveys and find out whether or not it is a significant problem and get a gauge of how severe students think the problem is.

Motion: Student council looks into these ideas and conducts a costing to ascertain whether either one of these ideas will be feasible in the near future.

Moved: Justin Shaw

Seconded: Grace Hill

For: 14

Against: Jaka Yusuf, Tut Tut.

Abstention: 0

Motion Carried.

6.4. Motion in Solidarity with Macquarie University Postgraduate Representative Association – Postgraduate Officer

James Vigus: Macquarie University are attempting to wind up the 17 year old Postgraduate Association and take the student representatives to court. A number of those representatives

are international students. They have committed no crime. It's really a fundamental attack on student unionism. That money, the 500k, was money which was saved up since before VSU.

James Vigus: This is the same motion that is being passed by student unions across the country. I'm surprised to hear Activate didn't seem to be in the know. The wording of the motion is pretty basic.

John Photakis: First thing I did was google search. When I looked at MQ there was a press release saying that they were not meeting their financial commitments and they were being wound up. It might be best to come back with more information.

Michael Bezuidenhout: With this we all had the opportunity to look at it in the agenda

Grace Hill: I think it's a pretty simple question as to whether or not you're for a university liquidating a student body.

James Vigus: I know there's a number of Greens and Labor MPs and trade unions who have voiced concerns as well as post graduate organisations. At least three of the reps are postgrad students.

John Photakis: Would you be open to withdrawing or postponing?

James Vigus: No.

Motion:

1. The Flinders University Student Association Student Council affirms its' position in support of universal and independent student unionism.
2. The Flinders University Student Association Student Council condemns Macquarie University for attempting to forcibly wind up the Macquarie University Postgraduate Representative Association (MUPRA), and trying to liquidate its' assets and bank account.
3. The Flinders University Student Association Student Council calls on Macquarie University to drop the case against MUPRA, reinstate their offices on campus and unfreeze their bank account.
4. The Flinders University Student Association Student Council calls on the President of the FUSA to publish a press release to the effect of this motion, to help publicise the campaign being run by MUPRA and the Councils of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA).

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: James Vigus

For: Roxanna Henshaw, Will Menzies, Caleb Pattinson, Rosalie Dow, Alison Taylor, Grace Hill, James Vigus, Ira Herbold, Lauren Bride, Yadollah Bahrami.

Against: Tut Tut

Abstention: Jaka Yusuf, Justin Shaw, John Photakis, Tim Mitchell

Motion carried.

6.5. Empire Times Regulations – General Secretary

Will Menzies: Just a couple of things; mostly minor. If you cast your eye over 5.1.2 you'll find that's identical to 5.1.12.

Roxanna Henshaw: We can get rid of 5.1.12 and change numbers accordingly

Will Menzies: In relation to 7.3 discussing candidate teams. Can we remove the words as opposed to and replace with 'shall not'.

Roxanna Henshaw: That's acceptable.

Will Menzies: In 9.7 Talking about having a committee to remove an ET editor. Two things: 1 removing the first comma after the third word. 2. Also, I think we should change it so that it's not that people are aware of allegations at the time of the hearing, but at least 24 hours before the hearing.

Roxanna Henshaw: I am amenable to all of the changes

Michael Bezuidenhout: I had a couple of concerns. In 7.7 where it says if person ceases 'after time of election' the position should be filled by appointment should that be replaced with 'before the end of their term'?

Roxanna Henshaw: Yes, I am amenable to that.

Motion: I motion that student council approve the attached Empire Times Regulations.

Moved: Roxanna Henshaw

Seconded: Justin Shaw

All in favour

Motion Carried.

6.6. President's Honorarium – General Secretary

James Vigus: I am against motion in general. I don't support the notion that honorariums should be decided by Student Council. It's not for SC bureaucratically being able to cut someone's pay. I think it should be student general meetings.

Will Menzies: I think it would be horrible for Student Council to choose not to pay someone just because they're from a different faction. It's the situation from all office bearers and Student Council positions. I don't think we've seen that that's been used as a weapon in this forum. I think that assuming that it will be used in such a manner is putting little faith in the people chose students to elect

Michael Bezuidenhout: I think we've had this discussion previously. I think it doesn't make sense to have one position different to others. I think if we're going to have a discussion about whether it's relevant at all I think we should do it as a whole when it is all the same if Student Council sees fit to do that

Grace Hill: I don't think it makes sense to have the Student President on a different think to the rest of Student Council. I also don't think that you need to make Student President the same as SC and then switch everything back.

I think that all of the members of Student Council should be in a similar situation as to what I am. It shouldn't be contingent on the misfortune of having other factions or people who don't like you being able to decide your pay.

I think Students should be the ones who decide

Tut Tut: At the risk of bringing on the apocalypse I'm going to agree with Grace on this issue. I think, with regards to what Will said about people slacking off near the end of their terms, the executive can probably detect that and tell her/him off.

Chris O'Grady: Funding for SP comes from VC. His view is that it shouldn't be contingent on attending a certain amount of meetings or do any work etc.

Chris O'Grady: Previously it was just the Student President received an honorarium from the university. When FUSA was established we made an allocation for other honorariums to come into play.

Motion: I motion that from January 2015 the Student Council President's honorarium must be approved or denied, as Student Council sees fit, at each meeting.

Moved: Roxanna Henshaw

Seconded: John Photakis

In favour: 8

Against: James Vigus, Ira Herbold, Tut Tut, Yadollah Bahrami, Grace Hill.

Abstention: Alison Taylor, Michael Bezuidenhout

Motion Carried.

6.8. Executive Committee Recommendations

6.8.1. SSAF and NON-SSAF Budget

Chris O'Grady: I just wanted to ask Student Council to approve the budget minus the last three items which I added at the last minute. If we could remove the last three items in red. I will be applying for those items in the coming months. It was not part of the SSAF budget proposal process.

Motion: I motion that Student Council approve the draft 2015 SSAF and Non-SSAF

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: John Photakis

Abstention: Tut Tut, Jaka Yusuf.

Motion carried.

6.8.2. Election Regulations

Michael Bezuidenhout: Suspending 10.3 of election regulations which states each voter may only vote once.

Grace Hill: Probably an error. Section intended to be removed that states that people are to be notified if they make an informal vote as the current system cannot do it.

Roxanna Henshaw: We can amend it to ensure that only the provision requiring students to be notified if they have an informal vote is suspended.

Motion: I motion that section 10.3 of the FUSA Election Regulations regarding the notification of students if they make an informal vote be suspended for the upcoming October election.

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: James Vigus

In favour: 14

Abstention: Jaka Yusuf.

Motion Carried.

6.8.3. Honorariums

Motion: Approve the honorariums approved by the Executive Committee.

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw.

In favour: 14

Abstention: Jaka Yusuf

Motion Carried.

7. Matters for Discussion:

7.1. Hub – MSE

Chris O’Grady: I won’t talk too much about it it's fairly self-explanatory. The diagrams indicate how the FUSA space has ended up. Are there any questions?

Jaka Yusuf: I just want to catch up with whoever is responsible with hub in regards to accessibility issue.

Chris O’Grady: Can do. There is a meeting 11-12 on Friday at the hub student consultation group.

Meeting closed at 7:03pm.