



Flinders University Student Council Meeting
Agenda of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2015.
Meeting Room, Flinders University Student Association.
5:00pm

Present: James Vigus (Student President), Grace Hill (General Secretary), Amy Hueppauff (Accessibility Officer), Caleb Pattinson (Education Officer), Brodie May (Environment Officer), Latoya Rule (Indigenous Officer arrived at 5:09pm), Siti Maesaroh (International Officer), Shannon Abeywardena (Post-Graduate Officer, arrived at 5:27pm), Simone Jowett (Social Activities Officer), Ella Keegan-Treloar (Welfare Officer, arrived at 5:09pm), Riana Cermak (Women's Officer), Michael Bezuidenhout, Kevin Clark, Jack Harrison, Mitchell Huffa, Catherine Wagg, Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement), Paul Harrison (Minutes), Genevieve Danenberg, Jennifer Matters (et Editor), Alison Taylor (NUS National Disabilities Officer).

Apologies: Rosalie Dow

Meeting opened: 5:02pm.

1. Welcome and Meeting Open

It was acknowledged that the Student Council meeting was taking place on the land of the Kaurna people.

2. Apologies

Rosalie Dow will be absent for the meeting.

3. Welcome Guests

The Student President introduced Alison Taylor, the NUS National Disabilities Officer.

4. Accept Minutes from previous meeting

Motion: Student Council accepts the minutes from the meetings in February and March 2015.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour.

Motion carried.

5. Reports



Motion: The Student Council accepts all of the received reports and the verbal report given by Michael Bezuidenhout at the executive meeting.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6. Matters for decision

Procedural Motion: Add items to matters for decision consisting of:

- 6.A. FUSA Finances
- 6.B. Empire Times
- 6.C. Coercion of International Students

And consider these items immediately

Moved: Jack Harrison

Seconded: Simone Jowett

For: 14

Abstention: Mitchell Huffa.

Motion carried.

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

6.1. Condemning Closures of Aboriginal Communities

Motion: FUSA supports, and will defend, the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to live on traditional lands and continue their cultural connection.

FUSA calls on the Abbott Government to restore funding for Aboriginal communities and the WA Government to end the political funding blackmail and work with communities to maintain their connection to traditional lands.

FUSA condemns the Abbott and WA Governments' moves to forcibly close Aboriginal communities in Western Australia.

FUSA supports all actions organized by First Nations people in South Australia against forcible closure of Aboriginal communities anywhere in Australia.

6.2. Post-Graduate student social event



Motion: I move that Student Council approve the Postgraduate Student Social event as attached to the Agenda.

6.3. Honorarium regulations

Motion: I move that Student Council accepts the changes to the Student Council Members Roles and Duties regulations as outlined in the Agenda.

6.6. Election Dates

Motion: Student Council approve that the annual election for Student Council, NUS Delegates and the Empire Times Editorial Team be conducted from the 12th of October to the 15th of October 2015.

6.7. Multicultural Festival

Motion: That Student Council approve the budget for the Multi-cultural festival and allow for adjustments to be made in partnership by the International Officer and Manger, Student Engagement.

6.9. Textbook Fair

Motion: I move that FUSA sets up a textbook fair at the beginning of semester 2 2015 as a trial and following a successful trial begins a twice-yearly fair, once at the beginning of each semester.

6.10. McHughs Closing Time

Motion: FUSA is concerned with the closing hours of McHughs and Decaf particularly McHughs which shuts at 4pm. This is unacceptable and it doesn't help student life on campus at all when the only bar on main campus closes at 4pm. Student Council directs the President to write to Flinders One asking why this is the case and if anything can be done about it.

Motion: The Student Council accepts all of the unstarred motions en bloc

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Simone Jowett

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Ella Keegan-Treloar and Latoya Rule have entered the room: 5:09pm

6.A. FUSA Finances



Jack Harrison: I am aware that FUSA gives money to financially affiliated clubs; I was just wondering if Student Council could get a list of what clubs got which money.

Motion: Student Council directs the General Secretary to supply Student Council with the budgets from 2014 and budget 2015 and the amounts of money FUSA has given to affiliated clubs and which clubs received this money in 2014/2015.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Michael Bezuidenhout

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.B. Empire Times

Jack Harrison: I thought I'd bring it up because FUSA has a number of pages that they can use in the Empire Times. My understanding is 4 for Student Council and 2 for advertisements. Motion is to direct the Empire Times Liaison to meet with Empire Times and discuss Student Council pages in Empire Times.

Caleb Pattinson: Are those four pages very often filled up by Student Council?

Jennifer Matters: Do you mean; do we regularly use that for Student Council?

Caleb Pattinson: Do you regularly get enough content from Student Council?

Jennifer Matters: We've been getting more content from Student Council this year; it comes in depending upon who gets information to us in time. When those pages are not used by Student Council, we use it for students.

Simone Jowett: Can they be used for advertising events, articles, anything that Student Council wants to put in?

Jennifer Matters: I'm assuming so. You'd need to check the regulations as to what can and can't be used.

Motion: Student Council directs the Empire Times liaison to meet with the Empire Times Editors to establish regular meetings.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Michael Bezuidenhout

For: 13

Abstentions: Siti Maesaroh, Caleb Pattinson

Motion carried.

6.C. Coercion of International Students

Jack Harrison: I've talked to Siti about this it was something I was concerned about from lots of Universities; it's by no means only a Flinders thing. I'm concerned that the next returning officer does not have a precedent to go back on. I think that the point of the motion is to say that if it does happen

then the returning officer can reference that the Student Council has moved a motion which says that it's terrible, it's not on. So that is the rationale to the motion.

Mitchell Huffa: This is not designed to scare off people to actually campaign to people from an international background. This is just to make sure they're not coerced?

Jack Harrison: Yes that's right, it's specifically for coercion.

Simone Jowett: It's specifically there to protect international students.

Latoya Rule: At Yunggoorendi we have students who have English as their third language, so there are language barriers there too.

Catherine Wagg: Could you amend the motion to include people from non-English speaking backgrounds as well as international students?

Jack Harrison: Absolutely. I'm more than happy to amend. I am amenable to that change.

Simone Jowett: In terms of the wording, should it be 'International students and those from non-English speaking backgrounds'?

Jack Harrison: Are you happy with that Latoya?

Latoya Rule: Yes.

Motion: Student Council notes with concern the anecdotes of international students and those from non-English speaking backgrounds at Flinders University being coerced into voting at the 2014 FUSA student elections and Student Council also notes that this issue is wide spread with stories of coercion coming from Adelaide University and others. Student Council compels future Returning Officers to punish candidates, students and tickets severely with the newly passed Election Regulations to tackle this.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Amy Hueppauff

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.4. Gender Equality Week

Riana Cermak: I just wanted to change the dates of that to the following week to coincide with blue stockings week. The new date is the 10th to 15th of August.

Simone Jowett: So Gender Equality Week and Blue Stockings will be a combined event?

Riana Cermak: I'd still like to have it as 'Gender Equality Week', but there's still a blue stockings event in the city on the Wednesday. I'd like to have it as Gender Equality Week and encourage people to get involved in Blue Stockings as well.



Motion: Student Council accepts the proposal for Flinders Gender Equality Week attached to the Agenda.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Amy Hueppauff

All in favour.

Motion carried.

5:27 Shannon Abeywardena has entered the room.

6.5. Student Radio

Caleb Pattinson: I mostly just starred it because it's too big of an issue to vote en bloc. Also within the motion it says to proceed with the intermediate model. I know that Michael was concerned with some of the financial issues with the proposals. In general I don't have anything against the motion; I just wanted to make sure everyone had a chance to consider it because it's one of the most important things we'll vote on this year.

Michael Bezuidenhout: From the survey it seems that students are greatly in favour of Student Radio, so I have a lot less concerns about the spending of that quantity of money now.

Caleb Pattinson: The other issue I had is with the report, is that in the basic model there wasn't funding for radio training. I think it is essential to allocate money in every single model for the students to be trained in using the equipment.

Jack Harrison: I understand that there's a committee of some sort in Student Radio, who exactly is on it?

Simone Jowett: There is a committee is myself, the Media Officer and the Manager, Student Engagement. What we've done so far is liaise with the consultant and helped him to identify the people that we interviewed who were targeted. Chris worked very hard on the survey and making sure that the questions were appropriate.

Chris O'Grady: If this gets endorsed by Student Council then we'd probably like to expand the committee to include more students and staff from around the University.

Catherine Wagg: My problem was that the three student directors would have to be trained for 6 months before they took on the role. How long were you looking at having them on? Most courses are 3 years.

Jack Harrison: Sorry for interrupting. Is this something to direct to Simone to bring back to us?

Mitchell Huffa: I'm assuming the first 6 months would be setting up all the equipment and training. So, halfway through next year, three new people would begin training.

Simone Jowett: There would be a changeover period every year where the current student directors would be mentoring the new student directors. That's why it would be held separately from elections.

Michael Bezuidenhout: It's coming from recommendation 10 that they are appointed. I would suggest we change it to Student Council will appoint the directors.

Mitchell Huffa: Is it via voting, or via applications?

Michael Bezuidenhout: It has not been defined, we're only accepting this in principle – it's not binding us to anything. I think it's important we all have a think about how we would like the process to be actually structured because, obviously, we will have to make regulations.

James Vigus: Are you making an amendment?

Michael Bezuidenhout: No, I'm just pointing it out to us. It should be something for us to consider when we do the regulations.

Caleb Pattinson: I move we go to a vote.

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.

Moved: Caleb Pattinson

Seconded: Jack Harrison

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.8. Online Textbook Listing

Catherine Wagg: Caleb and I have talked extensively about this because second hand textbooks are quite a big issue for students. A lot of students struggle to come across second hand textbooks. The idea is to create an online listing like job listings which all students can go on and buy and sell text books from each other.

Simone Jowett: I have some concerns about the start-up costs of it and that other things like job listings do bring us revenue. I was wondering if it's something that we should consider?

Catherine Wagg: It is possible, but that sort of detracts from the overall student benefit of this idea so that students can get the full proportion of the text book sale and they can get cheaper text books. Because what you'll do is if you put a tax on it is that you will increase the cost for the person that's buying it.

Simone Jowett: There are the Facebook pages. I've used the Facebook pages. If it's going to have no revenue why don't we just direct people to the Facebook pages?

Catherine Wagg: The Facebook pages are messy and do not allow you to search for a book easily or allow you to filter by genre. That becomes really clumsy to find a textbook. I've attached a template of what it should look like.

Caleb Pattinson: There are still a small proportion of people who are not on Facebook too. If it's bringing more traffic to the FUSA website as well that's good. With regard to revenue, constitutionally FUSA's role is to provide services to students. However, you could add a small fee such as \$2 to generate a small stream of revenue but that is a further discussion for the future.

Catherine Wagg: I think that the traffic to the FUSA website and that people that will get talking about the FUSA website is a positive thing. I think that if FUSA charges people any fee then they'll get annoyed that they're being charged for a service.

Riana Cermak: There are free alternatives out there. I think that if people see that they're required to pay then people will be annoyed that they're having to pay for a service that they otherwise don't have to pay for.

Catherine Wagg: Maybe once it's up and running we can introduce one, but until it gets started we shouldn't.

Latoya Rule: I think that putting a price on it would defeat the purpose of the welfare aspect of supporting second hand books. Some of mine have been from international students just wanting to give them away when they go home who have just given them away for free.

Simone Jowett: I just want to say that I was only putting the suggestion out there to consider, not that I was in favour of it.

Michael Bezuidenhout: With this proposal they would keep hold of the textbook until they have sold it, correct? If they brought it into FUSA it'd make it more secure – in that context maybe then we should do a bit of a fee.

Motion: That a textbook listing is included in the redesign of the FUSA website. Student Council supports the creation of this service.

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.11. Club Affiliations

Simone Jowett: I have no information about the clubs we are approving as none was attached to the Agenda. Obviously you can tell what the African Students Association's objectives will be based on their name, but I have no idea about the Entertainment Association.

Grace Hill: **[Get list of objectives from Entertainment Association]** It's started up by a student named Joel Brown – Adam Rau has requested that I put it up tonight.

Simone Jowett: Thank you. It's a very vague name, which is why I wanted more clarification to ensure it wasn't conflicting with pre-existing clubs.

Motion: That Student Council accepts the Flinders Entertainment Association's application for financial affiliation.

Motion: That Student Council accepts the African Students Association of Flinders University's application for financial affiliation.

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Simone Jowett

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Latoya Rule: With affiliated clubs, does that mean they get published in the clubs guide?

Simone Jowett: Yes, as long as they sent the information back when it was requested.

6.12. Proposal for an Electronic Billboard on Campus

Kevin Clark: I really like the idea. My only question is still on security, especially if we're running everything off of exposed USBs. I just would like some discussion about the general security of the equipment.

Mitchell Huffa: I've discussed the security of the TVs on the whole with Security. Just not the security of the USBs as you can't lock them in easily.

Kevin Clark: That's fine, as long as it's being considered.

Jack Harrison: I was just wondering Mitch, do you have any ideas how the decision for whose decision it is regarding what content is displayed on the TV?

Mitchell Huffa: At the moment the most would be FUSA, but clubs can put one advertisement up per week.

Catherine Wagg: So, are we buying two TVs? Because it says the 48" TV and then says high quality TV inside the library.

Mitchell Huffa: The LED TV will be inside the library and heavily secured. The CRT TV will be in the sheltered area outside of the Mathew Flinders theatre.

Kevin Clark: Just in terms of who decide what goes on the TVs, does it make sense for the Media Officer to deal with most of that content and Student Council can direct them where appropriate? It makes much more sense for someone like Student Council but the meetings are too spread out to manage that.

Simone Jowett: I was going to ask about the costing for the standard definition TV.

Mitchell Huffa: Free because I will be donating it.

Jack Harrison: I was just wondering if you'd be amenable to adding something in there along the lines of the Media Officer is in charge of what's on the TV when not directed by Student Council. The gist



of this is that Student Council decides what is on it, but there's a lot of time between Student Council meetings so it'd be best for the Media Officer to do it.

Mitchell Huffa: I am happy to amend it to that to 'The Media Officer will receive advertisements and determine what goes on there each week.'

Jack Harrison: Could we include something in there about Student Council?

Mitchell Huffa: Yes, we can do that.

Caleb Pattinson: Just a very brief question, where in the library would it go?

Mitchell Huffa: In the front foyer area before the scanner.

Caleb Pattinson: It might be worthwhile putting it by the front door.

Mitchell Huffa: There is no power there.

Simone Jowett: It also doesn't lock as it is the access path to the elevator.

Jack Harrison: Can we read the wording that we agreed on.

Michael Bezuidenhout: I don't think there's currently a motion, even in the proposal. It's not a motion. We need to have an actual motion.

Jack Harrison: The Media Officer will determine the content on such TVs when not directed by Student Council.

Mitchell Huffa: That's fine.

Motion: Student Council accepts the proposal, with the amendment 'The Media Officer will determine the content on such TVs when not directed by Student Council.'

Moved: Michael Bezuidenhout

Seconded: Simone Jowett

For: 15

Abstention: Mitchell Huffa

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 5:55pm.

Meeting resumed: 6:10pm.

7. Matters for discussion

Meeting entered in-camera discussion: 6:10pm.

7.1. FUSA Merchandise – Jack Harrison

7.3. Food Vans – Jack Harrison

Michael Bezuidenhout has left the meeting: 6:50pm.

Meeting finished in-camera discussion: 7:00pm.

James Vigus: All of Student Council's honorariums are to be approved automatically, however, just to ensure they go through this month we will pass a once-off motion.

Motion: That the Honorariums for all Student Council members are approved for March.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour.

Motion carried.

James Vigus: Chris, can you talk to us the FUSA rebranding?

Chris O'Grady: The Media Officer is working on new logo and brand for FUSA. She is going to put forward a proposal of how we move forward with that. The main catalyst for the rebranding now is that we are moving into the new Student Hub next year. The feedback we've had from many people such as Student Council, students and staff is that our brand isn't very practical on many different levels. The orange star has no meaning to FUSA and has six different types of orange; which makes it very expensive to reproduce it on various types of mediums and merchandise.

Jack Harrison: I know a few of us are quite passionate on what the design and colour scheme of what FUSA should look like. What are the time constraints?

Chris O'Grady: We are on a tight schedule to have it locked in by July. We will engage in consultation with Student Council and maybe students more broadly as well. As soon as the proposal is finished we will pass it on to Student Council. Perhaps we can negotiate and talk to James and other interested Student Council members in the interim instead of Student Council receiving the final proposal all at once. I would suggest that we make a working group for the branding and use that to bounce ideas around and ensure that we are all happy where we are heading.

James Vigus: The other option is to just keep everyone informed and those who are opinionated or have problems with it can jump in.

Chris O'Grady: I can send the proposal around and you can have a look at it and indicate whether you'd like to be involved in continued discussion.

7.2. Bus Stop Path – Jack Harrison

Jack Harrison: I'm sure that some of you might be aware, but at Bus Stop 26b University Drive there is no real path back to DJ village. You are forced to walk along this hill and the road with all of your groceries and I'm quite concerned with students walking back in bad conditions.

Catherine Wagg: There is also very limited lighting there.

Jack Harrison: That's basically what I wanted to discuss, who would be the relevant person to talk to about that and making the area safer?



James Vigus: Who are the liaison people with Flinders Living? I think it should those people who talk to Flinders Living about the problem so that we can improve it together.

Catherine Wagg: We [Jack Harrison and Catherine Wagg] can arrange a meeting.

8. Matters for noting

None received.

9. Meeting Close

Meeting closed: 7:09pm