

Flinders University Student Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2015.
Meeting Room, Flinders University Student Association.
6:00pm

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, via phone), Shannon Abeywardena (Post-Graduate Officer), Simone Jowett (Social Activities Officer, via phone), Michael Bezuidenhout, Jack Harrison, Mitchell Huffa, Ann Raith, Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement), Paul Harrison (Minutes)

Meeting opened: 6:00pm

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

Ella Keegan-Treloar will be absent for the meeting.

3. Welcome Guests

4. Accept Minutes from previous meeting

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

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour.

Motion carried.

5. Reports

The Accessibility Officer gave a verbal report transcribed below:

'I attended NUS EdCon for three and a half days. I've also been in contact with Shane Jennings and have reviewed some plans for the redevelopment of registry road. I have emailed the disability advisors about an app to help people navigate flinders. I've requested that that my excess hours go towards my February report.'

Motion: Student Council accepts the verbal report given by the Accessibilities Officer

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Jack Harrison



All in favour.

Motion carried.

Jack Harrison gave a verbal report transcribed below:

'I attended NUS Edcon just as many others from Student Council did. It was a very worthwhile conference to attend. As you know, FUSA is affiliated with NUS. They put on a lot of good very educational workshops which will help me and many other Student Council members. I will provide a document soon with what I've learnt written up.'

Motion: Student Council accepts the verbal report given by Jack Harrison

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Ann Raith

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Motion: Student Council accepts all of the submitted written reports.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Jack Harrison: Can I request to add an additional item to the agenda? I'd like to add to Matters for Noting, 8.2 Empire Times. Also, can we deal with 6.3 and 6.7 at the same time as they deal with a similar issue?

Procedural Motion: To add 8.2 Empire Times and raise 6.7 to be dealt with concurrently with 6.3.

Procedural Motion Carried.

Grace Hill: I've noticed that Siti has included a motion in her report which was not submitted as a motion. So can we add that to the agenda as item 6.12?

Procedural Motion: To add 6.12 CISA Affiliation to the agenda.

Procedural Motion Carried.

6. Matters for decision

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

6.1. Support for the FUSA Indigenous Officer – Education Officer



Motion: Student Council reaffirms its commitment to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Flinders University and acknowledge we are on stolen land.

Student Council congratulates the FUSA Indigenous Officer on the victory for all Flinders University students with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags set to be raised on August 5th.

6.2. FUSA stands against racism – Education Officer

Motion: Student Council reaffirms its stance that all people are equal and we do not stand for racism.

The FUSA Student President raises the issue of ongoing racism on campus at the next opportunity with the University Board.

6.6. Free wellbeing classes for students – Welfare Officer

Motion: The Student Council approves \$200 from the Welfare Officer's initiative budget for purchasing props.

I would like to spend my professional development and conference attendance allowance on food for my subcommittees, healthy give aways at the Mindfulness Triathlon, and potentially some extra mindfulness classes in semester two. Tenure of Student Council – Manager, Student Engagement

6.11. Postgrad event proposal – Post-Graduate Officer

Motion: I move that Student Council approves funding for the postgrad event proposal

6.12. CISA Affiliation – International Officer

Motion: That Student Council approves the next payment for CISA affiliation to make sure that FUSA has voting power at the next AGM. The affiliation fee is \$500.

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

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Michael Bezuidenhout

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.3. National Day of Action – Education Officer

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6.7. NUS National Day of Action – General Secretary

Jack Harrison: I think the motion is pretty self-explanatory.

Jack Harrison: Caleb and I were talking about having something gimmicky or stunts to grab the attention of students here at Flinders. I was thinking of having an American themed event and doing things such as giving out hotdogs while dressed up as Uncle Sam to bring attention to the Americanisation of our education industry. That's what I was thinking of doing if Student Council is happy with that.

James Vigus: I think that's a really good idea I think that anything that engages with the students and, breaks through and looks different is very useful. There's a lot of good stuff that comes from America but privatisation and deregulation is not one of those.

Grace Hill: I agree with what James has said and I agree with the proposal in general. I think if we're going to the extent of having hotdogs and putting someone into a costume it'd be worth contacting the media as well. At the NUS Education Conference we talked a lot about posters and stunts that we can do to increase awareness. However, ultimately unless we do up leaflets about this and distribute them, no one will turn up to this. It'd be good to see if someone could speak to Steph about this to design up a funky flier to allow it to also feed into the central rally.

Brodie May: Did you mean this event to be a day prior to the NDA or being part of the NDA itself?

Jack Harrison: My initial thoughts were that it should be part of the NDA. But if we had it organised before we could do it before. We can have those conversations leading up to the NDA.

Mitchell Huffa: I think it's a good idea but make sure you're not too on the nose. But some people might interpret it differently and instead of being a helpful theme it could be bad.

James Vigus: Just a direct question it'd be great if someone could just clarify in terms of the line-up of events in the day. In terms of the time of the Flinders event and the event later in the day.

Grace Hill: We've got basically the central rally happening at 1:30pm and in the morning at Flinders the idea was to do something. But we left the campus feeding events up for discussion by each individual campus. That is what Jack is proposing. Minimal time was spent discussing the actual day at NUS.



Simone Jowett: In terms of the campus event; I have spoken to Adam Rau and we are going to make sure that there is a welfare breakfast on that day. This will be in the morning which will lead into the Flinders event and lead into the central event

Jack Harrison: What is the budget for a general council member?

James Vigus: \$1,000

Jack Harrison: Can I increase the budget to \$1,000 then?

Michael Bezuidenhout: As long as the expenditure is in consultation with the student council.

Grace Hill: You can just provide us with details about the costs.

Jack Harrison: Yeah, no worries.

Simone Jowett: It's just in terms of what James has said. The concept behind this event is something that came out of our discussion at EdCon; which is that gimmicks are needed to get attention of students. I think it is important that we do go as big as possible. Also everything FUSA does offends a couple of people, I do not think this event is very offensive.

Jack Harrison: Can we add in the motion that the event occurs at 11:30 am?

Grace Hill: Just keep in mind that we have to be aware of the time it takes for people to get into the city. As long as it wraps up by 12:30 it should be fine.

James Vigus: I move that we put this to a vote and that we allocate \$1,000 from Jack's budget and also add at the end that the Flinders Event occurs at 11:30am

Motion 1: Student Council endorses the National Union of Student's National Day of Action (NDA) of August 19th at Adelaide University.

All of Student Council make every effort to attend the NDA in a sign of solidarity against the Liberal policy. All Student Council commits to building the NDA in some capacity.

All of Student Council commit to educating the students of Flinders University in what deregulation means for their studies and why it is poor policy for the higher education sector.

Student Council asks that the Vice-Chancellor of Flinders University, Colin Stirling, comes out and publicly states opposition to the deregulation model due to the financial strain it will place on future students and the fact Flinders University students will be **worse** off under the model.



Student Council commits to hosting a NDA in the Humanities Courtyard on August 19th at 11:30am to raise awareness around the afternoon rally and the issue of reregulation more broadly. Student Council allocates \$1,000 out of General Council member Jack Harrison's budget to run the event of August 19th at Flinders University.

Motion 2: I move that the FUSA Student Council prioritizes leafleting students in person in the lead up to the NDA on August 19th. This means having leaflets on them at O'Week, making sure to the best of their ability that their clubs distribute leaflets, and distributing leaflets from the FUSA stall.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Jack Harrison

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.4. Super Tuesday – Education Officer

Michael Bezuidenhout: It's obviously getting 2 grand then, but what's happening with that? I mean, 2 grand for BBQs?

Grace Hill: There's going to be casuals. Basically the way Caleb has organised this is that they will be a bit of overlap between the BBQs all days. There will be two groups of casuals to run the BBQs during the day.

Jack Harrison: I'd like to say that I think it's a really good idea in terms of student engagement.

Chris O'Grady: I met with Caleb yesterday to talk about this and I will take over Jonathan's role contacting the different deans. If you can encourage any students you know in the schools to get involved and volunteer for positions in each of the student associations.

Simone Jowett: I feel like it's important that we add something in the motion that we do talk to other students in the applicable areas.

James Vigus: Can we just take that as a recommendation to student council. I don't think it necessarily has to be put down on paper to do it. It's obviously a really good suggestion that everyone should act on.

Motion: Student Council supports Super Tuesday and will volunteer to help coordinate various BBQ's and meetings throughout the day

Student Council endorses the attached budget for the event, with General Councillor Kevin Clark pledging \$1000, FUSA Education Officer pledging \$1000



and the rest being sourced from the budget line of the Student Representation and Development Officer, previously held by Jonathon Louth.

Student Council notes the attached running time sheet and communicates with the FUSA Education Officer should they be available to participate in the running of the event.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.5. NAIDOC Event Proposal – Indigenous Officer

Latoya Rule: Firstly thank you for your support around the flag. It's really great to have support around everything. The Vice Chancellor did put both the Torres Strait and the Aboriginal flag up. The Torres Strait flag has been taken down for now but both flags will go back up for NAIDOC at a flag raising ceremony. There will be speeches by Katrine Hildyard and hopefully also by Kyam Maher. There will also be a speech by Yunggorendi and I'll be speaking as well.

Latoya Rule: I just wanted to clarify a comment about the budget. Adam has stated that I haven't put in a full budget. This is because I can only ask for a certain amount from the Indigenous Officer's budget. The other 1,500 will come from clubs and societies through FISA.

Latoya Rule: Now that the flag raising ceremony is almost like a second event, we're trying to get a marquee for the day and possibly a stage. All of that kind of equipment and any money required will hopefully come from the VC's budget. If not, then we will just have to find something to stand on.

Latoya Rule: Does anybody have any questions about the event?

James Vigus: Just to clarify that moved that motion of thanks (6.1 Support for the FUSA Indigenous Officer) absolutely reflects what everyone is thinking.

Brodie May: You were saying that you were going to get the other 1500 from FISA's budget but there are limits to club funding. Are you sure you can actually get all of that?

Latoya Rule: Yes, we have that much that we can apply for.

Chris O'Grady: Latoya if you wouldn't mind liaising with Rachael around this event and budget.

Latoya Rule: I have been liaising with Rachael and Buildings and Property and MACO as well. I ran it home with them that this is a student run event.

Chris O'Grady: I think Rachael's flying the flag for you, pardon the pun, in that regard that it is a student event. Maybe have a bit more of a chat to Rachael about the performances.

Simone Jowett: In terms of what Brodie asked, Grace and Chris can correct me if I'm wrong, stuff has been changed in terms of club funding so it's slightly easier to access.

Grace Hill: In terms of discussions with Adam it's certainly our intention with clubs funding for them to access the money easier.

James Vigus: It sound like it's going to be a really fantastic event.

Latoya Rule: If anybody could help out just by the time we get down to the grass area, just to run the food, so that the indigenous students can take part in the event itself that would be great.

Motion: Student Council approve the proposal to access the Indigenous Student's Officer's budget for the purpose of the NAIDOC at Flinders event.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Brodie May

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.8. Minutes – General Secretary

Jack Harrison: Thanks Grace for trying to fix those minutes. I know it's very late but how can I suggest changes to this?

Grace Hill: I think the best way is not at a Student Council meeting. I think we should either just accept them or not accept them now. I'd rather just do a similar thing again but this time have people reply to it. I did do quite a lot of work in terms of trying to add the bits that I remembered in. People were not happy with the result but no one replied to the email asking for additions and changes.

James Vigus: I think that's a valid point, it's been five weeks since we set up that arrangement. In terms of dealing with the issue, it would be great for FUSA to begin training up other people to do the minutes so that if Paul isn't available we have other people that can also do the minutes. The whole thing has been a bit of a nightmare.

Michael Bezuidenhout: You could still change them after the fact. It'd be unorthodox, but you can, correct?

James Vigus: Yes.



Jack Harrison: I do appreciate being given all this time window but it was during SWOT Vac and exams and all this sort of stuff. My issue is that the minutes as they stand are not a true and accurate representation of what happened at the meeting.

Brodie May: Can't we just put up a disclaimer that there were no accurate meetings for this meeting?

James Vigus: I'm going to say, and I know it's annoying, but those who want to make changes can send through their changes so they can be discussed next meeting

Grace Hill: I'm willing to do the same sort of thing as before. I can leave it open for a week but that's it. Then I can collate it all and present it to the next meeting.

James Vigus: Okay, so there is one week for people to put in changes that they think would make the minutes legitimate in their eyes.

Grace Hill: The longer we go away from this meeting the less accurate people will be able to recall so I'd be unwilling to draw it out much further.

James Vigus: We will withdraw that motion then and come back to the minutes next meeting.

Motion 6.8 has been postponed until the next Student Council meeting.

6.9. Club Affiliations – General Secretary

Motion 1: I move that the Plant Biotech Society of Flinders University be approved for financial affiliation to FUSA.

Motion 2: I move that the Indonesian Students Association be approved for financial affiliation to FUSA.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Grace: I just realized I made an error in club affiliations and that I put the Indonesian Association on here but Adam and Paul have let me know that they are already affiliated. So now they're just extra affiliated. Double affiliated.

6.10. Environment Officer and Indigenous Officer joint forum – Environment Officer

Brodie May: Just wanted to give people a bit of an idea of what the event was about. The event is about the things that have been happening recently. Sometimes it's about a specific resource like trying to get access to coal. It would be a good idea to have a student forum at



Flinders about environmental destruction and Indigenous rights and the links between the two.

Motion: I move that student council approve \$500 from the environment officer's budget for this event. The general breakdown of which is \$150 for posters, leaflets and other advertising. \$100 for food and drinks at the event. Around \$50 for thankyou gifts to the guest speakers. And the remainder for any travel or other expenses required of the guests, which are as yet to be determined.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour

7. Matters for discussion

7.1. Student Services and Amenities Fee – Priority Expenditure Areas for 2016 – Manager, Student Engagement

Chris O'Grady: The process for student consultation has been changed slightly to make it earlier and increase input from all of the stakeholders. The General Secretary has been added to the committee so that there are two student and two staff representatives. We'd like to do an all student survey on this issue which is to happen around late August or early September.

We may also do some focus groups depending on some of the feedback from the survey. To ensure the voice of the entire Student Council is heard, it would be helpful if Student Council could forward a formal document to the SSAF Budget Advisory Committee on their view on current expenditure and expenditure for next year.

Chris O'Grady: I've attached a document with the expenditure items broken down. It'd be great to have something from Student Council around mid-august. A report based on Student Council's opinion would be taken in high regard by the committee

Jack Harrison: As it's taken in mid-august, it might be a bit late if we wait until the next Student Council meeting. Should we try and do something earlier?

James Vigus: I don't mind writing up a report and then sending it around Student Council for comment and additions?

Michael Bezuidenhout: Yeah I'm happy with that.

Jack Harrison: I guess we can contact you with any thoughts then James.

James Vigus: Yes.

Chris O'Grady: If you have ideas about new items please feel free to include them in the report.



Mitchell Huffa: Obviously 2015 doesn't have student radio which is a big item to come through in 2016.

Chris O'Grady: FUSA will have to put in a new request for that.

Grace Hill: One of the things is why we should argue if we should have lots of funding if we're not spending all of it.

Amy Hueppauff: If we've spent all of our budget can we request it from somewhere else?

Grace Hill: The issue is that a lot of it is tied to specific things.

Michael Bezuidenhout: I was pretty much going to mention what Grace said. The executive has spoken to Chris about our line items and what we currently have left in our budget.

Chris O'Grady: Just to respond to Amy; if you have ideas about things and you're out of your budget you can just bring it to James and I and we can just have a look through to see if it fits elsewhere. Just make sure that you speak with Adam and Rachel before you bring something to Student Council that would be very helpful - to just make sure that it doesn't conflict and they have time to help you.

Simone Jowett: All of the major events I run are out of the events budget itself. So if anyone is out of money they can have a chat with me and we can see if we can use some of my Office Bearer budget for that event.

8. Matters for Noting

8.1. ET – Jack Harrison

Jack Harrison: 17th of August is the deadline for the next issue of Empire Times. I will bring it up again at the next meeting.

9. Meeting Close

Meeting closed: 7:00pm.