

FUSA Student Council
February 2nd 6pm
Meeting Agenda

- 1. Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country and Meeting open**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Welcome guests**
- 4. Accept minutes from previous meeting**
- 5. Reports**
 - President
 - General Secretary
 - Education Officer
 - Welfare Officer
 - Post Grad Officer
 - Indigenous Officer
 - International Officer
 - Women's Officer
 - Queer Officer
 - Environment Officer
 - Accessibility Officer
 - Social Activities Officer
 - General Council Reports
 - Manager of Student Engagement
- 6. Matters for Decision**
 - 6.1: Women's officer Hunting Ground event in March – Angela Tomarelli
 - 6.2 Women's officer International Women's Day High Tea – Angela Tomarelli
 - 6.3 Education Officer apology – Jason Byrne
 - 6.4 FUSA endorses Australian Marriage Equality – Alexander Chen
 - 6.5 Events Budget – Chris O'Grady
 - 6.6 Relax Day Proposal – Chris O'Grady
 - 6.7 FUSA App – Chris O'Grady
 - 6.8 0.5 Media Assistant Position – Chris O'Grady
 - 6.9 Timor Sea – Grace Hill
 - 6.10 South Australian Government reshuffle – Jason Byrne
 - 6.11 Australian Republican Movement – Alfred Lowe
 - 6.12 NDA – Jack Harrison
 - 6.13 Factsheets- Jack Harrison
 - 6.14 Piecharts – Jack Harrison
 - 6.15 Survival Day – Grace Hill
 - 6.16 Healthcare Cuts – Grace Hill
 - 6.17 Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption – Grace Hill
- 7. Matters for Discussion**
 - 7.1 Revised SSAF Budget – Chris O'Grady
 - 7.2 FUSA Membership – Jack Harrison
 - 7.3 Status of Unibooks – Jack Harrison

- 7.4 FlindersOne – Jack Harrison
- 7.5 Status of electronic voting – Jack Harrison
- 7.6 EdCon hosting – Jack Harrison
- 7.7 Protocol for FUSA posts – Jack Harrison

8. Meeting Closed

5.1 President's report

Education Conference

I have been seeking support from Flinders University in order for FUSA to place a tender for the NUS Education Conference in 2016. At this stage – there will be no financial support from the University but they have offered their vast resources for in kind support including security, busses, cleaning and free venue hire.

I will be working on the tender shortly and keep council in the loop. Expressions of interest were sent out by the National Union of Students to the respective Presidents of campuses and a deadline of mid-march has been set.

Meetings

I have been continuing building relationships between FUSA and various services and personnel around the University. I have established contact with the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students). No meaningful actions have come out of the meetings to date, yet high on the agenda has been the Education Conference bid, the lake at Flinders and O'week. I would encourage councillors to get in touch for further detail.

O'Week

Orientation week continues to approach us and I have been working closely with FUSA staff to see a strong and robust display of student events and activities. At O'week there will be an opportunity for office bearers to run campaigns and push their collectives. Encouraging all student council to get around this initiative and start to build to activism of FUSA.

External Relationships

I have continued communications with NUS Office Bearers as well as Presidents of other student associations and unions. I am looking at driving to the state of Victoria and visiting some institutions to see the student services and activism offered by the relevant student representative body.

Unfortunately I was unable to make the NUS President's Summit – however I hope this opportunity to visit will be beneficial.

5.2 General Secretary's report

Placeholder topics

In the past month I have been working on a proposal to put to Student Council regarding Placeholder topics.

Student Council can take a lot of one member's time and this means many dedicated student councilors who work part time choose to study less to be able to survive and contribute to the student union.

The unfortunate side effect of this is many student councilors find themselves doing one or two topics meaning in the eyes of many organizations including Centrelink and Adelaide Metro they are ineligible for many concessions. This seems like such a high price to pay for students who choose to contribute more, only to have concessions taken away from them.

A system that would allow, for example, a General Council member to study two topics and have a placeholder topic (equaling 0 credit points) so that it look like they are doing 3 topics and so eligible for concessions as they appear to be full-time would be very beneficial to the student, the student union, and the university as a whole as student council members will be able to dedicate more time to the union and their role without fear of losing their status as full-time student and the various concession eligibilities.

I am currently working on this proposal to provide a more formal document at the next meeting, with something we can more properly discuss and hopefully vote on.

Executive meeting

I phoned into the executive meeting and prepared an agenda for the meeting and sent this to members of the executive beforehand.

Meetings

Have made contact with FUSA staff members to discuss the current status of clubs and societies and the collective.

I have also had contact with Juan from the Hub users group and am attending the next meeting on the 5th of February.

Collectives

With the help of Steph Walker the Media Officer, I have gained access to the First Year's student collective and will work to improve the facebook page before uni goes back, so as soon as these students start classes, they can join the page and find all the necessary information.

I also am responsible for the Clubs and Societies collective and will ensure I have access to this page, so I can repeat the process as above.

Plans

I will endeavor to have meetings with Rachael and Anthea and Adam to catch me up on clubs and societies, events, and O'Week planning to see how I can help them.

5.3 Education officer's report

Holidays

Due to my housing situation I have been unable to be in the office and limited in my abilities until late January where I returned to Adelaide.

Prez Summit

I attended that National Union of Student's President Summit in Sydney from 18th-21st of January. This was as a proxy for National Executive. It was a fantastic opportunity to represent FUSA at a national level and work with others nationally and state and share ideas for the year ahead. I have attached documents from our state talk about the NDA and Sean has uploaded to the Facebook group the SSAF discussion we had with other campuses. It was disappointing to see the National Welfare Officer and South Australian State Branch President focus almost solely on PIRs when there are massive attacks on student's welfare including the recent health cuts.

SSAF Campaign

I have written a piece for Empire Times accompanied by an NUS graphic advocating the merits of SSAF. The vote on SSAF last year in the senate and the behaviour of Liberal Senators during that time and rhetoric from members of the Liberal Party show that SSAF is under threat and FUSA must defend it to survive. A loss of SSAF will kill FUSA and will result in a loss of services and a return to VSU which was terrible for students. I will form a group who want to work with me at the SC meeting to further implement the campaign to increase awareness.

Student Assist

Now that I am back in Adelaide I plan to meet with student assist and work on how to tackle issues within the university regarding internships and placements and how some schools deal with alleged academic misconduct.

School's Association

After conversing with Kate I plan to meet up with her in the shiny new office about the future of the school's project. I plan to deliver the 2016 plan to council next SC or next exec meeting.

NTEU

I have contacted the NTEU and tried to organise a meet up to discuss the attacks on staff at this university by university management. It is important to show solidarity with other unions particularly ones that have shown the student movement continual support and who's interests are very similar to ours.

Placeholder topics

I have been in discussions with Kate regarding topics to allow members of SC to drop down below 3 topics but yet not lose concession entitlements. This would ideally be implemented this semester but I am sceptical this can be done. However, we should still aim for it to be rolled out this semester and failing that, semester two should be the target. The General Secretary has agreed to head efforts to implement this after I initially began work on it.

Private Tutor Website

I have been in contact with a representative from the Chemical and Physical Sciences Student Society who has approached me asking if FUSA could support the development of a website that will connect students with private tutors. I have asked for further details but at face value this would be a great service for FUSA to provide to students.

5.4 Welfare officer's report

Preamble & Update

Due to only being back in Australia for half of January there has been limits on what I have been able to achieve in regards to gearing up for O'Week and 2016 but I have begun to build a framework for the year.

Communication

NUS	Continued liaising with Robby Magyar re: PIR
Wendy Gower - FlindersONE	Have made contact with Wendy in regards to continuing Mindfulness and Yoga classes in 2016 in partnership with FlindersONE.
Rachael & Anthea	Discussed Welfare breakfasts and Relax Day budgets.

Tasks Completed

Collective	Launched the "FUSA Welfare Collective" Facebook page with Steph, currently has lots of traction after first day active
Relax & Welfare Breakfasts	Caught up with Rachael and Anthea to discuss budgeting for these events. Have also locked in most dates for the year in a provisional draft as well as entertainment and staffing
Sub-Committee	Created online database for Welfare Sub-Committee ready for Semester 1
NUS	Have confirmed NUS Welfare Officer Robby Magyar is attending our O'Week, still finalising the day he will be in Adelaide but he is definitely coming to Flinders to assist with National PIR campaign.

Ongoing Tasks

O'Week Campaign - PIRs	
Affordable Rent/Housing &	This is an ongoing task which I will be completing after O'Week, will probably require assistance from General Councillors with this

Tenant Feedback	due to busy schedule with Relax/Brunch days and organising Mindfulness/Yoga classes ran with FlindersONE
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5.5 Post Graduate officer's report **

5.6 Indigenous officer's report

- Attended NUS Presidents Summit and talked more with Lizzie Green, the NUS National Indigenous Officer, about her plans for the ATSI Conference and EdCon.
- Co-ordinated with Yunggorendi to guarantee that they will fund at least 3 people to attend the ATSI conference held by NUS. I am hoping to push for more next month.
- Started on my Campaigns Timetable for 2016, outlining the campaigns and activities I plan to run in 2016 for Indigenous students and the wider community.
- Worked with Steph to get control over the First Nations Collective's Facebook page. With plans to change over to new branding before O' Week.
- Worked with the library to stock more books on Indigenous cultures and issues around the world, especially books aimed at promoting cultural awareness for non-Indigenous people.
- Overall I have been working towards creating tangible plans for 2016 and trying to set more dates in stone.

5.7 International officer's report – none received **

5.8 Women's officer's report – none received **

5.9 Queer officer's report – none received **

5.10 Environment officer's report

2015 Budget Carryover

During December I worked with staff to use the leftover 2015 budget to buy necessary items for 2016- such as Fair Trade tea and coffee for events throughout the year (Particularly Fair Trade Fortnight) and the screening rights to the following documentaries: The True Cost, Cowspiracy and Just Eat it (to be screened at various times during the year). I also purchased Karma Cups for the 'Random Acts of Kindness' activity, which will be a partnership with cafes around campus to randomly give away free coffee to someone (in a Karma Cup), on a regular basis. This will act as a promotion for the university, FUSA and cafes, and will also promote more sustainable practices on campus, by bringing reusable cups rather than disposable takeaways.

Achieved and Ongoing Tasks

I've been in the office several days a week working with staff to plan several events for Semester 1 in 2016, such as Fair Trade Fortnight, Fashion Revolution Day and a Waste

Awareness Day. As part of this I've been contacting various organisations, councils and individuals regarding their involvement and attendance of these events.

I officially launched the Environment Collective Facebook page, and am working with past environment groups at Flinders as to the best way of linking/ incorporating these groups with the new collective. I've begun discussions with ECOS (the environment group at Adelaide University), and members of SEN (The national Student Environment Network) regarding collaboration on events and movements this year. I've also made contact with the NUS Environment Officer.

I've met with the Sustainability Officer in Buildings and Property to discuss the Lake situation and the overall status of environment actions and activities currently underway at Flinders, so that I'm fully up-to-date for the year to come. We also discussed steps towards improving the recycling system and waste disposal on campuses.

5.11 Accessibility officer's report – none received

5.12 Social Activities officer's report – none received

5.13 General Council officer's report- Jordon O'Reilly

Executive

Attended executive meeting Friday 15th of January, moved to obtain Alfred and Sean some money out of there travel budget to get them over to the NUS President's summit. Happy that the Parallel Import Restrictions motion raised by Education Officer Jack Harrison lapsed. Not only was raising this anti-student motion in executive an undemocratic move, it was an abuse of power by Jack to skip the rest of council's input to the motion. This motion also goes against what majority of delegates at the National Union of Students voted for.

Ed Con

Met with Caleb after executive to talk about Ed Con and what I can do (as I sit on the executive to NUS) to help us be successful in our tender. Will be looking to speak to my contacts to see what other Uni's are thinking in relation to it. Personally I think we are in with a good chance to win the tender.

Hub Revamp

Special mention to Caleb who was able to successfully meet with Burger Theory and gain insight to perhaps one of the most important student service, the bar. Happy to note that beers will be served at a reasonable price per the "3 B's" campaign I ran on during elections.

Other

Not much else has been happening so far, keen for O'Week to kick off and get down to business. I also want to start looking into the car parking survey as I think we can gain good traction over O'Week and the first few weeks back.

5.14 General Council officer's report- Josh Sunman

December

- Attended NUS Natcon as a delegate representing Flinders students, where I met student representatives from around the country.
- Met with the Student President to discuss plans for the year ahead, and initiatives my input would be helpful on.
- Read the Student Hub delivery of service document in order to provide recommendations to the Student President and other FUSA representatives attending Hub user group meetings.
- Filmed a Vlog for the Postgraduate Officer and Student President.

January

- Liaised with ET editors and SC to ensure content was provided for SC's allotted pages for Issue 1.
- Met with two of the ET editors for a broad discussion on their plans for the year, particularly their plans for SC interviews in issue 2.

5.15 General Council officer's report- Hamish Richardson (December and January)

Attended NUS National Conference as an observer. Was quite a unique experience, but valuable. Had conversations with individuals from other universities with student unions in similar situations (relatively new after the hit of VSU, unincorporated).

Began work on organising speakers for DV event. Spoke with Dr Rob Manwaring briefly regarding WR Workplace accreditation at Flinders University.

Attended Hub Users Group meeting with the Student President, among other meetings as proxy.

Happy to provide more detail orally.

5.16 General Council officer's report- Chris Norman – none received

5.17 General Council officer's report- Grace Hill

Since my last report, I have spent over 9 hours petitioning students re the cuts to bulk billing incentives for pathology services. The overwhelming majority of those who signed the petition are also strongly in favour of increasing funding. As successive governments have failed to increase the rebate for 17 years, and a freeze has been applied for the last 3 years, the issue is more than the removal of the bulk billing incentive, it's part of a wider issue of governments deliberately starving health of funding. All are hurt by this, but especially those already lacking good access, women, Aboriginal people, the working class, and low income groups like students and the unemployed.

I also attended Survival Day on January 26th. The lead up to Australia Day was once again a parade of vile nationalism and celebrations of Australia's continuing genocide against Aboriginal peoples, and also Australia's history of murdering abroad. The event itself was very good, but a reminder that the project of genocide continues in Australia, with bipartisan support. Communities are closed or effectively closed by denial of funding in both WA and SA, it seems as though every other week there is another Aboriginal person murdered in police custody, and the incarceration rate for Aboriginal women since 2000 has

increased by 74%, largely for victimless crimes, a clear indication of the racism of police, courts, and state and federal governments.

The other big political issue SC should be following closely is the royal commission into trade union governance and corruption, which delivered its report on December 28th. The report included 79 recommendations for law/regulation changes, and referred 45 individuals companies, or other bodies for further investigation. Despite a colourful introduction about thieves, crooks, and louts, the commission used it's 4000 page report to reveal a handful of cases of small-scale credit card misuse, not that you would know from the hysterical introduction to the report, and the ensuing media circus. Despite clearly being out to get unions and their leaders for anything and everything, only 14 of the 45 referrals for further investigation related to unions at all, the other 45 to corporations and their execs. Most of those 14 referrals will go nowhere, with only a handful of them likely to result in charges (such as those which will probably be added to the rat Kathy Jackson). So all-up, the commission fell short of what it was intended to be – a killer blow against the unions. Regardless this has not stopped the Liberals from using the findings to recommend sweeping changes to laws and regulations which *do* amount to a serious attack on unions. It's important that SC members are clear on several things. Firstly that the royal commission is nothing more than a witch-hunt, and regardless of any findings of guilt it can only be seen as an ideological attack on unions from the bosses. Secondly, all recommendations made by the commission are bullshit and must be rejected. The commission has called for granting the state the power to veto elected union officials, the establishment of a national body to deregister unions, and a dramatic increase in penalties for unions carrying out "illegal" activity. Thirdly, we must be clear in our support for the vast majority of "illegal" actions that unions carry out. The law-breaking that the bosses behind this commission are concerned about is not minor credit card misuse, but the entry of safety reps onto worksites, workers refusing to perform dangerous work, and carrying out strike action. The result of people on the left being soft hand-wringing about union corruption and illegal activity can only be a strengthening of the position of the employers, and an adding of legitimacy of their project to fine unions out of existence.

Significantly less serious, but I have also been quite concerned about Flinders' ban on smoking. It's totally inappropriate for the uni admin to be deciding if people smoke or not, and it's also not (as some would like to claim) a huge trauma to have to ask a smoker to move away from you. Students and staff aren't babies, and shouldn't be treated like they are. I support any student or staff member who defies this ban.

I spent some time participating in discussion about the branding for collectives.

I helped a new student enroll in topics.

I had a meeting with the Adelaide University SRC President when he got back from the NUS President Summit.

I read the executive minutes.

5.18 General Council officer's report- Sean Lamonby **

5.19 Manager of Student Engagement's report

Manager Student Engagement – Update – FEBRUARY 2016

Student Hub Move

FUSA opened for business on Monday January the 4th 2016 in the New Student Hub - Level 1 of the Union Building. Signage for all FUSA spaces has been finalised and will be gradually put in place in the lead up to O'Week. There is a room for Student Council representatives with comfortable seating and work stations so please make it yours.

2016 SSAF Budget Process

In late December, the VC approved the Draft 2016 SSAF Budget without any changes. FUSA/Student Engagement received a 14.2% increase in funding in 2016.

We are working on finalising the qualitative data from the SSAF Survey and will forward to Student Council once completed.

Student Radio

Legal Services have advised that they are close to finalising an external employment relations lawyer to provide advice on the role of the Student radio Coordinator and the students involved in the project i.e. the Student Directors and other student volunteers who will be involved in the broadcasting and administration of the station.

Student Assist Activity Report for December & January – Prepared by the Team Leader, Student Assist

DECEMBER

Casework

The number of students requesting assistance from Student Assist (SA) has dropped slightly from November (35) to a total of 24 reflecting the relatively quieter period before students apply final grades and request re-marks of assessment exercises.

The SAO's and SFAO have assisted with a total of 35 issues, the most prevalent being Applications for Re-marks (17%), Appeal against final Grades (17%) and requests for Emergency Financial Assistance (17%).

In addition, 24 students have contacted the Student Assist general email address for assistance.

Academic enquiries comprised 70.8 % of the email correspondence maintained and 12.5% resulted in an appointment made with S.A.

Students using this medium of communication with Student Assist continue to be predominantly domestic (70.8%) and female (58.3%).

Allegations of collusion and breaches of academic integrity have been a trend over 2015. These cases have taken up a significantly high level of resources from Student Assist/University/ students, which in one case took 10 months to find resolution. Many cases are centred in the Law School, which per capita has the most grievances recorded by Student Assist in 2013/2014 (as per the annual report).

Breaches of academic integrity, which can be inadvertent or deliberate in nature, are an example of a systemic issues across the University. The introduction of Turnitin as a mandatory curriculum tool for all assessments may possibly increase the number of students seeking support from Student Assist.

Student Assist works closely with Student Council members to effect change in the University as student representatives have insights into systemic issues affecting students, including University policy and procedures, assessment, administration and finance and welfare issues. Student Assist welcomes contact from Student Council representatives and the student body at large in relation to systemic difficulties affecting groups of students. Please email us at student.assist@flinders.edu.au

Communications and marketing of services

- Meeting with SRDO to establish scope of working relationship to maximise synergies and policy submission output.
- Visit to Tasmania University Union and discussion with Postgraduate Advocate. Report available by consultation with TL:SA
- Ongoing communications with counterparts from UTAS, UNSW, La Trobe and ACU in regards to systemic issues, service structure and delivery and discussion group that serves as a platform for ongoing collaboration.
- Three abstracts submitted for Advocacy Conference in May 2016

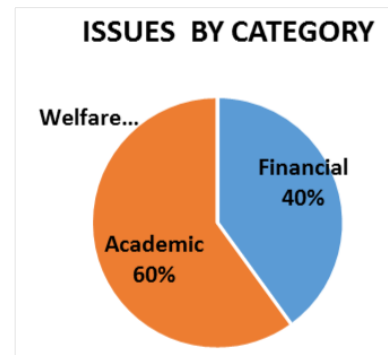
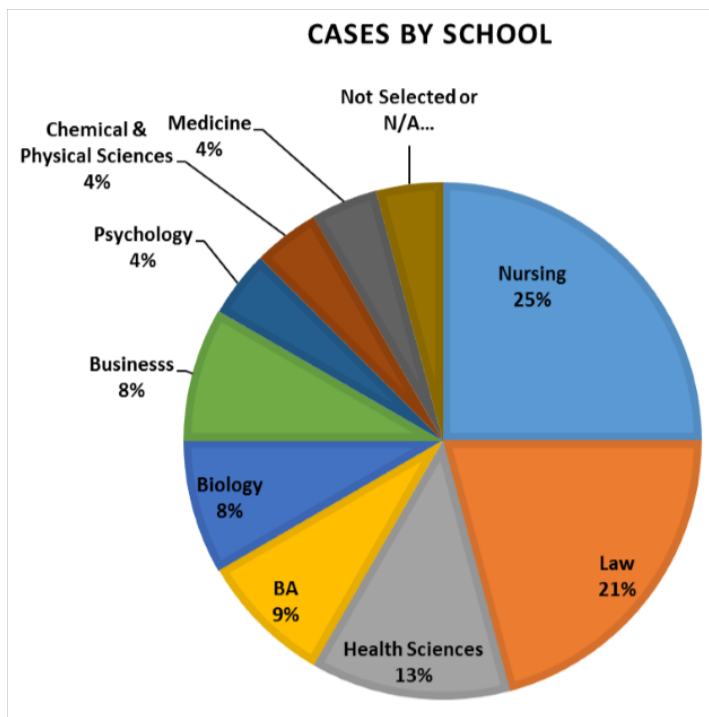
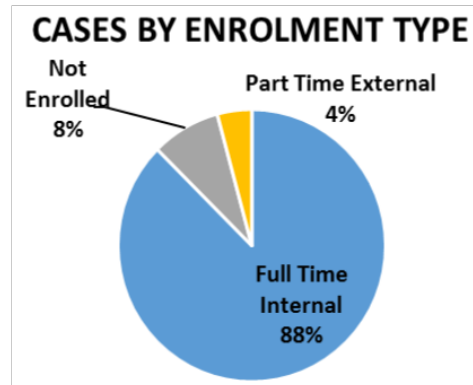
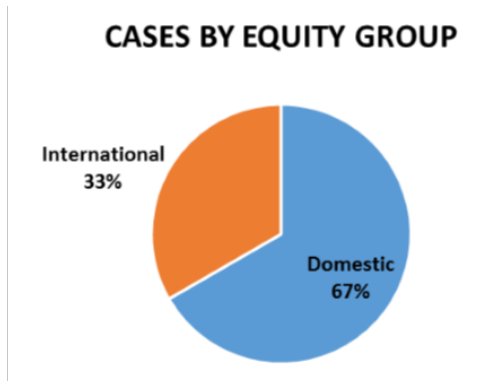
Professional Development

- SFAO attended Southern Financial Counsellors meeting at Anglicare, Christies Beach.
- TL:SA and SAO attended Australian and New Zealand Student Services Conference in Hobart, a pre-conference workshop on student leadership and engagement as well as a meeting with counterparts from UNSW, UTAS, LaTrobe, ACU and ANU to discuss Australia and NZ advocacy group. Reports from conference available shortly. Particularly relevant to our roles were presentations on bridging the gap between student advocacy and student representation. Student Council members are most welcome to contact S.A. for discussion and consideration of a potential 2016 SA and SC working group.

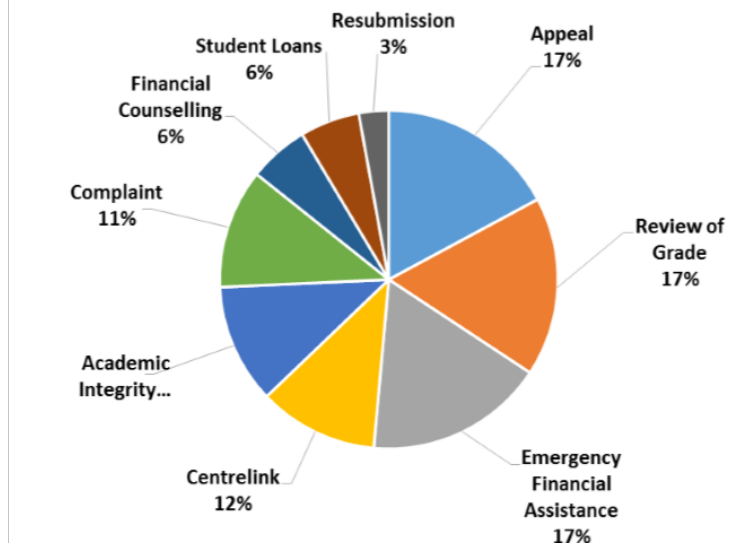
Policy and projects

Please note the introduction of the [new assessment policy](#) effective from 1st January 2016. There are changes with respect to the policy last year, particularly in relation to the re- mark process, student and staff responsibilities, extensions, resubmissions as well as the introduction of 'deferred assessments'.

CASEWORK BREAKDOWN



ISSUES BY TYPE



JANUARY

Casework

The current report has been prepared in time for the next Student Council meeting and reflects activity for the first 3 weeks of the month of November only. Comparisons between December data and datasets from preceding months will therefore only be partially reflective of the extent and nature of Student Assist activity for this time of the year.

A subsequent monthly report will be prepared at the end of the month including the totality of the student casework for January in order to draw parallelisms with preceding months and the data for January collected from previous years.

Student Assist anticipates that this data will continue being the empirical backbone that informs and guides its systemic advocacy endeavours championed in conjunction with Student Council.

Student Assist has created 17 new cases for the month of January. The complexity of the issues brought to Student Assist continues to be underpinning our practice. The SAO's and SFAO have managed 25 issues, where requests for remarks (20%), Final Grade Appeals (20%) and Student Loans (applications and re-negotiations 12%) are the most highly represented matters.

In addition, 14 students have contacted the Student Assist general email address for assistance.

Academic enquiries comprised 64.3% of the email correspondence maintained via the Student Assist general email address, a very similar trend to the observed academic enquiries received in December (70.8%). 50% of the enquiries resulted in an either an appointment or advice to make an appointment with a Student Assist staff, due to the complexity of the issues presented.

Students using this medium of communication with Student Assist were chiefly domestic (85.7%) and female (78.6%).

Communications and Service

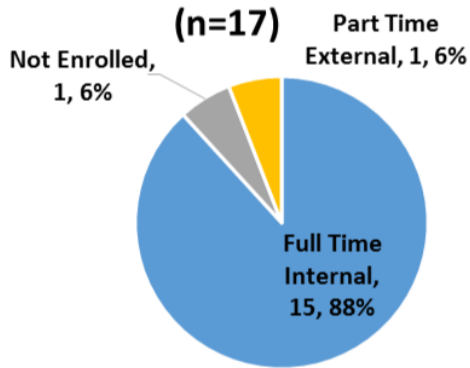
- Presentation date to staff at the School of Nursing and Midwifery set up for February
- Budgeting presentation to commencing Australia Awards students on the 18th Jan
- Service provider presentation to commencing Australia Awards students on the 19th Jan
- Meeting set up for Student Assist to discuss emerging issues with EO Contact Officers in February.
- FUSA services presentation schedule for February finalised. Student Council participation most welcome. Student Assist to staff a stall during Sturt O'Week and the Medicine Students Association 'marketplace'.

Policy and projects

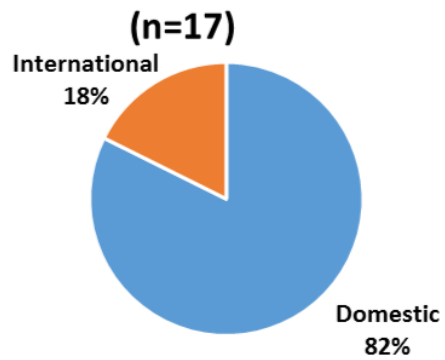
- Student Assist has prepared a new set of appeal letter templates and content for the new FUSA website that reflects the changes on the student-related policies and procedures that came into effect on the 1st January 2016. Student Council members who would like to know more about University policy to be able to provide some basic advice to others on how to navigate policy can email the TL:SA. SA is very happy to provide Student Council members with a simple but very effective framework to assist fellow students in times of need.
- Student Assist has also been asked to provide submissions on the Bachelor of Clinical Sciences and the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy. Deadline is the 5th February and you are most welcome to submit any comments to the TL:SA.
- Postgraduate (Research) grievance policy and procedures review with Office of Graduate Research this year. Over the last 3 years, Student Assist has assisted 1,389 students with 2,158 issues. Of these students, 341 were postgraduate students and, as such, S.A. is in a privileged position to provide the University with a comprehensive account of the issues students face, as well as the administrative, academic and contextual barriers that students need to deal with. Student Assist looks forward to working closely with the Postgraduate Officer in this project and welcome as always Student Council input at all stages of the review process.
- The TL:SA, as a member of a group of University-wide 'Flinders [core values](#) champion', would like to meet with members of Student Council, as a group or individually, to consult on a set of values that resonates with the student body.
Please, do email the TL:SA to set up a time for catch-up over coffee/tea for discussion re this component of the Development of the new University Strategic plan. It's another great opportunity to have your voice heard.
- Student Assist is finalising the annual report for 2015. The data from our annual reports inform Student Assist's policy reviews and submissions and provides a framework required to identify trends and change overtime.

CASEWORK BREAKDOWN

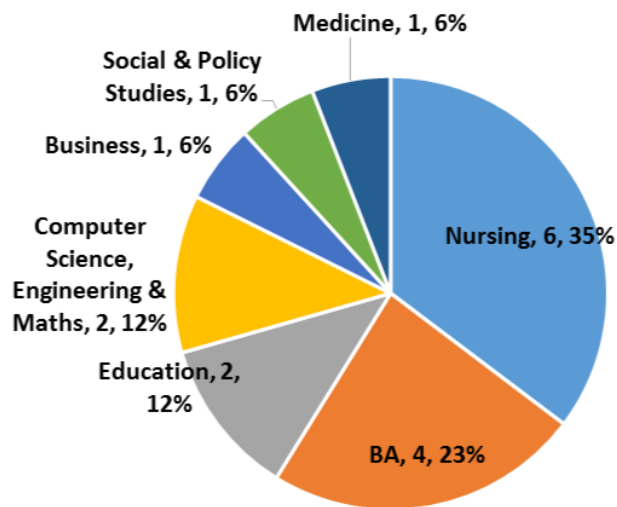
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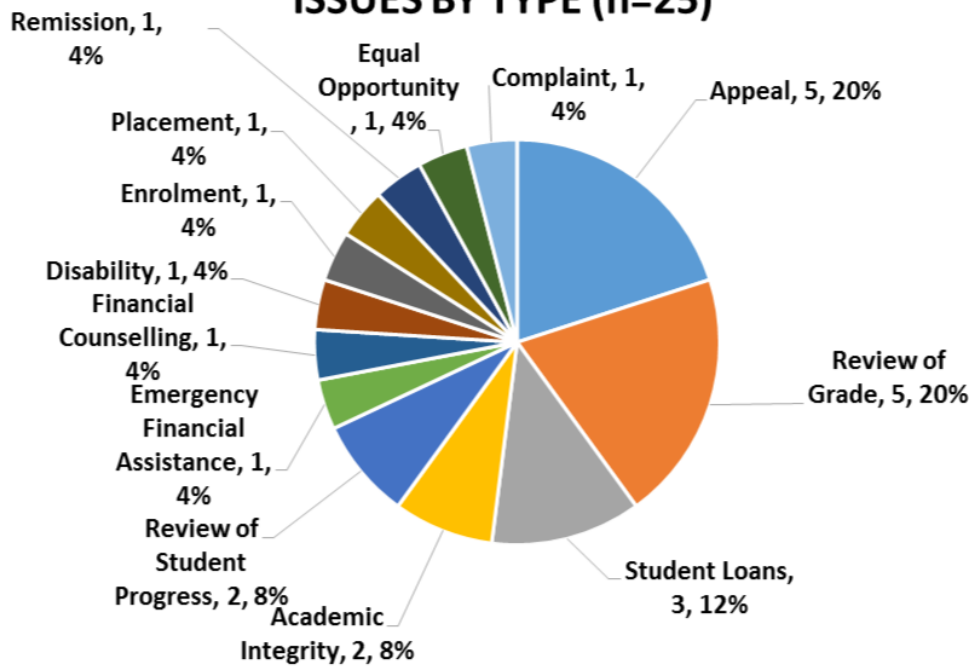
CASES BY EQUITY GROUP (n=17)



Cases by school (n=17)



ISSUES BY TYPE (n=25)



Clubs Report for December/January – Prepared by the Clubs & Events Officer

Club Locker Project

The club locker project is on the way to completion. Untagged equipment in the storage room was tagged and placed in an inventory for clubs to claim for their own use. Clubs have now submitted claims to this equipment. All claimed items and tagged club equipment were placed in temporary storage, and anything remaining was disposed of by removalists to make way for the locker installation. A final check of the Geoff Harrison Room will be conducted by the provider prior to installation, which is expected to be within the next week.

Buildings and Property will provide further information regarding the storage cage as it is received, as they are managing the cage project internally. Buildings and Property have a deadline of the end of January for this project.

FUSA Club Awards

The FUSA Club Awards were held on the 14th of December 2015, and were well received by the guests. Attendance was lower than the previous award night, which according to guests was likely due to the postgraduate function that was scheduled for the same evening. As the Club Awards Night was already scheduled and advertised, there was no opportunity to move the event at such short notice. To improve on attendance in future, it is suggested to merge the Club Awards Night with the Empire Times function in future, as both encourage extracurricular activity.

Club Funding Processes

The process is under review and discussion between the Clubs and Events Officer, Manager of Student Engagement and Office Manager. Following this, consultation will be held with the Student President and General Secretary, and further consultation will be held with clubs and societies following this consultation.

In the meantime, the existing club grant form has been streamlined; removing the incentive based requirements to ensure it can be understood by clubs and easily processed by FUSA Admin. These requirements showed no significant benefits, and has often confused and frustrated club members using this process. This updated form is substantially easier to understand, which will assist clubs until a new grant system has been adopted.

Clubs Day

The Wednesday of O'Week will be themed as "Clubs Day", and will consist of attractions and club vs club challenges. Clubs will be encouraged to run smaller challenges within their own stall. Planning and quotation is underway, and this proposal is expected to be submitted within the next week.

In the evening an event will be held in the Tavern that aims to engage new and existing club members and Empire Times contributors. Exclusive specials will be available for members and contributors, and we are working in collaboration with Flinders Living, as they will be in attendance later in the evening.

Club Space, Student Hub

As the Student Hub includes a new space dedicated for clubs, discussions have been held with the clubs to determine the resources they would make use within the room.

Draft procedures have been created to determine how the room can be booked, open access times for communal club use during peak hours, and the conditions of use.

As the room has not been officially handed over to FUSA, clubs do not yet have access to this room, however it is expected that it will be available to clubs by O'Week.

Event Registration Form

A review of the Event Registration system was conducted in conjunction with Health and Safety. Only minor alterations were made to the form, as it was agreed that the system is working and is successfully encouraging students and clubs to complete the necessary health and safety, security, contractor and council requirements. In 2015, students and clubs registered 417 events, activities and stalls collectively using this system.

Equipment Hire Agreement

An agreement for the use of FUSA owned equipment by students, clubs and Flinders University departments was created to ensure FUSA is covered in the event the "hirer" damages the equipment. A separate Equipment Hire Agreement directed towards external parties is now required, as some Flinders University departments intend to use external technicians (such as audio and outdoor cinema technicians) to operate this equipment. While our agreement is with the department, this is an added precaution to ensure that our equipment is in working order for student use.

O'Week

The Clubs and Events Officer is supporting the Events and Projects Officer for the O'Week project. This includes the generation of MUD Maps, Stall Allocation and the management of Clubs Day on Wednesday 24th of January, along with other work as required. This work is ongoing.

Events Report for December/January – Prepared by the Events & Projects Officer

O'Week

During O'Week FUSA will hold a double stall with two tables. Table 1 – FUSA Stall to hand out tote bags, drive membership and talk about all the services offered at FUSA. Table 2 – FUSA Collectives – an opportunity for SC to talk to students about collectives and all the great things they can achieve! Interested? Talk to the SR&DO to find out how to get involved.

We're now 4 weeks away from the first big day. Stall registrations have now closed and we're busy allocating stalls, booking infrastructure, coordinating the stage program and finalising the details of the tote bags, entertainment and activities. Check out flindersoweek.com.au for more info and make sure to click attend on all of our events on the FUSA Facebook page.

A large portion of time has been spent on establishing the finer details of the new hub/plaza. This has included working very closely with University WHS, Electrical, Campus Services, Security, AV/IT and Campus Planners. Although this work is time consuming, it will allow FUSA to use these established relationships and University services to help us run events in the future. As the space we're using is so new, it's important we cover all bases to ensure a safe and successful event. I've attached the latest version of the program for everyone to see. Special thanks to the MO and team, the C&EO, the Admin team, the MSE and the Events Assistant for all of their hard work and support in the planning around O'Week. This event is very much a team effort.

Hub

Continued to attend HUG (Hub User Group) meetings with the Student President. It has been excellent to be able to contribute to the policies and programming around the Hub, allowing for the student voice to be heard and different perspectives to be considered.

SC Events

Thanks to all of the SC members who have spoken to myself or the Events Assistant regarding planning or event ideas for 2016. If you have any ideas I encourage you to book a time with us to start the conversation around your event. The more time you have to plan, the better your event will be. We're here to help – drop us a line!

Flinders Events Network

Headed by the Office and Communication and Engagement (OCE), this meeting/workshop is attended by all University events/communications staff. I will be attending the Flinders Events Network on Wednesday 27th Feb to present on the O'Week program and other FUSA events in 2016. I'll report back any new information I receive from OCE or any other University departments holding major events on campus.

If you have any questions regarding O'Week, the Hub or FUSA events in 2016, please call me on 82012903 or email Rachael.pollock@flinders.edu.au.

Student Representation Report for December/January – Prepared by the Student Representation and Development Officer

Over the past month the **Student Representation and Development Officer** has been working on a number projects:

Planning and organising **Student Council Induction** has been a primary focus. A lot of time and consideration has been given to developing a program that is interactive and informative whilst still allowing plenty of space for SC members to drive conversations and make plans for what you want to achieve during your term in office. Fifteen of the new SC have indicated they will attend induction. The three SC members not present will be required to attend a shorter half day induction in late January to get up to speed. Unfortunately, the majority of the 2014/15 Student Council are unable to come to induction for a handover session, however, we will instead be able to draw upon expertise of continuing SC members. Thanks to all who have had input into the program.

Planning for **FUSA Development Grants** has begun. We are looking at tightening up the criteria and making the application process a little more streamlined. There will be two rounds of grants again in 2016. One round in Semester 1 and the other in Semester 2. More details about the grants will follow, however, if Student Council members are keen to access funding to develop their leadership and governance skills you are encouraged to apply for a FUSA development grant.

Continuing research into **student representation** models in higher education and how a range of new practices to increase student voice (particularly around teaching and learning) might fit at Flinders University. The first step will be to develop a proposal for the Executive level around why wider student representation should be supported at Flinders and where we will look for examples of best practice both in Australia and overseas. We are looking to get buy in from the University first and then progress to making more specific plans. There will be plenty of opportunities for SC to be involved in this work at every step in the review and implementation.

If you'd like to discuss any of the above or anything related to student representation and the student council please get in touch with Kate Walsh on 8201 3620 kate.walsh@flinders.edu.au

Media Report for December/January – Prepared by the Media Officer

The Hub. We've moved in, the MO has already designed the decals of the spaces and they are currently being installed. I have also designed adverts for the screens and for the large digital billboard. Fay and I have been working with building and properties, Woods Bagot and Metric to finish up the aesthetic of our space. This will finish by O'Week. As a side note, I'd love to take your picture on our polaroid camera and add you to our wall of FUSA.

The website. I'm in the middle of the new FUSA website, we'll have new content like SC blogs and a way larger portion of the website dedicated to SC and their reporting. ALSO we're going to make a secret login for you so you can access resources that will help you along the way with design, events and any other important docs. The staging is half done, we (Kate VDH) and I will then audit all the content, update and tweak plugins.

Branding: Now that we have our new logo, we need to roll it out, which will be exactly at the same time as our website goes live. We've designed the logo into every possible thing we need. You will see it a bit now but that was a choice we had to make in the weeks leading up to student's being back online and on campus.

Collectives: Under the SR&DO and SC we finished up the collective designs and are rolling it out when SC are ready to man their admin page. Add me on FB and I can then admin you.

Promotional goods: Diaries are coming in next week, all our pens, lanyards, lollipops are either at FUSA or on their way.

O'Week: Please visit flindersoweek.com.au because it is a very good website (credit to Kate VDH) and also please share the FUSA events. All designs are done, all promotional goods for that event have been designed and ordered.

Business cards and brochures: You're business cards are in your SC office now, the general FUSA brochure will be printed next week and is going through final draft stages.

Award Travel: I won an external award last September to allow me to travel around the US looking into student publications. I will also use that time (march/april) to visit association/union equivalents in NY, Austin, San Francisco and LA.

NEWS Conference: I'm currently at the NEWS (national editor workshop and skill share conference) with the ET editors. I'm sitting out the back listening and learning so I can be of better support to the editors and I give a talk on student publications tomorrow (Friday) about my work and experience both at FUSA and as an ex-editor.

Relaunch: I'm working with Rachael to do a small relaunch event for FUSA, kind of like the SC induction drinks – bringing in everyone who's worked with us lately and to show off/remind everyone where we are now. If you have anyone you think we should invite please drop me a line so I can design an invite for them.

Art on Campus: This year student art on campus is going to be more of a focus for me. Caleb has been working on a proposal to B&P and I am working with the art consultation group (a larger university group) to find more spaces for student art all across campus.

Please come and drop in and say hi to me in the office, have to keep this relatively brief due to location and laptop battery.

6. Matters for Decision

6.1: Women's officer Hunting Ground event in March – Angela Tomarelli

Name(s): Angela Tomarelli

Position(s): Women's Officer

Email:angelajtomarelli25@hotmail.com

Contact number: 0413842604

Is this event being co-hosted with another Council member? Yes

Christine Bennetts PostGrad Officer

Event Details

Event name: International Women's Day Film Screening "The Hunting Ground"

Event date: Tuesday March 8th

Time (start): 7:00 pm

Time (end): 9:00 pm

Location: The Ballroom – Flinders Living

Does the proposed location need to be booked? Yes

Event Description

Event description:

-We will have an academic or possibly VC introduce the film and talk about its relevance in Australian universities.

-Watch the film.

-Refreshments could be organized as a fundraiser for the women's collective ie bake sale, cake stall.

-After the film students to complete a survey and will be provided with relevant contacts about who to turn to if the film has raised any concerns or if sexual harassment / date rape happens to them in the future.

Purpose of the event: to raise awareness of;

- IWD

- Issues surrounding date rape in university settings

-Support services available to help students in these situations

Scope:



Students



Public

Type:



Active



Passive

Collective or Club Involvement

Collective/Club Title: Women's Collective

Name(s):

Email:

Contact number:

Discussed with Collective/Club:

Date discussed:

Please dot point what you have delegated to the Collective/Club members:

Event Budget

Anticipated Costs

	Cost p/unit	Quantity	Estimated
None anticipated			
Total			\$

	Cost p/unit	Quantity	Estimated
Total			\$

Miscellaneous	Cost p/unit	Quantity	Estimated
Facebook Promotion (Media Officer)	\$20.00	1.00	\$20.00
Total			\$20.00

Total Expenses			Estimated
			\$20.00

Remaining Officer Bearer Funding:	Estimated	
		\$20.00

Is this budget based on sourced quotes? No

Are you receiving any monetary support outside of your Officer Bearer Funding? N/A

FUSA

Discussed with staff member(s): Racheal Pollock, Kate Walsh

Date discussed: Tuesday Jan. 19th

Please dot point what you have delegated to the FUSA Staff:

Help with room organisation

Help with promotion

6.2 Women's officer International Women's Day High Tea – Angela Tomarelli

Name(s): Angela Tomarelli

Position(s): Women's Officer

Email: angelajtomarelli25@hotmail.com

Contact number: 0413842604

Is this event being co-hosted with another Council member? Yes

Christine Bennetts PostGrad Officer

Event Details

Event name: International Women's Day High Tea

Event date: Tuesday March 8th

Time (start): 10:00am

Time (end): 12:00pm

Location: TBA

Does the proposed location need to be booked? Yes

Event Description

Event description: an opportunity for students interested in gender parity to gather and mingle. One or two guest speakers (TBA) will address the group. Cakes and tea / coffee will be provided.

Purpose of the event: to raise awareness of IWD, gender parity and provide an opportunity and space for likeminded students to interact and discuss issues affecting women.

Scope:

Students Public

Type:

Active Passive

Collective or Club Involvement

Collective/Club Title: Women's Collective

Name(s):

Email:

Contact number:

Discussed with Collective/Club:

Date discussed:

Please dot point what you have delegated to the Collective/Club members:

Event Budget

Anticipated Costs

	Cost p/unit	Quantity	Estimated
Guest speaker 1			\$250
Guest speaker 2			free
Catering			\$750
Total			\$

	Cost p/unit	Quantity	Estimated
Total			\$

Miscellaneous	Cost p/unit	Quantity	Estimated

Facebook Promotion (Media Officer)	\$20.00	1.00	\$20.00
Total			\$20.00

Total Expenses			Estimated
			\$620.00

Remaining Officer Bearer Funding:			Estimated
			\$1020.00

Is this budget based on sourced quotes? No

Are you receiving any monetary support outside of your Officer Bearer Funding? Not at this stage but I will definitely try :)

FUSA

Discussed with staff member(s): Racheal Pollock, Kate Walsh

Date discussed: Tuesday Jan. 19th

Please dot point what you have delegated to the FUSA Staff:

- Help with room organisation
- Help with promotion

6.3 Education Officer apology – Jason Byrne

Preamble: Student Council recognises that the Education Officer has undemocratically attempted to circumvent the remainder of Student Council by moving a motion without notice to the executive in regards to the NUS Welfare Campaign on Parallel Import Restrictions.

Motion: Student Council directs the Education Officer to provide a written apology for his actions to Council to be tabled at the next meeting.

Moved: Jason Byrne

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

6.4 FUSA endorses Australian Marriage Equality – Alexander Chen

Motion:

Student Council endorses the attached letter so that FUSA may join the Australian Marriage Equality academia support campaign

Moved: Alex Chen

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

AN OPEN LETTER FROM FUSA

We, FUSA, representing an institution from Australia's higher education sector, write to express our support for Marriage Equality.

Australian universities have an important role to play in promoting inclusion and tolerance. We support diversity in the higher education sector and recognise the rights of our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) students and employees to learn, live and work, free of prejudice and discrimination, with all the essential freedoms enjoyed by other members of our university community and the broader population.

We believe the rights and liberties of all individuals are sacrosanct. They are essential in the creation of a healthy, harmonious and open society. An equitable society, free of discrimination, allows all members to function at their best. Legalised discrimination in one area allows discrimination to flourish in all areas.

Australia is a robust democracy with a proud history of social reform. We believe this should continue, with all citizens being treated equally, including those who are currently excluded from the institution of marriage.

Australians are increasingly supportive of marriage equality, with a recent Crosby Textor survey showing seventy-two percent of Australians are in favour of same sex couples marrying. We believe this overwhelming level of support should be reflected with legal change.

Globally, over twenty countries have passed laws to allow same sex marriage, including countries that are culturally similar to ours like New Zealand, the United States of America, Canada, and Great Britain. These countries did so with lower support for marriage equality than Australia is seeing right now.

On May 22nd, the Republic of Ireland held a referendum to sanction same sex marriage. A Yes vote was supported by the Government, all major political parties and the voters themselves.

On June 26th, the U.S. Supreme court returned a judgement in favour of legalising same sex marriage across all 50 states.

These two events see Australia isolated amongst countries with English as a first language. Learning and academic achievement flourish when all members of the university community have their dignity and equality recognised. Universities are also international communities who draw upon global talent. A lack of recognition of same-sex marriage will impact on the abilities of universities to attract this talent and to be competitive and productive in the international market. Equal Marriage is the only truly fair way forward and it is important for creating a climate where knowledge, achievement and intellectual output can flourish. Equality in places of higher learning is fair and just. Discrimination is not.

Yours faithfully,

Alexander Chen
Queer Officer
Flinders University Student Association

6.5 Events Budget – Chris O’Grady

Please find attached the 2016 Events Budget. This budget is based on \$12,000 being re-directed from un-spent funds from the Radio Co-ordinator position.

Motion: Student Council approve the 2016 Event Budget and allow for minor alterations as deemed appropriate by the Social Activities Officer, Welfare Officer and the Events and Projects Officer.

6.6 Relax Day Proposal – Chris O’Grady

Please find attached the proposal for continuing the FUSA Relax Days in 2016.

Motion: Student Council approve the proposal for the Relax Day events and allow for minor alterations as deemed appropriate by the Social Activities Officer, Welfare Officer and the Events and Projects Officer.

6.7 FUSA App – Chris O’Grady

Please find attached the proposal for ceasing the FUSA App.

Motion: Student Council approve the cancellation of the FUSA App as of immediately.

6.8 0.5 Media Assistant Position – Chris O’Grady

Please find attached the proposal for the creation of a continuing position of Media Assistant.

Motion: Student Council approve the recruitment of a Media Assistant position.

6.9 Timor Sea – Grace Hill

Preamble:

The Australian government is taking revenue from parts of the Timor Sea that, under international law, belong to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (East Timor).

Two months before Timor Leste's independence in 2004, then Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer announced Australia's withdrawal from the maritime boundary jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice. During the following negotiations with the newly independent government over the two countries' maritime boundary and the exploitation of oil and gas resources in the Timor Sea, the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) secretly installed electronic listening devices in the Palace of Government in Dili to eavesdrop on the Timorese negotiators. Australian

negotiators also threatened the withdrawal of foreign aid in order to bully the Timorese into accepting Australian claims on the Timorese side of the halfway (median) line. The conduct of the Australian government and secret services is evidently creating hostility towards Australia inside East Timor. That can be seen from the Dec 2013 protest in Dili targeting the Australian embassy, by the recent statements on ABC's Lateline by current and former prime ministers and former Timorese President and resistance leader Xanana Gusmao describing Australian spying as "a crime", "a criminal act" etc, and by the upcoming further protest on Australia's Embassy planned for March 24 this year . The Protest date is the anniversary of Australian withdrawal from the International Court of Justice maritime jurisdiction.

Appropriation of Timor Sea resource revenues is depriving one of the world's poorest nations of resources urgently needed for development. As a sovereign nation East Timor has consistently argued for permanent maritime boundaries and is legally entitled to have them. Unfortunately, the Australian Government has persistently refused to establish permanent maritime boundaries with East Timor in accordance with current international law. The uneven negotiating positions have resulted in a series of temporary resource sharing agreements that short-change East Timor of billions of dollars worth of government royalties.

Motions

We demand the Australian government:

1. Rejoin the maritime boundary jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice.
2. Recognise the principal of the median line, halfway between Timor and Australia.
3. Immediately respond to the calls by the government of Timor Leste to restart negotiations for permanent maritime boundaries between the two countries.
4. Transfer all past and ongoing revenue obtained from oil and gas fields on the Timorese side of the median line to the government of Timor Leste.

We also

5. Strongly condemn the Australian government's use of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) to carryout commercial espionage against the Government of Timor Leste (East Timor) in 2004 by placing electronic listening devices in the office of the Timorese Prime Minister and Cabinet Room support the call by Canberra Lawyer Bernard Collaery, Former NSW director of public prosecutions NICHOLAS COWDRY and Senator for South Australia Nick Xenophon for a judicial enquiry into the intelligence scandal. That would include investigation of the former Minister Alexander and the former director of ASIS David Irvine.
6. Support the international day of protest on March 24 organised by the Timor Sea Justice Campaign and Timorese Activists marking the anniversary of Australian withdrawal from the maritime jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in 2002.

6.10 South Australian Government reshuffle – Jason Byrne

Preamble: The State Government recently performed a cabinet reshuffle which saw Susan Close appointed as the new Minister for Higher Education after the resignation of Gail Gago. This gives us an opportunity to add another voice to the cause of students across Australia. Fee Deregulation is waiting in the wings again and we must begin to create allies in the fight against unfair legislation for students and universities.

Motion: The President will write to the new State Minister for Higher Education, Susan Close in order to congratulate her on being appointed to that role. The letter will ask the minister to declare publicly her opposition to University Fee Deregulation and her support for SSAF.

Moved: Jason Byrne

Seconded: Jordon O'Reilly

6.11 Australian Republican Movement – Alfred Lowe

Preamble: Recently the heads of seven of Australia's States & Territories endorsed a campaign for Australia to become a republic. Australia is at a flashpoint for national identity and if we are to move forward as a community we must begin by becoming a nation in our own right. There is a confusion in this nation as to what it means to be Australian, we are forgetting the values which we hold most dear by allowing racism against Indigenous Australians and immigrants, homophobia and bigotry to gain centre stage in our public forums while the old guard of the Australian media and political spheres parrot decades old prejudices. Australia must take the chance to become an independent nation in which we build a system of values, ethos and beliefs befitting the community we can be.

Motion: FUSA supports the Australian Republican Movement's recent push with seven of the eight State & Territory leaders calling for a referendum on an Australian Republic.

Moved: Alfred Lowe

Seconded: Hamish Richardson

6.12 NDA – Jack Harrison

Preamble

The federal government and university have continued to attack students with the government now introducing cuts to healthcare and the university's freeze and rumours of staff cuts and a restructure that could lead to job losses.

Motion

That FUSA continues supporting the NUS' NDAs and will work towards hosting an NDA at Flinders on the 6th April and promoting a state-wide NDA on the same day.

6.13 Factsheets- Jack Harrison

Preamble

In light of the freeze introduced by the VC, it would be great to inform students of what negative impacts this could have on them.

Motion

FUSA directs the Media Officer and Education Officer to create a factsheet and/or other material, outlining the potential impact of the freeze and any future cuts if announced.

6.14 Piecharts – Jack Harrison

Preamble

In light of FUSA's position to increase awareness of SSAF FUSA should publish a pie chart of what all SSAF is spent on in the entire university in Empire Times.

Motion

1. Student Council directs the Education Officer & Media Officer to produce a pie chart suitable for publication in the next issue of Empire Times.
2. Student Council will use one of its pages to place the pie chart in Empire Times.

6.15 Survival Day – Grace Hill

Motion:

FUSA Student Council endorses all future Invasion Day and Survival Day events.

6.16 Healthcare Cuts – Grace Hill

Background:

The Liberal government is attempting to continue to cut healthcare. The 2014 horror budget saw the Liberals attempt and fail to introduce \$7 GP co-payments and \$5 prescription medicine payments and while the 2015 budget proposed cuts that which included \$80 billion from state health and education services.

Now a number of reviews have been proposed, which among other things propose to cut bulk-billing incentives to pap smears, MRI's, urine/blood tests, X-rays and ultrasounds, which will force people to pay an estimated \$30 for a pap smear, urine or blood test. An MRI scan meanwhile could cost \$173.

This is a massive attack on students, women and working class people and must be opposed.

Motion:

The FUSA Student Council opposes the Liberal's cuts to healthcare and will advertise its position and actively oppose the cut to the bulk-billing incentive.

FUSA Student Council condemns the long-term failure to provide adequate funding for healthcare, and demands the government increase funding for pathology services, and for healthcare overall.

6.17 Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption – Grace Hill

Background

The lack of findings of corruption in the commission has not stopped the Liberals and the employers from their incessant howling for union blood. This royal commission, headed by Abbott's handpicked man, with tens of millions of dollars at its disposal, failed to give the Liberals the evidence they wanted. This isn't stopping them from trying to use the commission's meager findings to go after unions and unionists anyway though.

Motion

The FUSA Student Council condemns the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption as nothing more than a farce and an anti-union witchhunt.

The FUSA Student Council rejects the recommendations of the Royal Commission, especially those proposals which if implemented would give the state veto power over elected union leaders, the establishment of a new national body with the power to deregister unions, and increased fines for “illegal” activity.

The FUSA Student Council supports unions carrying out “illegal” activities such as sending safety reps onto work sites, refusing to continue dangerous work, taking unprotected strike action, and using solidarity strikes.

The FUSA Student Council supports CFMEU Victorian Secretary John Setka and Assistant Secretary Shaun Reardon, and condemns their arrest as a serious assault on all unions.

7. Matters for Discussion

7.1 Revised SSAF Budget – Chris O’Grady

In 2015, the SSAF Budget Advisory Committee (which consisted of the Student President and General Secretary) agreed to reduce the requested budget of FUSA/Student Engagement by \$73,823.58. Notwithstanding, FUSA/OSE did receive a 14.2% increase in overall funding in 2016.

Please see attached budget where I have made adjustments to accommodate for the reduction.

7.2 FUSA Membership – Jack Harrison

7.3 Status of Unibooks – Jack Harrison

7.4 FlindersOne – Jack Harrison

7.5 Status of electronic voting – Jack Harrison

7.6 EdCon hosting – Jack Harrison

7.7 Protocol for FUSA posts – Jack Harrison