

## **FUSA Student Council Meeting**

### **Meeting Agenda**

June 3, 2014  
FUSA Meeting Room  
6pm

- 1. Welcome and Meeting Open**
- 2. Apologies:**
- 3. Welcome Guests:** Adam Rau
- 4. Approval of minutes from last meeting**
- 5. Reports**
  - 5.1 Student President's Report
  - 5.2 General Secretary's Report
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- 6. Matters for Decision**
  - 6.1 FUSA Non-Partisanship – Michael Bezuidenhout
  - 6.2 Student Forum – General Secretary

- 6.3 Student Council Training Day – General Secretary
- 6.4 Hub Student Council Report – General Secretary
- 6.5 Club Guide – General Secretary
- 6.6 Screens across campus for advertising – Justin Shaw
- 6.7 Clubs and Societies dealing with conflict – General Secretary
- 6.8 Senate explanation event – John Photakis
- 6.9 Student Council budget Response – Student President
- 6.10 Study Rooms – Education Officer
- 6.11 Siberia – Education Officer
- 6.12 Assignment Submissions – Education Officer
- 6.13 NAIDOC Event – Indigenous Officer
- 6.14 Students with disabilities monthly meeting – Accessibility Officer
- 6.15 Flinders Health Service should see children of students –  
International Officer
- 6.16 Comp Night Coopers Bar Tuesday Night Proposal - General  
Secretary
- 6.17 FIFA World Cup Event Proposal – General Secretary
- 6.18 Clubs Seeking affiliation – General Secretary
  - 6.18.1 Red Cross
  - 6.18.2 Flinders Entertainment Association
  - 6.18.3 Vietnamese Student Association
  - 6.18.4 Club de Espânoł
  - 6.18.5 Flinders University Book Club.
  - 6.18.6 Flinders University Book Club

## 6.19 Executive Committee Recommendations

### 6.19.1 Honorariums

#### **7. Matters for Discussion:**

7.1 AYCC Safe climate future – John Photakis

7.2 Student Council Accountability, appearance Training – General Secretary

7.3 Student Council Training – General Secretary

7.4 Possible Left-Over Food Program – Welfare Officer

#### **8. Matters for Noting**

8.1 Student Council By-Election 2 – Women’s Officer MSE

8.2 Student Council By-Election 3 – Ordinary Council Member - MSE

8.3 Empire Times - MSE

#### **9. Meeting Close**

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### Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014

**Location:** FUSA Meeting Room.

**Present:** Michael Bezuidenhout, Lauren Brice, Grace Hill, Ira Herbold, Haidarr Jones, Ella Keegan-Treloar, John Photakis, Justin Shaw, Roxanna Henshaw, Will Menzies, Yadollah Bahrami, Chris O'Grady, Paul Harrison (minutes), Rosalie Grace Dow, Nathan Erdely (member), Brodie (member), Rosalie Grace-Dow (6:32pm).

**Guest(s):** Felescia Schemmer.

**Apologies:** Tim Mitchell, Caleb Pattinson, James Vigus.

*Opened: 6:04pm.*

#### **Welcome and Meeting Open**

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

**Apologies:** Education Officer, Post-Graduate Officer and Caleb Pattinson.

There was no dissent in the apologies.

**Welcome Guests:** Felescia Schemmer

Felescia Schemmer was welcomed to the meeting.

#### **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Manager, Student Engagement: There were two small issues with the minutes, the motion in 6.8.5 states that FUSA financially affiliates with the club; it should be the other way around.

Manager, Student Engagement: Also, there is a sentence in the discussion of 6.6 which appears to be unfinished.

**Motion:** I motion that we approve the minutes with amendments

**Moved: Student President**

**Seconded: Welfare Officer**

All in favour

**Motion Carried**

#### **Reports**

**Motion:** Motion to accept the reports

**Moved: Student President**

**Seconded: General Secretary**



All in favour

**Motion Carried**

**Matters for Decision**

**Motion:** I motion that we move all of the un-starred items on block (6.5.1, 6.5.2, 6.5.3, 6.6, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12).

Motions:

**6.5.1:** I motion that student council financially affiliate with Flinders Enactus.

**6.5.2:** I motion that student council financially affiliate with Flinders University Marine Biology Association.

**6.5.3:** I motion that student council financially affiliate with Flinders United Nations Society on the proviso they provide FUSA with evidence of an active bank account.

**6.6:** I motion that student council re-affiliate with Flinders University Digital Gaming Enthusiasts.

**6.10:** I motion that as NAIDOC week is held in the mid-year holidays we hold a one or two day student-driven event in August to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**6.11:** I motion that I am [Indigenous Officer] approved for leave of absence retrospectively.

**6.12:** I motion that Student Council call on the Office of Strategic and Financial Resources to make the hiring of a new Sustainability Officer an urgent priority.

**Moved: Student President**

**Second: General Secretary**

All in favour

**Motion Carried**

**Safe Climate Road Map – John Photakis**

John Photakis: The focus of the Safe Climate Road Map is on being a role model with respect to climate change, move away from coal and gas and aim to invest in 100% renewable energy production.

Michael Bezuidenhout: I am concerned with how extreme the targets are. Preventing climate change is a great goal, but I am concerned with the impact on the economy if it was done in such a quick period of time.

Environment Officer: I think it's important to set ambitious targets and move towards renewables as soon as possible.

Michael Bezuidenhout: As long as it's shown I'm hesitant to support such extreme measures, I'm happy to support it.

**Motion:** I motion that the FUSA council endorse the safe climate road map.

**Moved: John Photakis**

**Second: Environment Officer**

All in favour

**Motion Carried**

**IDAHOT Budget – Queer Officer (Continued later)**

Student President: We will move to the next item until the Queer Officer is present.

*Motion suspended until Queer Officer is present.*

**ET Editors – Chris O’Grady**

Student President: The most important aspect is student control of the magazine, for this reason I am against appointment.

General Secretary: I think we need to appoint as it is a faster process. What if there was a majority of students on the panel for appointment?

Social Activities Officer: Can we talk to those who were the runners up in the election?

Felescia Schemmer: There were only 4 people who ran in the election, two of them resigned and the other one was elected Women’s officer so she conceded

Manager, Student Engagement: Last year's council appointed the other two editors. I think election is good, but I like Roxy's idea of having more student council members on the appointment board.

Student President: I just want to add that I think if we are not going to elect students for ET positions that we should notify people that previous elected people are no longer elected, to make it really clear. I do just want to register that I strongly object to having it any other way than election.

Felescia Schemmer: At the editors conference there were a lot of editors who came together as a party of people for elections. I wanted to

propose that either done democratically through application where there is an option to apply as a team.

Welfare Officer: If I'm not mistaken, that's how ET used to run. So I think it's a good idea to have a group of people apply.

General Secretary: I do think that's a good idea, but I think we should sort out whether or not it's election or appointment first.

Student President: I think we can vote on this now and sort out the process for applications in the future. Would it be acceptable if we went directly to the motion with Roxy's amendments?

General Secretary: The amendment would in addition to the three listed committee members, "two other Student Council Members"

**Motion:** I motion that Student Council support the appointment of a new editorial team for Empire Times as soon as practical, consisting of an Appointment Committee that consists of: FUSA General Secretary (in their capacity as ET Liaison), FUSA Media Officer and a representative from the University's Marketing, Communication Office and two other Student Council members.

**Moved: General Secretary**

**Seconded: Environment Officer**

In favour: 11

Against: Grace Hill

**Motion Carried**

### **E-readings – Welfare Officer**

Welfare Officer: Whenever there's been a topic where readings are uploaded on a weekly basis it's been a problem. Tim and I put together a proposal to require eReadings be uploaded in advance.

*Felescia Schemmer has left the room 6:26pm.*

*Nathan Erdely has left the room 6:26pm.*

Michael Bezuidenhout: I just wanted some clarification. With the readings, are we talking about digitizing them and putting them on FLO?

We're talking about the ones that already have electronic readings - some topics upload them at the start and some upload them as you go. Those are the ones that we are discussing.

International Officer: They should be putting their uploads up before they teach the course.

Welfare Officer: That's where this is coming from; we had discussions with students where they had 60 page readings uploaded the day before they were required to have them read

Environment Officer: I believe the University does have policies as to how and when things need to be uploaded. Maybe a good amendment would be that University administrators enforce uploads policies more stringently.

Student President: I move that we go straight to a vote.

**Motion:** I motion that Student Council approve the attached proposal regarding e-readings to have all electronic readings uploaded and accessible by students by the first teaching week of semester for a given topic.

**Moved: Welfare Officer**

**Seconded: International Officer**

All in favour

**Motion Carried**

Rosalie has entered the room 6:32pm

*Motion 6.2 has been tabled as the Queer Officer is now present.*

### **IDAHOT Budget – Queer Officer**

Queer Officer: For IDAHOT this year, none of us involved in planning it on campus before and none of us have ever been to one so we made up what sounded good.



Manager, Student Engagement: I think the event sounds fantastic, congratulations. I just wanted to know if you could add to the motion that that the funds come from the queer budget?

John Photakis: IDAHOT is on a Saturday I believe?

Queer Officer: Yes, but we are doing it on Tuesday so that there are students on campus.

Queer Officer: My amendment is that the funds come from the Queer events budget.

**Motion:** I motion that Council accepts this budget [provided in the agenda].

**Motioned: Queer Officer**

**Seconded: Student President**

All in favour

**Motion Carried**

**Clubs Seeking affiliation – General Secretary**

6.5.1 Flinders Enactus

6.5.2 Flinders University Marine Biology Association

6.5.3 Flinders United Nations Society

**Commission of Audit – Student President**

Michael Bezuidenhout: I don't think that it should just say increase the tax rate for rich. I think it's important that we just condemn the findings. If we're going to talk about tax policy I think that it should be its own motion.

Student President: The percentage of overall GDP going to corporate profits has been rising compared to those going to the people. That is because tax rates for rich people have been stagnant or falling. I believe tax has had a huge impact and is entirely related to the issue.

Michael Bezuidenhout: If you increase income tax rates it just means that people go through loop holes, I don't think it's necessary just tax rich people. There's a whole broader policy of things such as capital gains tax etc. I just don't see why it's tacked onto the end of this motion. I'd be happy to support a motion that has the first half but not with it all combined.

*Manager, Student Engagement left room 6:38pm.*

Queer Officer: How about we amend it to 'call for revenues to be sourced from those who can afford it'.

Student President: I'm not entirely comfortable with that wording.

Michael Bezuidenhout: Maybe we should come back to the second part with a more established tax policy.

Student President: For the sake of brevity I'll remove the last part of the motion.

**Motion:** I motion that the student council unreservedly condemn the findings of the Commission of Audit.

**Moved: Student President**

**Seconded: Welfare Officer**

All in favour

**Motion Carried**

*Meeting suspended 6:43pm.*

*Meeting resumed: 7:01pm.*

*Chris O'Grady has reentered the room 7:01pm.*

## **Kemp-Norton Enquiry – Student President**

The Kemp-Norton enquiry recommended increasing fees, deregulation of fees and scrapping equity targets. The deregulation of places for universities was not accompanied with an increase of government funding.

We should call for an increase of government funding for higher education. Not just to go with inflation, but also to keep pace with increases in student numbers as well.

Manager, Student Engagement: Would this whole event come out of the events budget?

Student President: Just the barbecue because the Forum would have no cost.

General Secretary: No band or anything?

Student President: Table, maybe the PA.

**Motion:** I motion that the student council:

condemn the recommendations of the Kemp-Norton review  
call for an increase in government funding to universities [to  
keep pace with increases in student numbers]

endorse a BBQ and education forum to be held on campus on  
the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, to coincide with the NUS national day of  
action.

**Moved: Student President**

**Seconded: John Photakis**

All in favour carried

**Motion Carried**

## **International Sub-Committee meeting – International Officer**

International Officer: The International Sub-Committee meets every 2 weeks, there's about 25 members. The meeting usually takes about 1 hour. We are asking for some light refreshments for the meeting.

Environment Officer: Given that international students are paying tens of thousands of dollars more anyway, I'm sure we can spare a bit for tea and coffee.

Manager, Student Engagement: Which budget is this coming from? I assume office bearer initiative funds?

International Officer: Yes, that's fine.

**Motion:** I motion that Student Council supports and approves paying \$40 per month for the light refreshment for the International sub-committee meeting.

**Moved: Student President**

**Seconded: General Secretary**



All in favour

## **Motion Carried**

### **Leave of Absence - Indigenous Officer**

I motion that I am approved for leave of absence retrospectively.

### **Preserving Equity Spaces.**

Environment Officer: It seems pretty clear that women's and queer spaces will be preserved.

Environment Officer: I would like to put a strong argument to have a hub for student activist groups. Environmental activists, social activists etc. This enables networking, learning life-skills and campaigning skills from senior activities

Environment Officer: I think we would be doing a disservice to students by getting rid of the environment space and losing the years of activism on campus. I think it would be a great legacy for this year's council to be part of preserving this great activists culture on campus.

Student President: Why specifically a space for environment activism and not a broader activist space?

Environment Officer: I think a broader activist space would be fine. This University always has had and always will have a lot of students who wish to change the society in which we live. It's important to share this knowledge and experience

Environment Officer: I wouldn't have any problem with this being a general activist space and space for progressive people and advocates to come together

Student President: Are there any other questions?

Manager, Student Engagement: Just wanted to add that the hub student consultation group - I have requested feedback to be written up by all student reps on the consultation group.

**Motion:** I motion that Student Council calls on those responsible for the Hub development to ensure that the successful and vibrant equity spaces program, including the Envirospace, be preserved in the new hub.

**Moved: Environment Officer**

**Seconded: International Officer**

For: 12

Abstention: Student President

## **Motion Carried**

### **Executive Committee Recommendations**

#### **Honorariums**

General Secretary: Wanted to add Education Officer on to the list of honorariums

Student President: Motion we add that amendment and go directly to a vote



Queer Officer: Did we get a report?

General Secretary: Yes. It's in there now.

**Motion:** I motion that we approve the following honorariums:

John Photakis for April

Ella Keagan-Treloar for April

Michael Bezuidenhout for March

Caleb Pattinson for April

General Secretary for April

Environment Officer for April

Queer Officer for April

International Officer for April

Welfare Officer for April

Accessibility Officer for March and April

Post-Graduate Officer Report for April

Indigenous Officer for April

Accessibility Officer

Education Officer for April

**Moved: Student President**

**Seconded: Welfare Officer**

All in favour carried

**Motion Carried**

### **Matters for Discussion:**

#### **Hub Student Consultation Group – Chris O’Grady**

Manager, Student Engagement: Encourage everyone to attend. They will be happening every fortnight from now. It is an important opportunity for student consultation and is the main conduit for student input into the student hub. Each office bearer should do some consultation with students covered by their own portfolios to gather information to feed into the process. Perhaps more specific than the information provided in the Fuller Report. I hope Tuesdays at 2 o’clock are good for most of you.

Queer Officer: Is there an opportunity to alternate it on say a Tuesday and Thursday?

Manager, Student Engagement: We could look at doing that. We could do another doodle poll.

Environment Officer: In future we could take minutes of those meetings so that you could see them. And you could pass on any issues you want to raise you could pass on to another office bearer who attends the meeting.

Manager, Student Engagement: Could always meet with others anyway

Student President: Would it be better if we took more comprehensive minutes at these meetings so that everyone is kept up to date?

#### **The Health Service should see children of students – International Officer**

International Officer: Health disabilities and counselling do not see children because they do not have a doctor to see children. I have been following it up with Andrew Wood. They do not have a space for children or doctors who have been trained to see children of students.

International Officer: Most international students have a family and have children and have to pay a lot of money to the gap that insurance does not cover for children.

International Officer: We should do something to try and enable health and counselling to see children.

International Officer: The waiting time is also 2-3 days. So if it is urgent you have to go outside of the University and pay the gap.

Welfare Officer: Want to voice my support and even from the welfare of students, if you're a parent who has a child who is unable to see doctors that is a large amount of stress

International Officer: Adelaide University has a doctor that can see all ages.

Student President: I strongly agree with this. I think this is a massive barrier to study. I think that the doctors we have are excellent but the amount of doctors and the ability to see children is a problem.

Student President: I think we should probably add some kind of action point of FUSA taking an official position on this and perhaps drafting something to them about FUSA's position regarding this.

International Officer: I suggest that we take it to DVC etc. and discuss this. Andrew stated that if they accept children then it'd be longer for students so we should make sure that this does not happen. Vaccination is not covered for children, so they have to pay full fees, it would be good to have vaccinations at the University.

Environment Officer: I would also through my support behind this issue. Health and counselling seems to be understaffed as there is about a 3 week waiting time which is not great considering the nature of the issues that go through there. This is a significant welfare issue on campus.

Student President: I think what we should do, is that someone should take the task of writing a motion about this and someone should start work on a proposal to the University. We should collate all of the information e.g. the needs of domestic, international, postgraduate students etc.

Environment Officer: This might be a very good opportunity for ordinary council members to take a roll on council.

Queer Officer: A good place to start might be to find out if there are any universities who are doing it really well.

International Officer: Adelaide University does it really well. They provide services for vaccination, appointments for children as well as counselling etc.

Student President: I can go away and do research on other university campuses.

## Other business

### End of Semester Party

Social Activities Officer: I have a proposal that I've not submitted, but do I need to get a motion to approve the budget for the end of semester party. Do I have to get council permission to start working on it.

Student President: Precedent for exec has been \$1,000. Is that enough?

Social Activities Officer: Event is not long after the next council meeting.

Student President: Considering the money is already allocated in the budget. Is everyone okay if she continues working on it as long as she emails around the details.

Environment Officer: I feel like we should still approve it. Can we vote now to give exec the authority to approve it?

Student President: Are people amenable to that?

**Motion:** I motion that the Student Council give Executive the authority to approve the end of semester party budget.

**Moved: Student President**

**Seconded: Education Officer**

All in favour

### **Motion Carried**

### Political Logos

Michael Bezuidenhout: I don't think SAlt logos on posters should be around, just as well as Labor and Greens posters or any other political organisation. I know that FUSA is a political organisation.

General Secretary: Last year we passed a motion that materials weren't allowed to be in the office.

Michael Bezuidenhout: I think it's fine if it's here, as long as it's not on the walls of the FUSA office. I think putting things up on walls as if it represents FUSA is not acceptable.

Queer Officer: I think for some students that might be overwhelming if they think the organisation is going to be super-political. I think it would be more welcoming if there were fun posters up instead of political ones.

Student President: I think it's gross to restrict freedom of speech.

General Secretary: Can we revisit this at the next council meeting?

### Matters for Noting

#### FUSA Student Hub - Requirements - Chris O'Grady

#### National Day of Action Feedback - General Secretary

General Secretary: A particular person was quite aggressive in their approach to the NDA, just be aware of that at campaigns.

### Meeting Close

## REPORTS

### **5.1 Student President's Report**

Most of this month has been dedicated to fighting against the budget and it's horrific outcomes for students. The Liberals wish to deregulate university fees, which will lead to fees soaring far beyond what most students can afford, decreases in the Commonwealth contribution amount, which will lead to average fee increases of 20% initially, introduction of new fees for postgraduate research students, a higher interest rate on HECS debts (new and ore existing), and a lowering of the repayment threshold. Students and student unions have been responding to this around the country, and this month I have led the fight-back in South Australia. I have organised two protests for the NUS National Day of Action on the 21st of May, one at Flinders and one in the city, with support from the NTEU, the Greens, and SA Unions.

Students and unionists around the country, most notably in Sydney and Melbourne, have been confronting Liberal politicians in the wake of the budget. On the 23rd of May, I received a tip-off that Prime Minister Tony Abbott was planning to speak at The Mark Oliphant Building, part of Flinders University. I organised and led a 300-strong protest march from the plaza to the Mark Oliphant Building, which resulted in the cancellation of Abbott's visit.

Earlier in the month I participated in the March in May, an anti-Abbott event student council endorsed. Hundreds of students attended this march, and it provided an excellent opportunity to discuss with them the implications of the budget.

On the 23rd and 24th, I met with NUS Education Officer Sarah Garnham, to discuss the progress and future of the "Abbott and Pyne: hands off our education" campaign. I also had the opportunity to meet with one of the NUS Queer officers, Naomi Farmer, to discuss the budget.

On the 30th I had a brief meeting with SA Unions secretary Joe Szakacs to discuss the campaign against the budget, we also corresponded several times over the phone.

Through the month I have had regular meetings with Chris, I have attended a Hub consultation group meeting also. Additionally, Roxy and myself we're part of a special student hub consultation meeting to discuss the space FUSA will occupy



within the hub. At this stage it appears we will have a little more space than before, we will be located on the plaza level in a very accessible place for students, and we will have after hours access to our space. This is still not 100% settled, but this is where things sit now.

On the non-physical side of the hub, I have attended a student services and delivery project coordination group meeting to discuss the digital and service aspects of the Hub.

I have continued to be part of fortnightly meetings to discuss Work Health and Safety for Clubs and Events. I have serious concerns regarding the intentions of the university, namely that they intend to bestow upon themselves the power to censor clubs.

On the 15th, University Council sat. I left this meeting with grave concerns regarding increases in student fees. I argued strongly that the university not increase fees. Later in the week I met again with the Vice Chancellor to discuss a public statement regarding the budget.

I also spent hours each week talking to students on the HC plaza and in their classes about the budget and what our response must be.**5.2**

## 5.2 General Secretary's Report May

### ET:

We now have three ET editors. Welcome to Jess, Jade and Bethany. Congratulations!

### Clubs:

Steph is currently designing artwork for the Club's handbook, which is almost finalised for publication in time for O'week 2.

Steph is currently designing artwork for the Club's guide, in time for publication before O'week 2.

The Club's Training Day was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. A few issues were brought to light, including an absence of adequate policy regarding clubs dealing with internal conflict.

Adam and I are looking into organising a 'Clubs' Cup' during O'week. It will be a competition to be held in the refectory/on the plaza so members from different clubs can get to know each other.

The website now has a new page to explain the different levels of affiliation.

### First Years

I'm in the process of organizing a first year O'week brunch/lunch/afternoon tea event.

### Hub Consultation

I've written a brief report on behalf of clubs and societies for buildings and property.

### Financial Report

May	
Opening Bank Balance 1/5/14	16,588.55
Closing Bank Balance 31/5/14	16,588.55



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## 5.3 Education Officer's Report

### **National Day of Action:**

I was on the plaza helping to set up the barbeque with Justin Shaw, the PA system with Paul Harrison and also talking to students about the cuts to higher education and obtaining their support for an NUS petition. I also consulted with Grace Hill as to how to run the event and what the best method would be to raise student awareness against the attacks on Higher Education.

**4hrs**

### **Meeting with Gail Gago and other educational representatives:**

Gail Gago MLC is the State:

Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills

Minister for Science and Information Economy

Minister for the Status of Women

Minister for Business Services and Consumers

I met with numerous representatives of Higher Education and Skills in a meeting with Gail Gago MLC at Parliament house, this involved hearing about the projected impacts of the budget on Universities and other Education providers. This was an interesting meeting and it was great to be invited to the event to represent FUSA and flinders students. **1 and a half hours**

### **Protests against the cuts to Higher Education:**

I marched with other members of student council against the cuts to higher education. This involved travelling from the plaza across the road to the building where Tony Abbot was supposed to be present. I was impressed by the number of students present at the event and it was great to see so many students opposed to the deregulation of fees. **2hrs**

### **Student Representative Network:**

I have sent out another email about the SRN and have spoken to Shaun about catering the event as well as booking the student council room on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June at 2pm. **2hrs**

### **Hub Consultation:**

I watched a display of the hub consultation by Chris O'Grady and gave feedback on the planned Hub. **0.5 hours**

### **Preparation of Motions:**

In the preparation for motions I spoke to numerous students both from other universities and from Flinders. I also prepared the three motions by speaking to Chris O'Grady briefly about how best to achieve the proposed changes. **2 and a half hrs**

**Market Day Stall:**

I filled in for Justin on the market day stall and discussed the inefficiencies with him as well as helping Jessie carry pizzas to the stall for the free lunch. **1hr**

**Total :**

**13.5 hours**

## **5.4 Environment Officer's Report – May**

### **No Diet Day**

Our former OC and new Wom\*n's Officer Ella organized No Diet Day early in May. The event was very well attended and provided some extremely valuable information and support to students in the area of diet, personal health and disordered eating. I assisted Ella on the day with setup, packup, introducing speakers and some scone eating.

### **Clubs Training Day**

I attended clubs training day 27 May 2014 (also in my capacity as President of Flinders Fair Trade Society). Congratulations to those involved for running a successful training.

### **Social Justice Day**

On May 8<sup>th</sup> I coordinated Social Justice Day. This event was attended by over 15 social justice clubs, some of whom are affiliated and some who are seeking to affiliate and strengthen their group. The day featured live music, an open mic for clubs presentations, slam poetry, free food from FUSA, a pop-up op shop, and club stalls.

The day was a great success. FUNS has reported that they have greatly expanded their membership. Students interested in Amnesty and Welcome to Australia began planning a general social justice club. Oaktree, VGen, Flinders Fair Trade Society, AYCC and environment groups also reported that they were successful in engaging new members in support of their campaigns and educating the students they spoke to.

### **Sustainafair**

I had a meeting with Adam Rau to begin planning Sustainafair in semester two.

### **Envirospace/campaign space**

I have continued to work with social justice and environmental groups on campus who are concerned about the loss of the Envirospace and the implications this will have for not just environmental but all social justice campaigning on campus. This included meetings, letter drafting, phone and email correspondence.

### **AYCC Safe Climate Roadmap event**

On Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> I attended the AYCC's event, presenting petitions to MP Mark Butler asking that the government aim higher on climate. Many Flinders students are passionate about climate change, and some members of Flinders AYCC were there on the day. I also signed the banner on behalf of Flinders' climate activists.

### **Coffee cup**

There was a coffee cup on the ground the other day and I put it in the appropriate bin as per my portfolio.

### **Food and Beverage Subcommittee**

I went to the meeting, talked about coffee, food, the outlets in the hub, etc.

### **Hub Consultation**

A few meetings. In particular my focus has been on the preservation of a campaigning space to replace the EnviroSpace.

### **New sustainability officer**

A new Sustainability Officer has been hired. I went to his office to have a chat but he wasn't to be found. I left a note with the nice secretary though asking him to contact me to arrange a meeting.

### 5.5 Queer Officer's Report

Icing Genderbread people for IDAHOT	3 Hours
On campus running IDAHOT	13 Hours
Preparing for IDAHOT	8 Hours
FUQS AGM	1 Hour
Meeting with Queer Officers from Uni SA and Adelaide Uni	1.5 Hours
Interviewing and consulting FUQS about queer needs at Hub	1 Hour
Work on joint project with other Queer Associations (Queer Formal)	1 Hour



## 5.6 Women's Officer

- International No Diet Day – multiple emails: re the panel session, Creating the power point presentation, promoting the event on Facebook, Set-up, event, pack-up (4 hours), thank-you emails to panelists
- Attended the Student Hub consultation meeting.
- Met with Stef (the previous Women's Officer) and examined the Women's Room (3 hours)
- Researched Flinders' sexual harassment procedures.
- Attempted to contact the Equal Opportunity Advisor to discuss the concerns with the process – no response.
- Vanessa re sending an email to the whole student body about what constitutes sexual harassment, the steps required in reporting it, and relevant resources.
- Planning to run a social media campaign where it is similar to White Ribbon (the pledge to never commit/tolerate and always report domestic violence), but instead of taking a ribbon people could share something that contains the same information.
- Looked into the posters on men and respectful relationships
- Gaining access to the Women Officer email – 2 hours 40.
- Attended and spoke at the Flinders NDA rally
- Attended the city NDA rally
- Collected signatures on the petition
- Met with Dom (the 2013 Women's Officer) 2 hours.
- Attended the Sport and Fitness SCG
- Brainstormed another campaign idea to push for contraception to be both the man and woman's responsibility (Uni sent out an email on contraception just to female students last year).
- Lecture bashing and Tony Abbott protest – 3 hours
- Writing for Empire Times about the effect of the Budget on women.
- Catching up on mail from when the position was vacant – 40 minutes
- Women's Information Service - meetings, support available, and requesting brochures
- Began planning Blue Stockings Week - 1 hour
- Wrote report about what is required in the new Women's Room

## 5.7 International Student's Officer May Report

### Hub Student Consultation group

A few meetings, I attended the Hub Student Consultation group meeting at 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May, international subcommittee, 2.5 hour

### Sub-committee meeting, 1.5 hours

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014,

Time: 14:00 to 15:00 pm

Location: FUSA meeting room

*Welcome and meeting open;*

As is the practice of Flinders University, I acknowledge the Indigenous peoples of this country. In particular I acknowledge the Kurna people, the traditional owners of the lands and waters of the region on which Flinders University at Bedford Park is located.

Big thanks to Chris O'Grady for attending to the meeting and talking about FUSA and Students Hub.

Topics addressed:

- Student Hub
  - Opening semester 1 of next year
  - Ideas for student hub
    - Games (ex: table tennis), variety of food, after hour food/shops, computers with access to Skype/oovoo/etc, media room with TV and DVDs, national and international newspapers, grocery store
- Accommodation
  - Wi-Fi in the Uni Hall and DJ Village, Student do not have a access to these facilities at the moment
  - Zipcar/car rentals
  - Increase number of accommodation facilities and lower costs
    - Consider students with families!
    - Proposal: Provide about 20 off campus accommodations for international students
  - Madeline will contact Flinders Living officials
- Socials
  - Mixer @ Coopers Bar
  - Pub Crawl
- Provide Services for ESL
- On Campus Health Services

- Lack services for children and women's health  
 Proposal: push university to provide more room for the centre, contract and recruit more doctors and counsellors, or link up with Flinders Medical Centre
- Health & Counselling Centre needs to advertise location
- CISA
  - National Conference in Adelaide – 7-9 July 2014
  - Participate in conference by volunteering or reserve booths
  - Interested in becoming a member?  
 Check out website and nominate someone or yourself! Elections will take place at the conference.
- Multi-Cultural Festival
  - Held in August or September
  - Interested in becoming a sub-committee member? Please notify us!
- Change FUSA sub-committee meeting time

**FUPS (Flinders University Postgraduate Society) at Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health sciences, Annual General Meeting**

I attended in the FUPS meeting 5<sup>th</sup> of May, disused about the problems which postgraduates' International students are facing, such as publications fees. 1 hour.

**Protest against the Higher education cuts.**

I joined the rallies (21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>) against educations cuts; I attended at the NDA rally, three hours

**Talking with the Head of Health, Counselling and Disability Services**

Spoke with Mr. Andrew Wood (Head Health, Counselling and Disability Services) and discuss whether the Health Service can see children of students. I had another meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> of May with Mr Wood and discussed the problems associated with the Health Service which cannot see Children of Students. At the moment their witting time for an appointment is 5-6 days. He advises me that they are shortage in the staff; Doctors and counsellors. At the moment they have 2 Doctors and 3 counsellors. They are tight in the space; they do not have enough room. He also stated that they do not have space to place more doctors. He also mentions that two of Doctors are on long leaves they are trying to find replace for them. He also said they doctors are recruited by university, and University should recruit more Doctors in provides space. 1 hour

**Multicultural night:** There will be a multicultural night on 7 July 14, from 7pm - 10.30pm.

I will send out an email to all students club in Flinders if they are interested to participate in. CISA is holding this event.



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## **5.8 Welfare Officer's Report – May 2014**

### **Foodbank**

Foodbank SA recently opened an on-site store, which provides a way for those receiving aid through Foodbank to still do their own shopping and cater to individual needs. Individuals have vouchers issued to them by aid organisations, and they can use these to purchase items from the Foodbank store, as well as free fresh fruit and vegetables. Helen Laity has collected FUSA's Foodbank SA voucher book, so they can start being issued to student through Student Assist. FUSA will also provide pre-packed hampers of food to students who need them, also to be coordinated through Student Assist.

### **E-Readings**

I sent the proposal regarding e-readings, which was approved by Student Council at our last meeting, to the Manager, Student Engagement, to be forwarded on as appropriate.

### **Annual General Meeting**

I attended the AGM on the 1<sup>st</sup> and spoke with a number of students beforehand, encouraging them to attend.

### **Student Hub Consultation Group**

I attended the Hub Consultation Group meetings on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Empire Times Editorship**

I was part of the panel to appoint new ET editors. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, we interviewed four candidates, and had discussions the following day to determine who would be appointed.

### **Anti-Education Cuts Rallies**

I helped set up for the rally at Flinders on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and helped to run the barbecue for the day. I also attended the rally in the city that afternoon and the snap action on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to protest Tony Abbott's planned speaking engagement on campus.

### **Market Day**

I set up the FUSA stall for the Market day on the 27<sup>th</sup> and staffed it for the morning.



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## **5.9 Social Activities Officer Report – May**

### **Pub Crawl May 2**

The pub crawl was a huge success... the biggest one FUSA has ever put on which is amazing. Having Rounds co-hosting worked really well as we reached more people and actually had people available to sell tickets! The only issue on the night was that we reached capacity very quickly... this worked out okay because other clubs started offering us specials and free entry so no one was left out for too long.

### **Hall toga party**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> I met with David from Flinders Living to discuss the possibility of FUSA 'co-hosting' the annual toga party put on by the hall. This is a huge opportunity for FUSA and it would be great to get behind such a successful and popular event. This is the first year the party will be open to day students (there are only 100 of those tickets available though). I will continue to liaise with David and see how we can be involved.

### **Year Overview**

Adam, Steph and I met on the 15<sup>th</sup> and discussed the events to be held for the rest of the year as well as the end of semester party. We organised dates for the sem 2 pub crawl, end of sem party and ball.

### **End of semester party**

Have been liaising with F1, Adam and Rounds about the party. Have been planning food, drink vouchers, buses, roster to sell tickets etc. Met with Adam Taylor from Rounds and had a good brainstorming session about activities to run on the night and his experience with how the Rounds party at Coopers Bar went.

### **Hub Consultation group**

Attended this meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

## 5.10 Accessibility Officer's Report

- Preparation for Flinders's student with disabilities meeting

### ABILITY OFFICER REPORT MAY 2014

- Flinders student with disabilities meeting preparation
  - I. Consult to Sampath Malaka as one of the initiator of the meeting regarding the agenda of the meeting
  - II. Booking meeting room
  - III. Sending invitation (supported by disabilities councilors)
    - Flinders Student with Disabilities meeting
  - IV. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, ability officer initiated student with disabilities meeting. 9 students with different type of disabilities such as vision impairment, hearing impairment, physical impairment, intellectual and psychiatric disabilities attended the meeting. The meeting participants has agreed upon 3 issues which are :
    - V. There should be a peer support group for student with disabilities as media of share and thought as part of the empowerment of student with disabilities. The group should meet monthly at least once every months.
    - VI. There should be a group of volunteer with in the university, to support academic activities of student with disabilities and also as part of awareness rasing among Flinders students.
    - VII. There should be a representative of student with disabilities to advocate their needs around the uni.
  - VIII.
    - Meeting Follow up
  - IX. Consult the president of FUSA regarding the existence of voulunteer group in Flinders University
  - X. Initiate contact with Sue Mayers as student advocacy officer to become guess speaker in the next meeting
  - XI. Research for voulunteer group in The Uni or how to set up one





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## **5.11 Postgraduate Officer report for May 2014**

### **Budget, budget, budget.**

My activity has been consumed by the Anti student Abbott government budget.

### **NDA**

I helped organise the central rally for the National day of action and attended the Flinders event as well. For both events I spent many hours building amongst my networks within the Flinders Student population and this was reflected by those that attended both events.

### **Emergency Abbott Protest.**

Alongside the President, Grace Hill, I called the Emergency action against Tony Abbott on May 23. This action was an outstanding success, with about 300 students attending, again a large number of these students were postgraduate Social work students, in part because on the morning of the rally, I was allowed to address them about what was going on. Thanks to all the OB's who helped on the day. It was a shame, some of the Non-Flinders students, particular the Anarchists marched off early, as a number of Flinders students missed out on coming, as their classes finished at 1.

### **March in May.**

The rally was a success in terms of the numbers, over 7000 attended according to SA Police and the media. The event was long, going for close to 3 hours.

### **Aboriginal rights meeting with Aboriginal panel of speakers from across Australia.**

I attended an important forum about Aboriginal rights, oppression and the struggle today. Over 200 people attended including a large number of Flinders first people's students including postgraduates.

### **Important information for student council members regarding the impact of Federal budget on postgraduate students**

What has alarmed the postgraduate community the most is the unexpected assault on PhD and Masters by Research students, with the slashing of the Research Training Scheme by over \$174 million and the introduction of research student fee contributions for the first time in Australia's history.



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PhD and Masters by Research students will be asked from January 1st, 2016 to pay up to \$3,900 PER YEAR for the privilege of contributing their unique knowledge to Australia's research economy.

During May, I have spoken/had meeting with numerous student representatives from across the country including postgraduate and mature age, particular about the anti student Federal budget, one of the worst budgets in living memory.

## **5.12 Indigenous Officer Report** **Haidarr Jones**

### **May 2014**

1<sup>st</sup> – Attend FUSA AGM, spoke with Chris O’Grady about organising a time to speak to Yunggorendi about the new student hub

10<sup>th</sup> – Met up with CareerTrackers Indigenous Internship Program to see if the first year students have been offered an internship.

13<sup>th</sup> – Attended the Flinders Indigenous Student Association meeting.

14<sup>th</sup> May – Spoke in front of Aboriginal Youth from Port Lincoln and surrounding areas hosted by [www.garridja.com](http://www.garridja.com)

19<sup>th</sup> May – Attended Student Support Meeting with Yunggorendi.

21<sup>st</sup> – Assisted with the BBQ at the Tony Abbott protest rally.

21<sup>st</sup> – Had a meeting with Adam Rau and Stephanie Walker (FUSA) to start organising a NAIDOC event for the 8<sup>th</sup> August.

23<sup>rd</sup> – Had a meeting with the University Hall Associate Dean about how things are coping at the hall for the Indigenous students. Also spoke about possible Aboriginal events.

24<sup>th</sup> – Met up with a couple Indigenous students to mentor them and see how I can help them keep on track.

26<sup>th</sup> – Write article for ET

29<sup>th</sup> – Organised and had a Reconciliation BBQ event on campus.

## **5.13 Manager Student Engagement – Update – JUNE 2014**

### **FUSA Staff**

#### *Clubs and Events Officer*

As you would all be aware, we have now appointed Adam Rau in the position of Clubs and Events Officer and Adam has been working in the role for three weeks now. Adam has over a decade of experience working with student clubs and events. A huge welcome to Adam.

#### *Office Coordinator*

As of June 10, the Office Coordinators position will increase in fraction from 0.7 to 1.0 up until the end of Shaun's contract, which ends on December 12. Funding for this has come from unspent funds in the student casual budget.

#### *Administrative Assistant*

HR have endorsed a new Position Description for this position and I will be making a request to the SSAF Budget Advisory Committee for this position to be increased from 0.5 to 1.0.

### **Student Hub**

FUSA Staff along with the Student President and General Secretary met with the University's Hub Project Team and the Architects, Woods Bagot to discuss FUSA's presence in the Student Hub. The plan is for FUSA to have a very central and visible presence in the Hub. There will be further meetings in the coming months to discuss how the FUSA space will be configured etc.

### **Student Council By-Election 2 – Women's Officer**

An election was not necessary for this vacancy given that Ella Keegan-Treloar was the only candidate. Congratulations to Ella for being elected to the role.

### **Student Council By-Election 3 – Ordinary Council Member**

Given that Ella Keegan-Treloar was elected to the role of Women's Officer, there is now the vacant position of Ordinary Council Member. Therefore a By-Election has been set-up. Rob Manwaring is again the Returning Officer. Shaun and I are Assistant Returning Officers.



Nominations Opened: 14.5.14

Nominations Closed: 27.5.14

Election: 11-13<sup>th</sup> of June

### **Empire Times**

As decided at the last Student Council meeting, a new editorial team for Empire Times would be established through an appointment process. On the .... the following were appointed as the Student Editors for Empire Times for the rest of 2014:

- Jade Kelly
- Bethany Lawrence
- Jess Nicole

### **Flinders One Student Consultation Groups**

The second round of meetings occurred on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Student turnout for some of the groups was low so I will be recruiting for these again. I will distribute minutes to Student Council.

## **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### **6.1 FUSA non-partisanship**

FUSA is a student organisation committed to furthering the interests of and engaging with all students. It is not acceptable for students to feel they cannot approach FUSA staff, Council Members or the FUSA office for fear their political beliefs or ideology will cause conflict or result in them not being assisted or respected. As such it is imperative that FUSA conducts its self in a non-partisan manner. While it is acknowledged that student organisations in general and FUSA as a student union in particular is by its nature a political organisation that runs campaigns and has positions on a range of matters, these campaigns and positions should always be furthering the interests of Flinders University students. These campaigns and any activity or impression that FUSA gives should never be conducted or presented as a means to simply further partisan interests.

The various concrete bollards and other notice areas around Flinders University provide all students with ample access to place and view posters and other material in accordance with the right to free speech and freedom of information. Partisan material and any other legal material from individuals or groups are welcome in these areas.

Partisan material however is not welcome to be displayed in or directly on the FUSA building or to be used with in conjunction with or seemingly in conjunction with any FUSA branding. This is because FUSA must be and seen to be accessible to all students. To allow partisan material could not only dissuade some students from engaging with FUSA because it is seen as simply a vessel for one political party or persuasion but could turn FUSA from an accessible friendly and welcoming institution for all into a place of vicious partisan rivalries where political party branding and logos are seen everywhere and the direct student voice is lost. Students may stop thinking of FUSA as a place of acceptance and assistance and simply see it as a place of conflict and factionalism.

Candidates running for election for Student Council are already not allowed to use the FUSA office to display their election material nor are they allowed to use FUSA branding in their materials. This follows the principal that one or a group of candidates on their own cannot be seen to represent the entirety of FUSA. It is simply a progression of this principal to extend the restriction to other directly partisan posters.

It is a fundamental principal of our democracy that the institutions of Government and Parliament cannot display partisan logos or behave in a partisan manner. You will never see a party's logo on a government press release or above an entrance to a parliament. Because while MP's are free to criticise other political parties and promote their own, the institutions of government its self cannot be seen to be partisan as they must always assist every member of the public in accordance with the law no matter what their ideology.

If this principle is a respected and integral part of Australian government and Australian democracy then it should certainly be a part of FUSA's principles and should influence how FUSA operates so that it can continue to be seen as accessible and helpful to all students.

**Motion: I motion that material, publications and positions that are directly partisan, including but not limited to referring directly to a political party or using a political party's logo or symbol of a particular ideology, in either their branding or position, are not allowed to be displayed in or on the FUSA office, any FUSA Stalls or any material FUSA publishes. If there is doubt or contention about the applicability of this motion to a particular situation, the material or position must gain approval by majority vote of the FUSA Student Council before it can be presented. Any Flinders University Student can raise concern about a possible infringement and present their concern to Student Council. The resolution of this conflict must occur in a reasonable time and must be conducted in good faith. If the Student Council is unable to make a decision within a reasonable time due to limitations on the availability of Council Members, the decision lies with Student Council Executive and failing that the most senior member of FUSA staff or allied employee until Student Council is able to vote on the matter in question.**

## 6.2 Student Forum – General Secretary

Student council should organise a student forum as soon as possible.

I motion that we hold a student forum on .....

## 6.3 Student Council Training Day – General Secretary

Everyone on Student Council has some fantastic policy ideas but not everyone knows how to implement them. I think it would be really good to have a student



council 'training day' not only to help student council members this year but also to equip them to train future student council members. Paul Harrison taught me so much about the role of General Secretary but not everyone was so fortunate at the beginning of the year.

After we hold a student forum, we'll book out a lecture theatre then everyone on Student Council can spend an hour brainstorming policy ideas and then Chris, Steph, Adam and Shaun will join us and help us develop plans to set these policy ideas in motion, ie who to contact to achieve x.

I would like to emphasise that the policies themselves should be student council designed and driven and that any University staff are there in an advisory capacity.

**I motion** that Student council training day be held on ..... at.....

## 6.4 Hub Student Council Report – General Secretary

### Clubs:

- More accessible and centralised storage space.
- More spaces for clubs and societies
  - o Meeting rooms
  - o Event spaces
  - o Spaces with greater access to power (eg. Floor traps with power points)
- Kitchen areas close to club spaces so that clubs may provide and prepare their own catering.
- 24 access to club spaces and storage spaces
- Locker access
- Free WiFi,
- Ensure the venue's power distribution is set-up to allow temporary addition of extra distribution boxes, to meet the demands of high-power-requirement events (e.g. running a few dozen Televisions, Consoles,

Computers or similar).

- Ensure there is a process in-place for gaining wired internet access out from the room (for special events).
- A glass-front case with shelves for clubs to display various items of interest
- A permanent computer terminal of some sort (e.g. a cheap wall-mounted Android device), locked-down to be purely used for club signups, room bookings, hub facilities, and browsing the listing and profiles of clubs themselves. Think "Interactive Mall Directory + Booking Sheet".
- A permanent streaming webcam in the room.
- Ceiling-mounted speakers.

## Women's Room

The Women's Room needs to be a pleasant, non-religious, apolitical space where women can feel safe, study, breastfeed, and take their children to play.

To meet these needs it should have:

- Frosted windows (for privacy);
- Regular cleaning by the Uni;
- Good quality computers and internet access;
- Desks
- A fridge, microwave, kettle, sandwich press etc.;
- Desk/s;
- Couches;
- A changing table; and
- Toys.

International student officer.

- Please consider a room for the International Student Officer at the Students Hub; FUSA;
- Computers room with access to skype/oovoo/etc to contact oversees
- Media room with TV and DVDs, national and international newspapers,
- Grocery store
- Availability of Shops and Foods after hours in the main campus.  
Variety of food, after hour food/shops,

- Games (ex: table tennis), Outdoor and/or Indoor

**Motion:** I motion that student Council endorse the above requests for Club space, the Women's room and international student space.

## 6.5 Club Guide – General Secretary

I'd like to print some hard copy club guides to help current clubs navigate FUSA and help new clubs get started.

**Motion:** I motion that Student Council approves \$2,500 from Miscellanies Expenses and Resources for Clubs to be spent on printing the Club guide.

## 6.6 Screens – Justin Shaw

Student Council would like the university to purchase several television screens to be placed around the university so FUSA can increase student engagement in campus life and culture through advertisements across the university. We would like at least one screen down at Sturt, one at the Medical Centre, one at Victoria Square, one at Law and several around South Ridge including at Silk and McHughs. We would use these screens to promote FUSA activities and upcoming events, such as, quiz nights, welfare breakfasts and other services the FUSA offers to students as well as contact numbers and emails.

FUSA can prepare the layout of the advertising and supply the finished advertisement to be played on the television screens.

**I motion** that student council recommends the university buy some television screens for promotions and place them across the university, including at Sturt, the Medical Centre, Victoria Square, Law and several around South Ridge including at Silk and McHughs.

## 6.7 Clubs and Societies dealing with conflict – General Secretary

At the Clubs training day it became apparent that there was no policy in place for FUSA to deal with internal club conflict.

**Motion:** I motion that student council endorse the following policy:

In the event of a minor conflict arising between the Association and a club or society a representative from the club will meet with their preferred of either the

General Secretary or Clubs and Events Officer or two representatives may meet with both the General Secretary and the Clubs and Events Officer. If the issue is not resolved s 23 of the Clubs and Societies Regulations apply.

In the event of conflict arising between a club or society and an individual/a group of individuals (whether or not they are members of the relevant club /society or not) a representative from the club and the individual, or an individual representing the individuals in question, will meet with their preferred of either the General Secretary or Clubs and Events Officer or both the General Secretary and the Clubs and Events Officer. The General Secretary and/or Clubs and Events Officer may refer them onto Flinders Equal Opportunity.

In the event of conflict between different clubs or societies a representative from each club will meet with their preferred of either the General Secretary or Clubs and Events Officer or both the General Secretary and the Clubs and Events Officer. The General Secretary and/or Clubs and Events Officer may refer them on to Flinders Equal Opportunity.

## **6.8 Senate explanation event – John Photakis**

With the change over of the senate looming and a lot of public talk about a D&D, it would be beneficial if some teachers from politics were given some time to explain the facts to students. They could talk about the role of the senate, the composition, what legislation will be facing it and who will vote for it, as well as the mechanism of the D&D and how it is unique to Australia. Also important that people know the difference between blocking the budget and blocking supply. I could also possibly give a talk on how the house of representatives would be like if it was under a proportional system like the senate.

I hope to have this event in Refresher week (3 days) where a lot of people will be in the plaza and this is will already be after the senate change over in July, so some developments may happen before then. There will be a BBQ the gather people on the grass in the plaza (weather permitting) about \$400 should be set aside for that, the speeches may go for a bit more than 1 hour so the PA system will be needed for that, \$33 and hour for \$66 in total. The money will come from the events budget.

**Motion:** I motion that student council endorse this senate explanation event.

## 6.9 Student Council's Budget Response

### Preamble

The 2014 budget represents an all out attack on the working class, students, pensioners and the unemployed. The Liberals have demonstrated their total contempt for the vast majority of the population, and their disregard for the lives of all but the wealthy.

The budget includes: a \$7 fee for all trips to the GP and emergency ward; raising the pension age to 70 after 2035; the axing of 16 000 public service jobs; the removal of funding to renewable energy; tighter welfare restrictions for the disability pension and the introduction of punitive measures for people under 30 on Newstart, such as a 6 month waiting period to start receiving payments and work for the Dole.

The Abbott government's budget also includes the biggest attack on higher education seen since the sector was expanded in the 1970s. The full deregulation of fees will begin in 2016, allowing each institution to set its own fees. Fee deregulation internationally has seen the cost of University degrees soar, a four year degree at Harvard can cost around \$190 000. Bond University (a private university in Australia) currently charges \$317000 for a medicine degree. Fees at Flinders will rise significantly.

The aim of the budget is to move towards a more user-pays system, where the cost of education is further forced onto students. This is being achieved by reducing the government contribution to student fees by 1/3, from 60% of the current total to 40%. In addition to this, equity scholarships available to disadvantaged and low SES students will now be funded through student fees rather than the university directly.

The government is crying poor, claiming a debt crisis that must be paid for by students, single mothers, the disabled, and the poor and working class. But somehow – simultaneously – they have managed to scrape together \$24 billion to purchase and maintain strike fighter jets, \$3.4 billion dollars to the mining bosses by scrapping the Minerals Resource Rent Tax and \$11.6 billion in funding for new infrastructure projects that have nothing to do with improving people's lives and everything to do with funding big business.

### **I motion that:**

1. The Student Council condemns the Abbott government's 2014 budget, and its attacks on the most vulnerable members of society, while doling out enormous sums of money to corporate Australia.
2. The Student Council refutes the claims Australia is in a budget crisis, and recognises that this argument is being used to undermine the most basic of provisions for welfare and social security.
3. The Student Council opposes the deregulation of places and fees in the higher education system, and calls for a fully government funded system where every student can access free education.
4. The Student Council opposes any moves to convert student welfare into loans, and calls on more government funding to support low-SES students. The Student Council also calls for an increase in the amount of, and accessibility of, Youth Allowance, Newstart and ABSTUDY payments.
5. The Student Council opposes the removal of the equity quotas for the higher education system. The Student Council acknowledges that quotas for low-SES students are crucial for the inclusion of students from working class and other disadvantaged backgrounds, who face innumerable obstacles, into higher education.

## **6.10 Study Rooms – Education Officer**

It has come to my attention that the new booking system for the group study rooms in the library has become completely inadequate. This has been both through personal experience as well as student feedback. Although students recognise that the library attempted to improve the booking system by utilising technology, this hasn't helped in improving accessibility and has resulted in a clunky and hard to use system.

Therefore I propose that the University employ an improved system to better facilitate the booking of group study rooms, with a visual calendar (similar to the semester timetable) implemented in the system.

### **Motion:**

I motion that student council endorse the above proposal to be sent to the appropriate authority in the university, via the Manager of Student Engagement.

### **6.11 Siberia – Education Officer**

The current conditions in Carpark 3 are substandard compared to the other car parks around the university. In particular the overflow section, referred to students as Siberia. The conditions within the carpark are unacceptable given that it lacks a sealed surface, lighting is non-existent and there are security camera blind spots. The latter was drawn to my attention by a student who had their car scratched by another car and the person drove off. This would have had a simple conclusion if security cameras were utilised in the entire carpark. It has been brought to my attention that Carpark 19A, may also lack lighting and other features.

Therefore I propose that Buildings and Property seek to correct these safety defects, by improving lighting, security camera coverage and sealing carparks around the uni. This includes the overflow section of Siberia as well as other carparks which are constantly utilised by students.

#### **Motion:**

I motion that student council endorse the above proposal to be sent to Buildings and Property.

### **6.12 Assignment submission – Education Officer**

Assignment submission has undergone a significant step since the start of this year with the introduction of compulsory online submission for assignments. However with this the need for a consistent due date around the university has become necessary, with other universities from South Australia already having all assignments due at 12pm on the day it's due. This avoids any confusion that students undertaking double degrees may have and would allow for fairness across topics as well as schools.

I propose that the University implement an across board 12 pm due date for Assignments to avoid student confusion and to allow for fairness in assignment submission.

#### **Motion:**

I motion that student council endorse the above proposal to be sent to the appropriate authority in the university, via the Manager of Student Engagement.

### **6.13 NAIDOC EVENT – Indigenous Officer**

NAIDOC Event proposal.

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Flinders University has not been able to hold a student-driven event to celebrate NAIDOC week. I will be working together with the Flinders Indigenous Student Association and Yunggorendi to organise a NAIDOC at Flinders event for the 8<sup>th</sup> of August. We will be inviting schools from the local area. We will be holding four stalls depending on how many people we invite. We will be having a screening of the documentary Utopia and Aboriginal food to try and performances for people to see. There will also be cultural activities for other students to learn about Indigenous people.

Cultural Performances and speakers – \$500

Traditional Food - \$300

Cultural student activities - \$300

Utopia movie screening - \$200

Total: \$1300

**Motion:** I motion that the Student Council:

1. Approves \$1300 for the event the council accepts this budget.
2. Accepts the above proposal
3. Approves Haidarr to move forward with the planning and running of the event.

### **6.14 Students with disabilities monthly meeting – Accessibility Officer**

**Motion:** I motion that student council endorses the Accessibility Committee and commits to providing a sign language interpreter from the Miscellaneous Operational Costs budget to a maximum of \$500 for the year. In the first instance, other options will be investigated such as employing students to interpret. Catering will also be provided from the Accessibility Officer's budget.

### **6.15 Flinders Health Service should see children of students – International Officer**

At the moment the Health, Counselling and Disability Service do not treat children, which is very big issue for all students at the University who have a



child/ children, and in particular for international students. International students have to take their children to other clinics where they have to pay a gap despite spending a huge amount of money each year on insurance. The university should provide (a) doctor(s) to do paediatric work, as they do at Adelaide University.

Most international students', at the moment, are facing difficulties having to pay gap fees for their children's appointments. Moreover, the insurance company does not cover the immunization fee, which is very expensive

At the moment the Health Service waiting time for an appointment is 5-6 days. They are short in staff with only two Doctors and three counsellors. Two of the medical team are on long term leave.

**Motion:**

I motion that Student Council request the University employ more doctors, especially some with paediatric experience, to treat to Students' children.

**6.16 Comp Night Coopers Bar Tuesday Night Proposal - General Secretary**

- 1.0 Introduction
- 2.0 Components of Comp Night
- 3.0 Budget
- 4.0 Promotion, Initiation and Reoccurrence
- 5.0 Queries

- 1.0 Introduction

At present Flinders One have an agreement to keep the Coopers Bar open after hours on Tuesdays and Thursday nights. While Thursday nights have had reasonable success with F1's Live Music Nights, Tuesday nights have had minimal attendance. Flinders One have expressed concern regarding their present agreement to keep Flinders One open on Tuesday nights, and have suggested ceasing this arrangement. It was agreed at the last Flinders One Campus Engagement Student Consultation Group to persevere with Tuesday nights given that to date, there has been no incentive or promotion for students to attend on Tuesday nights. This offers FUSA the potential to run an event on Tuesday nights in an attempt to keep the Coopers Bar open for longer and more often after hours.

Consequently, the Comp Night proposal aims to encourage the student community to attend on Tuesday nights with a variety of free competitions held on a weekly basis. This event will encourage interaction between students while keeping the Coopers Bar busy. Further, clubs will be encouraged to run events within the Coopers Bar in conjunction with competitions.

The proposed budget is \$3,000 to run weekly Comp Nights over the course of 10 weeks. Please see the details below for more information about what these events will involve.

## 2.0 Components of Comp Night

### 2.1 Pool Competition

A weekly pool competition will be held within the Coopers Bar with a \$50 voucher to the winner. The tournament will be scheduled with *Challonge* Tournament Software to allow for last minute entrants while allowing for online registration and remaining simple to organise. Rob from Flinders One has advised he can set the pool tables to free play, which will minimise the running costs. Players would report results to the bar, which would be entered directly into a laptop with Challonge running, or alternatively used a computer-generated bracket from the Challonge website.

### 2.2 Team Foosball Competition

The Team Foosball Competition would have players register a team of two players and would follow the same format as the pool competition. Team Foosball will be run with a \$50 voucher for each player. Set up and organisation would retain the same model as the Pool Competition.

### 2.3 Poker Tournament

The Poker Tournament would follow Texas Hold'em rules as this is the most popular format. There would be no charge and no way to "buy in" to the tournament. The winner will receive a \$50 voucher. To ensure this does not promote gambling, we have run the format by Professor Peter Harvey; the Director of the Flinders Centre for Gambling Research and Manager of the Statewide Gambling Therapy Service, who has seen no concern with the format.

How this will run on the evenings will be determined soon, however where possible tables will be run by the players themselves as they would in a home environment. A casual will be available to oversee running of these events and make announcements as required.

## 2.4 Video Game Competition

The Video Game Competition will consist of a game running on the game consoles in the Refectory, with a "High Score" form to be filled out by the contestants after they have completed the round. The highest score for the evening will receive the \$50 voucher.

## 3.0 Budget

Please see the budget for this event below. The money is coming out of the events budget.

Staff	Estimated	Cost p/unit	Quantity	Actual
1 x Casual incl On Costs	\$806.25	\$32.25	25.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$806.25</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

Equipment	Estimated	Cost p/unit	Quantity	Actual
Poker Sets (Big W)	\$100.00	\$25.00	4.00	
Video Games (PSN Store)	\$90.00	\$9.00	10.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

Prizes	Estimated	Cost p/unit	Quantity	Actual
Poker Tournament	\$500.00	\$50.00	10.00	
Foosball Tournament	\$500.00	\$50.00	10.00	
Pool Tournament	\$500.00	\$50.00	10.00	
Video Game Competition	\$500.00	\$50.00	10.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

Total Expenses	Estimated	Actual
	<b>\$2,996.25</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

#### 4.0 Promotion, Initiation and Reoccurrence

##### 4.1 Promotion

Promotion for this event will commence during O'Week of Semester 2 via Facebook and physically with posters across the campus and within the Coopers Bar.

##### 4.2 Initiation

Events will commence on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2014.

##### 4.3 Reoccurrence

These events will run on a weekly basis on Tuesday nights from 4pm, although will not occur during the semester break. Events will begin from 4:30pm. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 5/8/14 17:00-20:00

Tuesday 12/8/14 17:00-20:00

Tuesday 19/8/14 17:00-20:00

Tuesday 26/8/14 17:00-20:00

Tuesday 2/9/14 17:00-20:00

Tuesday 9/9/14 17:00-20:00

Tuesday 16/9/14 17:00-20:00

Tuesday 7/10/14 17:00-20:00

Tuesday 14/10/14 17:00-20:00

Tuesday 21/10/14 17:00-20:00

## 5.0 Queries

Queries can be directed to the Clubs and Events Officer via email at [adam.rau@flinders.edu.au](mailto:adam.rau@flinders.edu.au) or alternatively via phone at 8201 2953.

**Motion:** I motion that student council approves the Tuesday Event Night Proposal?

## 6.16 FIFA World Cup Event Proposal

- 1.0 Introduction
- 2.0 Components of the Events
- 3.0 Budget
- 4.0 Promotion, Initiation and Reoccurrence
- 5.0 Queries

### 1.0 Introduction

With the FIFA World Cup beginning shortly, we would like to offer our students a unique event on campus to cater towards new audiences. The FIFA World Cup Events will consist of three events for Australia's first three matches. This will consist of live screenings in the Refectory and/or North Theatre 2, with a complimentary breakfast and prizes to be won.

### 2.0 Components of the Events

#### 2.1 Screening of the game.

Screening of the Australian matches of the World Cup will occur via SBS via television (if within the Refectory) or alternatively via SBS' *The World Game* online streaming service.

## 2.2 The Sweep

Tickets will be given out which will offer guests the chance to win a voucher based on the results of the game. An example of this would be “First scoring player”, “First Yellow Card”, etc.

## 2.3 Decorations

Decorations will be used to promote the world cup, including flags, football/soccer paraphernalia, etc. The extent of this will depend on budget limitations.

## 2.4 BBQ Breakfast

A complimentary BBQ Breakfast consisting of bacon, eggs and a suitable vegetarian option will be provided.

## 3.0 Budget

The proposed budget is \$1000 spread across three events. To cut costs, the Clubs and Events Officer will supervise the evenings. The budget consisting of the following:

Miscellaneous Expenses	Estimated	Cost p/unit	Quantity	Actual
Decorations	\$250.00	\$25.00	4.00	
BBQ Breakfast	\$450.00	\$150.00	3.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

Prizes	Estimated	Cost p/unit	Quantity	Actual
Sweepstakes Prizes (2 per event)	\$300.00	\$50.00	6.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	Estimated			Actual
	<b>\$1,000.00</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

The money will come out of the events budget.

## 4.0 Promotion, Initiation and Reoccurrence

### 4.1 Promotion

Promotion will occur as soon as possible via Facebook. The Media Officer is working on a poster design at present to post across campus. Flinders Living will be targeted due to the times of these events.

### 4.2 Initiation

The first of these events will be on the morning of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, and will reoccur during the following two Australian world cup matches.

### 4.3 Reoccurrence

The following are the dates for the FIFA World Cup Events:

Saturday 14/06/2014 7:00am

Thursday 19/06/2014 1:00am

Tuesday 24/06/14 1:00am

## 5.0 Queries

Queries can be directed to the Clubs and Events Officer via email at [adam.rau@flinders.edu.au](mailto:adam.rau@flinders.edu.au) or alternatively via phone at 8201 2953.

**Motion:** I motion that student council approves the FIFA World Cup Event Proposal Proposal?

## 6.17 Clubs Seeking affiliation – General Secretary

### 6.17.1 Red Cross

#### Club Purpose:

- Promote opportunities for young people, particularly students of Flinders University, to get involved in the Australian Red Cross,
- Engage youth as volunteers and members of the Australian Red Cross, and
- Promote the fundamental principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to youth.

**\*Membership Requirement:** Must be over the age of 15 to join.

**Motion:** I motion that the Red Cross be financially affiliated with FUSA.

### 6.17.2 Flinders Entertainment Association

**Club Purpose:** Improve the social life of all students studying at Flinders

**Motion:** I motion that Flinders Entertainment Association be financially affiliated with FUSA.

### 6.17.3 Vietnamese Student Association

**Club Purpose:**

- To foster unity and solidarity among Vietnamese Students in the university
- To introduce the international community to Vietnamese culture
- To support and share necessary experiences in Australian life
- To provide peer-mentoring services for members on the basis of academic programs
- To build a peaceful and ordered community that would be conducive for healthy work and socio-cultural advancement
- To provide an opportunity for friends and families of Vietnamese students to get together through collective activities such as social gatherings
- To Create activities and projects to support poor Vietnamese and other persons.

**Motion:** I motion that the Vietnamese Student Association be financially affiliated with FUSA.



## 6.17.4 Club de Español

### Club Purpose:

- To create a Spanish speaking community on campus.
- To promote Spanish language and culture
- To organise gatherings to practice Spanish

**Motion:** I motion that Club de Español be financially affiliated with FUSA.

## 6.17.5 Flinders Motorsport Club

### Club Purpose:

- To form a team of students working towards competing in the Formula SAE Australasian competition

**Motion:** I motion that Flinders Motorsport Club be financially affiliated with FUSA.

## 6.17.6 Flinders University Book Club

**Club Purpose:** to establish a group that reads and discusses books and other written works

by:

- Holding regular meetings for members to discuss a set text
- Hosting casual events for general reading related discussion
- Providing a welcoming environment for students with a wide variety of reading interests

**Motion:** I motion that Flinders University Book Club be financially affiliated with FUSA.

## 6.18.1

### Student Council Honorariums

**Motion:** I motion that student council approve the following honorariums:

- General Secretary

- Education Officer
- Environment Officer
- Queer Officer
- Women's Officer
- International Student Officer
- Welfare Officer
- Social Activities Officer
- Accessibility officer
- Post-Graduate Officer
- Indigenous Officer
- Michael Bezuidenhout
- John Photakis

## **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **7.1 AYCC Safe climate future – John Photakis**

AYCC are having their delivery events for their Safe Climate Roadmap Campaign. As we are located in Boothby our local member Andrew Southcott's delivery is on 7th (saturday) of June 1pm outside his office Level 1 724 Marion Road, Marion. If you are free you are welcome to be there, The event is a cup of tea in Boothby. So come along and have a cuppa for climate.

### **7.2 Student Council Accountability and Appearance – General Secretary**

When on the FUSA stall it is important to engage with students, encourage them to join the association and remember that you're there representing Student Council and FUSA

### **7.3 Student Council Training – General Secretary**

There is \$5000 budgeted for Student council professional development. What do we want to do with it? Last year some sort of team building exercise, like a camp, was suggested.

## **7.4 Possible Left-Over Food Program – Welfare Officer**

A student made an interesting suggestion: that FUSA develop a program for centralising any left-over food from any events, or possibly also from campus food outlets, so it can be provided to students instead of being thrown away. If possible, this would be a great way to prevent waste while also saving students money and providing ready access to free food on campus.

## **MATTERS FOR NOTING**

### **8.1 Student Council By-Election 2 – Women’s Officer - MSE**

An election was not necessary for this vacancy given that Ella Keegan-Treloar was the only candidate. Congratulations to Ella for being elected to the role.

### **8.2 Student Council By-Election 3 – Ordinary Council Member -MSE**

Given that Ella Keegan-Treloar was elected to the role of Women’s Officer, there is now the vacant position of Ordinary Council Member. Therefore a By-Election has been set-up. Rob Manwaring is again the Returning Officer. Shaun and I are Assistant Returning Officers.

Nominations Opened: 14.5.14

Nominations Closed: 27.5.14

Election: 11-13<sup>th</sup> of June

### **8.3 Empire Times -MSE**

As decided at the last Student Council meeting, a new editorial team for Empire Times would be established through an appointment process. The following were appointed as the Student Editors for Empire Times for the rest of 2014:

- Jade Kelly
- Bethany Lawrence
- Jess Nicole