

Flinders University Student Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 2014

Location: FUSA meeting room

Present: Caleb Pattinson, Grace Hill, Ira Herbold, James Vigus, John Photakis, Justin Shaw, Rosalie Grace Dow, Roxanna Henshaw, Tim Mitchell, Will Menzies, Yadollah Bahrami, Chris O'Grady, Paul Harrison (minutes), Michael Bezuidenhout (6:07pm), Jaka Yusuf (6:10pm).

Apologies: Haidarr Jones.

1. Welcome and Meeting Open

Meeting opened: 6:02pm.

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

2. Apologies: Haidarr Jones

There was no dissent in the apologies.

3. Approval of minutes from March 3 meeting

And

4. Approval of Minutes from Emergency Meeting

Tut Tut: In section 6.4 of the March 3rd Meeting minutes I have been misquoted. I would like it to be corrected to:

“Having consulted with conservative students who voted for me, it is unreasonable that my accountability should be measured by the hours I commit to causes other than those on which my platform was based”.

Tut Tut requested that a spelling error in section 5.5 be corrected from “mating” to “making”.

Manager, Student Engagement: In 5.5 of the March 3rd Minutes there is a paragraph which is not attributed to anyone.

Section is attributable to Post-Graduate Officer and will be attributed accordingly.

Motion: I motion to accept the minutes on block with corrections.

Moved: Student President

Seconded: Social Activities Officer

All in favour

Motion Carried

5. Reports

Motion: I motion to accept the received reports.

Moved: Student President

Seconded: General Secretary

For: 9

Against: Tim Mitchell

Abstention: Tut Tut

Motion Carried

Michael Bezuidenhout has entered the room 6:07pm.

Manager, Student Engagement has left the room 6:09pm.

Accessibility Officer has entered the room 6:10pm.

As a result of the Education Officer being unaware of voting to accept reports opposed to honorariums, the Student President has requested that the vote be held again.

Moved: Student President

Seconded: General Secretary

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstention: Accessibility Officer, Tut Tut

Motion Carried

6. Matters for decision

Starring of Motions

Motion: I motion to pass motions 6.1, 6.2, 6.5, and 6.8 on block.

Motions:

6.1: I motion that guiding block and ramp should always be cleared from any obstacles at any time and any event.

6.2: I motion that Student Council approves the welfare breakfast budget.

6.5: I motion that Student Council approve the Revised FUSA Staff Expansion Proposal.

6.8.1: I motion that FUSA financially affiliates the Japanese Speakers Club

6.8.2: I motion that FUSA financially affiliates Flinders Rounds.

6.8.3: I motion that FUSA non-financially affiliates the Singapore Medical Society, Flinders.

6.8.4: I motion that FUSA financially affiliates the Flinders University Biodiversity and Animal Behavior Society.

6.8.5: I motion that FUSA financially affiliates the Flinders University Society of Engineers.

Moved: Student President

Seconded: General Secretary

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstention: Accessibility Officer, Tut Tut

Motion Carried

6.3. International No diet Day Event Proposal – Ella Keegan-Treloar

Accessibility Officer expressed concerns that we shouldn't be discouraging dieting, but that the focus should be that a diet is to get healthy, not to get skinny.

Motion: I motion that Student Council:

1. Approves \$220 for the event;
2. Accepts the above proposal; and
3. Approves Ella and FUSA staff to move forward with the planning and running of the event.

Moved: Ella Keegan-Treloar

Seconded: General Secretary

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstention: Tut Tut

Motion Carried

6.4. Event Budget 2014 – Chris O'Grady

Manager, Student Engagement has entered the room 6:15pm.

John Photakis: I know that a number of clubs such as FUDGE and FACTs who do regular movie nights are interested in using the cinema. How do the clubs get involved, what is the process?

Manager, Student Engagement: Roxy and I had a discussion about that. We have the budget for 6 per semester. We will invite every club to put a proposal in for a cinema event during the year and FUSA can pay for the staff and film rights.

John Photakis: Would a club be allowed to have a barbeque, or similar, on the side for fundraising?

Manager, Student Engagement: I can't see why not.

Motion: I motion that Student Council approve the 2014 Event Budget and an allowance for minor changes to be made to the budget at the discretion of FUSA staff and the Social Activities Officer and approved by the Student President and the Manager, Student Engagement.

Moved: General Secretary

Seconded: John Photakis

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: Accessibility Officer, Tut Tut

Motion Carried

6.5. March in May – Student President

Environment Officer: The idea of the march is that it does not have one specific issue. I am wary of putting FUSA's name behind the march as we do not know what issues we may be supporting.

Queer Officer: I think the idea is that it's a vote of no-confidence in the Liberal Government

Student President: It is a vote of no confidence in Tony Abbott. This is a march that says Tony Abbott is bad; and bad for students.

Environment Officer: Can we make sure that the parameters of what we are supporting are clear. For example, that we are taking an opposition to the current government's stance.

Tut Tut: Shouldn't we probably find out who we are going to align FUSA with?

Student President: It not really about the groups involved. This is more about taking a stance against Tony Abbott, the Liberal Party, in supporting the March in May.

Tut Tut: I think it is unreasonable to throw the weight of FUSA behind these political events. We should not involve the whole body of students because we are all politically diverse and should respect that.

Michael Bezuidenhout: Perhaps we could make the motion more specific about our opposition to cuts to the budget.

Student President: Are you concerned with adding to the motion or removing from the motion?

Michael Bezuidenhout: We could say that we support the March in May as a position against cuts to the budget and education.

Post-Graduate Officer: We could just include these issues on the posters and advertisements opposed to make amendments to the motion.

Motion: I motion that the Student Council take a position of support for the March in May, and that we use the means at our disposal to promote the event.

Moved: Student President

Seconded: General Secretary

For: 13

Against: Tut Tut

Abstentions: 0

Motion Carried

6.6. May Day – Student President

General Secretary: I think that it good that student council members attend May Day, however, I think that perhaps the student council not require council members to attend.

Student President: I think it is important that Student Council members should attend and it is important for representing and supporting students.

General Secretary: Could we just have it noted in the minutes that the President would like as many student council members as practicably possible to attend.

Student President agreed with proposed change to the motion.

Michael Bezuidenhout: What is included in means at our disposal?

Student President: Most likely just social media.

Moved: Student President

Seconded: General Secretary

Motion: I motion that Student Council take a position of support for May Day, use the means at our disposal to promote the event.

For: 13

Against: Tut Tut

Abstentions: 0

Motion Carried

6.9. Executive Recommendation:

6.9.1. Honorariums – General Secretary

Motion: Motion to approve the Education Officer's Honorarium

Motion Carried

Motion: Motion to approve all of the honorariums approved by Executive
Motion Carried

6.10. Equity Spaces Upgrade – Environment Officer

Environment Officer: The Womens officer has resigned, but when she was still in her position she was involved in to consultation and decision of this. **Motion:** I motion that \$2721 from FUSA's student spaces budget be allocated to provide each of the three equity spaces with a new computer a monitor, a desk for the computer, and temporary WiFi Access (using a cheap router installed by ITS)

Moved: Environment Officer

Seconded: Welfare Officer

For: 13

Against: Tut Tut

Abstention: 0

Motion Carried

Manager, Student Engagement: I just wanted to clarify which budget line is this coming out of?

Queer Officer: We talked about it coming out of the events budget

Welfare Officer: We discussed the possibility of it coming out of the welfare budget, which shouldn't be a problem.

Caleb Pattinson: Could we update the names of Student Council on the Facebook page as it currently still lists the 2013 Student Council

Meeting Closed: 6:42pm.