

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting Number 1/13
Board Room
5th February 4.20pm

Present: Brodie McGee (Student President),
Dominiek Neall, Abdullah Alajlan, Adriana Allman, Lauren Brice, Chris
Sellwood, Paul Harrison, Jake Lane, Dale Colbeck, Hannah McLeod

Apologies: Leon Cermak, Jacinta Haseldine

In Attendance: Observers, Chris O'Grady

AGENDA MATTERS

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

The SP opened the meeting and acknowledged that the Student Council meeting was taking place on Kurna land and thanked the elders past and present for the use of this land.

2. Apologies

The SP notified the Student Council of the apologies received as listed above.

3. Housekeeping

SP welcomed all observers

4. Office Bearer Reports

a. President Report

President attended President Summit, it highlighted how conservative Flinders University is in using SSAF.

b. General Secretary Report

It has been suggested that a member of Buildings & Property attend student council meetings a few times a year to update student council on building projects.

c. Women's Report

'Write like a Woman Night' has now been changed to 11th April.

d. Education Officer

Leon to meet with John Pezy from the NTEU to discuss universities reforms to Academic Senate and University Council.

e. International Officer

Abdullah would like to place in the empire times 'Best photo outside your home'.

Motion to accept all Office Bearer reports, except for Post Graduate and education.

Move: Brodie

Seconded: Paul

5. Matters for Carried forward

a. Quiz Night

Quiz night to be held on Friday 1st March, tickets now available. Refectory has been booked. Money raised will go to FUSA.

b. Pub Crawl

The pub crawl locations have been determined. A theme is still required. If you go to the facebook page, vote on what you like. Tickets will be approximately \$25 non member and \$20 for a member.

c. O'Week

Flinders One are looking after O'Week , once clubs start affiliating we will have more to do.

d. Co-op

We are waiting to be advised by the university what we are allowed to do. The university would like FUSA to send through a proposal.

e. Humanities Fair Day

Most people went to the free BBQ and left. The weather was poor. Lots of students attended but due to the weather, not many stayed on.

f. Mental Health Day

Health and Counselling runs Mental Health Day and would like to involve student council and FUSA.

g. Honoraria

Working with HR on how to pay student council members. They are looking at the tax implications for council members as it should not be taxable.

6. Matters for discussion

a. Conflict Free Campus Initiative

There is a student wanting a petition signed to help her with her campaign. She would like FUSA to help with a letter of support. Major companies are already involved. Need to know if there are any costs involved. Adrianna to draft a letter for Student council to pass at next meeting.

b. Student Sustainability Leader Network

Adrianna has been working with the Sustainability officer Barnaby Smith, to provide support to students who are interested in welfare and a sustainable future. Students volunteer their time, work with professionals and receive some real world experience to put on their resume. This network may require some funding for catering etc. Adrianna to come with costs.

c. Clubs Day BBQ

Student Council to host the BBQ. Need to create a roster. Also need Student Council to volunteer for the FUSA stall. Club day is being held on March 6th.

d. First Year Representative

Council would like a 1st year representative to be on council. Discussion on whether they should have a voting role or non-voting role. Was decided a non-voting role would be more appropriate. Hoping that they continue with student council the following year. Possibly more than one representative. SC to attempt to put something together for the stall at O'week/club day. General Sec to write up regulations for sub-committee. Place a limit on the committee numbers.

e. Flinders University Smoking Ban

Need to look at the main areas on campus: Plaza, Lakeside, courtyards and Sturt main courtyard to ban smoking. Can not be a total ban within the University grounds as it will not be practical or safe. Increase signage, maybe involve security to help move people on. Maybe fines could be issued. General Sec to discuss with security and Flinders One.

f. Anonymous Discussion Board

SC would like to receive feedback from students, allowing students to be anonymous. Students would be able to discuss anything about the university on FUSA website. Maybe have a forum discussion where students are able to comment anonymously. This to be looked at a later date.

g. CAPA/CISA

CAPA and CISA are the National Post Graduate association and the National International Student Association. Both organisations would like FUSA to affiliate with them. Costs for

affiliation are approximately \$6000 each. Brodie to negotiate affiliation fees and come back to Student council.

h. O'Week

Student council have a roster for O'Week, to attend the stall. Those unavailable to notify Brodie. An extra roster is required for Thursday and Friday. Throughout O'Week there are seminars to attend. Brodie will also provide a roster for SC to attend and have discussions at these seminars.

i. Position Vacant

There have been three resignations on council. Queer and 2 general council. Elections will be open from tomorrow Wednesday 6th February.

j. Womens Room & the Mall

President met with Building & Property. The old Tavern area will become office space, the women's room will become the Cashier office. Women's room to re-locate across the other side to where the hairdresser is. Flinders One have suggested that FUSA can use the bottom area of McHugh's as a space for Feag. There is also potential that we could use Lisa O'Neil's office as a club space.

k. Meeting Room

The meeting room in the FUSA office is currently with Buildings & Property to remove the wall. It will be removed in approximately 1-2 months. The sooner would be better as Student council can not use the Boardroom without a staff member present after 5pm.

7. Matters for Decision

a. International sub-committee

ISSU are willing to help IO by sending out an email to all international students. It was discussed if the international sub-committee should only be for international students or if domestic students are able to be part of the committee. Regulations will have to be checked to see if it has to be allowed open to all students or not.

Motion to move the International committee will be marketed to international students but will leave open to all students.

**Move: Brodie Seconded: Abdullah
1 against**

b. CISA

CISA is the National body for the International Student Association. IO would like to renew membership. IO believes that the Membership fee is \$200, not \$6000 as previously discussed. The association works closely with NUS and CAPA.

Motion that FUSA affiliate with CISA for 2013.

Move: Brodie Seconded: Abdullah

c. Election Date 2013

Constitution states that elections need to happen between 1 August – 15 October. Elections need to be in 3 days.

Motion that FUSA elections are held from 8th – 11th October 2013 taking the public holiday into consideration on the Monday.

Motion: Hannah Seconded: Jake
2 Abstain – Paul & Chris
9 in favour
Motion carries

d. FUSA AGM

Motion that the AGM for FUSA be conducted during the first term of semester 2 2013.

Motion: Brodie Seconded: Paul
All in favour

e. Student Editor Conference

Our Media Officer and student editors attended a conference held in Melbourne. The Media officer has asked if FUSA could contribute money to reimburse the editors flights. It was put to the vote whether to reimburse the editor. Results were 7 yes, 2 no.

A form is required for ALL to complete and submit to student council for approval of reimbursement. Approval needs to be prior to event. Brodie to bring to the next meeting.

Motion that we reimburse the student editors a total of \$250 for their attendance of the student editor conference, unless the amount is less than \$250, in which case we will reimburse the lesser amount.

Motion: Brodie Seconded: Jake

f. Monetising Club Services

Other Universities charge clubs for services provided to clubs. Eg charge for the PA system usage. Do we want to do this? It will create revenue for FUSA.

Motion that the student council agrees that charging clubs and societies a nominal amount for usage of services and amenities and equipment is acceptable and that we move forward investigating this option.

Motion: Brodie Seconded: Paul
Against 2 Hannah & Dale
9 in favour
Motion carries

The following changes on how clubs access grants is suggested. There are 3 options.

1. Clubs can provide receipts, money to be deposited into the club bank account
2. Clubs can provide quote/invoices OSE can pay on their behalf
3. Clubs can apply for grants with no quotes/invoices. Money needs to be acquitted within one week.

g. O'Week Comedian

Flinders One are having a comedy night on Tuesday night of O'Week. Flinders One have one main comedian. Should FUSA pay to help have more comedians. Look at having more comedians who are a cheaper option, so the show is for a longer period.

Motion that the executive has the power to choose the entertainment and set the budget accordingly for the Comedy night

Motion: Dale Seconded: Abdullah
All in favour

h. Student diary

Flinders One have done the student diary for many years now. We would like FUSA to create the diary in future. Brodie to receive more information from Flinders One regarding costing and bring back to the next meeting. Student council to think about what other services FUSA should be taking back and providing.

i. Pokitpal

Pokitpal is a card that provides discounts. It can be branded 'FUSA' and also can have an App. Clubs could load events on this App. It will streamline what we are trying to do with discount card. It will bring all their business to us. The initial costs are \$4500 with a yearly fee of \$3500 ongoing.

Brodie to look at other businesses that provide the same service, look at pricing.

Motion that FUSA investigate using Pokitpal or other providers as their discount partner and that the MSE investigate the contractual obligations surrounding this with the university.

Motion: Brodie Seconded: Paul
10 in favour
1 Abstain

j. Printing Credit

Students are not happy that printing charges have come back. Only 7.5% of students ever had printing credit. Do we investigate that money is better spent elsewhere, rather than giving printing credit back.

Council to investigate the percentage of students that had printing credit before. What type of students, does the figure include offline students, and how many students do not have online options.

As online is to come in 2014, is it worth taking up the printing fight or should be pushing the online fight.

Decided to keep investigating.

k. Membership Regulation

Motion that FUSA adopts the membership regulation with discussed amendments

Motion: Brodie Seconded: Hannah
All in favour

h. Election regulations

Motion that student council accept proposed changes of the election regulations, except for 9.4 but including 9.11

Motion: Brodie Seconded: Jake
All in favour

Motion that we accept proposed changes to 9.4 of election regulation.

Motion: Brodie Seconded: Abdullah

8 in favour
3 against Paul, Dom,Chris

8. Any Other Business

a. SSAF Spending

Mental Health day, need a slogan, Dale would like help from student council.

Contribution to Empire times due tomorrow, Wednesday 6th February.

9. Meeting Close

The meeting officially closed at 10.25pm

Minuted by : Di Wright