

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY STUDENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th AUGUST 2013

Board Room

Present: Brodie McGee, Paul Harrison, Jayson Bailey, Jake Lane, Nadira Zainal, Will Menzies, Roxanna Henshaw, Christopher Sellwood, Adriana Allman, Dominiek Neall, Leon Cermak, Tim Mitchell, Abdullah Alajlan, Kingsley Whittenbury, Lauren Brice, Matthew Cwihun, Chris O'Grady, Shaun Hobby (Minutes).

Meeting opened at 6:13pm

AGENDA MATTERS

Open and Welcome

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

Jordan Box (No apology).

3. Welcome guests

Kegan Daly and delegation from Community Garden Society.

4. Strawbale Gazebo Project

Kegan gave a presentation on the Community Permaculture Garden's ongoing project to build a shared teaching and social space using strawbale and superadobe building principles. The Student Council officially thank the Community Garden Society for giving their time and for organising such a polished presentation.

5. Accept minutes from previous meeting

Motion to accept minutes from last meeting following revision of typographical errors.

Motioned: Leon

Seconded: Christopher

All in favour, motion carried.

5. In Camera Discussion

Discussion commenced at 7:05pm and concluded at 7:45pm

Christopher Sellwood took leave of the meeting during the In Camera discussion. The exact time was not observed by the minute taker.

7. Reports

7.1 President's Report

Chris O'Grady proposed the following amendments to the report:

Authorship of the framework should be attributed to the Transition Office. The transition office is working in collaboration with the Manager: Student Engagement.

The term 'restructure' should be changed to 'an increase in staff'.

7.6 Women's Officer's Report

Dom confirmed that significant overlap in attendee demographics with Multicultural Week events were unlikely.

7.13 Manager: Student Engagement's Report

Abdullah queried the scheduling of the app launch on the 11th of September and the involvement of Red Bull. The 11th of September is the date of coordinated launches by the app developer that will be held on a number of university campuses around the country. There is an existing contract between PokitPal and Red Bull to provide event management services at these launches.

Leon queried the possibility of alternative opportunities for students to provide feedback on the Hub development. Chris O'Grady confirmed that this round of consultation was simply one of a series of engagement activities to be conducted by the consultant.

Motion to accept all reports, excluding Welfare Officer's Report, Postgrad Officer's Report and Indigenous Officer's Report.

Moved: Brodie

Seconded: Abdullah

All in favour, motion carried.

8. Matters for Decision

Passage of unstarred Matters for Decision

Moved: Matthew

Seconded: Chris

All in favour, motion carried.

8.1 Additional Meeting – Student President

Motion that the Student Council hold a meeting on the 27th August 2013 at 6pm with the main agenda item being SSAF Funding Request for 2014.

Moved: Brodie

Seconded: Leon

All in favour, motion carried.

8.2 FUSA Position Details – Manager, Student Engagement

Abdullah sought clarification over whether position descriptions would clearly outline projected time commitments for prospective members of Student Council.

Paul suggests that as the election of NUS state representatives is a matter of public record it is entirely appropriate for the information to appear on the FUSA website.

Motion that Flinders University NUS delegates' names to be in FUSA website.

Moved: Abdul Seconded: Leon

All in favour, motion carried.

Motion that SC form a working group to write a draft about procedure of collaborations with NUS, then submit it to the SC to be approved next meeting

Motion withdrawn

Paul recorded that he has no formal objection to the attendance of NUS representatives at Student Council meetings. Student Council meetings, save for in camera discussions, are a forum that is open to all students regardless of group affiliation.

Motion that SC invite NUS state and national office bearers and Flinders University delegates to the SC meetings.

Moved: Will Seconded: Tim

10 for, 1 against, 3 abstained, motion carried.

8.5 FUSA Smart Phone Application – International Officer

Motion that media officer promote FUSA smart phone application and how to use it in FUSA website, FUSA facebook page, Flinders University website, Flinders University facebook page, StudyAdelaide facebook page, Empire Times, InDaily.

Motion lapsed

Motion that media officer design a flyer with all details about the FUSA smart phone application and distribute the flyer among all students

Motion lapsed

Motion that media officer inform all SC members about how to add events in the diary

Motion lapsed

Motion that media officer be in charge of updating FUSA smart phone application (About us, Contacts, News)

Motion lapsed

8.6 SC Members Retreat Day – International Officer

A motion for the holding of a training day has already been passed and remains in place.

Funding for an extended retreat activity is not earmarked for the 2013 calendar year.

Chris O'Grady has spoken to the Careers office and they are prepared to provide resources for leadership training at the scheduled training day.

Jake sought clarification on who would be leading the training. Brodie confirmed that he would be taking the lead role in training delivery.

Paul and Christopher returned to the meeting room at 9:10pm

8.11 FUSA Accessibility committee – Abilities Officer

Motion that FUSA creates an Accessibility Committee as an addition to the Student Council Standing Committees regulations in accordance with s 13.1 of the FUSA Constitution.

8.13 Cross-language Sessions Proposal - International Officer

Kingsley left the meeting room at 9:13pm

Will left the meeting room at 9:16pm

Abdullah updated the meeting on the outcome of a recent International Sub-Committee meeting where the desire for the creation of specific sessions of cross-language and cultural exchange activities to be created.

Leon suggested that a more appropriate way forward might be the creation of a Club or Society to manage these activities.

Motion that the SC approve the cross-language sessions proposal

Moved: Abdullah Seconded: Nadira

3 for, 3 against, rest abstained, motion defeated.

8.14 Honorariums – Executive Committee

None of the members from whom clarification on time reporting was requested are present at the meeting.

7.8 Welfare Officer's Report

Motion that Welfare Officer's Report be accepted

Moved: Leon Seconded: Dom

All in favour, motion carried.

8.15 Clubs and Societies

- 8.15.1 Flinders University Bangladeshi Students
- 8.15.2 Association of Indonesian Students in Australia
- 8.15.3 Flinders University Sri Lanka Association
- 8.15.4 Harry Potter Society

Motion that the affiliation of the Clubs and Societies be approved.

Moved: Paul Seconded: Leon

All in favour, motion carried.

9. Matters for Discussion

9.1 Refresher Week Debrief - Student President

Members expressed the sentiment that the Refresher Week events were a great success and reflected well upon the Council and FUSA in their first semester of taking a leadership role in orientation activities.

It was noted that the promotion of individual events and of the week itself could have been improved.

It was noted that the running of the smaller scale, simpler events such as the paper airplane competition were a great success. This was perhaps due to the time commitment being within regular on-campus hours and events running their course quickly.

It was noted that the overall processes for organising events such as Refresher Week, and the communication of task requirements to internal stakeholders needs to be the focus of continuous improvement.

The need for members to manage their time commitments and to assume achievable responsibilities was also noted.

9.2 Halal signage for food - International Officer

Abdullah requested that Student Council approach FlindersOne regarding the improvement of signage designating outlets or dishes as Halal.

Nadira left the meeting room at 10:44pm

9.3 Student Council Meeting Attendance - Student President

Motion that leave of absence be granted automatically in the event of an apology for a given Student Council meeting

5 against (Leon, Christopher, Will, Roxanne, Paul), motion carried.

Meeting closed at 11:07pm.