

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting Number 9/12
Board Room
29th October, 2012 5.43pm

Present: Hannah MacLeod (Student President),
Brodie McGee, Rebekah Huppatz, Dale Colbeck
Paul Harrison, Angas Oehme, Cristel Chambers, Luke Marshall, Leon
Cermak, Ajsa Bajraktarevic, James Findlay

Apologies: Rose Pullen

In Attendance: Observers

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

- a. Student President acknowledged Chris O'Grady as the newly appointed Manager Student Engagement.
- b. Student President welcomed all other observers

4. Removal of Office Bearers

Motion to remove Aiden Simmons – Indigenous Officer from Student Council

All in favour

Moved: Hannah Seconded: Angas

Motion to remove Jo Provenzano – Post Graduate Officer from Student Council

All in favour

Moved: Hannah Seconded: Cristel

Motion to remove Shannon Spaulding - International Officer from Student Council

All in favour

Moved: Hannah Seconded: Leon

5. Office Bearer Reports

a. President Report

Website agreement was signed with Code 360. In process of deciding layout and uploading information.

Logo has been created and finalised.

Chris O'Grady has been appointed as the Manager, Student Engagement
Waiting for acceptance for the appointment of the Student Advocacy Officer.

Funding agreement has been sent the University and we are waiting for a response.

Elections and referendum- referendum was passed with a majority of 'yes' votes. A low percentage of students voted. This may be due to students deleting emails from the University, not knowing what FUSA is and having no incentive to vote.

Vacant Finance and Media positions – we are going to advertise for the two positions soon. Their position descriptions are attached. Any feedback would be appreciated.

Second semester Club grants have been approved. The cap was \$400 to ensure all clubs received funding.

Online learning- SP is currently writing a letter to Andrew Parkin, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) with concerns and requesting for the University to prioritise online learning. A draft letter has been sent to Student Council.

Hub – has been rekeyed, discussions regarding extended access to the Hub for Student Council members are ongoing.

Student Mental Health statement has been emailed to Student Council for feedback. Sp would like feedback asap.

Motion to accept Report: Moved: Brodie, Seconded: Dale

b. Women's Officer Report

Equal Pay Day event was held as planned and went well. Many students were unaware of the problem.

WO has been invited to attend a workshop on primary prevention of violence against women and their children. This will be held on the morning 29th October.

Motion to accept Report: Moved: Hannah, Seconded: James

c. Environment Officer

In the lead up to Sustania-Fair FEAG have revamped their website www.flindersenviro.com FLAG-AYCC group have now been added to the webpage.

Sustania-Fair – on the 17th October the Sustainability Fair was held on campus. There were approximately 15 stalls from groups within and outside the campus community. Unfortunately FUSA was unable to help fund the event, but \$200 was given by B Smith. FUSA did not have a stall hopefully there will be other opportunities for FUSA to introduce itself to the students before the end of they year.

Walk & rally for Solar – all FEAG and AYCC Flinders group members were involved in the Walk for Solar.

Sustainability Forum -on Wednesday 24th October, the Sustainability Officer and FEAG held a mini-forum to discuss the direction that we would like the University to take in terms of sustainability on campus. Some ideas included:

- Bike stations on campus
- Student Engagement promote Permaculture Fest on November 4th
- Vote-a-pedia online & text voting
- Preparing O’week stall & materials to engage students with sustainability on campus
- Creating a liaison position to co-ordinate all environmental groups on campus

Food Co-Op – back up and running. We hope to expand the co-op to sell dry, non-perishable foods as well as introduce a pop-up food stall. This could be a great FUSA supported project. Neha from NUS will be visiting in November to chat about their pop-up breakfast stall.

Permaculture Garden- working well, working bees are on Wednesday each week and monthly on Sunday’s.

Ilkari Conversation Group has been idle on campus. Conservation volunteers will be on campus this month, doing re-vegetation, which we hope will help engage students and get Ilkari back up and running.

Motion to accept Report: Moved: Hannah, Seconded: James

d. Education Officer

Survey was sent out regarding online delivery of lectures. This was advertised through FUSa facebook, toilet doors. Results were good. 30% of lectures are not presented on line at all. A lot of topics don’t have discussion boards.

Working group for FLO has been organised.

Online submission of assignments need to be pushed. Flinders University is falling behind.

Motion to accept Report: Moved: Hannah, Seconded: Leon

e. Activities Officer

Pub Crawl went well. A few issues with the venues but this was not due to Student Council.

Motion to accept Report: Moved: Hannah, Seconded: Brodie

f. Recreation Officer

There is an issue with the Saudi Club in regards to their membership base not being 50% Flinders University students. Something we need to look at in regards to regulations and how we police clubs.

SP currently working on Club regulations with Paul, who is General Secretary (elect). Regulations should be ready for 1st meeting next year.

Motion to accept Report: Moved: Hannah, Seconded: Paul

6. Matters for Discussion

a. Consultation with Flinders One

Currently MSE and the President meet fortnightly with Andrew Nairn. Next year it will be necessary for FUSA and Flinders One to consult in order to achieve a positive outcome for students.

Discussion on options for the consultation framework.

Move motion to adopt option 1, amended to leave it open for executive members to attend as well.

Motion to accept: Moved: Hannah, Seconded: James

Discussion on structure of the meetings

Move to adopt option 2 for the duration of 2012

Motion to accept: Moved: Hannah, Seconded: James

b. O'Week

O'Week will be split into four days. Clubs days will be Thursday but clubs may also have a presence on the other days if they wish. O'Week party to be held on the Plaza on Wednesday night.

School of nursing and Midwifery are having their academic orientation a week earlier, therefore there will be very few students at Sturt campus during O'Week.

Flinders One have bands, not DJ page.

Council have concern over clubs not having viable space on the Plaza compared to paying customers. Working party should look at profit Flinders One makes on this event. Profit should go to FUSA or back to the students. SC would like all decisions on O'Week to be deferred to the working party.

c. SSAF and Fundraising

SSAF consultation for next year will commence shortly. At this stage the student representatives will be Hannah as the current President, Brodie as 2013 President and the students on the University Council.

A Nairn has allocated \$10,000 to go to FUSA for events.

SSAF not used from 2012, should be used to promote what we are doing rather than how much we are spending. Need to compile a 'What your SSAF is for' to give to the student population. Media employee could compile a booklet.

FUSA could have a mobile food stall, that doesn't need to compete with Flinders One, if we locate the stall in Humanities.

SC need to go to the University Council with a plan on what changes we would like see with Flinders One food.

Council need to discuss what we would like the SSAF to be spent on.

The \$10,000 allocated to club grants has been used quickly. Need to increase the funding to clubs, as there are more clubs affiliating. Sporting clubs seem to receive more than non-sporting clubs, need to look into why?

Student Media has an allocation of \$120,000 which seems reasonable but we may need to push for more.

There is a need to enhance more support to external and regional students. SC need to play a bigger part in this. Will look at sending council members to regional areas to get a better understanding of what they require.

Transition allocation was \$650,000. SP has questioned the reason for this amount of money going to transition. SP would like to reduce the value unless the University can provide success rates. Suggested by SC, that maybe not reduce the amount but distribute some of the money to FUSA to use for transition. A suggestion is to aid students with children for childcare.

Flinders need to retain students on campus like Adelaide University. The Adelaide Hub encourages students to stay on campus. Flinders need to create something the same.

SP is waiting for the university to advise when the meeting will happen.

Motion to endorse Student President and Brodie as Student President for 2013 as negotiators for SSAF.

All in favour

Motion to accept: Moved: Hannah, Seconded: Cristel

Fundraising

Pub crawl raised \$1175.97 profit.

In order for FUSA to generate some profit to spend, it will be necessary for fundraisers to be held. Student Council to look at ideas for next year.

d. Discount Card

Discount card is going well. Based on the Adelaide University model. We have 100+ businesses so far, but there are still more businesses to come on board.

Still need membership of FUSA to be free, but able to purchase a discount card. We may need to sell it at an introductory price. Hasn't been discussed how much we sell it for as yet.

FUSA to have a separate stall at O'Week just to sell the discount card.

Officeworks have a card machine for \$1392 including materials, that we can use for the discount card. The pub crawl money that was raised can be used to purchase this item.

Motion to move that Student Council use the pub crawl money to purchase the machine for membership cards

All in favour

Motion to accept: Moved: Brodie, Seconded: James

e. Nus Conference

Now FUSA is affiliated with NUS need electives to be sent on conference. The conference is being held the 2nd week in December.

SP will write a proposal to try to receive funding from the VC.

7. Club Affiliation

Wilderness Club – need to change constitution. 'Wind up' policy needs to specify that equipment funded by FUSA stays with FUSA.

Timorese Club – there are a few issues relating to their constitution. SP talking to the club president to clarify some issues.

Flinders Government & Policy Society – all fine with their constitution.

Motion to accept the affiliation of the Wilderness Society and Flinders Government & Policy Society.

Brodie Against.

Motion to accept: Moved: Hannah, Seconded: Luke

Motion for the Timorese Student Group's constitution to be reviewed and edited by James Findlay. Specific changes and amendments to be voted by Student Council via email.

Motion to accept: Moved: Hannah, Seconded: Luke

8. Other Business

Flinders One have been charging the Pagan Society for hire of trestle tables. James has been getting the tables for the club not Flinders One. The club should not be charged if FUSA are doing the work in regards to this. Needs to be brought to Flinders One attention.

Group of students looking at reclaiming the Tavern. FUSA have talked about this, we should be pushing for extra student space, not necessarily the Tavern as this is not OH&S compliant.

Brodie advises that the Tavern will not be available for student space. Better off looking at areas such as Scholars and Geoff Harrison room.

Student Council to bring a proposal on student space strategy for the next meeting.

University Council - SP spoke to John from NTEU they are not happy with cuts of representatives on the university council. Main objective is to keep 3 students on council.

9. Meeting Close

The meeting officially closed at 8.53pm

Minuted by : Di Wright

Vetted by : Hannah MacLeod