



**Flinders University Student Council Meeting  
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015.**

Meeting Room, Flinders University Student Association.

5:00pm

**Present:** Caleb Pattinson (Student President), Genevieve Danenberg (General Secretary), Jack Harrison (Education Officer), Jason Byrne (Welfare Officer), Christine Bennetts (Post Graduate Students Officer), Alfred Lowe (Indigenous Students Officer), Alexander Chen (Queer Officer), Ali Roush (Environment Officer), Prashanth Magandram (International Student Officer), Angela Tormarelli (Women's Officer), Sarah Polanco (Social Activities Officer), Sean Lamonby Hamish Richardson, Grace Hill, Jordon O'Reilly, Christopher Norman, Joshua Sunman (General Council Members), Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement), Liam McNally (Empire Times Editors), Anthea Stanton (Minutes)

*Meeting Opened: 18:34*

**Meeting Agenda:**

**1. Welcome and Meeting Open**

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

**2. Apologies**

Amy Hueppauff (Accessibility Officer) is an apology for this meeting.

**3. Welcome Guests**

Caroline Watson (President), Nick Lucas (Secretary) and Ryan Hodson (Treasurer), representatives of Thinking CaPS.

**4. Accept Minutes from previous meeting**

**Motion:** Student Council accepts the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Moved: Genevieve Danenberg**

**Seconded: Grace Hill**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

**5. Reports**

**Motion:** Motion to accept all of the reports.

**Moved: Genevieve Danenberg**

**Seconded: Jason Byrne**

All in favour.

**Motion Carried.**

## 6. Matters for Decision

**Procedural Motion:** Add the following matter for decision to the agenda:

- 6.18: Funding for the Science and Engineering Ball 2016– Caroline Watson, President of Thinking CaPS

**Moved: Caleb Pattison**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

### 6.0. Motions left un-starred to be moved en bloc.

Motions left un-starred:

#### 6.4 FUSA endorses Australian Marriage Equality – Alexander Chen

**Motion:** Student Council endorses the attached letter (refer to agenda) so that FUSA may join the Australian Marriage Equality academia support campaign.

#### 6.5 Events Budget – Chris O’Grady

**Motion:** Student Council approve the 2016 Event Budget and allow for minor alterations as deemed appropriate by the Social Activities Officer, Welfare Officer and the Events and Projects Officer.

#### 6.6 Relax Day Proposal – Chris O’Grady

**Motion:** Student Council approve the proposal for the Relax Day events and allow for minor alterations as deemed appropriate by the Social Activities Officer, Welfare Officer and the Events and Projects Officer.

#### 6.7 FUSA App – Chris O’Grady

**Motion:** Student Council approve the cancellation of the FUSA App as of immediately.

#### 6.8 0.5 Media Assistant Position – Chris O’Grady

**Motion:** Student Council approve the recruitment of a Media Assistant position.

#### 6.9 Timor Sea – Grace Hill



## **Motions:**

We demand the Australian government:

1. Rejoin the maritime boundary jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice.
2. Recognise the principal of the median line, halfway between Timor and Australia.
3. Immediately respond to the calls by the government of Timor Leste to restart negotiations for permanent maritime boundaries between the two countries.
4. Transfer all past and ongoing revenue obtained from oil and gas fields on the Timorese side of the median line to the government of Timor Leste.

We also

5. Strongly condemn the Australian government's use of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) to carryout commercial espionage against the Government of Timor Leste (East Timor) in 2004 by placing electronic listening devices in the office of the Timorese Prime Minister and Cabinet Room support the call by Canberra Lawyer Bernard Collaery, Former NSW director of public prosecutions NICHOLAS COWDRY and Senator for South Australia Nick Xenophon for a judicial enquiry into the intelligence scandal. That would include investigation of the former Minister Alexander and the former director of ASIS David Irvine.
6. Support the international day of protest on March 24 organised by the Timor Sea Justice Campaign and Timorese Activists marking the anniversary of Australian withdrawal from the maritime jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in 2002.

### 6.10. South Australian Government reshuffle – Jason Byrne

**Motion:** The President will write to the new State Minister for Higher Education, Susan Close in order to congratulate her on being appointed to that role. The letter will ask the minister to declare publicly her opposition to University Fee Deregulation and her support for SSAF.

### 6.11. Australian Republican Movement – Alfred Lowe

**Motion:** FUSA supports the Australian Republican Movement's recent push with seven of the eight State & Territory leaders calling for a referendum on an Australian Republic.

### 6.13. Factsheets- Jack Harrison



**Motion:** FUSA directs the Media Officer and Education Officer to create a factsheet and/or other material, outlining the potential impact of the freeze and any future cuts if announced.

6.14. Piecharts – Jack Harrison

**Motions:**

1. Student Council directs the Education Officer & Media Officer to produce a pie chart suitable for publication in the next issue of Empire Times.
2. Student Council will use one of its pages to place the pie chart in Empire Times.

6.15. Survival Day – Grace Hill

**Motion:** Student council endorsed all future Invasion Day and Survival Day Events

6.16. Healthcare Cuts – Grace Hill

**Motion:** The FUSA Student Council opposes the Liberal’s cuts to healthcare and will advertise its position and actively oppose the cut to the bulk-billing incentive.

FUSA Student Council condemns the long-term failure to provide adequate funding for healthcare, and demands the government increase funding for pathology services, and for healthcare overall.

6.17. Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption – Grace Hill

**Motion:** The FUSA Student Council condemns the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption as nothing more than a farce and an anti-union witchhunt.

The FUSA Student Council rejects the recommendations of the Royal Commission, especially those proposals which if implemented would give the state veto power over elected union leaders, the establishment of a new national body with the power to deregister unions, and increased fines for “illegal” activity.

The FUSA Student Council supports unions carrying out “illegal” activities such as sending safety reps onto work sites, refusing to continue dangerous work, taking unprotected strike action, and using solidarity strikes.

The FUSA Student Council supports CFMEU Victorian Secretary John Setka and Assistant Secretary Shaun Reardon, and condemns their arrest as a serious assault on all unions.

**Motion:** The Student council accepts all of the unstarred motions en bloc.

**Moved: Genevieve Danenberg**

**Seconded: Christine Bennetts**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

### **6.1. Women's Officer Hunting Ground event in March – Angela Tomarelli**

### **6.2. Women's Officer International Women's Day High Tea – Angela Tomarelli**

**Angela Tomarelli:** I obviously want to host an event from International Women's Day. The proposal is sketchy as I didn't have a lot of time to put it together, but it had to be done this meeting as International Women's Day is March 8<sup>th</sup>. The event will consist of High Tea, with one or more speakers, hopefully a lecturer from Flinders University and an external speaker. The second event is the viewing of the documentary the Hunting Ground, which is an American film which discusses date rape on university campuses. Can I please have approval for both the High Tea and documentary screening?

**Jason Byrne:** It is a great idea for FUSA to get around these events. Date rape is growing on university campuses and we don't want to be in the position that American colleges are. Both campaigns are worth putting together.

**Angela Tomarelli:** Thank you.

**Moved: Angela Tomarelli**

**Seconded: Christine Bennetts**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

### **6.3. Education Officer Apology – Jason Byrne**

**Jason Byrne:** Recently the FUSA Education Officer attempted to move a motion at the January executive meeting and the motion reads as follows:

“That FUSA is against the removal of parallel import restrictions and condemns all who are in favour of this anti-worker and anti-student policy and FUSA will not support any campaign in favour of its removal.”

The campaign in which this outrageous motion refers to is the NUS, National Welfare Campaign on the removal of parallel import restrictions on university textbooks. A campaign I as the FUSA Welfare Officer will also be running during O'Week and across the year, in conjunction with NUS. The motion was moved knowing full well that there is many people in this room may not hold the same belief as close to their heart at the Education Officer supposedly does. The FUSA Executive Meeting is in place to provide

an avenue for the movement of procedural and emergency motions, when there is no possible way for it to be moved by Student Council. Seeing as nearly all the Council members are here this evening, and O'Week is three weeks away, I feel this motion could have been debated tonight. The motion proposed by the Education Officers was not an emergency, more like a knee-jerk reaction, which failed to produce the desired result, almost undermining national NUS campaign and previously organised campaign by a FUSA officer barer. There was no need for this motion to be moved in secret, with no chance to reply. Do you not see that this motion puts our relationship with NUS in complete jeopardy? Solidarity with NUS is vital if FUSA is to continue the fight against Fee Deregulation and University Corporatization. We cannot do this alone and I will not stand to see our relationship with the NUS damaged by a poorly thought out motion. NUS has campaigned to reduce the cost of textbooks for over a decade. NUS has also fought the rights of women, LGBTQI, disabled, Indigenous, and ethnically diverse students who are disproportionately disadvantaged by the cost of high textbook and university life. NUS can support provide us with a wealth of experience, knowledge, contacts, and support. All key in the fight against the government, who wishes to destroy student movements in Australia and cripple us with debt. Condemning the campaign of a national officer barer is not something we can afford at a time when the University administration is not in favour of this Student Union. My role as Welfare Officer involves me working with students at the lowest point of their lives. If, at the end of this year, I did not support the lowering of the cost of student's textbooks, I would have failed in this role. I commend this motion to the floor and implore you all demand an apology for the clear constitutional breach that was conducted in January.

**Caleb Pattison:** Would anyone like to second this?

**Christopher Norman:** Can I please put forward a 'propriety motion' calling for a 'point of clarification'?

Are you asking for an apology for moving the motion or...?

**Jason Byrne:** An apology for breaching the constitution.

**Christopher Norman:** How was the constitution breached?

**Jason Byrne:** "Policy which is moved in the executive is procedural."

**Christopher Norman:** Is that quoted?

**Jason Byrne:** I believe so.



**Christopher Norman:** It is not.

**Caleb Pattison:** Chris please hold onto your questions to when you have a chance to speak on this. I have called for a seconder.

**Christopher Norman:** The Standing Orders outline that a ‘Priority Motion’ overrules...

**Caleb Pattison:** Sure, hold those for the ‘Priority Motion’.

**Christopher Norman:** The ‘Priority Motion’ does not go to a vote.

**Caleb Pattison:** I pretty sure you can’t move a ‘Priority Motion’ if the broader Council do not agree with it. Let me consult the constitution.

**Jason Byrne:** Whilst they are gaining clarification from the constitution, I will answer your question Chris. This apology is for the blatant disrespect to Student Council and students of Flinders University, by the Education Officer for trying to pass a motion that would completely derail a NUS campaign.

**Christopher Norman:** Okay. Can I please make another ‘Point of Clarification’? Do you have any evidence that the Parallel Importation Restrictions (PIRs) will in fact make textbooks cheaper?

**Jordon O’Reilly:** This isn’t a motion for FUSA to support PIRs this is motion because you guys circumvented this Student Council to go through and push your own agenda. This isn’t an apology asking for us to come out stating we are in favour of PIR’s. The Welfare Officer is within their right to run this campaign as the National Union is doing it. The point of this motion is for Jack to apologise for attempting to screw over the rest of the Council and the students of Flinders University. This is not an issue about PIRs it is issue of Jack ignoring Council and the constitution. An apology is deserved

**Caleb Pattison:** I call for a seconder. Jordon. Okay.

**Jordon O’Reilly:** I repeat what I said. There was an agenda and apology is deserved.

**Christopher Norman:** Are you aware of 12.3 in the constitution? It states: “Decisions of the Executive Committee must be ratified at the next regular meeting of the Student Council and shall have the same effect as decisions of the Student Council, provided that such decisions are made in accordance with this Constitution and the Regulations.” This means that the matter would still have to go through Student Council to be ratified. My Point of Clarification is: Are you aware of section 12.3?

**Jordon O'Reilly:** I'll answer this. Please see 12.2(a): The Executive Committee: may transact the business of the Association, on behalf of the Student Council, on urgent matters that the President and General Secretary consider cannot be held over until the next regular meeting of the Student Council. You easily ignored this Student Council. Our President voted against your motion, clearly this was not a point of emergency.

**Christopher Norman:** Can I have another 'Point of Clarification'? Are you suggesting that because the chair of the meeting said it wasn't an urgent matter that then the chair of meeting broke the constitution, because it wasn't an urgent matter according to the President and General Secretary?

**Caleb Pattison:** Jordan I don't believe you mentioned that in your answered so I am going to rule that 'Point of Clarification' out of order. Chris you have been named. All those for?

**Moved: Jason Byrne**

**Seconded: Jordon O'Reilly**

For: 14

Against: 2

Abstention: 1

**Motion carried.**

**Caleb Pattison:** Chris you have been warned. If you interrupt somebody trying to interrupt again you will be removed from council. I will now call for speakers for and against this motion. Beginning with against.

**Jack Harrison:** What can I say?

**Jason Byrne:** Not a lot in your own defence.

**Caleb Pattison:** Jason. Oh is that?

**Jack Harrison:** Oh I just thought Chair's should have consistent rulings.

**Caleb Pattison:** Jack you have been named.

**Jack Harrison:** I don't think this how the rules should be interpreted. It is democratic body and it can hold positions. Everyone knows FUSA Executive can be overruled by Student Council. Any suggestion that I was trying to pull the wool over people's eyes is ridiculous.

**Caleb Pattison:** 'Point of Clarification', Jack did you consult with the wider Student Council on your executive motion?

**Jack Harrison:** I am not willing to engage with the issue you have brought up.





**Jordon O'Reilly:** 'Point of Clarification', did you move any form of conversation with any members of this Council other than the General Secretary, over your intentions to move that motion in the Executive Meeting?

**Caleb Pattison:** Before answering this question I direct you to 4.1. (c) (iii): Where a "point of clarification" concerns discussion, the speaker must attempt to clarify the issue raised. So the Council does need an answer.

**Jack Harrison:** Can please repeat your 'Point of Clarification'?

**Caleb Pattison:** Jack did you consult with the wider Student Council or the members of your own faction on your executive motion?

**Jack Harrison:** I cannot remember Caleb.

**Caleb Pattison:** That is a breach of the Standing Orders because you would remember Jack, so you have been named. Would you like to continue with your argument against this motion?

**Jack Harrison:** I mean... it's clearly...

**Caleb Pattison:** So no. I call for a speaker for?

**Jason Byrne:** I don't need to reply. I've said all I wanted to.

**Caleb Pattison:** I call for a speaker against?  
No speakers against we'll move to a vote on 6.3.

**Motion:** Student Council directs the Education Officer to provide a written apology for his actions to Council to be tabled at the next meeting.

**Moved: Jason Byrne**

**Seconded: Jordon O'Reilly**

For: 15

Against: 2

**Motion carried.**

*18:55 Sarah Polanco (Social Activities Officer) left.*

**6.18: Funding for the Science and Engineering Ball 2016– Caroline Watson, President of Thinking CaPS.**



**Caleb Pattison:** I am going to move the Procedural Motion 6.18 - Funding for the Science and Engineering Ball 2016, forward. It has been raised by the students of Thinking CaPS .I ask Caroline surmises as I only have a copy of the proposal on my phone.

**Caroline Watson:** We are the student society for Chemical and Physical Sciences, we are School Association affiliated with FUSA now. Over the last three months we have been organising a ball, which would be faculty wide. Aimed at students of the Faculty of Science and Engineering, not just our own school and our own club. The problem that has risen is that that it is prohibitively expensive. What we are asking is for some start-up funds so that we can get this off the ground, turning it into an annual event, consequently promoting our School Association, creating a reputation that we do things for our students and the university at large.

**Caleb Pattison:** I am going to move this motion to the floor. I think what Thinking CaPS is trying to do is really commendable. Their focus is to provide networking opportunities within their faculty, fostering community among the students of Science and Engineering. It is a low risk providing this society with funding. Even if they did not pay it back it is money from the University that should be going back to student's hands anyway.

For clarification the money will be coming from the Student Association Budget Line. I call for a seconder. Jason.

**Jason Byrne:** I am very happy to see this motion moved, Thinking CaPS is one of the most active societies on campus.

**Chris O'Grady:** I haven't seen a proposal around this. How much funding do you require?

**Caroline Watson:** Ideally \$7500, but the deposit which is of immediate concern is \$5355.

**Caleb Pattison:** Sorry I was aware of this, I failed to transcribe this information as I received the proposal as an email.

**Angela Tomarelli:** Are we talking about a loan or donation of money?

**Caleb Pattison:** Happy to clarify that. Basically will provide Thinking CaPS with \$7500 from the School Association Budget Line. The intent is that Thinking CaPS will pay us back the \$7500 the worst case being \$4500. Thinking CaPS is a start-up club who doesn't have an overflow of external funding.

**Angela Tomarelli:** Have you explored fundraising options?

**Caroline Watson:** Yes, but what we don't have is the time to do it. We will lose our date, quote with Stanford Grand if we don't take action now. I have spoken to the Dean of our Faculty as well as the different Deans of each individual school and we've also contacted scientific companies.

**Angela Tomarelli:** My only concern with this is precedent. If we have every school association coming to us saying "well Thinking CaPS received \$7000 from FUSA." Is this sustainable?

**Christiane Bennets:** My concerns you don't have the precedent of formal events from previous years, therefore you don't have the reputation or word of mouth that would make it a well-attended event. How many students do envision attending?

**Caroline Watson:** We are aiming 150 out of 2500 students. I am more than unpleasantly aware of our reputation and how little people know who or what Thinking CaPS are. My intention of coming here is that we have to start somewhere. We can't get anything off the ground because we are not getting support from anywhere else. Can I emphasise that we won't be asking for this money every year. Help us now so we can build Thinking CaPS reputation and future we will not have to ask for funding.

**Chris O'Grady:** Are you aware SSAF funding cannot be used for the purchase of alcohol?

**Caroline Watson:** We are aware of this. We have budget that our ticket sale will cover the cost of alcohol. Any contribution from FUSA, grants or the Faculty will only go towards food and venue hire.

**Jordon O'Reilly:** Angela did raise a good point. I am not sure this Council wants to set the precedent that they hand out large sums of money.

**Grace Hill:** I would like to see a concrete proposal. A lot of money and a lot of uncertainty surrounds this. A proposal would give me more certainty and a better idea of how the money is being spent and the possibility of it being paid back. That said a lot of money in the School Association Budget Line will most likely sit untouched.

**Caleb Pattison:** The SSAF budget that the University has approved has a budget of \$42,000 for School Associations. Internally we break that up into 14 lots of \$3000. We are talking about a faculty wide ball, arguably we will be tapping into 4 pools that \$3000, equating to \$12,000 over all. Two of that four don't exist. Yes the predicant is a concern,



however this is an extraneous circumstance. I move we go for the vote. With a slightly amended motion. Funding will be approved with a contract agreement within the next 24 hours. I will circulate this among the Student Council. If three or more Student Council members are concerned an emergency meeting will be called.

**Alfred Lowe:** Thinking CaPS request funding that will cover the deposit (\$5,335) with a possibility to apply again for the remaining \$2,000 if necessary. This will allow Thinking CaPS to secure the date and venue of the event in advance. Thinking CaPS will endeavour to pay back all approved funds, by fundraising, sponsorship and the use of our own grant funds.

### **Amended Motion**

**Motion:** Student Council approves the Thinking CaPS \$5,335 grant request on the provision that a concrete agreement is provided to Student Council within 24 hours

**Moved: Caleb Pattison**

**Seconded: Alfred Lowe**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

### **6.12. NDA – Jack Harrison**

**Grace Hill:** I just wanted to report back to Student Council that the NUS have decided that the state wide event of the National Day of Action (NDA) will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April at 3pm.

**Motion:** That FUSA continues supporting the NUS' NDAs and will work towards hosting an NDA at Flinders on the 6<sup>th</sup> April and promoting a state-wide NDA on the same day.

**Moved: Jack Harrison**

**Seconded: Grace Hill**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

## **7. Matters for Discussion** (*Matters not Discussed*)

7.1 Revised SSAF Budget – Chris O'Grady

7.2 FUSA Membership – Jack Harrison

7.3 Status of Unibooks – Jack Harrison

7.4 FlindersOne – Jack Harrison



7.5 Status of electronic voting – Jack Harrison

7.6 EdCon hosting – Jack Harrison

7.7 Protocol for FUSA posts – Jack Harrison

## 8. Matters for Noting

### 8.1 The motions of Matters of Discussion lay on the table – Caleb Pattison

**Motion:** I may move that Matters of Discussion 7.1 – 7.6 are ‘laid on the table’ until the next Student Council Meeting.

**Moved: Caleb Pattison**

**Seconded: Alfred Lowe**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

### 8.2 Collective Marquee – Ali Roush

**Ali Roush:** There is going to be a Collective stall at O’Week under the FUSA Marquee it will be space for everyone to sell their Collectives. There will be a roster sent around. It will ask that you try to commit two, two hour blocks throughout O’Week. This is between Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of February, 9:30-3pm.

**Caleb Pattison:** Gen will email out to everybody over the coming days with a bit more context and asking about availabilities. Please take the lead with your collective and contact Kate if you have queries about branding, layout, signage etc.

### 8.3 Formal Apology – Jack Harrison

In accordance with motion 6.3. Education Officer Apology, moved by Jason Byrne, below is the letter of apology issued by Jack Harrison.

*“I am sorry for moving a motion condemning the campaign against the removal of Parallel Importation Restrictions (PIRs) at FUSA Executive”*

Jack Harrison

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

### 8.4 Noted conflict of interest – Angela Tormarelli

**Angela Tormarelli:** I want everybody on Council to be aware that I am employed by Flinders University. I have a part time job under the banner of Recruitment. This is



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governed by Higher Education Participation Programing (HEPP) funding. It has very little to do with the administration of Flinders University and more with raising aspirations of incoming students from low social and economic backgrounds. I wish to be transparent, I don't believe there is a conflict of interest and there is no legal or liability issues here.

*Meeting Closed: 19:36*