



Flinders University Student Council Meeting
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1. Welcome and Meeting open
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4. Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting (separate document)
5. Reports

5.1 President's Report

March has been another busy month for the Flinders University Student Association. We continue to see student membership climb and the brand of FUSA spread wider through the University. Key features of the month include a series of FUSA forums, rolling out of our welfare events and launch of the new Hub and Plaza. Unfortunately it is clear homophobia and racism are still very real problems at Flinders and as a council we should continue to do our best to alleviate the issue.

Education Conference

The Education Conference tender has been submitted to the National Union as per communication to council on the 18th of March. The National Education Officer decided to extend the date which I was informed of on the 21st of March. A workshop to discuss the tender was held on the 22nd of March, after communication from the Education Officer on March 18 – to which no responses were received. From the workshop, it was proposed a group of people to work in finer detail on the tender should meet up later in the week to discuss the tender in finer detail. Communication was received from the General Secretary, Education Officer and Chris Norman. This group, minus Chris Norman, met up on the 24th of March and discussed feedback from the workshop. A revised tender was circulated to council on March 24th, encouraging questions and comments to which only one response from the Indigenous Officer was received.

At this stage a lot of the conference organisation depends on the National Union of Student's decision of which University to award the conference to. This will be decided at a National Executive meeting in the coming days following the Student Council meeting. Room bookings are well underway, rough catering quotes have been obtained, a successful tender for Flinders will see a competitive process for outlets on campus. The conference dates are mostly decided, however I have asked the Education Officer, Jordon O'Reilly to propose a delayed start to the conference at the National Executive meeting. Management of the budget for the conference is given to the Conference Working group.

It is excellent to see that since the election of a new General Secretary and Education Officer the tender has come along in leaps and bounds and that both newly elected council members have fully supported the tender process. The vacancies of these positions has made progress slow on this issue. As council members have not contacted me regarding further concerns on the proposal, I am looking forward to the full support in facilitating this event that is ultimately good for students at



Flinders University and is a further commitment of this Student Association towards advocating and fighting for more funding to the higher education sector.

FUSA Forums

At the meeting of council, 7 forums have been held across Flinders University campuses. I would like to thank all of the students who gave up their time to provide invaluable insight into being a student at our University. Limited members of the council attended at least one forum and I thank those who helped in the setting up and facilitation of the forums – you know who you are!

It is clear FUSA's marketing and social media is not effectively reaching the student population. Feedback across all forums was that a multimodal approach is required. Many students do not receive our emails, so considering our approach to membership numbers should be discussed. Some students questioned why there wasn't a student voice posting across the social-media platforms given the nature of the association.

Students at Flinders Medical Centre and Victoria Square have questioned our centrality of events. It's apparent the student community of Flinders University is disjointed and many students are still unaware of the work FUSA does and services we provide.

Launch of the Hub

It was heartening to see some members of the council embrace the 50th Anniversary celebrations a few weeks ago. Thanks to the National Union of Student's representatives Cam Petrie and Robby Magyar who made the trip to Adelaide to attend.

It was heartening to see Flinders University engage with the Indigenous history of the land and give adequate time and resources to a smoking ceremony and welcome to country to commence the ceremony.

Now the Hub is now officially open, it is still empirical that the council continue to fight it to remain as student space. Prioritising use of the space for Flinders students and maintaining affordable price points of food and drink.

Laneway Art

I am currently working on a proposal with the FUSA media team and Buildings and Properties to give new life to the Flinders Laneway. I believe it is important that we start to look at ways we can engage more Flinders students with the natural habitat of the campus and foster networking and community projects.



The project aims to replace the current artwork which was completed by mostly Uni SA students and replace it with artwork from Flinders University students.

Postgraduate Representation

It is very encouraging to hear reports from Postgraduate Officer, Christine Bennetts, regarding strong steps towards better representation. Accounting for a large percentage of the University's cohort – postgraduate students are often left without a voice on council or adequate consideration when it comes to planning events.

I look forward to continue working strongly with Christine in the future and congratulate her on the success to date. I would encourage all of council to actively consider how we are representing all students at Flinders University. This extends beyond Postgraduate to mature age, external or autonomous groups.

Planning Day

The planning of a planning day for council is well underway. The day will be in the first week of the mid-semester break and will focus on a range of topics. In the days before the planning day I will be sitting down with Student Representation and Development Officer, Kate Walsh to draw on her experience and knowledge for this type of event.

I thank the council for their prompt and honest communication regarding this initiative. I look forward to the day and will be able to send more details out to council in the lead up. I would also like to invite and encourage council to come and have a chat with myself if they have ideas for the day.

Professional Services Program

Simone Jowett, Jordon O'Reilly and I attended a workshop regarding this program last week, facilitated by the project team. It is clear this program is intended as a cost-saving measure, with The Advertiser reporting a similar project at Adelaide University cut 50 jobs. With the perceived budget crisis and spin of poor student services, council should be cautious of the direction this project is taking.

It was a good opportunity to discuss enrolment difficulties as a student at the University. However it was also a good opportunity to point out the cooperate lingo of the program – constantly referring to staff and students and the 'customer' of the University. A real focus on student success will see investment in this area, not reduction of costs.



Student Welfare

Over the past few weeks I have received a number of concerning emails from students and academics regarding the welfare of students at Flinders. We know that student poverty and suicide rates are at record levels. FUSA was established to assist the students with the quality of life at University and to continue to fight for a better quality of life for Flinders students.

I have been engaging the Welfare Officer regarding these issues. I have also been communicating with the Environment Officer around an Oz Harvest service for Flinders University given her extensive knowledge. As a council, consideration of how to support students who are struggling financially should be given our full attention.

5.2 General Secretary Report



Bank Account Position: 31 March 2016

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| Flinders University Student Association | Opening Balance | 25,207.12 |
| National Australia Bank, Bank Account | Total Debits | 1,000.00 |
| As at 31/03/2016 | Total Credits | 0.00 |
| | Closing Balance | 26,207.12 |

Inflow/Outflow transactions

*Note: This statement includes outstanding transactions

| Transaction Date | Description | Debit | Credit | Balance |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|
| 1/02/2016 | Balance (c/d) | | | 25,207.12 |
| | Deposit (Construction Party Ticket Sales)* | 175 | | 25,382.12 |
| | Funds Transfer to FCCS (Construction Party)* | | -760 | |
| | Funds Transfer to FUSA expenditure account (Ball)* | | -10000 | |
| | Funds Transfer to FUSA expenditure account (Ball)* | | -6332.13 | 8,289.99 |
| 3/03/2016 | Donate Life SA (O'Week Stall)* | 500 | | |
| 9/03/2016 | YHA Ltd (O'Week Stall)* | 500 | | 9,289.99 |
| | Sprout Network (O'Week Stall)* | 750 | | |
| | BankSA (O'Week Stall)* | 2250 | | |
| | YES Distribution/Vodaphone (O'Week Stall)* | 1200 | | |
| | Student VIP (O'Week Stall)* | 450 | | |
| | Uniting Communities (O'Week Stall)* | 500 | | |
| | Adelaide Festival Centre (O'Week Stall)* | 500 | | |
| | Bounce Inc (O'Week Stall)* | 700 | | |
| | Commbank (O'Week Stall)* | 2250 | | |
| | Traffik Marketing (O'Week Stall)* | 750 | | 18,639.99 |
| 31/03/2016 | Closing Balance | | | 18,639.99 |

Since taking on the role of General Secretary on March 11th, my days have been filled with learning the ins and outs of the role, including informal conversations with various Student council members, most notably the President and GCM Grace Hill (Former FUSA GenSec), and also with staff members Chris O'Grady, Fay Hart and Kate Walsh.

Meetings

I have spent quite a bit of my time in formal meetings as well, including meeting with the Clubs and Events Officer to discuss the direction of clubs and societies this year, and the prospect of restarting clubs training, something I campaigned on during the by-election. I also went with the Student President to meet with the executive staff of the School of Creative Arts and Humanities, in order to



discuss how FUSA can work with the school in these uncertain times.

I attended two of the FUSA forums, at Physical Sciences and Humanities, where I was able to liaise with students about issues important to them, including informing them about clubs that they may find interesting or beneficial. I also spoke to some students about student radio, and their possibility to get involved later in the year.

I attended two AGMs as General Secretary, for the Flinders University Labor Club and FLICS (The Film Society).

Clubs and Societies

I have liaised with multiple clubs during March, assisting them with getting their affiliation paperwork ready. I also contacted the Flinders University Car Club to give them feedback on their affiliation, and have attempted to set up a meeting with them to go through their risk management strategy.

C&EO and I set a definite date for reaffiliation deadline as May 1st.

Standing committees etc

I attended the first Constitution reform meeting, the Student council workshop and Edcon workshop, and also the Edcon tender editing session.

5.3 Education Officer Report

Take over as education officer.

Off to a busy start as the Education Officer, Just wanted to give a special chance to meet with members of student council over the next month to go over any issues you think the Education officer should be taking up. I've had quite a lot on my plate as the previous education had not started with any campaigns.

National Day of Action

FUSA involvement will kick off here on campus at midday to help build the National Day of Action. Due to not receiving any communication from NUS National Education Officer Max Murphy, or NUS Education Officer, Mark Pace, I have been forced to develop my own theme for the NDA on campus. The theme at Flinders University will mainly be an awareness campaign over the Student Services and Amenities fee and what services they provide to protect students from the Abbott/Turnbull Government's cuts to higher education. I encourage all members to come out and promote the NDA and the issues facing students. I am also having stickers made to promote what items are purchased by SSAF.

EdCon Tender

Have been working side by side with Caleb to develop the Tender. I have hosted 2 workshops to discuss the tender with members of Student Council. A bit disappointed on the turn out to the second meeting regarding improvements to the meeting, but I will take this as a sign that people are



happy with the content of the Tender. I can't endorse the tender enough to council and hope all Student Council gets behind the tender.

Education Placements

I have met with Student Assist and Kate Walsh to discuss the current climate of placements for those studying education. For those not aware the School of Ed, currently cannot guarantee students in their third and fourth year of study a placement. This means some students may face extending their degrees for 6 to 12 months, as well as the potential legal aspects that could be taken upon the university because of the delay. There have been some administrators taking things in to their own hand, however this is causing just as many issues as it creates. The plan is to present a report to Claire Pollock and some of the Deans to see what fixes can be made. Have spoken to Caleb about creating a booklet/info program about the bench marking of placements of students across flinders to see how the different schools provide placements to students.

FUSA FORUM

Have attended 3/5 forums, in which I have found them quite informative and a great way to find out what the students want from FUSA but also to raise awareness about what FUSA delivers. I have provided my notes from the first FUSA forum in our Facebook group and will look to send out my compiled notes once the forums are done.

Professional Services Project

Attended the workshop hosted by Prof. Claire Pollock and Ian Smith to discuss how to improve services to students. We spent a lot of time talking about the enrolment process, corresponding with admin staff around the university, and FLO. I am a little hesitant upon reflection of the workshop as to how much they will listen too, maybe they will focus on enrolment as they look to cut staff and increase student numbers.

Placeholder topics

I know this is something all of Student Council has been looking to see brought in, the previous education officer had completed a small amount of work but nothing officially. I will look to start to get underway with this as soon as my work load allows.

School Associations

Similar to the placeholder topics, my work load at the moment just does not allow me much time to focus on this. However this is a project I am looking to take in after the mid semester break.

NUS

Yet to receive any contact from my relevant National and State Education officer bearer about the NDA or any other NUS campaigns. Phone linked into the National Executive Meeting. As I am currently writing this report I have spoken to NUS State Branch President Joshua Boughey to arrange pick up of NDA materials. I will seek members of SC once I have them to help post materials. Look



forward at the potential of tabling our EdCon Tender if approved by Student Council at the next National Executive.

5.4 Environment Officer's Report

Environment Collective

Have been continuing on from setting up the Collective to trying to link the various clubs together. I've also set up the beginnings of a network for some of the main humanitarian groups that work across universities (VGen, Oaktree, Fairtrade, Oxfam), in the hope to get more collaboration across universities and in the wider community. I've organised the first official meeting for the Waste Campaign group- the 31st of March.

Waste Awareness Day (5th March)

Continued to work on and finalise the Waste Awareness Day, particularly in distributing information to the wider community through Councils, various interest groups and Facebook.

Random Acts of Kindness Promo

The Random Acts of Kindness initiative set up by Steph and myself has been going a few weeks now, with Urban Paddock and Bon Voyage participating. I've organised a meeting with Andrew from FlindersOne, and am contacting the owners of Grind and Press to try and get them involved as well. I'm now also trying to make sure the promotion of Karma Cups (or just bringing your own cup), continues after the promo finishes, through awareness raising campaigns (hopefully run by the Waste group), and working with the cafes to promote. I'm also going to work with FlindersOne to switch their coffee cups over to ones that are at least 100% recyclable.

Campus Waste and Recycling

Have finally got 10cent bins and recycling bins in the main Hub, and am now working with Buildings and Properties to start distributing them around the rest of the campus/ other campuses. I'm now starting to work with the media office and staff in Buildings and Property to design informative signs about what material can go in which bins, etc.

Ethical food vendors on campus promotions

I'm writing an article for ET, and short media releases for the FUSA page, promoting the cafes and vendors which are trying to maintain an ethical/ sustainable business. This includes the Tavern, Bon Voyage and Urban Paddock. As part of this I've interviewed the managers/ owners of all three about why and how they are working towards an ethical/ sustainable model. The idea of this is to promote such practices to the students and encourage them to support this through their purchases, so the other vendors might be more inclined to begin reviewing their own practices.



5.5 Queer Officer's Report

29th: Events and Plans I have to the coming month.

March accomplishments:

Won queer officer in by-election

set up email with help from Amy.

Had FUSA introduction by Kate Walsh

Queer Society lunch event.

Plans for April:

having a sit down with Kate Walsh and Chris O'Grady to figure out creative ways to make the Queer Space safer.

A drinks night at the tavern the Tavern will consist of people buying they own drinks.

Board game day will be \$30 for drinks (non-alcoholic) and snacks.

Movie day in media lounge

5.6 Women's Officer Report

International Women's Day

Held event March 8th to celebrate IWD. Guest speakers were amazing and several people came up to me afterward to comment on how moving their speeches were. Attendance was less than expected. Catered for 60 and had a turnout of about 30. Location could have been a factor as many people were unfamiliar with the studio and the new café in the hub. Had attendees sign up to join the Collective so we increased our numbers by about 30 people.

School of Medicine Women's Officer

Met Julie Huynh after the event who is the school of Medicine Women's Officer. Met with her to discuss collaboration on projects and events this year. She expressed concern that women in this school experience higher rates of bullying.

Collectives Facebook page

Have been keeping in contact with new members and canvassing ideas for a catch up in May. Several people have been requesting the location of the women's room. Might be a good idea to look at how this is identified on the map and perhaps increasing signage in the hub.

The Hunting Ground

Met with Madeleine Seppelt, Jodie Zada and Sharna Bremner (from the University of Adelaide) regarding what we want to achieve with the screening. Sharna was involved in the making of the film and has been instrumental in the campaign to get it up across Australia. University admin has been very willing and helpful to get this off the ground. The delay has been trying to find a time suitable for VC's to attend. Looking at the last week of April at this stage



Crèche

I have been working on putting together a detailed proposal that I can use to begin the discussion around setting up a crèche at university. After viewing several areas on campus with this in mind, the old FUSA space on the 4th floor of the engineering building would be ideal. This has taken several hours to research and compile and will be an ongoing project until I feel it is at a stage to take to the DVCS. Caleb has made Claire aware of my intention to trial this on campus in his meeting with her in early March.

NUS Campaigns

Participated in link up with other women's' officers via skype. 29/03/2016 Discussion around rallies to protest government cuts to funding. Heidi La Paglia provided useful research around how these cuts will specifically effect women in the education system.

NOWSA (Network of Women Students Australia) conference

11th -16th July

5.7 International Students Officer Report

It has been a very busy month to say the least. This month has been mostly been attempting and having meetings associations and clubs face to face.

Staff from the International Centre

Adam, Caleb and I met up with staff from the International Student Centre. The underpinning message of the meeting was to get greater involvement of international students in Flinders events and networking with domestic students. I have been following this up with Jane and looking at ways to get international students more involved in more current events and social gathering of domestic students.

Jane Horgan (International Student Services)

Met with Jane at least twice on a one on one basis this month to discuss a fair bit of issues regarding the multicultural festival and also certain international students concern regarding courses. Jane provided me with some numbers regarding the number of different nationalities at Finders University including the city campus. Discussed with possible ways to get in contact with fellow associations. Also discussed possible ideas for multicultural festival this year. Received positive verbal feedback regarding the current stage of planning it.

Associations/Societies

It has been a busy couple week for having meetings with the representative of associations and clubs. The challenging part is getting in contact with certain numbers of associations and clubs' as they might not be actively checking their emails. But the power of word of mouth has proven to be crucial to reach out and get in touch at least 4 associations. So far the only disappointing news is there won't be Spanish stall at the festival as there aren't many active members. Some associations



have disappeared altogether. The Chinese, Singaporean and Vietnamese association are on board for the event. Will be meeting up with more associations this coming week.

International students

I have been meeting up with fellow international students around campus. Encouraging them to voice any issues or comment regarding their experience on campus and in Adelaide. Some matters are too personal to address on here but the positive thing I have been hearing is that FUSA is awesome this year.

Postgraduate Pizza

I attended Christine's event and got to say it was awesome. She did a great job organising it. Meeting with other international postgraduates students' proved to be beneficial for me as I managed to get contact details of another association. Plus the free pizza and drinks, the turn out was a friendly crowd.

Multicultural festival

Had a meeting with Rachael and Adam regarding certain details about the multicultural festival. Sorted certain issues regarding the location, dates, time and a general idea how we see the festival being carried out. I have started to finalize a certain number of students to sub-committee. I have a few locked in which have I been bouncing ideas about the festival such as the theme, vendors, important/famous people to invite etc.

Krispy Crème

Organizing a meet and greet session with international students on the 5th of April has been a learning curve. Getting the budget passed by the council (thanks!) and also discussing with students what different food would they like to have besides pizza and general snacks. Many thanks Rachael, Fay and Kate (Media) for assisting me to pull it together within a short time. Been spreading the word by mouth and through social media. Getting the doughnuts to flinders proved to be an obstacle but I have resolved that by bring it myself on the day.

5.8 Welfare Officer's Report

Tasks Completed

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| <i>NUS Welfare Day of Action</i> | <p>The 30th of March at Flinders was the Welfare Day of Action. I ran a coordinated campaign with other Welfare Officers from across Australia and the National Welfare Officer.</p> <p>The #CheaperTextbooksNow has proven to be a very popular campaign at Flinders and I will continue to run it across the year. We gathered</p> |
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| | <p>nearly 200 signatures in an hour and a half and the day was a massive success.</p> <p>Thanks to everybody who came out and helped me on the day.</p> |
| <i>NUS – EdCon</i> | <p>I have assisted the President and Education Officer in writing the EdCon tender and providing support through my interstate networks.</p> <p>I am very happy to endorse the EdCon tender and wholeheartedly believe that Flinders University is the best place to hold EdCon this year and that FUSA is the best organisation for the year.</p> |
| <i>Relax Days</i> | <p>Relax has been an awesome start to the year! The campus vibe has already changed dramatically from what we had last year. The live music and free stuff for students have gone done awesomely!</p> <p>Due to access issues, the Relax Days have had to be altered slightly and moved from the Medical School.</p> <p>I am currently working with Anthea on how we can still service our members at the medical school.</p> |
| <i>FUSA Forums</i> | <p>I have attended several FUSA forums with the President.</p> <p>I believe that if we can continue doing these and getting the word spread out more against the student body then we will start getting more feedback from our members about how we can best continue to provide services for them.</p> |
| <i>Welfare Breakfasts</i> | <p>The Welfare Breakfasts have been a massive hit with students across our campuses. We have also been using them to promote FUSA events and campaigns.</p> <p>We have also received some contact from the staff at Victoria Square about running the event there as well and I will be working with Rachel to make this happen over April.</p> |

Ongoing Tasks

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| <i>Your Rights at Work</i> | This even has been put on hold due to the NUS Welfare Day of Action |
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5.9 Social Activities Officer Report

Through the month of March I achieved a number of things, one of which is occurring while I write this.....THE FIRST FUSA PUB CRAWL OF 2016. Much has gone into organising this and I owe a huge thanks to Anthea, Rachael, Adam, Kate and Steph! They have helped me through this experience of my first pub crawl with patience and kindness (haha). And a massive thank you to Alfred the one and only for helping with the pub crawl slogan! The T-Shirts (not sweaters) (which are fair trade) are now on sale and I encourage ALL student council to attend this very crucial event. I will love you forever and ever.



I have been in talks with both Rachael and Anthea this month, and I am in the middle of organising (instead of a mid-year party) a GIG at the end of the MID- YEAR O'Week, to be held in either the Tavern or hopefully the Plaza. Some of the bands I'm considering are "The coconut kids" (who some may remember from O'Week), (INSERT OTHER BANDS HERE).

I've also just started to plan the FUSA Disney Film Festival, which will happen (INSERT DATE HERE). We will be looking to poll a few options to Students on the FUSA Social Activities Collective Page which include Wreck it Ralph and Inside Out.

Just as a heads up to student council I have set the dates for the Semester 2 Pub crawl, and the FUSA Ball (I will double check and confirm dates with Anthea ASAP, as they have slipped my mind at this point).

I have contributed my time to help build the NDA with postering and giving flyers to students around the campus. It is such a great campaign

I have also been finalising my collective, with pages and pages of emails to enter :(but finally getting there and will be contacting them for further help with my initiatives.

5.10 **Accessibility Officer's Report** **A**

None Recieved

5.11 Post-Grad Officer's Report

Att: Student Council Overview of Activities for March 2016

For the beginning of this month I was responding to the last of the enquiries and applications for the Unibooks grants and liaising with staff on this.

I met with Natalie Harkin from Yunggorendi on Indigenous postgrads and creating a relationship between Natalie and myself so that we can both stay in the loop on what is happening for Indigenous postgrads at Flinders.

I have also been maintaining a Collective spreadsheet when I receive sign-ups which I have password protected in the interests of privacy.

I have been finalizing the Postgrad pizza party for Tues 29th of March including liaising with the media and event teams on design, the facebook event and event details.

I have also been doing in-depth survey question design for my postgrad survey which I am hoping to launch at the induction for Research Higher Degree students in April.

Thanks, Christine Bennetts

5.12 Indigenous Officer's Report



This month I have been working towards getting to know more of the Indigenous community within Flinders and establishing myself and FUSA as a place for students to go when they need help. This tied in really well with the Indigenous Alumni Breakfast held by OISE and a BBQ that I held during Harmony Day.

Harmony Day BBQ:

On the 21st March I held a BBQ for First Nations Students as a way to celebrate Harmony Day and also to come together as a group and meet each other. I planned for around 25 people to attend and spent just under \$45 for the event. The turnout wasn't as good as planned but I believe this is due to students not knowing about the event, as I did not have the updated email list at the time. I plan on making these smaller catch ups a monthly thing and I am planning another event for late April.

Other Events and Meetings I attended:

- FUSA Social Media Planning
- Indigenous Alumni Breakfast
- Flinders official Hub opening
- Meeting with Ali from Yunggoendi
- FUSA Forum – Engineering
- Met with Professor Daryle Rigney, Dean of The Office of Indigenous Strategy and Engagement
- NUS Welfare Day of Action

5.11 Manager of Student Engagement Report

Manager Student Engagement – Update – APRIL 2016

Acting

I will be acting in the role of Director, Student Services from 11.4.16 – 6.5.16 whilst Jodie Zada is on leave. I will carry on with my usual role during this time.

Student Radio

I have requested an update from Legal Services on the imminent legal advice from an external employment relations lawyer regarding the role of the Student Radio Coordinator and the students involved in the project i.e. the Student Directors and other student volunteers who will be involved in the broadcasting and administration of the station. I will inform Student Council once this is received.

Professional Services Project

I will be involved in the Professional Services Project as far as I will be providing background information to the project team and ideas around service improvement within the University.



The DVC(S) held a student workshop to discuss the project and all Flinders students have been invited to complete a survey. I encourage Student Council members to get in touch with me if there are any concerns around the process or if you wish to provide any feedback about professional services at Flinders.

Student Assist Activity Report – Prepared by the Team Leader, Student Assist

Casework

The current report has been prepared in time for the next Student Council meeting and reflects activity until the 30th March

Student Assist has created 50 new cases for the month of March, almost twice as many the number of cases created for February (29). The SAO's and SFAO have managed 64 issues (up from the 39 issues presented to Student Assist in February), where loan applications (32%), requests for Emergency Financial Assistance (22%) and Financial Counselling (10%) have been the most represented issues.

Ongoing delays with Centrelink payments are causing hardship for commencing students. Some students are applying for Interest Free Loans to assist with study and living expenses. These delays have also seen a subsequent spike in the number of applications for Emergency Financial Assistance.

In addition, 18 students have contacted the Student Assist general email address for assistance.

Academic enquiries comprised 61.1% of the email correspondence maintained via the Student Assist general email address. Students using this medium of communication with Student Assist continue to be mostly domestic (77.7%) and female (61%).

Communications and Service

- Regular catch-ups with relevant staff from Health, Counselling and Disability, the Equal Opportunity Manager and International Student Services.
- Meeting with Yunggoendi staff to discuss FUSA financial assistance programs.
- Meeting with Policy and Projects Office staff re University student-related policies and procedures.
- Service Providers meeting
- Meeting with Education Office regarding future projects involving Work Integrated Learning and particularly placements.
- Involvement in the Flinders Core Values and Professional Services Project (PSP) consultations
- Attendance SA Sex Industry Network (SIN) presentation. Awareness raising of the issues facing sex industry workers as students are involved in this industry.

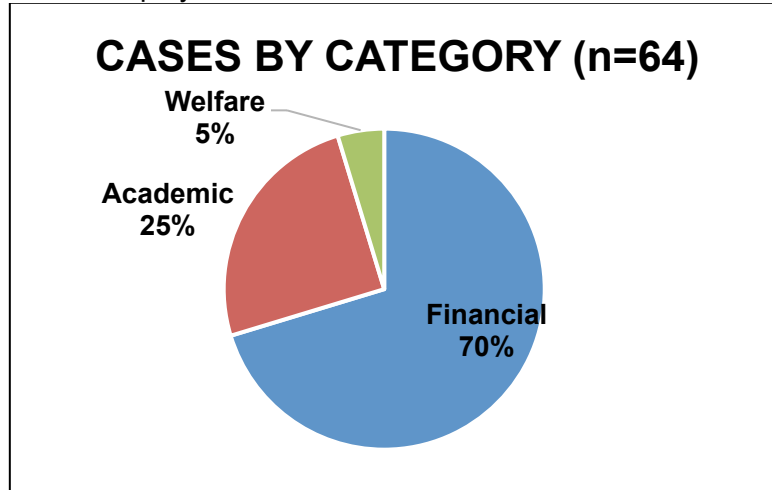
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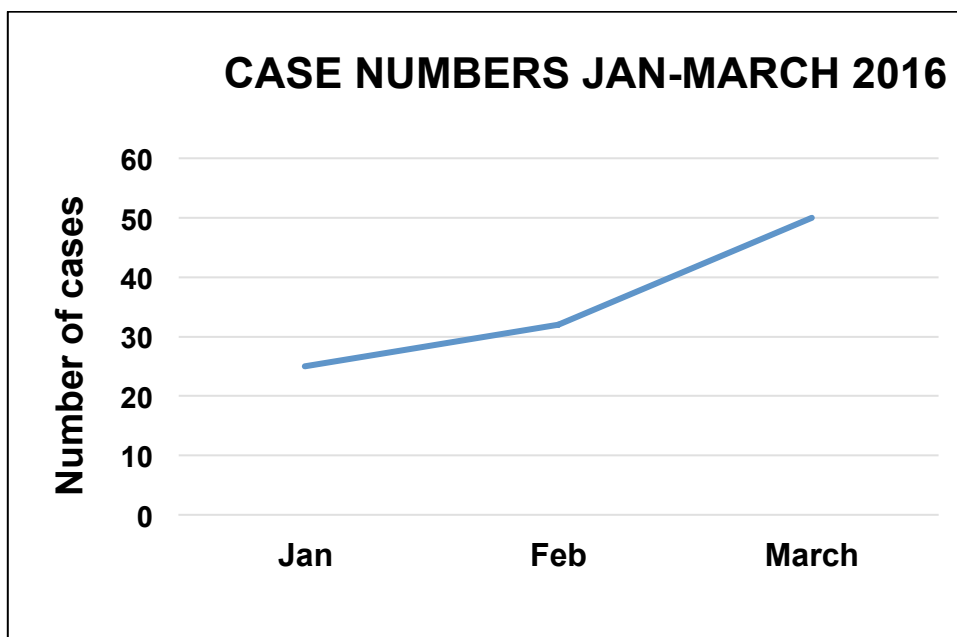
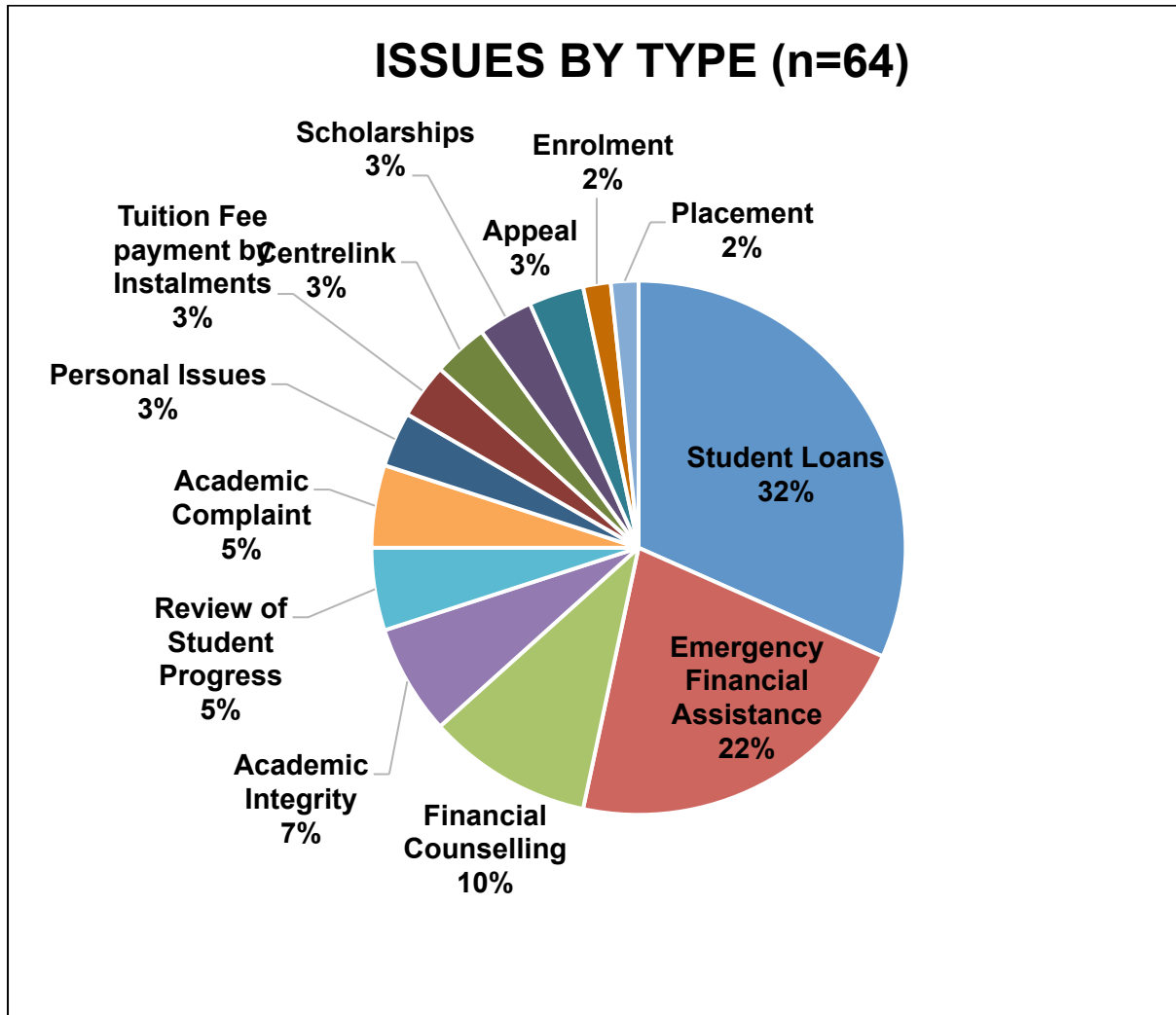
- Report compiled on financial assistance (Second Semester Grants, Emergency Financial Assistance and relevant advice and follow up) provided to Nepalese students affected by the earthquake. All students have been able to pay 2015 fees in full. A number have now completed their studies and returned to Nepal.
- Student Assist is the process of finalising approval and administrative procedures to instate a Chemist Voucher system as part of its Emergency Financial Assistance suite of services, also including supermarket vouchers, metrocards, foodbank vouchers and food parcels.

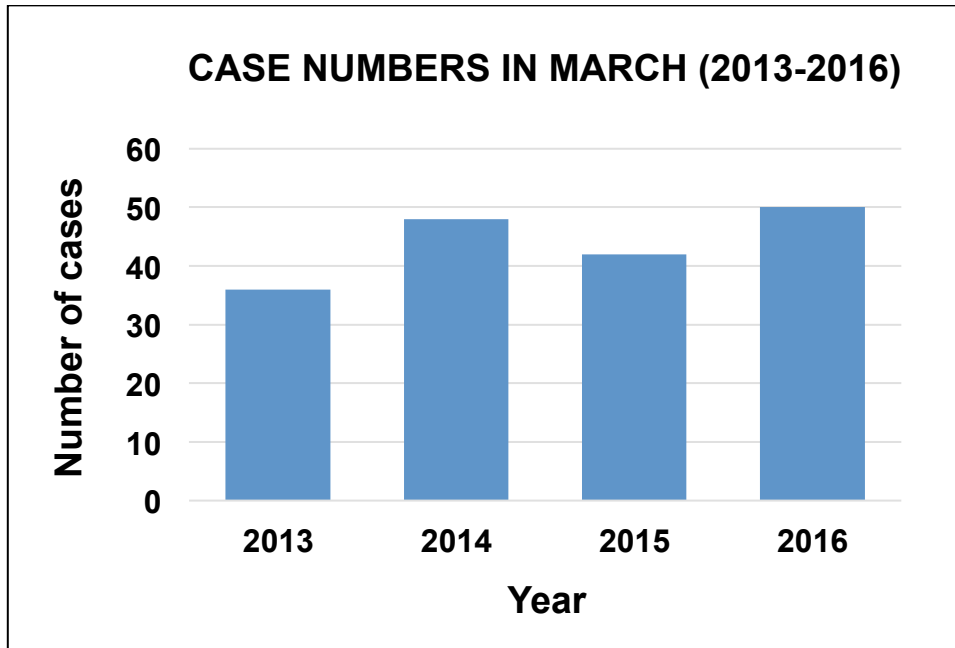


Case load breakdown

Note: one new case is open when a student contacts Student Assist. Most often one case equals one new student. As part of a case, Student Assist staff can assist a student with more than one issue, particularly in complex situations where financial, academic and welfare matters come into play.







Student Representation Report – Prepared by the Student Representation and Development Officer

Over the past month the **Student Representation and Development Officer** has been working on a number projects:

The SRDO has continued working with Office Bearers to assist with **campaigns, events and forums**. It's great to see so much activity! Assistance has also been given to the Student President to organise a date and venue for the upcoming **Student Council Planning Day** on April 11.

The SRDO organised the **FUSA By-Election** on March 9-11. 2,601 ballots were cast over the three days. Congratulations to Simone, Nardy and Jordon for getting elected. Well done to everyone who participated. A **Second FUSA By-Election** is now underway for the vacated General Council member position. Nominations are now open. The election will take place immediately after mid-term break on April 26 – 28.

The SRDO has been overseeing the **FUSA Development Grants** process. Grant applications for Semester 1 have now closed and applicants will be notified of their success by April 15. Students can apply for funding for professional development activities, student representation and leadership activities and activities of cultural and social significance. Full details are on the FUSA website.

The SRDO is working with the Postgraduate Students Officer to re-establish a **Postgraduate Students Association**. My role is to bring together relevant stakeholders



across the university to support the PSO and this exciting project and provide further opportunities for student feedback and hopefully changes where necessary.

If you'd like to discuss any of the above or anything related to student representation and the student council please get in touch with Kate Walsh on 8201 3620
kate.walsh@flinders.edu.au

Events and Projects Report – Prepared by the Events & Projects Officer

After a huge O'Week, Semester one has kicked off with FUSA's Relax Days. Credit to the Admin team for looking after the logistics and the Events Assistant for pulling it all together every week. We have had a range of live bands and acoustic acts perform in the plaza over the last few weeks, as well as Relax events at Tonsley and Sturt.

Waste Awareness Day is on Tuesday 5th April. The Events Assistant and I have been supporting the Environment Officer in the planning and logistics of this event. The Environment Officer has organised a great line up of speakers and stalls, as well as a screening of 'Just Eat It' on the superscreen.

My main focus over the few weeks has been debriefing with various O'Week Stakeholders and putting together a report on all the aspects of the event, with carefully considered recommendations for the future. Thank you to the members of Student Council who provided valuable feedback. If anybody has any additional feedback please get in touch.

Planning for Semester 2 O'Week has begun! I'm about to start the recruitment of 2016/17 student directors who will shape the events and activities of Semester 2 2016 and Semester 1 2017.

Other events & projects in the works:

- Met with the Accessibility officer to discuss events for later in 2016 - including Exam Survival pop up, Wellness Week and Mental Health events.
- Multicultural Festival will be 8-10 Aug. Clubs and Events Officer and International Officer taking the lead on this event with full support from the Events Assistant and myself
- I've assisted the International Officer plan a International Student Collective meeting - a great start to getting conversations happening for the planning of Multicultural Festival
- NAIDOC will be week of Aug 15. The Indigenous Officer and I will continue planning and develop proposal and budget soon.
- Social Activities Officer and Events Assistant have dates locked in for the semester 2 Pub Crawl, FUSA Ball and a Disney film fest. Planning is also underway for a band night to be held in the Tav – a great initiative of the Social Activities Officer. We will be focusing on planning this event in the coming weeks.
- The Clubs and Events Officer and myself had a phone meeting with TAG to discuss the 2016 Band Comp and other national campus comps. More to come on this soon!



Please get in touch if you'd like to discuss any events for 2016. Our calendar is filling up nicely – so now is the time to lock in dates. Email Rachael.pollock@flinders.edu.au or call 8201 2903.

Media Report – Prepared by Kate Van Der Horst - Acting Media Officer

Over the past month the Acting/Media Officer & team has been working:

The Hub. Almost all decals and frosting are now up. The one for behind the reception is still being designed.

The website. The website is now live and nearly finalised pending a few tweaks.

Branding & promo goods: Nearly everything that needed to be rebranded has been. More brochures and membership forms will be ordered. Pull up banners and teardrop banners and in the process of being ordered.

Business cards and t-shirts: New student council members are having business cards and t-shirts ordered for them (& student council members that did not get a t-shirt last time).

Steph in the USA: She is writing a report, looking at student publications and learning a lot about student government too. She should be back on the 19th of April.

Relaunch: Would be nice if this still could happen (when Steph is back).

Event Design: Wonderful designs by the media team have been created for Waste Awareness Day, Postgrad Pizza Night, HIRSA Pub Crawl, FUSA Forum & By-Elections.

FUSA Pub Crawl: Design completed and quotes obtained for t-shirts. T-shirts will be on sale till the 8th of April and then ordered in ready for student collection on the week of the pub crawl.

Media Design Document: The document that the media team asks to be submitted by Student Council members for design work is getting an overhaul and turned into an online questionnaire. The aim of this is to ensure all the information the media team needs is attained and hopefully makes the process easier for people completing the document.

Art on Campus: Working with Caleb and B&P on this while Steph is away.

If you need any further clarification on the above or want to discuss anything media related feel to contact Kate van der Horst, at fusa.media@flinders.edu.au or kate.vanderhorst@flinders.edu.au.

Clubs & Events Report – Prepared by the Clubs & Events Officer

Introduction



The following is an account of the larger projects the Clubs and Events Officer has been involved in since the last meeting.

Club Locker Project

The lockers are now available and clubs may book lockers through the online application form via the FUSA website. The club is provided with a code to access their individual locker, and club executives are provided swipe card access to the external entry, Geoff Harrison Room and entrance to the stairwell from level one of the hub. 24 of the 51 lockers have been booked by clubs so far. Lockers will be checked each semester, and if unused access will be revoked to ensure ongoing availability.

The storage cage for oversized items has been delayed significantly, and the Buildings and Properties Project Manager has advised this is due to difficulties with registering the proposed contractors. This has been disappointing as clubs have required access to this equipment, and the equipment cannot yet be stored in the room as it will not be secure.

Buildings and Property are organising a key so I may access the temporary storage location in the interim, and are following up with the Project Manager to ensure the storage cage is built as soon as possible.

Club Funding

The club funding structure has now been changed and clubs have been notified of these changes. After discussions with the General Secretary we intend for Pool Funding Review Panel meetings to be held monthly to ensure easier access to pool funding. Pool funding regulations are being drafted to outline the process for considering applications, and will include the structure of the panel voted upon in the 5th April 2016 Student Council Meeting. Pool Funding Applications will open on the 1st of April 2016.

Applications will close on the last day of each month from January to October.

Club Space, Student Hub

The Club Space has now been handed over to FUSA, and the space has undergone a "Soft Launch". Bookings are now available, and the space resources are being procured to assist clubs with events and activities, such as stationery and equipment.

Clubs are limited to two hour bookings during business hours, however may book the space for longer periods after hours.

An official launch will be held when the remaining resources for the space are available, to promote use of the space and the resources available to clubs and societies.

Club Re-Affiliation



Clubs have been notified that their affiliation will lapse on the 1st of May 2016, and that applications for re-affiliation are now due. Clubs that fail to re-affiliate will cease to receive funding and other benefits until re-affiliation is completed. This ensures that club funding is not allocated to clubs who are no longer active.

Applications can be completed via the online form at: <http://fusa.edu.au/start-a-club/>

Clubs section of website

Content is being reviewed in the Clubs section of the website to ensure club details are correct and procedures are accurate in light of recent changes. The Clubs and Events Officer is working with the Media Officer to create a more user friendly layout.

Online Webforms

The Clubs and Events Officer is investigating alternatives to the current online form service, to find an alternative that provides a workflow approval process. This is hoped to increase the efficiency of processes such as the Event Registration Form and minimise errors in processing.

Health and Safety Audit

The Events and Projects Officer and Clubs and Events Officer recently had a meeting with an auditor for Event Health and Safety compliance, as part of a university-wide process. While the report is yet to be sent, our meeting was positive, and we feel confident that FUSA is completing its Event Health and Safety obligations to a high standard; although improvements are ongoing.

Club Regulatory Compliance

A complaint was received by a member of the Flinders University Medical Science Society regarding the improper removal of an executive member. Upon investigation and in collaboration with the Student President (as acting General Secretary) and Student Council executive, it was determined that a breach of the FUSA Club Regulations had occurred. Directions have been provided to the club to rectify the issue by reinstating the executive member and notifying the membership of this outcome, and the club has complied with these directions. The matter is now deemed closed.

A complaint was received regarding the actions of a member of the Criminal Justice Students Association regarding a sponsorship deal procured through the club. Upon investigation it was determined that there was no wrong-doing by the member; although recommendations were made to the club president to ensure that sponsorship arrangements are organised and documented via the proper channels.

6. Matters for Decision



6.1 Student Council Executive

Due to the elevation of executive member Jordon O'Reilly to Education Officer following a successful by-election campaign, we now only have 4 members of executive and a vacant spot to be elected. Student Council are now required to make a decision on the final member of executive.

Student Council endorse _____ for executive.

6.2 Education Conference

Preamble: Education Conference is the peak higher education conference for students around Australia. It would be an honour and a privilege for Flinders University to host such a prestigious event. As a council, the governance decision of whether or not to host this conference is now tabled.

Student Council endorse the tender bid for hosting the Education Conference at Flinders University.

Student Council delegate management of the conference to the Education Conference working group, comprised of the Student Council Executive and a member from the FUSA events team.

Student Council reaffirm their commitment to the National Union of Students and improving the state of higher education in Australia through the submission of a conference bid.

Student Council approve \$1500 from the President's travel budget towards the conference.

Student Council approve \$1500 from the Education Officer's campaign budget and the remainder of the Education Officer's travel and conference budget towards the conference.

Student Council approve \$5000 comprised of \$500 from all Officer Bearer travel budgets, excluding President and Education Officer towards the conference.



Student Council approve \$1500 from the Welfare Officer's campaign budget towards the conference.

Student Council approve \$5000 from the Student Council events budget line towards the conference.

Student Council delegate the authority to approve an additional \$5000 from the Student Council events budget line to the Student Council Executive.

Student Council direct the Education Conference working group to comply with all Student Services and Amenities Fee legislation when it comes to expenditure for the conference.

Student Council direct the Education Conference working group to provide a report to the council in the months of May and June.

Student Council note appendix 2 as the proposed working budget of the conference.

6.3 Social Media

Preamble: There has been a large level of debate regarding the current situation of social media for the association. It is unclear as to whether or not the council has given mandate for University staff to post within the name of the association. An independent student voice is required to be an independent student association.

Student Council establish an independent social media to that of FUSA.

The Student Council Facebook page shall be controlled by the President and General Secretary.

The Student Council Facebook page shall be the priority when it comes to posting any Student Council initiative, event, decision or other policy passed by council.

The FUSA social media accounts are prohibited from posting material that contradicts Student Council policy.

6.4 FUSA AGM

As an association, we require an Annual General Meeting to continue functioning.

Student Council directs the General Secretary to call an Annual General Meeting for the 3rd of May.

6.5 Funding for Clubs



Preamble: The current club processes of FUSA are complicated and ineffective. As a result FUSA is left with large amounts of student's money at the end of the year – money that the University like to use to go and build a Hub. By refining the processes of grant allocations to clubs and societies, we aim to encourage a higher percentage of the funding available to be spent. As the governance of the association, it seem appropriate that adequate representation of the council is on the committee is essential.

Student Council establish a standing committee of council to allocated club and society grants in line with clause 13.1 of the FUSA Constitution.

The composition of the committee shall be the FUSA Clubs and Events Officer, FUSA General Secretary (chair), elected club representative as determined by resolution at a clubs and society's subcommittee meeting and two members of Student Council elected annually.

The standing committee shall abide by FUSA constitution and be chaired the same as a Student Council meeting.

The committee shall provide a report at the council meeting nearest to the sitting of the committee to allocate club grants.

6.6 National Day of Action

Motion: FUSA reaffirms its commitment to support the National Day of Action on April 6th. The national day of action at flinders this year will be an awareness campaign around campaigns run by National Union of Students against staff cuts, deregulation of universities fees, and cuts to university funding. Student's at Flinders University will be welcomed to a BBQ which will allow members of student council to raise awareness around these issues as well as raising awareness around SSAF and what it provides.

6.7 Changes to Election Regulations

1. By-Election Nominations

This change to the Election regulations is proposed to avoid having to run a series of By-Elections when vacant positions are filled in a By-Election by students already on Student Council. The recommended addition to the regulations below would mean that members of Student Council would need to resign their current position to recontest a new position. The vacated positions would then be added to the positions available for nomination in that By-Election.



Recommended addition to Election Regulation **Section 9: Eligibility of Candidates**

9.2. In the case of a By-Election where an Office Bearer, Student Council member with a portfolio (Student Council Officer) or General Member of Student Council intends to nominate for a vacant position on Student Council during a by-election, the Office Bearer, Student Council member with a portfolio (Student Council Officer) or General Member of Student Council must resign from their current position two days before the opening of nominations. This position will be considered vacant for the purpose of the by-election.

2. Polling Place for By-Election

This change to the Election Regulations is recommended as operating a physical polling place is resource intensive, particularly on the time required to set up and operate the polling place by the Student Representation and Development Officer and the Office Coordinator. As there is no budget line allocated to operating a Polling Place during a By-Election doing so is also cost prohibitive. A Polling Place is not recommended to operate for any by-election outside of the annual FUSA election. Students are still free to campaign and direct voters to online voting available from any computer or smart device.

Recommended addition to Election Regulation **Section 11: Conduct of the Ballot**

11.15. In the case of a by-election there is no requirement to establish a polling place, unless the positions of Student President, or General Secretary, or a minimum of three student council positions, including at least one Office Bearer position are up for election.

Motion: Student Council approve the above amendments to the Election Regulations with change 1 to come into effect on April 29, 2016 at the conclusion of the current By-Election.2 to be effective immediately.

6.8 Returning Officer

The Election Regulations state the following:

4.2 The Manager, Student Engagement shall nominate a Returning Officer for the election or referendum. Student Council shall authorise the nomination for the role of Returning Officer.

Motion: Student Council authorise Cassandra Star (Associate Professor of Politics and Public Policy at Flinders) as Returning Officer for the upcoming April By-Election.

6.9 Campbelltown: Reconciliation Needs Action!

Preamble:

On the 15th of March 2016 the Campbelltown Council voted down an amendment, which would have



seen the Aboriginal Flag flown permanently alongside the Australia, South Australian and Campbelltown flags. This amendment was rejected during the council meeting by a margin of 1 vote.

Council members from Campbelltown, when asked for clarification on their vote, have had many replies ranging from, "There's only one Australian flag." to "There is a big population of Italian migrants in Campbelltown but we don't fly the Italian flag." One council member Cr Max Amber also said, "If we had an Indigenous community within Campbelltown, maybe I would reconsider my vote."

The Campbelltown Council currently has in place a Reconciliation Advisory Committee, who meets monthly to discuss the incorporation and engagement of Indigenous people within the Campbelltown community.

Action:

FUSA recognises the importance of flying the Aboriginal flag as a permanent symbol of respect, reconciliation and pride for the Indigenous population within a community. A population that has never ceded its territory or rights to land and waters.

If a motion to fly the Aboriginal flag permanently is not submitted for the next council meeting, or if it fails to pass. FUSA directs Indigenous Students Officer Alfred Lowe to help run a campaign that highlights the need for recognition of Indigenous people through the flying of the Aboriginal flag.

FUSA will allow Indigenous Students Officer Lowe to use one of the Council's allocated pages within Empire Times, if necessary, to highlight the importance of flying the Aboriginal flag.

6.10 Club Affiliations

6.10.1 Flinders Fantastic Beasts Quidditch Team

Type of Affiliation: Financial

Club Description: We are the official Flinders University **Quidditch** Team. We are a social team that promotes community, fun and sportsmanship.

Quidditch is a co-ed sport mixing netball, dodgeball, rugby, and hide & seek chasey.

Proposed Activities: Playing friendly and competitive games against other **Quidditch** teams.

Competing in national **Quidditch** tournaments.

Team activities, which may include a Tri-Wizard Cup, House Cup and team bonding activities.

Motion: I move that the Flinders Fantastic Beasts Quidditch Team be approved for financial affiliation to FUSA.

6.10.2 Field Robotics Club

Type of Affiliation: Financial

Club Description: This club aims to undertake and promote field robotics related activities.

Supporting current field robotics projects and encouraging participation in new projects and



competitions.

Proposed Activities: Working bees/networking events for current students in field robotics projects, information/keynote address evenings to stimulate interest in robotics among students, supporting student teams for current field robotics projects including promotional activities, logistics, and sponsor searching, finding and encouraging more students to participate.

Motion: I move that the Field Robotics club be approved for financial affiliation to FUSA.

6.10.3 Flinders International Medical Students Association

Type of Affiliation: Financial

Club Description: Association for international medical students at flinders University

Proposed Activities: Advocate for the international medical students based at Flinders University, provide information on residency opportunities abroad.

Motion: I move that the Flinders International Medical Students Association be approved for financial affiliation to FUSA.

6.10.4 Flinders League of Legends

Type of Affiliation: Non-financial

Club Description: A community of Flinders University students who play [Massive Online Battle Arena (MOBA) video game] League of Legends and want to meet to play with like-minded summoners.

Proposed Activities: LAN events, OUC (Oceanic University Championship) competitive team, Spectating matches (eg: World Championships)

Motion: I move that the Flinders League of Legends be approved for non-financial affiliation to FUSA.

6.10.5 Mature Age Students United

Type of Affiliation: Financial

Club Description: A comfortable environment for students to be able to meet and talk about university or general issues with other like-minded individuals who understand the complexity of a mature age student's life.

MASU provides an opportunity for networking and connecting with similar people trying to balance the unique and ongoing challenges faced by mature age students.

Motion: I move that Mature Age Students United be approved for financial affiliation to FUSA.

6.10.6 Icecream Lovers United

Type of Affiliation: Financial

Club Description: A community of students who share a love of icecream and hope to inspire



the creation and enjoyment of icecream, encourage students to develop valuable social support networks at university and build more community spirit on campus!

Motion: I move that Icecream Lovers United be approved for financial affiliation to FUSA.

6.11 Disney Film Festival

Preamble: \$6500 of the Events Budget has been allocated for the Outdoor Cinema. The Social Activities Officer proposes to use this budget to create a FUSA Disney Film Festival each Wednesday of May. As the month is colder this event will be held indoors in either the Function Centre or the Multi Media room. A student casual will orchestrate the screening as well as the Candy Bar and Pizza.

Motion: Student Council approve the attached proposal of FUSA Disney Film Festival.

6.12 ET Regulation Change

The Empire Times Editors would like to introduce the change of ET Regulation 7.8.

7.8. In the event of an Empire Times Editor ceasing to hold office the committee to appoint an Empire Times editor will consist of the Media Officer, a representative from Flinders Marketing and Communications Office and three (3) members of student council including the Empire Times Liaison Officer, whom will chair the appointment committee.

Background by Eleanor Danenberg: As the reg stands, the remaining ET editors do not have any valuable input into the decision of who will be joining them in the editorial team. We would like to change this.

We believe this is a very important change, not just for us as an editorial team, but for future editors also.

We feel it is imperative that the remaining editorial team be a part of this decision. EG: If I were to resign, Liam and Simone should have a say in who is my replacement, and who they will be working extremely closely with for the rest of their term together. We find it bizarre that the panel apparently requires three SC members and zero ET Editors. ET editors know more about editing a magazine than anyone on SC does. ET editors spend so much time closely working as a group of 3, and need to have lots of open and effective communication amongst themselves; how does SC know how this applicant will work with us? Don't we know best how we will work with them?

It is the ET Liaison's role to liaise between SC and the Editorial team, and we see the Liaison as a necessary part of the appointment panel; we also feel that if the Liaison is on the panel, it is redundant and unnecessary to have more SC members on the panel. We move that the remaining ET Editor(s) be on the appointment panel.



Please refer to attached Empire Times Regulations changes for the propose changes. *(NB: The change to the Office of Communications and Engagement reflects the new name for the Marketing and Communications Office).*

7. Matters for Discussion

7.1 What to do with money from new 10c bins

There are now 10c bins in the Hub, with more to go in around campus. Currently the money is going to the SA Scouts, who are apparently collecting, although this may not continue for long according to the University Sustainability Officer. I propose a system where students are able to submit an application for the money raised from these to go to different charities, and that a subcommittee be formed to assess to select on every 2 months (or another length of time).

7.2 O'Week Feedback

Collecting feedback on behalf of Rachael regarding Collective signups, and SC's overall O'Week feedback.

7.3 Collective Facebook Pages and Events

Discussion on Collective pages running their own events, versus the FUSA page managing all events.

7.4 State of SC Office

Just a reminder to all SC that the mess in the SC is not a good working environment. Several Cleaners have noted their disgust with how we leave the room.

The dishwasher is now working so please do not pile up dishes. Cleaner are not here to wash up after you, they also won't pick things off the ground for you either.

If everyone does a little it will go a big way.

Also with Can and bottles if people could take 30 seconds to rinse the bottle out and throw the lid away (Ali not sure if there is a better way to recycle lids).

Just makes it easier for the person cashing in the bottles.

Thanks to Amy for cleaning the office on Thursday.

Please also note email from Simone if you have not already.



Discussion around what SC recommends be done should the space not remain clean. Regarding can/bottle return roster, Red Bull fridge privileges. Other suggestions welcome during the discussion.

7.5 Queer space Items and Homophobia in the Queer Space

The Queer space was promised a couch, bookshelf and more storage compartments. I just want to know how come those items were never given to the room.

The homophobia in the queer space, and can I publish things, perhaps in the empire times about it?

7.6 Union membership, fees, NUS

Caleb wishes to discuss union membership, fees and NUS affiliation.

8. Matters for Noting

8.1 Due dates for next meeting

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 3rd

Matters for Decision/Discussion: April 22nd

Reports/Matters for Noting: April 29th

Agenda Distributed (without April 29th items): April 26th

Final Agenda: April 30th

9. In Camera Item

10. Meeting Close



Appendices:

Appendix 1 – General Council Member Reports

Josh Sunman

- * Chaired the first meeting of the Constitutional Reform Committee which dealt with preliminary matters
- * Liaised with ET and SC regarding deadlines for Issue 3
- * Discussed ET Regulation changes with the ET Editors
- * Attended a meeting with FUSA staff and other council members about social media policy.

Christopher Norman

- * Attended a number of FUSA forums
- * Promoted the NDA to Flinders Students
- * Attended Edcon tender workshop
- * Data entry for Park the Fees Campaign

Grace Hill

NDA

The NDA is fast approaching. I've been out leafleting for it for a few hours per day, 2-3 days per week. I also attended the EAN in the city, assisted the Adelaide Uni Education officer in writing some into leaflets about the broader effects of neoliberalism in the Australian education system. I have put up posters in the city for the rally also. I'm keen to hear what other SC members have been doing to make the rally a success.

IWD

I attended the International Women's Day march in the city. I made a point of not attending the breakfast, where each a variety of anti-woman politicians invariably are given a platform to speak. It seems this year was pretty standard in that regard.

Hub



I went for a walk through the Hub with Juan and Chris to discuss student poster spaces. Unfortunately the university seems intent on only ceding control of hub areas to students when those areas are low-traffic and almost unused. Will keep people posted verbally on further developments.

East Timor Sea Justice Campaign

I was very pleased to have SC pass my motion regarding Australia's imperialism, and it's disgraceful theft from one of the poorest nations in the world. Following on from this, I attended the SC endorsed Adelaide rally, and met with Timorese students from Flinders, Adelaide, and UniSA to stand with them in solidarity and to hear their opinions and concerns. I have been invited to also attend the Melbourne rally as a guest speaker, and will be doing so as conveniently I am in Melbourne at the time for the annual Marxism Conference, the biggest left wing conference in Australia.

Student Assist

I once again directed multiple students toward Student Assist and provided them with leaflets and information about Welfare Rights. From my observation it seems that more students than at any other point in my time at Flinders are experiencing serious financial hardship. I think it would be helpful if FUSA were to make some simple and clear posters about the services at Student Assist and put them up at least at the start of each semester, when students are most likely to be dealing with the costs of relocating to attend uni, battling with Centrelink, and leaving their summer jobs. I'll talk more to Student Assist about this when I have the chance.

Sean Lamonby

This month was a busy one for me, with the acquiring of a new job, a family member being very ill in hospital and requiring my semi-constant attention. I floated about the office, discussing the forthcoming submittal of a tender for EdCon with almost everyone in the office, played a small amount of office cricket (for cricket's sake), and begun discussions with members of council as well as fellow students of education about my not too distant plans to get a couple of microwaves into the Education building somewhere, with intentions to get kettles there at some point too (pending thinking through.)



Appendix 2 – EdCon Proposed Budget

The budget for the Education conference is set to be flexible depending on conference attendance as well as to keep costs down for students attending. The rationale for low costs is to continue to allow for students to attend who would otherwise be unable to. A higher registration cost only benefits those who are already financially stable.

The expenditure of the conference is linked directly to attendance. Taking into consideration the costs per person for each budget line, we can extrapolate a conference surplus for a data range above 50 delegates in attendance. Given that National Office Bearers, National Executive, State Branch Presidents and members of the FUSA Student Council are expected to attend, this is already a total of 49 delegates. Conference attendance in 2015 saw 300 students attend. Given the likelihood of a Federal Election this year, a conservative estimate of 150 delegates has been considered for a base line. This is a very likely scenario given the nature of the conference.

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| Number of Attendees | 150 | |
| INCOME | | |
| FUSA | 14500 | |
| Registration | 30000 | |
| TOTAL | 45500 | |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| | | per person |
| Equity Grants | 15000 | 50.00 |
| Catering | 12000 | 80.00 |
| Room Hire | in kind | |
| Merchandise: | in kind | |
| Exhibition Banner | 300 | |
| Conference Pens | in kind | |
| Notepads | in kind | |
| Social events | 2250 | 15.00 |
| Promotion | 750 | 5.00 |
| Speakers fees | 1500 | 10.00 |
| Speakers flights | 3000 | 20.00 |
| Security | 4500 | 30.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 1500 | 10.00 |
| TOTAL | 40800 | 272.00 |
| SURPLUS/DEFICIT | 3700 | |



Assumptions: the registration has been tentatively set at a cost of \$200 per delegate. This is with the assumption that 150 delegates will attend.

The expenditure of FUSA finances on the conference is little more than what would be spend sending council representatives to EdCon at an interstate location.

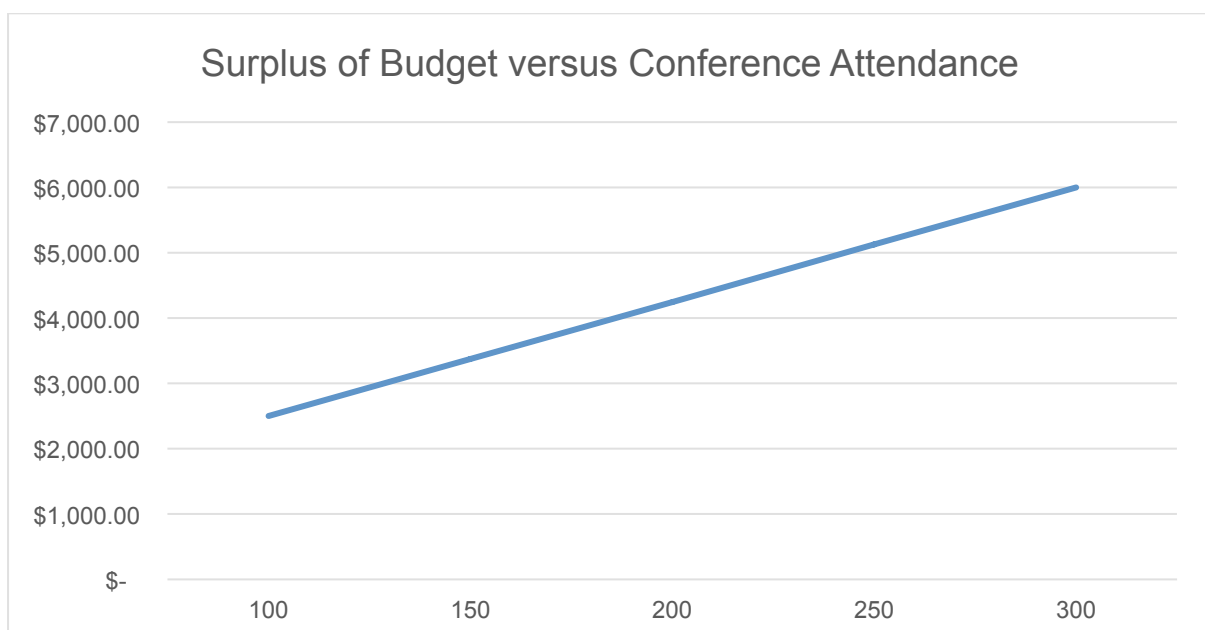
Catering costs are a large expense of any conference. A quick look at Subway catering will show lunch can remain an inexpensive budget expense. A platter to serve 10 delegates costs \$57. The current relationship with Foodbank has the potential to provide morning tea at a low cost to conference organisation.

Given the security concerns raised at the Education Conference workshop, I have obtained a quote for additional security. Flinders University will be providing security as in-kind support and are confident they have the means to cover the conference. However addition security has been budgeted for, with a quote of \$37/hr – the current budget would allow for an additional 120 hours of security force if required.

Much of the other detail regarding speakers, promotion and social events are on the proviso of a successful Flinders University bid to host the conference.

Given use of Flinders finances, the conference will build in a discount for Flinders University students to attend the conference and to make the majority of conference sessions free for people with a valid student ID card.

Find below an extrapolated graph of predicted conference surplus, based on the number of delegates in attendance and the expenditure that is tied to this number. Given a lower number of attendees, the expense of equity grants will be significantly lower – this would result in a higher surplus.





Appendix 3 – Disney Film Festival

Separate Document attached