



**Flinders University Student Council Meeting**  
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Alere Function Room

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5.1. Ratification of Executive Decisions – **Caleb Pattinson**

**Motion:** Student Council ratify the decisions made by the Student Council Executive as given in the minutes provided.

5.2. Leave of Absence – **Simone Jowett**

**Motion:** Student Council grant a leave of absence for the September meeting to Post-Graduate Officer, Christine Bennetts-Roberts.

5.3. Regulation Change for Student Council Members Roles and Duties – **Simone Jowett**

Preamble: Currently the regulations state that reports are considered by the Student Council Executive, and then ratified by the council at large. This can take up a large portion of the executive meeting, and due to small quorum numbers, means that it is possible for only 3 people to be approving the honorariums of council as a whole.

A new model of meeting scheduling has been running over the past 3 months, in the hopes that Executive would begin to fulfil more of its function as stated in Sections 12.1 to 12.2 in the constitution, and while this has happened to a point, there is still the notion of executive getting together to read and approve reports.

It is proposed that we change the regulations, so that the initial approval of Council Reports is the responsibility of the council as a whole, with any missing, incomplete, or unsatisfactory reports being referred to the next executive meeting.

The process of discussing reports and honorariums by the entire Council is more democratic and removes a layer of red tape – where executive can make a decision and Council overturn it immediately afterwards. It also negates a redundant, 5 minute executive meeting prior to each Student Council meeting.

The full changes would read as follows:

**15. Honorariums**

a) The Student Council ~~Executive will meet monthly to~~ **at its monthly meeting** review the ongoing performance of each Council Member and will consider whether each Council Member has

completed the required duties to receive their honorarium for each month.

b) Each Council Member will be asked no less than three **business** days before the



commencement of the ~~Executive~~ **Executive Council** meeting to provide a short summary of the work completed in the previous month. This document may be:

- a. An Office Bearer report; or
- b. any other relevant form
- c) Any member of Student Council that the ~~Executive~~ **Executive Council** do not approve will be notified and given the chance to provide additional documentation reflecting their work.
- d) For all Council Members that have **not** been approved by the ~~Executive~~ **Executive Council**, this will go to the ~~Council for ratification at the next Student Council meeting~~ **Executive for review at the next Executive meeting.**
- e) If a member of Student Council works over the expected hours they will receive nothing extra but their hours may be carried over to the next month or retrospectively for months where their honorarium was not paid.

**Motion:** Student Council moves to approve the above changes to Section 15 of the Student Council Members Roles and Duties regulations.

#### 5.4. International Officer Funding Requests – Prash Magandram

**Preamble:** Cultural Connection Club was just started this year and they have been very active in integrating international students with local students and residents. This laptop is a token of appreciation for their efforts in creating a better environment for international students and spreading the good work of FUSA and helping out with the Multicultural Festival. Once purchased, the laptop will be handed over to the founder and manager of the Cultural Connection Club.

**Motion:** Student Council approve the proposal to present Cultural Connections Club at Flinders University with a laptop that will cost \$1600 max with the expenditure coming out from the International Student Officer funding budget.

**Motion:** Student Council approve the reimbursement of \$1000 from the International Officers Budget for costs related to CISA.

#### 5.5. Body Image Movement Proposal – Angela Tommarelli



**Preamble:** After attending the YWCA 'She Leads' conference on August 26<sup>th</sup> I was introduced to the work of Adelaide resident, Taryn Brumfit and the Body Image Movement campaign. As a keynote speaker at the event, she spoke to the group about her work in changing the way that women view their bodies. We are constantly surrounded by media and societal influences which tell women that aiming toward a certain standard of "perfection" is the only way they can be happy with how they look. Taryn rejects this notion, and has made a powerful documentary called "Embrace". Through crowd funding, Taryn was able to travel across the world to speak with women about how they can embrace their bodies without trying to reach someone else's idea of beauty. Her film is now screening in South Australia.

I believe that viewing this film and hearing Taryn speak will greatly benefit female students. The film has identified that as high as 91% of women in Australia would say they hate their bodies. I can imagine that university students, who are mostly in the age bracket between 20-30, would be highly susceptible to the negative body image ideals portrayed in the media. My hope is that greater awareness for how to accept our bodies will help Flinders students feel less stressed, obsess over diet and exercise less, and find a happier and healthier way of being.

Date: Friday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Time: To be discussed (based on room availability)

**Motion:** Student Council approve \$500 from the Women's Officer Budget to purchase the rights to one screening of the film Embrace.

Student Council approve \$1200 from the Women's Officer Budget to pay the speaking cost for Taryn Brumfit (discounted from \$1500) to attend the screening and speak for 1 hr after the film.

#### 5.6. FURHS Exemption Request – Simone Jowett

**Preamble:** The Flinders University Rural Health Society (FURHS) are governed by the National Rural Health Society Network, and applications for membership to the club are run through the national body. At present, the National Rural Health Society Network does not require student ID numbers for their members, however the Flinders University Rural Health Society's constitution requires all members to be current Flinders University students. As membership is applied for through the website of their governing body, the applications they receive for membership do not contain the Student IDs of Flinders students.

The intention of 15.1(b)(i) is to ensure that the club is meeting the requirement of 4.3(c) of the Regulations (that affiliated clubs comprise of no less than 66% current Flinders University students as members). I note that the club meets the definition of an 'academic club' per the regulations, granting them an exemption for alumni (if desired) per 4.4(a) of the Regulations.

To ensure that this is followed through, Adam Rau proposes that upon re-affiliation each year, when FURHS send in their documents we can check through our system here that members are current



students, and if they are found to be abusing this exemption it can be removed, along with their funding if the breach is severe.

**MOTION: That the Flinders University Rural Health Society be exempt from recording student ID numbers for their membership. This exemption will remain on the provision that the club remains constitutionally bound to accept only current students and alumni (if desired) of Flinders University for membership.**

#### 5.7. Election Regulation Change – Chris O’Grady

Background: To provide further clarity, fairness and safety around the display of election material around campus it is recommended that a new election regulation be created. This new regulation stipulates a time when physical materials such as banner and posters can be displayed on campus. The change is in the best interests of all candidates as it will remove the need for late night/early morning attendance to erect banners/posters.

At present, the Election Regulations are silent on when banners and posters can be displayed on campus. Although the protocol is that they go up the morning of the first day of the election and are removed as soon as possible after the election has finished.

This regulation does not apply to online campaign materials such as facebook pages and websites.

**Motion:** That Student Council endorse an addition to the FUSA Election Regulations as follows:

14.6

The display of Election Material on campus, such as banners and posters is not permitted until after 3pm the day before the election begins. All election material must be removed from campus by 4pm on the day following the close of the election.

#### 5.8. Student Representation Support Officer Position – Chris O’Grady

Background:

\* It has been identified that there is a strong need for a Student Representation Support Officer to work under the Student Representation and Development Officer to provide general support duties. This position would be a student casual position and only open to current students.

\* The need for this position has arisen from the growth of SRDO responsibilities including overseeing:

\* FUSA Development Grants (2 rounds per year)

\* FUSA annual elections (August/September) and by-elections

\* FUSA Dux Skills Development Program (pilot until the end of 2016)



\* Student Council Induction (November 2016)

\* In addition, the SRDO is the Executive Officer for the Student Voice Steering Group chaired by the DVC(S), which is a review of student representation and consultation across the university. This review will conclude at the end of 2016, however, there is the possibility of projects involving the SRDO that may arise from recommendations of the review extending into 2017.

\* The SRDO also works closely with Student Council to support their activities and assisting their representative capacity.

\* The Student Representation Support Officer would assist the SRDO with administering the above projects along with assisting with research and the development of initiatives to support meaningful student representation within FUSA and across the University.

\* The position will be at an HEO4 rate for 15 weeks at 0.5 until the end of 2016. The cost is approximately \$11,000. These funds can be taken from underspend in overall salaries.

\* SC have already approved the 2017 Draft SSAF Budget, which included funding for this position next year, however, this proposal is to create the position this year to provide assistance as soon as possible.

**Motion:** That Student Council endorse the creation of a Student Representation Support Officer position to be recruited for this year. Once a position description is created, it will be emailed to SC Executive for endorsement before recruitment occurs.

#### 5.9. Banking Matters – Simone Jowett

**Preamble:** There are still two transactions pending in the NAB bank account, which we need to complete before we can finalise the closing of the NAB account and transfer to the new People's Choice Account. As Caleb and Simone are not signatories to the NAB account, we require Grace (as former General Secretary and still a signatory) to sign off on these items. A motion has been prepared asking Grace to do this, for the sake of transparency. The Bank Reconciliation has been included as a Matter of Noting in this agenda, the items that require a signature from Grace are related to Pub Crawl T-Shirts.

**Motion:** Student Council request that General Councillor Grace Hill sign off on these transactions.

#### 5.10. Post-Grad Lock-In – Christine Bennetts

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## **1.0 Introduction**

The main idea for the lock-ins is to give postgrad students two hours per week over a series of 10 weeks, during which they could knuckle down and just write. During this time students would have access to a computer/laptop and for the two hours, they would just write.

As an incentive for getting students to turn up, and a reward for making it through the 2 hours, is to finish with a lunch/meal, which would be either pizza or Subway. Postgrad Students will be directly benefiting from the money spent, while also receiving academic gains from their time writing. The provided lunch would also give students a chance to socialise with postgrad students from other faculties/schools, so it would also have some social benefits too.

The 2 hour sessions will start around the 5<sup>th</sup> October and be scheduled from around 10am – 12pm, with 1 session per week for 10 weeks. It is estimated about 30 students will attend each session.

## **2.0 Components of Event**

### **2.1 Venue**

In or near the new postgrad space in Social Sciences South. They have rooms that have a number of computers, plus space for people to bring their laptops. If we went with a computer room, spaces would be limited, so we would need to have people RSVP to make sure everyone could fit.

### **2.2 Catering**

Pizza and Subway (alternating) would be the catering offered to the students involved.

### **2.3 Giveaways**

In an attempt to benefit Postgrad students directly, the remaining budget could go to stationary giveaways at each session. This can include pens, highlighters, notepads, books, etc.

## **3.0 Media Team**



### 3.1 Poster and Media Promotion

Promotion via the Postgrad Facebook page, FUSA Facebook and posters.

### 4.0 Budget

| Other                  | Cost Per Session  | Quantity | Estimate Cost | Actual Cost |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| Giveaways – stationary | \$100 per session | 10       | 1, 000        |             |
|                        |                   |          |               |             |

| Catering     | Cost Per Session  | Quantity | Estimate Cost | Actual Cost |
|--------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| Pizza/Subway | \$200 per session | 10       | \$2,000       |             |
|              |                   |          |               |             |

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|  |  |  | <b>Total Expenditure</b> | <b>\$3, 000</b> |
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|  |  |  | <b>Postgraduate Officer Budget</b> | <b>\$3,000</b> |
|  |  |  | <b>Remaining Budget</b>            | <b>\$0</b>     |

\$3, 000 Postgraduate Officer Budget

### 5.0 Queries

Queries can be directed to either: [Postgraduate.Officer@flinders.edu.au](mailto:Postgraduate.Officer@flinders.edu.au) or [Rachael.pollock@flinders.edu.au](mailto:Rachael.pollock@flinders.edu.au)

**Motion:** Student Council approves the proposal for the Post-Grad lock-in writing event.



5.11. Club Affiliations – **Simone Jowett**

5.11.1 Flinders University Biodiversity and Animal Behaviour Society

Affiliation Type: Financial

Club Purpose: To help represent students studying Biodiversity and Conservation as well as hold fun and social events that help to enhance university experience and raise awareness and funds for biodiversity and Conservation and Animal Behaviour issues.

Proposed Activities: Pub Crawl, School jumpers/polo/tshirts, Movie nights that raise awareness and funds for a conservation issue

**Motion:** Student Council move to approve the financial affiliation of the Flinders University Biodiversity and Animal Behaviour Society.

5.11.2 East Timorese Students Association

Affiliation Type: Financial

Club Purpose: The East Timorese Students Association in South Australia (ETSA-SA) is established to provide academic and non-academic supports to all East Timor students who study at University in South Australia. This association is also to promote unity and promotion of Timor-Leste's culture in South Australia.

Proposed Activities: 1. Celebration of Timor-Leste important dates such as:

- Proclamation of independence day in 20 May
- Referendum day in 30 August
- Unilateral of Independence day in 28 Nov

2. Participation at Flinders University Multicultural Festival both in 2015 and also in 2016. We also participate in some of other multicultural events such as Moon Lantern and migration day in Adelaide.

3. Sport activity such soccer and volley ball with other international students. This involve both males and females students.

**Motion:** Student Council move to approve the financial affiliation of the East Timorese Students Association.

5.11.3 Flinders University Costume Club

Affiliation Type: Financial

Club Purpose: To allow costume makers at Flinders to socialise and communicate. To aid students in accessing more expensive costuming tools.

Proposed Activities: To run workshops for those interested in creating costumes, to run social events such as costume parties or competitions.

**Motion:** Student Council move to approve the financial affiliation of the Flinders University Costume Club.



#### 5.11.4 Flinders University Bouldering Club

Affiliation Type: Non Financial

Club Purposes: The Aims and Objectives of the club are:

- To safely get people interested in bouldering
- To organise indoor and outdoor bouldering sessions
- To create a supportive community interested in bouldering

Proposed Activities: Bouldering and social events

**Motion:** Student Council move to approve the non-financial affiliation of the Flinders University Bouldering Club, with the proviso that their bouldering activities are restricted to registered and accredited bouldering locations, conducted by trained personnel, in order to ensure the safety of all club members and attendees.

#### 5.11.5 Flinders University Tabletop Und Roleplaying Enthusiasts

Affiliation Type: Financial (upgrading from Non-Financial)

Club Purpose: Community dedicated to board, roleplaying and trading card games.

Proposed Activities: Board, roleplaying and trading card games. Monthly board gaming nights, monthly card gaming nights, smaller board gaming/role playing sessions and campaigns.

**Motion:** Student Council move to approve the financial affiliation of the Flinders University Tabletop Und Roleplaying Enthusiasts.

#### 5.12 Events Budget

**Motion:** Student Council allow for minor alterations to be made to the 2016 Event Budget as deemed appropriate by the Social Activities Officer, Student President (In place of the Welfare Officer) and the Events and Projects Officer.

#### 5.13 Welfare Budget

**Motion:** Student Council approve the President to access the campaign budget of the Welfare Officer for the remainder of the 2015/16 Student Council Term

#### 5.14 OzAsia Festival

**Motion:** Student Council move to approve the purchase of 6 tickets packages for International Students for the 2016 OzAsia Festival. Each ticket package costs \$90, and includes entry to 3 shows from China, Hong Kong and Japan, for a total cost of \$540, to be funded from the International Student Officers budget.



5.15 IndoFest

**Preamble:** Together with the Nexus Art Gallery, AIASA presents an Indonesian Music Night featuring local Indonesian musicians playing dangdut, pop, jazz, and more. It will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2016.

**Motion:** Student Council Move to approve the purchase of 5 tickets for International Students to the Indofest-Nexus Music Night on September 10<sup>th</sup>, to be funded out of the International Student Officers budget.

Matters For Noting

6.1 Student Council to note the report prepared by Simone Jowett and Adam Rau regarding the activities of the Club Pool Funding Subcommittee (to be distributed separately)

6.2 Student Council to note the following dates:

Next Executive Meeting: September 20<sup>th</sup>, Time and Location to be confirmed

Items Due for Executive: September 14<sup>th</sup>, to General Secretary

Next Council Meeting: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6pm Function Centre. Information regarding guests to follow

Items Due for Council: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, to General Secretary. This is a FIRM date, as the agenda needs to be put together and released as GenSec is away 28/9-4/10