



**Flinders University Student Council Meeting**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016.**  
**Function Space, Level 2 of the Student Hub, Flinders University Student**  
**Association.**  
**18:00pm**

**Present:**, Simone Jowett (General Secretary), Jordon O'Reilly (Education Officer), Jason Byrne (Welfare Officer), Alfred Lowe (Indigenous Students Officer), Ali Roush (Environment Officer), Prashanth Magandram (International Student Officer), Nardy Zanos-Jardine (Queer Officer), Amy Hueppauff (Disabilities Officer), Christine Bennetts-Roberts (Post Graduate Students Officer), Pauline Bullock (Mature Age Officer), Sean Lamonby, Hamish Richardson, Grace Hill, Joshua Sunman, Christopher Norman, Hilary Wigg (General Council Members), Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement), Anthea Stanton (Minutes).

*Meeting Opened: 18:00*

**Meeting Agenda:**

**1. Welcome and Meeting Open**

It was acknowledged that the Student Council meeting was taken place on the land of the Kaurna people.

**2. Apologies**

Caleb Pattinson (Student President), Angela Tomarelli (Women's Officer), Sarah Polanco (Social Activities Officer).

**3. Welcome Guests**

Eleanor Danenberg and Lauren Reid (Empire Times Editors), Katerina Hatzipanagiotis (Postgraduate Officer elect), Laurence Lagoon-Williamson (General Council Member elect), Josh Jarvis (Student), Patrick Morgan (Student)

**4. Accept Minutes from previous meeting**

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

**Moved: Simone Jowett**

**Seconded: Grace Hill**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**



## 5. Accept reports from the previous month

**Motion:** Student Council accepts the reports of the previous month.

**Moved:** Simone Jowett

**Seconded:** Grace Hill

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

## 6. Matters for Decision

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

- **6.14 FUSA Breathalyzer – Hamish Richardson**
- **6.15. NUS Observer Registration for Laurence Lagoon-Williamson - Grace Hill**

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

#### 6.2. Ratification of Executive Decisions – Simone Jowett

**Motion:** FUSA Student Council ratifies the decisions made by the Executive since the last full council meeting.

#### 6.6. Changes to BJS, Legal Studies and Criminology – Hamish Richardson

**Motion:** That Student Council condemns the process by which the changes to BJS, Legal Studies and Criminology have been reached, and demands significantly more assistance and information for students impacted. Specifically, Student Council demands that the Law School run a day long workshop for impacted students, with immediate assistance available for individual students regarding their study plans, course rules and advice as to whether or not to transfer.

#### 6.8. FUSA SC Reach-out – Hamish Richardson

**Motion:** That Student Council approves the necessary funding from the 2016 budget to fund travel by relevant 2017 Office Bearers to Australian based satellite campuses.

#### 6.10. Banner Supplies – Amy Hueppauff

**Motion:** Student Council approve \$600 to be spent on banner supplies from the Disabilities Officer budget line.



## **6.11 Club Affiliations – Simone Jowett**

### **6.11.1 Flinders University Comrades of Social Work**

**Motion:** Student Council move to non-financially affiliate the Flinders University Comrades of Social Work.

### **6.11.2 Flinders Permaculture Committee**

**Motion:** Student Council moves to approve the financial affiliation of the Flinders Permaculture Committee.

**Motion: Motions left un-starred to be moved en bloc**

**Moved: Simone Jowett**

**Seconded: Jason Byrne**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

## **6.3. Free Feminine Hygiene Products – Hilary Wigg**

**Hilary Wigg:** Wished to amend her motion spending \$1000 of her General Councillor budget on feminine hygiene products, opposed to the \$600 initially allocated.

**Amended Motion:** Student Council approves \$1000 of General Councillor, Hilary Wigg's budget for the purchase of feminine hygiene products and other toiletries, which will be given to students at stalls located at the exits of finishing exams. Any leftover packs will be stored in the FUSA office and in spaces at other campuses for students to access in need.

**Moved: Hilary Wigg**

**Seconded: Amy Hueppauff**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

## **6.5. NUS NatCon Funding – Jason Byrne**

**Hamish Richardson:** Asked if this motion could be amended to include present and incoming council members.

**Jordon O'Reilly:** Stated that paying for incoming student council member's conference fee and flights, will set a dangerous precedent, for future councils.



**Chris O'Grady:** Commented, that in previous years \$250, has been allocated for council members.

**Jordon O'Reilly:** An executive meeting would need to be called, to work out, what budget line, each purchase, could be drawn from.

**Ali Roush:** Felt uncomfortable that Student Council were willing to use other budget lines rather than the allocated Travel budget line to fund this purchase. Stating that left over money should be spent on the students who attend the University, rather than funding the travel expenses of Student Council members

**Hamish Richardson:** Put forward an amended motion to include \$500 of

**Jason Byrne:** Approved the amendment.

**Motion:** Student Council authorise all current Student Council members access a total of \$500 to attend NUS NatCon conference, including travel and conference fee.

**Moved: Jason Byrne**

**Seconded: Hamish Richardson**

All in favour.

#### **6.7. FUSA Signage – Hamish Richardson**

**Hamish Richardson:** Wished to amend his motion, defining that the signage created for these satellite campuses will be physical signage and not just digital.

**Amended Motion:** That Student Council approves the necessary funding from the 2016 budget for installation of FUSA physical signage on satellite campuses and more remote parts of the Bedford Park campus, detailing services and how to contact FUSA.

**Moved: Hamish Richardson**

**Seconded: Christopher Norman**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

#### **6.9. Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee Student Representation – Amy Hueppauff**

**Amy Hueppauff:** Currently the Equal Opportunity & Diversity Committee allows for two student representative positions filled by FUSA Officer Bearers elected to the committee by Student Council. At the last Equal Opportunity & Diversity Committee Meeting I put it to the council that it should be increased. I would like Student



Council's support in this matter, ensuring that 7 members of Student Council are on this committee.

**Simone Jowett:** Confirmed, that rather than Student Council voting on the representatives for this committee they will already hold a position on this committee because of this motion.

**Christine Bennetts-Roberts:** Did not see post graduate students as a minority group, and did not recommend the Postgrad Officer be on this committee. Explained that as group postgraduate students face academic issues rather than equal opportunity issues.

**Simone Jowett:** Informed council that if they did not pass this motion this evening, it will not make it to the last that University Council meeting of the year, meaning student representation will be stalled until March 2017.

**Jordon O'Reilly:** Commented, that the more people on the committee the more likely Student Council members will not attend.

**Christine Bennetts-Roberts:** Agree there should be more student representation on the Equal Opportunity Committee, however those places should be given to the most disadvantage minorities represented on Student Council.

**Pauline Bullock:** Was adamant that mature aged students face equal opportunities issues and the Mature Aged Officer should have a place on this committee.

**Amy Hueppauff:** If the committee are amendable, then Student Council should take advantage now.

**Motion:** Student Council support increasing the Equal Opportunity & Diversity Committee from two autonomous office bearers to include all autonomous office bearers of FUSA (Disabilities Officer, Indigenous Officer, Queer Officer, Women's Officer, International Students Officer, Postgraduate Students Officer and Mature Age Students Officer).

**Moved:** Amy Hueppauff

**Seconded:** Hamish Richardson

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**



### 6.12. Budget Spend – Ali Roush

**Ali Roush:** Amended her motion to include every budget line which had remaining money.

**Motion:** If any Student Council members have not spent their budget by the next Executive Meeting, it will be transferred to the Environment Officer to spend buying resources and supplies for next year (e.g. more Keep-cups, film screening rights, 10c charity bins, etc.)

**Moved: Ali Roush**

**Seconded: Amy Hueppauff**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

### 6.13. Postgraduate Dinner Change – Simone Jowett

**Christine Bennetts-Roberts:** Requested extra funding from the Post Graduate budget line to cover the 10 people registered, due to error on the online registration form. An extra 10 people at \$60 per person equates to an extra cost of \$600.

**Motion:** Student Council approves an additional \$600 from the Postgraduate budget line for extra attendees at the Postgraduate End-of-Year Dinner.

**Moved: Simone Jowett**

**Seconded: Prashanth Magandram**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

### 6.14. FUSA Breathalyzer – Hamish Richardson

**Hamish Richardson:** As FUSA wants to encourage responsible drinking, a wall-mounted Breathalyzer would be well placed. FUSA branding on said machine would increase our profile significantly.

**Chris O’Grady:** Questioned which budget line this purchase would come from?

**Jason Byrne:** Suggested it come from the Welfare Initiatives.

**Jordon O’Reilly:** Requested that a disclaimer be placed on the machine.

**Motion:** That Student Council endorses funding from the 2016 Welfare Initiatives budget line to purchase a FUSA branded mounted breathalyzer for the Tavern.

**Moved: Hamish Richardson**

**Seconded: Hilary Wigg**

All in favour.



**Motion carried.**

### **6.15 NUS Observer Registration for Laurence Lacoon-Williamson - Grace Hill**

**Grace Hill:** Requested \$200 of her budget be used cover the observer registration fee for General Councillor elect Laurence Lacoon-Williamson.

**Motion:** Student Council approve \$200 of General Council member Grace Hill's budget be approved to cover observer registration for 2017 council member Laurence Lacoon-Williamson for NUS National conference.

**Moved: Grace Hill**

**Seconded: Jason Byrne**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

## **7. Matters for Discussion**

### **7.1. Participatory Budgeting – Ali Roush**

**Ali Roush:** Began by asking if anyone had read her preamble. She proceeded to explain how she proposed participatory budgeting would work in FUSA. Participatory Budgeting would require 2017 Council to set aside an amount of money in the 2018 budget, so that any student of Flinders University could put forward an idea, this would then be reviewed by panel to determine if it is feasible within the University, then the idea would be put back to the students, in which they would vote on whether it should the idea be implemented.

**Alfred Lowe:** Stated that it sounded similar to the system of Clubs Pool Funding, which is already established within FUSA.

**Ali Roush:** University of Boston introduced participatory budgeting, noting increased student participation in their union. This something that will engage students. It is an extremely transparent start up, it means a student doesn't have to be a part of a club.

**Jason Byrne:** Wished to clarify that Ali was proposing the 2017 Student Council set aside a certain amount of money at in the 2018 budget, which opens to all students,



to bring their ideas, which will be shortlisted by the 2018 Student Council, and then voted on, similarly to elections. Another FUSA election would cause frustration. The Clubs Pool funding has been successful.

**Ali Roush:** Stated that the system is not working, to get students involved. Clubs, yes, to a certain extent, but the wider student body is not interested in FUSA and does not believe their feedback is implemented. Overall participatory budgeting would give students direct impute.

**Christopher Norman:** Agreed with trying something new to increase wider student participation, however felt another election would be tough on the image of FUSA. Hosting a lunch in which students voluntarily attend and vote.

**Nardy Zanos-Jardine:** Have you considered the issue of students not completing the project?

**Ali Roush:** Having an election based on student passions and projects rather, than their politics may have success with engagement.

**Hamish Richardson:** Informed the Council that the University could abused this use of SSAF money. Student Council should have some sort of veto power on the project.

**Ali Roush:** Concluded the conversation by encouraging Student Council to look at the website <http://www.participatorybudgeting.org/>

**19:21 Joshua Sunman left**

## **7.2. 2016 FUSA Annual Report – Chris O’Grady**

**Chris O’Grady:** FUSA has never completed an annual report before. So this is an item for discussion, to gauge Student Council interest in the contributing to an annual report and whether or not General Council Members would like to have their own section.

**Jordon O’Reilly:** Considered it a fantastic idea, perhaps even putting a copy in the O’Week show bags. On the point of the inclusion of General Council members in the report, he felt if they should have the option to participate.

**Alfred Lowe:** Questioned whether students would be interested in reading something called “FUSA’s Annual Report.”





**Jordon O'Reilly:** Suggested that it be in video format, rather than written.

**Christopher Norman:** Commented that an annual report would be a good idea, if for nothing other than future Student Councils to reflect on what was achieved. He felt General Council Members should have the option of whether they contribute or not.

**Christine Bennetts-Roberts:** Agreed with Jordon. Encouraging FUSA Media to create some sort of video, opposed to a standard text based report. She was confident that this would interest students, as well as change the perception of FUSA from simply elections.

**Jason Byrne:** Suggested it be called "The shit we did in 2016"

**Ali Roush:** Suggested that the video be visual, using graphics or simply interviews with each council member.

**Jordon O'Reilly:** This video could be played on the Super Screen.

**Chris O'Grady:** Concluded the conversation, by requesting Student council submit their approximat 400 word reports no later than the COB 25th of November 2016 by emailing it to [chris.ogrady@flinders.edu.au](mailto:chris.ogrady@flinders.edu.au).

## 8. Matters for Noting

N/A

## 9. In Camera Disussion

**Christopher Norman:** Requested an in-camera discussion, suspending the Standard Orders to include incoming Student Council Members.

**Motion:** Student Council suspend the Standing Orders, to include the Student Council Members elect present at this meeting, in this in-camera discussion.

**Moved: Christopher Norman**

**Seconded: Hamish Richardson**

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

**Meeting Closed: 20:00**