



Flinders University Student Council Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th of May 2018.
Allere Function Room, Student Hub, Flinders University Student Association.
18:30

Present: Ashley Sutherland (Student President), Katt Hatzi (General Secretary), Josh Rayner (Education Officer), Grace Hensel (Women's Officer), Andy C (Environment Officer), Vincent Char (Postgraduate Officer), Keon Simmons (International Officer), Louise Nixon (Disabilities Officer), Jesse Stevens (General Council Member), Josh Jarvis (General Council Member), Kathryn Venning (General Council Member), Tarmia Klass (General Council Member), Alexandra Edhouse (General Council Member), Lydia French (General Council Member), Tom Gilchrist (observer), Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement), Alice Grieve (Minutes).

Meeting Opened: 18:43

1. Acknowledgement of Country

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

2. Apologies & Welcome of Guests

Sean Henschke (Queer Officer), Kate Gallagher (Welfare Officer), Yaritji Green (Indigenous Officer), Bradley Martin (Social Activities Officer), Natasha Malone (Mature Age Officer).

Ashley Sutherland (Student President) welcomes Tom Gilchrist.

3. Accept Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion: That Student Council accepts the minutes of the April 2018 meeting.

Moved: Ashley Sutherland

Seconded: Josh Jarvis

All in favour.

Motion carried.

4. Ratification of Executive Decisions

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

Moved: Ashley Sutherland

Seconded: Katt Hatzi

All in favour.

Motion carried.



5. Reports

Motion: That Student Council accepts the report of the previous month.

Moved: Ashley Sutherland

Seconded: Kathryn Venning

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6. Matters for Decision

6.0 Matters left un-starred to moved en bloc:

Ashley Sutherland: Call for starring of matters.

Kathryn Venning: 6.10, 6.11, 6.12.

Katt Hatzi: 6.4.

Jesse Stevens: 6.2.

Motion: I move that matters left un-starred be moved en bloc:

6.1 This Budget is Broken – Josh Rayner

Preamble: On Tuesday night the Coalition, to no real surprise, delivered yet another bitterly disappointing Federal Budget for both students and young people alike. While the disastrous neoliberal policies of the previous Abbott/Hockey budgets weren't at play last week, students have once again been deliberately ignored in yet another unjustified attempt by the Coalition government to hand away hard earned tax dollars to the big end of town. With youth unemployment more than double the national average, now is a better time than ever for our policy makers to stand up and start supporting the too many young Australians that are doing it tough, not their corporate buddies that are doing perfectly fine.

Motion: Student council condemns the Coalition Government for yet another Federal Budget that will do nothing to support already struggling students and young Australian's, and welcomes the ALP's Budget Reply whilst acknowledging that while it does reverse many of the Coalition's damaging policies, it too could do more to protect the welfare of today's students.

6.3 Travel costs for Melbourne trip – Keon Simmons

Preamble: I went to Melbourne to meet with RMIT, La Trobe, and University of Melbourne to discuss ways to improve our international student representation on campus. I have a meeting with Kate W, Chris O and Ashley S to discuss my findings and what's the best way to move forward from here. This funding is to cover my accommodation cost and transport fares.

Motion: Student Council approves \$365.22 from the Disabilities Officer travel budget for the International Students Officer's trip to Melbourne.

6.5 Club affiliation: Flinders University Social Club – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis

Preamble: The Flinders University Social Club is applying for financial affiliation. All documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 5.

Motion: Student Council approves financial affiliation of the Flinders University Social Club

6.6 Club affiliation: Flinders University Persian Club – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis



Preamble: The Flinders University Persian Club is applying for financial affiliation. All documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 6.

Motion: Student Council approves financial affiliation of the Flinders University Persian Club

6.7 Club affiliation: Flinders University American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis

Preamble: The Flinders University American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics is applying for financial affiliation. All documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 7.

Motion: Student Council approves financial affiliation of the Flinders University American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

6.8 Club affiliation: Flinders University Students with Disabilities Association – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis

Preamble: The Flinders University Students with Disabilities Association is applying for financial affiliation. All documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 8.

Motion: Student Council approves financial affiliation of the Flinders University Students with Disabilities Association

6.9 Club affiliation: Flinders University Lady's Club – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis

Preamble: The Flinders University Lady's Club is applying for financial affiliation. All documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 9.

Motion: Student Council approves financial affiliation of the Flinders University Lady's Club

Moved: Ashley Sutherland

Seconded: Louise Nixon

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6. Matters for Decision

6.2 Sustainability Feedback Report – Jesse Stevens

Preamble: FUSA Student Council has prepared this document to outline what it would like to see change regarding the University's sustainability, and specifically what it would like to see included in the University's Sustainability Plan for 2018-2022. This document was prepared with feedback provided by students and clubs with interests in improving and promoting eco-friendly and sustainable practices. See Appendix 4.

Motion: Student Council endorses the Sustainability Feedback Report and its recommendations to the University.

Jesse Stevens: Over the next couple of weeks the uni will open a consultation for the sustainability plan over the next few years. FUSA should put forward some proposals and do whatever we can. I've consulted with enviro clubs on campus with help from Josh Jarvis, and have a list of 15 suggestions to submit on behalf of student council – which is in the appendix.

Moved: Jesse Stevens

Seconded: Grace Hensel



All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.4 Student Council Election Dates and Nomination of Returning Officer – Chris O’Grady

Preamble:

Background:

The Student Representation and Development Officer (SRDO) has determined that week 10 (October 9-11) of Semester 2 is the most viable week for the FUSA annual elections to take place. In accordance with the FUSA Constitution, the annual election must take place between August 1 - October 15.

Why not other weeks?

The SRDO has responsibility for a number of other projects that will require a significant time commitment in August and September (including FUSA Development Grants & continuing implementation of Student Representation Review recommendations). Mid-Semester break also lands on the last two weeks in September which impacts on when nominations can occur. For these reasons, October would be the optimal time to hold an annual election.

Returning Officer:

The Manager of Student Engagement and the SRDO have also been in discussions with Deb Arnold from Third Sector Management, about engaging Deb as Returning Officer in the upcoming annual elections. Third Sector Management specialise in financial management for non for profits organisations, however, Deb also has considerable experience as a Returning Officer for the UniSA Student Association (USASA) elections over a number of years. A recommendation is also being put to Student Council that FUSA appoint Deb Arnold as Returning Officer for the 2018 FUSA Annual Elections.

Motion: Student Council endorses the FUSA annual elections to be held over three days during October 9, 10 and 11 2018.

Student Council authorises the recommendation of the Manager, Student Engagement to contract Deb Arnold as Returning Officer for the 2018 FUSA Annual Elections.

Chris O’Grady: We need to organise an election later in the year, Kate Walsh (Student Representation and Development Officer) and myself have been discussing a date and suggested these dates. They are in the final week that the elections can be held. We want to lock it in ASAP to ensure a Returning Officer is available.

Katt Hatzi: So we’ve got two parts in the motion that we need to vote on, I’m feeling fine about the dates but not sure if I feel comfortable authorising a recommendation without knowing more and having discussions. If council is happy to defer the motion to executive, we will decide on it this week.

The motion was tabled and decision was deferred to student council executive.

6.10 Palestine – Zanny Edhouse



Preamble: May 15th 1948 marks the day that over 750,000 Palestinians were expelled from their homes and made refugees. In 1948, the establishment of the Israeli state in Palestine through violent ethnic cleansing not only forced Palestinians from their homes, but also led to massacres of indigenous populations and the destruction of villages. This year, to mark the 70th anniversary, protests have been called to demand the right to return to the lands and homes that these Palestinians and their descendants have been denied access to. These protests have been dubbed The Great March of Return, and the Israeli response has been violent. As of writing, more than 40 people have been killed at these protests, including children and journalists. Another round of marches and protests have been called for March 15, which also marks the day that Donald Trump's move to shift the US embassy to Jerusalem will be enacted, in direct contradiction to the aspiration for a future Palestinian state, with Jerusalem as its capital.

There has been a call for global solidarity with the human rights and demands for justice coming from Palestinians. Student activists in Adelaide have organised a protest this Friday, May 18, 5pm at the King William end of Rundle Mall. FUSA should also heed this call, and endorse and provide support for this demonstration.

Motion: Student Council endorses the student rally in support of Palestine happening Friday May 18, will provide printing material and will promote it through social media and any other appropriate means.

Zanny Edhouse: There is a protest this Friday as 40 people have been killed.

Kathryn Venning: I think it's important with this – with the budget it needs to be clearer that this will come from your general counsellor budget and that there will be no anti-Semitic material at the rally and none printed by FUSA, because Jewish students may feel that this is problematic and it's important to note that in the minutes.

Ashley Sutherland: There is no specific budget line for printing anyway.

Tom Gilchrist: I think no material should be anti-Semitic so it won't change the substantial feeling of the motion. There will be Jewish people at the protest supporting human rights, and it's an issue of human rights.

Kathryn Venning: People can feel attacked by it and it can be used as leverage as it can be misinterpreted as Muslims vs Jews.

Ashley Sutherland: Would you like to amend the motion?

Zanny Edhouse: Sure, we would never print anti-Semitic material so it doesn't make a difference.

Amended motion: Student Council endorses the student rally in support of Palestine happening Friday May 18, will provide printing material and will promote it through social media and any other appropriate means. No printing will contain anti-Semitic material.

Moved: Ashley Sutherland

Seconded: Louise Nixon



All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.11 Disarm Flinders University – Zanny Edhouse

Preamble:

This year, student activists have launched a campaign to Disarm Universities. Universities all around Australia have extensive ties to weapons manufacturers, in the form of investments and corporate collaboration in teaching and research. Flinders University boasts of these connections, including its part in BAE Systems' \$10 million JOIN program. Colin Stirling, the Flinders vice-chancellor, recently had an opinion piece in the Advertiser where he was highly enthusiastic about the possibilities entailed by "defence" spending.

The National Union of Students have been taking up this campaign, and I have recently been organising with the NUS national and state education officers to establish a local branch of the campaign. We have already sent in a FOI request for information on Flinders University's military investments, and are using this and publicly available information to build the campaign here (the facebook group is "Disarm Flinders #booksnotbombs working group"). This is in collaboration with student activists at the other public universities, which both also have extensive military connections. This campaign will demand divestment and cutting ties with weapons manufacturers. FUSA should take up this campaign, helping to raise awareness about this issue.

Motion: Student Council endorses Disarm Universities #booksnotbombs campaign, will provide printing material and will promote it through social media and any other appropriate means.

Moved: Ashley Sutherland

Seconded: Katt Hatzi

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.12 Adani – Zanny Edhouse

Preamble:

The proposed Adani coal mine in Queensland's Galilee Basin will be the biggest in Australian history and disastrous for the Basin and the environment more generally. The Australia Institute has calculated that the average annual emissions from burning the coal at Carmichael – approximately 80 million tonnes of CO₂ – is on par with the total carbon emissions of countries such as Malaysia and Austria. This is at a time when the planet is already experiencing the devastating impact of human-induced climate change as a result of carbon emissions. And the Wangan and Jagalingou people, the Traditional Owners of the land in Queensland's Galilee Basin, have not consented to this abuse of their ancestral lands and they are fighting against Adani.

The National Union of Students has organised a protest to Stop Adani on May 25, 5pm at the King William end of Rundle Mall. As an affiliate of the National Union of Students and as a body committed to fighting for environmental justice, Indigenous land rights, and against climate change, it would be good to see FUSA sharing information about this demonstration to students.

Motion: Student Council will promote the May 25 rally to Stop Adani through social media and any other appropriate means.



Zanny Edhouse: We are calling on the uni to cut ties with the weapons manufacturing companies. I have applied for a freedom of information request to the university in coordination with the NUS. There is a campaign with specific demands to do with ties to any systems that Flinders has or whatever comes out of the FOI.

Kathryn Venning: I think it's hard for you to call to cut ties with this when it's such a big industry in SA and especially defence as a career outcome. Engineering tech and maths rely on this. If there was another avenue that would absorb those graduates.

Zanny Edhouse: some engineering students I know feel that they are being funnelled into that against their will.

Tom Gilchrist: There are engineering jobs to do with the environment and infrastructure as alternatives.

Kathryn Venning: That's another avenue but they are environmental engineers. It's hard when it's not going to directly affect you but for a lot of these engineers that's their only option, there's nowhere else that these jobs will be absorbed. Students can still opt out of those career paths.

Zanny Edhouse: There should be other options, I think the university shouldn't be putting money towards these weapons that are going to kill people.

Kathryn Venning: Unless you can provide other avenues for revenue for the university.

Andy C: there have been a huge amount of cuts to the environment and then the amount of pooling of resources towards defence, there are other avenues that are important but aren't being funded. Like what Clare Pollock was saying at the last meeting – Flinders doesn't advocate for tobacco on campus because they kill so should we be putting energy into this?

Kathryn Venning: Push the other avenues then, the more you talk about cutting ties with defence you're giving it traction – defence jobs in SA are massive.

Zanny Edhouse: I don't see the problem – you could make arguments for alternative jobs in the campaign.

Tom Gilchrist: The nature of a divestment is that you do reinvest it somewhere else – we're not calling for flinders to burn that money, we want them to put it elsewhere. We're letting the defence industry write the syllabus, we have a lot of students who would want to learn the skills behind that without being directed towards that industry. It's not just a chance that SA has a lot of defence jobs – there has been an appalling argument over time that the only place you can get work is defence



but this is false – there are environmental and infrastructure needs. The argument to divest is to invest in all of those things as well.

Josh Jarvis: It's clear to point out that the biggest thing we are endorsing is a conversation more than anything – I know defence is not going to go away. Defence is very caught up with jobs, and there are some very good things they do in terms of humanitarian aid and disaster relief. We all have values – defence is a very grey area, and unfortunately Australia is playing a hand in that grey. This is a conversation that needs to be had – I think the motion is to endorse having a conversation.

Josh Rayner: I am in full support of the NUS books not bombs campaign and the disarm universities Facebook page. I think this a conversation that needs to be started, and I think strong language like “stripping ties” needs to be used because if we go in soft it will be swept under the rug, but that language will spark a conversation.

Ashley Sutherland confirmed the wording of the motion.

Ashley Sutherland: The majority of what we are discussing is in the preamble, but the motion is what we should be discussing.

Kathryn Venning: There are very few Flinders students in the books not bombs Facebook group. If you're going to be running this it should be with the people directly affected (i.e. the engineers) they need to have a voice and be educated.

Zanny Edhouse: You can get onto me and I can add people to that if they want to find out about what's happening with the campaign. I'm also looking to make it a campaign as well as a conversation, and talk to students about it but get them to be involved in making an argument to the university.

Kathryn Venning: It does need to have actual student involvement in it and that needs to be centered around students who are directly involved in it.

Ashley Sutherland: As a way forward with those sentiments noted – do you want to amend the motion in any way or do you want to carry on with it as is?

Moved: Zanny Edhouse

Seconded: Josh Rayner

For: 10

Against: 1

Abstention: 2

Motion carried.

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Zanny Edhouse: The Adani coalmine in QLD will be the biggest in Australian history, producing as much as a small country. It will be disastrous for the environment and should be opposed. There is an NUS endorsed protest on May 25.

Kathryn Venning: Why aren't you using NUS Ed officer printing?

Tom Gilchrist: The posters have been printed, this motion is just around social media.

Kathryn Venning: It should be noted that this is not a direct student issue – it's hard when we're trying to represent student issues and this can sometimes take away from students issues and we should be pushing those issues so it doesn't get lost.

Zanny Edhouse: It affects everyone, because this is the planet we're living on.

Jesse Stevens: Anything the student council does we should make sure we are consulting with the relevant groups, e.g. AYCC.

Tom Gilchrist: Just to confirm that has been the case with this AYCC, get up

Josh Rayner: I agree with Kathryn that the Adani coalmine does not affect Flinders students as such but it is a way that we can get students involved in activism as a whole and it's a way that we can capture a wider audience.

Kathryn Venning: But you can also lose student engagement by getting misinterpreted.

Tom Gilchrist: 73.5% of people in Australia want to stop coalmines, so the support is there.

Josh Jarvis: Even though they aren't direct student issues it looks good on a PR front for FUSA to endorse this, and it's all in line with our values.



Moved: Zanny Edhouse

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Seconded: Grace Hensel

7. Matters for Discussion

7.1 Federal Budget Snap Action – Josh Rayner

Josh Rayner: I deliberately didn't star the budget response motion so I didn't repeat myself. There was an interesting budget this week – not the worst for the last 5-10 years. There is an NUS campaign on Wednesday in response. I think it would be a good idea to coincide an event with that here on campus, maybe a stall in the hub and some photo opportunities and a petition? We can also address the funding freeze from Jan 1 this year. Is that something people would be keen on getting involved with? We can incorporate the 10 buck Malcolm hashtag.

Andy C: Could you explain that?

Ashely Sutherland: The budget introduced a \$10 tax cut to middle to low income people.

Louise Nixon: People who are most affected will get the minimum benefit.

Tom Gilchrist: Last budget the commentary was that if you earn under \$80,000 you get nothing and they have done the bare minimum to make that not be the case.

Ashely Sutherland: It is week 10, so it would be a good idea to make this longer than a 1 week event, e.g. BBQ, lunch time free foods.

Josh Rayner: We can discuss further in the Facebook group.

7.2 International Students Consultations – Keon Simmons

Keon Simmons: I'll keep this short & sweet. I went to Melbourne 2 weeks ago and met with La Trobe, RMIT and Uni of Melbourne. The overall finding was that Flinders is lacking representation as a whole – I discussed this with Kate Walsh (Student Representation and Development Officer), Ashley Sutherland (Student President) and Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement). Send me a message if you want to get involved with that.

7.3 Student Council Induction – Chris O'Grady

Chris O'Grady: I'm gathering thoughts on the idea of a retreat for the student council for 2018. This year and previous years we try to cram a lot of info into a short amount of time – this would allow us to break the sessions up and allow for get-to-know you sessions. Costs are similar if it was just the 2 days. With this, there would be no exec drinks – we could do that later on.

Kathryn Venning: You could do a dinner on the first night?

Ashely Sutherland: I have a feeling the proposed location is alcohol free.



Josh Rayner: Less formal activities for council to get to know one another would be good. The polly pong table there is fantastic for bonding.

Ashely Sutherland: I think it would be really good – it would be a good experience for new people, nice and friendly, and more time for the inductions is always welcome.

Chris O’Grady: Anyone against it?

Grace Hensel: Some people do work overnight, and it may be a good idea to ensure the location is convenient.

Ashely Sutherland: You may need to give people a fair amount of notice to get that time off.

Chris O’Grady: As soon as people are elected we can give them that notice to move shifts around if needed.

7.4 Enviro-space Proposal – Andy Caller

Andy C: I have been talking with groups on campus, and there is interest in bringing in an enviro space. Since we are establishing the market garden up on the hill behind physical sciences, the McHughes building would be an ideal space because of the possible kitchen facilities still there from when it was a student cafeteria. There is interest from Karen Burke da Silva (Dean (Education), College of Science and Engineering) and buildings & property to establish a student-run space for students interested in environmental issues and topics. Ideally it would take a similar model to the Melbourne University model, which has been running for close to 40 years. It is an entirely volunteer run food co-op on campus, which offers bulk foods and discounts for volunteering. This is a rough draft around networking and communicating with staff, students and groups on campus. There is also the bureaucratic stuff around safety and insurance. I wanted to run this past you guys and see what you think.

Kathryn Venning: Would it remain an open student space?

Andy C: Yes. Also, in the face of private vendors on campus there is a certain margin or price needed towards food, with \$5 getting you a slice of pizza or a taco, but the Melbourne University model is that for \$6-8 you can get a whole plate of curry or cakes for under \$3. The idea of this is to advocate for people of various socio-economic situations where that can be very limiting and how that can impact on your wellbeing, mental health, and ability to focus on your studies.

Josh Jarvis: It plays in strongly with the market garden and community market in the sense of food security. We’ve been calling it the Holy trinity of food projects. McHughes would be incredible, since it overlooks the new market garden site, and it would make good food accessible to students but would also be a great legacy to leave behind and I’m looking forward to developing it further.

Kathryn Venning: It would be cool to have food and coffee up that end for the science cohort.

Chris O’Grady: Are you referring to the space below or McHughes itself?

Andy C: The whole thing.



Ashely Sutherland: I can help facilitate further discussions with buildings & property.

7.5 Miscellaneous discussion

Ashely Sutherland: As an offhand comment, I apologise for not doing a name and pronoun round at the beginning of the meeting since I said last time I would do that from now on.

Keon Simmons: If you haven't been to the flinders community market – the feedback has been tremendous. Students are asking and Oasis is wanting student council to be involved further, it would be good to see some of you there.

Chris O'Grady: We had a meeting with Oasis to talk about freeing up some money to get music on a weekly basis.

Josh Jarvis: I have a quick announcement – the Permaculture committee and students from ASMS have launched the Mad Tea Company. It's a positive movement using green spaces for mental health, using the community garden to grow the ingredients.

Vincent Char: Can we get an update on NUS conference?

Ashely Sutherland: Tickets open lunch time tomorrow, the price for registration will be \$160. We have sent out invites to high profile speakers. Josh Rayner (Education Officer) and myself are on the organising group and if anyone else is interested let me know. The conference will be in the health sciences building – it's accessible, and close public transport and car parks. It's expected that we pay our own registration.

Andy C: Is there a cost in hosting it?

Ashely Sutherland: In the tender I tentatively put forward \$10,000 of our untied funding. We're currently budgeting \$12,000 on food across the conference – which is coming out of registration and untied funding, plus \$500 to buildings & property for cleaning, which I think is very reasonable.

Ashely Sutherland: Registration will be occurring on 1st of July in the Vic square building since most people will be arriving in the CBD. USASA and Adelaide SRC will host a social event that night. The conference will start on the 2nd in the morning, and run for 3 full days and a half day on Thursday.

Kathryn Venning: Will other vendors on campus be open at that time?

Ashely Sutherland: We will be approaching the Tav to hold the social event. I'm not supportive of us buying alcohol, but if we put on food and ask them to do a special it can be a buy your own alcohol event, maybe karaoke.

Keon Simmons: I spoke with the Council of International Student Australia (CISA) vice president and they want more students to come to the conference this year. If you know anyone who would be interested they have opened a scholarship, refer anyone who might be interested to me. The conference will run 24-27 June. We are now affiliated with CISA as well.



Ashely Sutherland: The Network of Women Students Australia (NOWSA) will have their conference at Uni of Newcastle 16-20th July. They welcome all women and non-binary students.

Meeting Closed: 19:47