



**Flinders University Student Council Meeting**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of July 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), Yaritji Green (Indigenous Officer), Vincent Char (Postgraduate Officer), Keon Simmons (International Officer), Bradley Martin (Social Activities Officer), Jesse Stevens (General Council Member), Kathryn Venning (General Council Member), Alexandra Edhouse (General Council Member), Angus Clarke (observer), Chris O’Grady (Manager, Student Engagement), Alice Grieve (Minutes).

*Meeting Opened: 18:42*

**1. Acknowledgement of Country**

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

**2. Apologies & Welcome of Guests**

Grace Hensel (Women’s Officer), Sean Henschke (Queer Officer), Andy C (Environment Officer), Louise Nixon (Disabilities Officer), Natasha Malone (Mature Age Officer), Tarmia Klass (General Council Member), Josh Jarvis (General Council Member), Lydia French (General Council Member).

Ashley Sutherland (Student President) welcomes Angus Clarke.

**3. Pronoun Round**

Those present introduced themselves and their pronouns.

**4. Accept Minutes from Previous Meeting**

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

**Moved:** Ashley Sutherland

**Seconded:** Kathryn Venning

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

**5. Ratification of Executive Decisions**

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

**Moved:** Ashley Sutherland

**Seconded:** Vincent Char



*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 6. Reports

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

**Moved:** Ashley Sutherland

**Seconded:** Kathryn Venning

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 7. Matters for Decision

### 7.0 Matters left un-starred to moved en bloc:

**Ashley Sutherland:** Call for starring of matters.

**Katt Hatzi:** Star 7.11

**Motion:** That matters left un-starred be moved en bloc:

### 7.1 Women's Collective Meeting – Grace Hensel

**Preamble:** I am going to have the semester 2 Women's Collective meeting in week 3 and thought it would be fun to make it an interactive session. I will have food in order to entice people to come along but I also thought that while we discuss issues we could make something for an organisation that assists women in need. I will be in contact with a few organisations to figure out exactly what we will make at the session but I figured it would be good to have the money approved well before the event.

**Motion:** Student Council approves \$500 from the Women's Officer budget to be spent on the women's collective meeting.

### 7.2 Semester 2 Pubcrawl – Bradley Martin

**Preamble:** This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> FUSA Pub Crawl of 2018. The proposed date of the pub crawl is Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September with a theme of "House of FUSA" as a part of the FUSA winter pub crawl (based on G.O.T.). This event will hopefully raise revenue for the Student Council bank Account. See Appendix 4 for proposal.

**Motion:** Student Council accepts and endorses the Semester 2 Pub Crawl proposal and will assist in the promotion of this event as requested by the Social Activities Officer whenever possible.

### 7.3 Pub Crawl Promotion & Photographer – Bradley Martin

**Preamble:** This is in regard to the advertising of the event which will primarily take place on Facebook. Subsequently, it is in the best interest to maximise the amount of people that can see this event. Attracting attention will increase the number of people interested in the event and should drive further shirt purchases, with the profits going to Student Council. In order to compliment the



event, a photographer should also be sourced to capture photos on the night, providing an additional service for participants.

**Motion:** Student Council to approve the expenditure of up to \$30 to boost the official Facebook event for the pub crawl as well as up to a further \$40 to allow for two shirts to be randomly allocated to the winner of an upcoming social media based competition. An additional \$300 will also be allocated towards hiring a photographer for the night. These expenditures will be funded from the Social Activities Officer budget.

#### **7.4 Bury the Bill – Josh Rayner**

**Preamble:** Earlier this year, the National Union of Students and Council of Postgraduate Students launched the Bury the Bill campaign in response to the proposed Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (Student Support Loan) Bill 2018. If the bill were to be passed, the HECS/HELP repayment threshold for student debt would be lowered from \$54,000 to \$45,000, and introduce a lifetime student loan cap of \$104,000. The Coalition Government attempted to pass the bill during the extremely busy examination period, stunting student's ability to campaign against the proposed changes and have a voice in the national rhetoric of higher education funding. Many undergraduate and postgraduate Flinders students will be locked out of completing their studies, if South Australian crossbench Senators do not block this legislation to protect their student constituents.

**Motion:** FUSA condemns the Coalition Government for yet another shameful attempt to attack the welfare and prosperity of Australia's student population. FUSA Education Officer will write to crossbench Senators, urging them to vote down the bill before parliament resumes.

#### **7.5 O'Week Education Collective Competition – Josh Rayner**

**Preamble:** Textbooks are too often a major financial burden on Flinders University students and students across the country. To ease the stress on some students, the FUSA Education Collective will be running a competition for new signups to go into the draw to win one of five \$100 Co-Op vouchers. All new signups will be entered into a randomiser to determine the five winners, and be contacted via email to collect their vouchers.

**Motion:** Student Council approves the spending of \$500 from the Education Officer Budget to purchase the vouchers. Student Council members attending O'Week will promote the signup of all FUSA collectives and mention the competition to those interested in signing up to the Education Collective.

#### **7.6 Disabilities Collective Meeting**

**Preamble:** To engage students with collectives, the disabilities officer will host a free lunch to engage and encourage students to come to the collective meetings held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August and the 12<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Motion:** Student Council approves \$200 from the disabilities officers budget to provide lunch for two disabilities collective meetings.

#### **7.7 Anti-racism campaign – Yaritji Green**

**Preamble:** See Appendix 5



**Motion:** Student Council approves the proposed Anti-racism campaign, and will promote and assist with the campaign as requested by the Indigenous Officer and International Students Officer.

#### **7.8 Market Day raffle – Keon Simmons**

**Preamble:** The Market day has been wonderful at Flinders seeing approximately 60 to 80 students weekly. One of the challenges is reaching out to other students. To get more students involved we need to spread the word as we are seeing the same students weekly. The second market day of semester 2 the FUSA International student officer will be having a free raffle in hopes to get more students coming weekly.

**Motion:** Student council approves \$200 dollars from the Flexi Fund for 4x \$50 Coles gift cards as raffle prized for the first 4 market days in semester 2.

#### **7.9 Travel reimbursement – Keon Simmons**

**Preamble:** I went to the Communities in Control conference in Melbourne, and the CISA conference in Cairns. The funding is to reimburse transport expenses to and from the airports and other necessary while away.

**Motion:** Student Council approves \$257.42 for reimbursement to the International Students Officer from the Welfare Officer travel budget.

#### **7.10 International Students Movie Night – Keon Simmons**

**Preamble:** As FUSA's international officer most of my work this year has been advocating for better rights, welfare, and representation for international students studying here. It's about time I connect with my cohort and have a bit of fun before the busy semester ahead. What better way than a movie night. See Appendix 6

**Motion:** Student Council approves the proposal for the International Students Movie Night, and will promote at the FUSA O'Week stall and elsewhere as appropriate.

#### **7.12 Club affiliation: Flinders Automotive Solar Team - Katerina Hatizpanagiotis**

**Preamble:** The Flinders Automotive Solar Team is applying for financial affiliation. All their documents seem to be in order except that they have yet to provide their bank account details. See Appendix 8

**Motion:** Student Council conditionally approve the financial affiliation of the Flinders Automotive Solar Team, pending the provision of their bank account details.

#### **7.13 Club affiliation: Flinders Law Students' Association - Katerina Hatizpanagiotis**

**Preamble:** The Flinders Law Students' Association is applying for affiliation as an Academic Association. All their documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 9

**Motion:** Student Council approve the affiliation of the Flinders Law Students' Association as an Academic Association.

#### **7.14 Club affiliation: Flinders University Performing Arts Society - Katerina Hatizpanagiotis**

**Preamble:** The Flinders University Performing Arts Society is applying for financial affiliation. All their documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 10



**Motion:** Student Council approve the financial affiliation of the Flinders University Performing Arts Society.

### **7.15 NAIDOC Week – Yaritji Green**

**Preamble:** See Appendix 11

**Motion:** Student Council approves the proposed plans and spending for NAIDOC Week, allowing for any minor amendments and additional funds to be spent at the discretion of the Indigenous Officer and events team.

### **7.16 Students as Partners National Roundtable - Ashley Sutherland**

**Preamble:** The University of Queensland will once again host the Students as Partners National Roundtable. Kate Walsh has recommended that I attend this event.

The Student President's travel account is overdrawn and this motion seeks to take money from elsewhere to fund this PD and learning opportunity which will enhance work at FUSA and at Flinders. Accommodation need not be paid for as I will stay with at a friend's house to decrease costs. Registration for the event is free.

**Motion:** Student Council approve up to \$450 from the Flexi Fund to pay for the Student President's flights to attend the Students as Partners National Roundtable at UQ and the subsequent Student-Staff relationships showcase on October 3.

### **7.17 Welfare Officer Casual Vacancy – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis**

**Preamble:** The casual vacancy panel initially consisted of: Student President (chair), General Secretary, Education Officer, Women's Officer, Queer Officer, and Manger, Student Engagement. After the panel was decided, the Queer Officer withdrew for health reasons, and was replaced during the shortlisting meeting by the Social Activities Officer, and for the remainder of the process by Lydia French (General Council).

There were 5 nominations reviewed, and 2 interviews conducted. While it was a difficult choice, we are excited to welcome Nathan to the team and look forward to seeing what he can achieve in the remainder of the term.

**Motion:** Student Council accept the recommendation of the panel and appoint Nathan Cheetham to fill the casual vacancy for Welfare Officer

### **7.18 Disarm Flinders – Zanny Edhouse**

**Preamble:** A Memorandum of Understanding between BAE Systems and Flinders University that was signed on the 30 May 2018 will mean that this abhorrent arms manufacturer will have access to the Tonsley campus facilities and Flinders University research. BAE Systems has a long history of manufacturing weapons that have been used to commit war crimes and inflict death and destruction across the globe, the most recent example of this is the bombing of civilians and hospitals in Yemen using BAE weapons. The consequence of this MoU will mean BAE Systems will be able to use research conducted at Flinders for these means. This comes at a time when BAE Systems is working on creating new frigates, which Malcolm Turnbull describes as providing the Army with "the highest levels of lethality and deterrence." Vice Chancellor Colin Stirling said that "We congratulate BAE



Systems for its successful bid for SEA 5000 and look forward to working collaboratively in support of the Future Frigate program.”

As a part of the Books Not Bombs/Disarm Flinders Campaign which calls on Universities to divest and boycott from weapons manufacturing companies, FUSA Student Council should condemn this move by the University and Vice Chancellor Colin Stirling. A company that profits off the destruction and death of human beings should have no place in our university.

**Motion:** Student Council condemns the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Flinders University and BAE Systems signed on 30 May 2018, calls on the University to withdraw from this MoU and cut ties with this company.

**Moved:** Ashley Sutherland

**Seconded:** Katt Hatzi

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 7. Matters for Decision

### 7.11 First Year event – Lydia French

**Preamble:** See Appendix 7

**Ashley Sutherland:** As the mover is not here can someone else speak to the motion?

**Katt Hatzi:** I’ll take the motion as read. The only thing I want to do is amend the proposal, so that the money for the event comes from Tarmia’s budget line rather than Lydia’s because hers won’t be sufficient.

**Ashely Sutherland:** Have you spoken to the mover and are they amenable to that?

**Katt Hatzi:** Yes, we can get written confirmation after the meeting as well if needed.

**Motion:** Student Council approve the proposed First Year event.

**Moved:** Katt Hatzi

**Seconded:** Kathryn Venning

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 8. Matters for Discussion

**Ashley Sutherland:** There are no matters for discussion or noting.

**Zanny Edhouse:** Should FUSA show solidarity with what’s happening around the merger of UniSA and Uni of Adelaide and the likely job losses?

**Ashley Sutherland:** We should hold off while AUU (University of Adelaide SRC) and USASA are making their own decisions about how they feel. I know they’re reviewing it with staff and students.



I have been meeting with the respective presidents and I know they are going into it with an open mind.

*Meeting Closed: 18:48*