



Flinders University Student Council Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th of August 2018.
Allere Function Room, Student Hub, Flinders University Student Association.
18:30

Present: Ashley Sutherland (Student President), Katt Hatzi (General Secretary), Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer), Grace Hensel (Women's Officer), Sean Henschke (Queer Officer), Yaritji Green (Indigenous 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), Lydia French (General Council Member), Christopher Norman (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 Kaurna people.

2. Apologies & Welcome of Guests

Josh Rayner (Education Officer), Andy C (Environment Officer), Bradley Martin (Social Activities Officer), Natasha Malone (Mature Age Officer), Tarmia Klass (General Council Member), Alexandra Edhouse (General Council Member).

Ashley Sutherland (Student President) welcomes Christopher Norman.

Manager, Student Engagement left room 18:43

3. Pronoun Round

Those present introduced themselves and their pronouns.

4. Previous Minutes

Motion: Student Council accepts the minutes of the July 2018 meeting.

Moved: Ashley Sutherland (Student President)
Council Member)

Seconded: Kathryn Venning (General

All in favour.

Motion carried.

5. Executive Decisions



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

Moved: Ashley Sutherland (Student President)

Seconded: Grace Hensel (Women's Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6. Reports

Motion: Student Council accepts the submitted reports and will defer outstanding reports to the Executive.

Moved: Ashley Sutherland (Student President)

Seconded: Sean Henschke (Queer Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7. Matters for Decision

7.0 Matters left un-starred to moved en bloc:

Ashley Sutherland (Student President): Call for starring of matters.

Katt Hatzi (General Secretary): Star 7.4 and 7.9.

Jesse Stevens (General Council Member): Star 7.1.

Motion: Matters left un-starred be moved en bloc:

7.4 Queer Ball – Sean Henschke (Queer Officer)

Preamble:

Wear It purple Day is an important to demonstrate support for LGBTIQ people

“Wear it Purple was founded in 2010 in response to global stories of real teenagers, real heartache and their very real responses. In 2010, several rainbow young people took their own lives following bullying and harassment resulting from the lack of acceptance of their sexuality or gender identity. Wear it Purple was established to show young people across the globe that there was hope, that there were people who did support and accept them, and that they have the right to be proud of who they are.” <http://wearitpurple.org/about-wear-it-purple/>

This is an opportunity for Flinders university to stand in solidarity with LGBTIQ Students and support them.

See Appendix 5

Motion:

Student Council approve the proposed spending for Wear It Purple Day.

7.3 Gender Neutral Bathrooms – Sean Henschke (Queer Officer)

Preamble:

Bathrooms Should be accessible for all students, Flinders University currently doesn't recognise any



bathrooms as not gendered unless they are accessible bathrooms. Our gendered bathrooms leave many students who are not cis-gendered with complex decisions to prioritise safety over identity. Across many Universities within Australia and worldwide this is implemented with great success resulting in students feeling safe and comfortable on campus.

Motion:

FUSA endorses Gender Neutral Bathrooms to be implemented across all campuses.

7.5 Bluestocking Week – Grace Hensel (Women’s Officer)

Preamble:

See Appendix 7

Motion:

Student Council approved the proposed spending for Bluestocking Week.

7.6 Club affiliation: Maniac Dance Club – Katt Hatzi (General Secretary)

Preamble:

Requesting: Non-Financial Affiliation

Aims:

- Encourage students who love dancing to gather together and interact.
- Help students who love dancing to learn how to dance.
- Create a passionate environment and enrich students’ life.

Constitution provided: Yes

Membership List provided: Yes

Annual General Meeting minutes provided: No

10 current students or more: Yes

Student President: Yes

Motion:

Student Council conditionally approve non-financial affiliation of the Maniac Dance Club upon the club providing minutes of an Annual General Meeting.

7.7 Club affiliation: Flinders Jam Sessions – Katt Hatzi (General Secretary)

Preamble:

Requesting: Financial Affiliation

Aims:

Flinders Jam Sessions aims to hold jam sessions on a regular basis. Any type of musician can attend, regardless of their skill level. These jam sessions will be a place for like minded people to meet, hang out and play music.

Constitution provided: Yes

Membership List provided: Yes

Annual General Meeting minutes provided: Yes

10 current students or more: Yes

Student President: Yes

Motion:

Student Council approve financial affiliated of Flinders Jam Sessions.



7.8 Student Council Election Dates and Nomination of Returning Officer – Manager, Student Engagement

Background:

The 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

After an extended search we would like to recommend that Kris Natalier, Associate Professor in Sociology at Flinders University be appointed as Returning Officer in the 2018 FUSA elections. Kris is happy to take on this role because she would like to support the Student Association and Student Council elections.

Motion:

Student Council endorse the FUSA annual elections to be held over three days during October 9,10 and 11, 2018. Student Council accept the recommendation to appoint Assoc. Prof. Kris Natalier as Returning Officer for the 2018 FUSA Annual Elections.

Moved: Ashley Sutherland (Student President)

Seconded: Grace Hensel (Women's Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7. Matters for Decision

7.1 Support NTEU Bargaining – Jesse Stevens (General Council Member)

Preamble:

The NTEU Flinders branch is in the late stages of enterprise bargaining with university management. One key issue that is yet to be resolved is staff workload conditions. University management wishes to have an arrangement that will result in staff having an excessively high workload. One particular wish of management is to pay staff for 1 hour per topic for each student. Considering what students are paying for each topic, and considering how much time it takes staff to mark assessments and provide adequate feedback and support to students, this is unacceptable.

We as students should support improved work conditions for staff, including manageable workload, and should support the staff against attacks on their working conditions. Staff conditions are student learning conditions, and the proposed provisions by management would have severe negative consequences for students. And setting aside the effect on students, staff should be supported in any workplace in their struggles against attacks on their work conditions.



Jesse Stevens: I'll take this as read but this is a really important issue, a lot of stuff that students have to deal with at university comes down to staff workload. Whenever students are complaining that staff are not providing as much feedback or assessments don't seem to be thought out, it often comes down to staff workload concerns rather than staff being slack. So this is a hugely important issue, they will resume negotiations tomorrow at 11am and throughout the rest of the week so if the VC and director of P&C get to the office tomorrow morning and read that it will help the NTEU. We should do whatever we can to improve the workload and general workplace conditions of the staff that are here to educate us.

Kathryn Venning: It is a very well written letter Jesse, good job.

Ashley Sutherland: I'd like it noted in the minutes that we thank Jesse for writing this letter, and I think everyone here agrees with what's been put forward. I will put my name to it and send it when I get home.

Motion:

The FUSA President will write to the VC, Colin Stirling, and the Director of People & Culture, Steve Barrett, with the letter in Appendix 4.

Moved: Jesse Stevens (General Council Member)

Seconded: Katt Hatzi (General Secretary)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7.4 Queer Ball – Sean Henschke (Queer Officer)

Preamble:

A queer ball is an opportunity for queer students and youth in Adelaide to dress up, express themselves and meet one another in a safe environment of like-minded individuals. The proposed date for this event is the 23rd of November. This event will cater for approximately 100-200 participants who are over the age of 18 due to the presence of alcohol. See Appendix 6

Katt Hatzi (General Secretary): I just want to amend the wording of motion itself, noting that there isn't any spending proposed by student council. The motion should word that it is endorsed and FUSA will assist and promote wherever possible.

Manager, Student Engagement entered room 1848

Amended Motion:

Student Council endorse and approve the proposed Queer Ball, and FUSA commit to supporting the Queer Society and Queer Officer in the event.

Moved: Sean Henschke (Queer Officer)

Seconded: Louise Nixon (Disabilities Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.



7.9 Election Regulation Change – Manager, Student Engagement

Background:

To reduce the workload around the election process, it is suggested that SC approve the following election regulation change regarding the Order of Ballot. The suggested change would remove the necessity to have an order of the ballot draw in the presence of the Returning Officer and 2 scrutineers (generally two students not connected to the elections).

Instead of calling the RO and scrutineers together for the order of ballot draw, Big Pulse is able to randomly determine the ballot automatically. Once the order of ballot is determined, candidates will be notified so they can use this information for their election campaigning.

Motion:

That the Student Council endorse the following Election Regulation change:

10.8 (proposed)

For each election, the order of the candidates' names appearing on the ballot form shall be determined by random selection through the online voting platform, under the supervision of the Returning Officer.

10.8 (current)

For each election, the order of the candidates' names appearing on the ballot form shall be determined by random selection, under the supervision of the Returning Officer and at least two scrutineers.

Ashley Sutherland (Student President): Chris, you have moved this matter and it has been starred while you were out of the room. Do you wish to speak on this?

Manager, Student Engagement: I think it's pretty self-explanatory.

Katt Hatzi (General Secretary): I don't feel comfortable amending the regulations to remove the ability for people to send in scrutineers, I think it's an important part of the democratic process, so I'm not in support of the motion.

Manager, Student Engagement: To supply a bit of background to the motion, it is literally pressing a button and is randomised in BigPulse.

Katt Hatzi (General Secretary): Should it be amended that would be the process, but as far as I'm aware the process would not include it happening through BigPulse unless we approve this amendment. Otherwise it would happen physically, such as being drawn from a hat.

Ashley Sutherland (Student President): From my understanding in conversations with Chris and Kate Walsh (Student Representation & Development Officer, FUSA) the aim of this is removing the necessity of having the RO and the Assistant RO in the room as names are taken out of the hat as has happened in the past. Would you be amenable if this was re-worded to still allow scrutineers if it was done through BigPulse?

Katt Hatzi (General Secretary): If it was done through BigPulse all those people would still need to be in the room, so I don't see the need for that amendment.



Ashley Sutherland (Student President): I believe the idea behind the motion was to decrease the workload involved over that small task. In the effort of trying to get everyone on board and for it to be democratic would you be willing to withdraw and rewrite the motion and we can talk through that?

Manager, Student Engagement: I'd be happy to. The current regulations still allow us to create a random ballot through the online platform – it doesn't say how the ballot would be organised, just that two scrutineers would be in the room when Kate Walsh presses a button. It won't take too long, it would take 2-3 seconds.

Ashley Sutherland (Student President): Technically the current regulation wording doesn't specify how the randomisation is done. I think the intent behind the motion was to specify how this would take place so that it was solidified for future and so that there was a standard practice.

Katt Hatzi (General Secretary): I just don't see the necessity for the amendment.

Ashley Sutherland (Student President): Chris would you be willing to withdraw the motion and workshop it?

Manager, Student Engagement: Yes, leave it for today and we'll keep talking about it.

Ashley Sutherland (Student President): Just noting that Chris has withdrawn the motion and we will talk about this at a later time or maybe not change it at all.

Manager, Student Engagement withdrew the motion.

Procedural Motion:

Manager, Student Engagement and Christopher Norman will remain in the room during the in-camera item.

Moved: Ashley Sutherland (Student President)

Seconded: Katt Hatzi (General Secretary)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

8. In-camera Item

[CONFIDENTIAL MATTER]

Meeting Closed: 19:42