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## Flinders University Student Council Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2018.

Alere Function Room, Student Hub, Flinders University Student Association.

18:30

**Present:** Katt Hatzi (Student President), Josh Rayner (Education Officer), Jawahir Baraki (Women's Officer), Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer), Hansha Manimendra (Postgraduate Students Officer), Sean Henschke (Queer Officer), Sarah Howson (Indigenous Students Officer), Nicole Cutufia (Disabilities Officer), Gemma Lyons (Social Activities Officer), Christopher Norman (Mature Age Students Officer), Louise Nixon (General Council Member), Laura Savaglia (General Council Member), Angus Clarke (General Council Member), Nathan Fiedler (General Council Member), Jesy Murphy (General Council Member), Tom Gilchrist (Observer), Manager, Student Engagement, Alice Grieve (Minutes).

**Meeting Opened: 18:40**

#### 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

Apologies: Jesse Stevens (Education Officer), Nicholas Loh (International Students Officer), Grace Hensel (Environment Officer), Clara Rose Santilli (General Council Member).

Katt Hatzi (Student President) welcomes Tom Gilchrist.

#### 3. Name & Pronoun Round

Those present introduced themselves and their pronouns.

#### 5. Executive Decisions

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

**Moved:** Mature Age Students Officer (Christopher Norman)

**Seconded:** Louise Nixon (General Council Member)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 6. Reports



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

**Moved:** Mature Age Students Officer (Christopher Norman)

**Seconded:** Welfare Officer (Nathan Cheetham)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 7. Matters for Decision

Student President called for starring of matters.

Starred items: 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.5, 7.8, 7.13, 7.14, 7.16

### 7.0 Starred Matters for Decision

#### 7.1 Thank You, Next. – Katt Hatzi

**Preamble:** The 2018 Student Council had a rollercoaster year with great successes in new projects, and significant issues we campaigned against. Reaching out to students with events like NAIDOC Week, Multicultural Festival and PrideFest were incredible ways to celebrate the diversity of our university community, which balanced campaigns like Anti-Racism, Bury the Bill and Cute the Restructure Not the Job run to defend the rights of all students at university. Initiatives like establishing mental health first aid for club executives and the creation of academic associations will continue to deliver improvements for our community and campus culture beyond the end of the 2018 term. Integral to all of this have been the dedicated staff - those who have moved on and those who remain - that have moved mountains to support council in our endeavours, entertained our ambitious ideas, and helped us pull off the impossible. I am sure the 2019 council will build on the momentum of this year's projects, and represent the student body with tenacity, empathy and determination.

#### Discussion

**Student President (Katt Hatzi)** passed on her well wishes and thanks to the members of the 2018 Student Council that have moved on, and commended the significant contributions made in the previous year.

**Motion:** Student Council thanks the outgoing Student Council members of 2018 for their passionate representation of the student body, and looks forward to continuing upon the campaigns and momentum built by the previous council. Student Council acknowledges the incredible work of the FUSA staff over this period and thanks them for their tireless efforts that often go without recognition.

**Moved:** Student President (Katt Hatzi)

**Seconded:** Mature Age Students Officer (Christopher Norman)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**



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## 7.2 Executive Committee – Josh Rayner

**Preamble:** As per the Constitution:

12.1. The Executive Committee is a committee of the Student Council, exercising delegated powers from the Student Council under Clause 10.3.

12.2. The Executive Committee: (a) may transact the business of the Association, on behalf of the Student Council, on urgent matters that the President and General Secretary consider cannot be held over until the next regular meeting of the Student Council; (b) may exercise such other powers as may from time to time be delegated to it by the Student Council; and (c) must provide the Student Council with reports of its activities at each meeting of the Student Council.

12.3. Decisions of the Executive Committee must be ratified at the next regular meeting of the Student Council and shall have the same effect as decisions of the Student Council, provided that such decisions are made in accordance with this Constitution and the Regulations.

12.4. The voting members of the Executive Committee are: (a) the President (Chair); (b) the General Secretary; (c) the Education Officer; and (d) Two (2) voting member of the Student Council elected by the Student Council.

**Amended Motion:** Student Council appoint Women's Officer (Jawahir Baraki) and Environment Officer (Grace Hensel) to be voting members of the Executive Committee.

**Moved:** Student President (Katt Hatzi)

**Seconded:** General Secretary (Josh Rayner)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 7.3 Empire Times Liaison – Josh Rayner

**Preamble:** As per the Empire Times Regulations:

'Empire Times Liaison Officer' means a member of Student Council who is appointed by Student Council to this role to provide a communication link between the Empire Times Editorial Team and Student Council.

### Discussion

**General Council Member (Nathan Fiedler)** advised that he was contacted by the Empire Times editorial team and advised that he was their preferred liaison. This amendment to the motion was not seconded.

**Amended Motion:** Student Council appoint Nathan Cheetham to be the Empire Times Liaison Officer.

**Moved:** General Secretary (Josh Rayner)

**Seconded:** Student President (Katt Hatzi)

*For 13*

*Against 1*



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*Abstain 1*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.5 Club Pool Funding Sub-Committee – Josh Rayner

**Preamble:** The Club Pool Funding Sub-Committee approves funding requests from Financially Affiliated Clubs, which generally occurs four times per year and takes around four hours per meeting (Two hours for proposals, two hours for the meeting itself). The Sub-Committee consists of the Clubs Officer (Adam Rau), the General Secretary (Josh Rayner), two elected members of Student Council and one club representative to be elected by the Clubs and Societies Sub-Committee.

**Amended Motion:** Student Council appoint Jesy Murphy and Gemma Lyons to sit on the Club Pool Funding Sub-Committee.

**Moved:** Student President (Katt Hatzi)

**Seconded:** General Secretary (Josh Rayner)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.8 Cut the Restructure, Not the Jobs! – Jesse Stevens

**Preamble:** Earlier this year, the previous student council began the Cut the Restructure, Not the Jobs! Campaign supporting the NTEU/staff and opposing the academic restructure proposed by university management. It is important that the new student council continues this campaign as there is still uncertainty about the outcomes of the restructure but significant potential for adverse consequences for students and staff.

Continuing the campaign includes but is not limited to: the petition, distributing resources, and hosting events.

#### Discussion

**General Council Member (Angus Clarke)** suggested that the motion be amended to endorse the action on Thursday and ongoing actions, stating that there is potential to build a campaign to resist these cuts to academic staff.

**Amended Motion:** FUSA Student Council will continue the Cut the Restructure, not the Jobs! Campaign initiated by the previous Student Council. FUSA Student Council also endorse the action on Thursday, and the ongoing action around this.

**Moved:** General Secretary (Josh Rayner)

**Seconded:** General Council Member (Angus Clarke)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**



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### 7.13 Don't Take the Shine Out of Southern Adelaide – Sean Henschke

**Preamble:** There has been an array of cuts by the South Australian Liberal Government to services that affect LGBTIQ people and the broader community. This includes these dangerous and harmful cuts to Shine SA, resulting in the closure of two health clinics in Davoren Park and Noarlunga as well as cuts to HIV counselling services in the Adelaide CBD. Shine SA performs an invaluable service to the community, providing vital sexual health services including clinical services, counselling, sexual health education, early intervention and health promotion. This affects all students on campus as it's removing a vital service in the Southern Adelaide region off the map, this will have devastating effects on the health of South Australians removing vital support and will likely lead to further health issues.

#### Discussion

**Queer Officer (Sean Henschke)** amended the title of the motion.

**Motion:** Student Council condemns the cuts to Shine SA & will work with Health and counselling to accommodate for the closure of local services and supports the developing campaigns towards reversing these cuts.

**Moved:** Queer Officer (Sean Henschke)

**Seconded:** General Council Member (Jesy Murphy)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

### 7.14 SOGICE is an Issue for Australia – Sean Henschke

**Preamble:** Sexual orientation and gender Identity change efforts (SOGICE) is a harmful practice that attempts to change people's sexuality. The Human rights law centre report title Preventing Harm and Promoting Justice stated at least 10 organisations in Australia and New Zealand currently advertise the provision of gay "conversion" practices as well as estimating that 10% of LGBTIQ+ Australians are still exposed to conversion therapy. The Queer Society this year ran petition drives at an array of events as well as a BBQ on campus and worked with Universal Pictures to provide a Free screening of Boy Erased to inform and educate the community of this Harmful Practice. In September the Prime Minister Scott Morrison deflected the significance of this practice and the harm it does to LGBTIQ+ Australians when asked on the issue he said "I've never been involved in anything like that, I've never supported anything like that, it's just not an issue for me and I'm not planning to get engaged in the issue,"

#### Discussion

**Queer Officer (Sean Henschke)** amended the title of the motion.

**Motion:** Student Council endorses the Queer Society No Cure for Love campaign

Student Council will affirm the SOCE survivors statement (<http://socesurvivors.com.au/>)

Student council supports the Amnesty International Petition with the aims of;

- preventing SOGICE by raising awareness of its practice and that it is harmful and ineffective



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- calling for an inquiry into the extent, prevalence and harm of SOGICE
- regulating mental health professionals, counsellors, and school programs, to prohibit SOGICE
- supporting LGBTIQ+ and mental health organisations to boost awareness and support survivors.

Student council recognises conversion therapy as an important issue and believe it is an issue as well for the Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

**Moved:** Queer Officer (Sean Henschke)

**Seconded:** Mature Age Students Officer (Christopher Norman)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.16 FUSA Opposes Racist Speaking Tour – Angus Clarke

**Preamble:** The February two “icons” of the global far-right movement, Milo Yiannopoulos and Tommy Robinson, are touring Australia, with an Adelaide stop on the evening of February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

These people are open white supremacists, sexists and bigots. If people who fund their ideas detestable let them come here with opposition, we are just allowing them to normalise their views.

On the other hand, a protest is a chance to make anti-racists and the oppressed feel more confident.

This is important. Flinders has recently had anti-migrant stickers and “it’s ok to be white” posters appear on campus. This shows that there is a far-right operating on campus that is growing in confidence.

#### Discussion

**General Council Member (Angus Clarke)** explained the motion and called for FUSA stand against the racism and misogyny of these two figures by promoting and sharing the event in opposition.

**Student President (Katt Hatzi), General Secretary (Josh Rayner) and Tom Gilchrist (Observer)** suggested amendments to the motion, to which **General Council Member (Angus Clarke)** was amenable.

**Tom Gilchrist (Observer)** pointed out that these people are shifting dates and times of their events, which is why the online event is important as it seems like there may be a fascist event but there is no specific date in the motion because of these issues.

**Amended Motion:** FUSA affirms its opposition to racism and fascism, and will share the following event online: <https://www.facebook.com/events/278119979485587>.

FUSA Student Council is committed to continuing our efforts with the Anti-Racism campaign established in 2018, to create a safe and welcoming environment for all students.

FUSA condemns the “it’s okay to be white” posters on campus and recognises their origin in white supremacy.

**Moved:** General Council Member (Angus Clarke)

**Seconded:** Mature Age Students Officer (Christopher Norman)

*All in favour.*





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**Motion carried.**

**7.9 Charge Me Up! – Nicole Cutufia**

**Preamble:** FUSA Student President has already raised the idea of having a series of laptop charges available for students who require them on campus. In addition to donated charges, Student Council could purchase a few universal charges in order to have this service available by the start of 2019. The Targus 90 Watt Multiple Laptop Charger can be purchased from Officeworks for \$89 and is compatible with most laptops.

**Disabilities Officer (Nicole Cutufia)** requested to increase the funding in the motion to purchase Mac chargers as well.

**Amended Motion:** Student Council purchase ten chargers from the pooled amount left over from 2018 FUSA Student Council budget for a total of \$1500.

Student Council will investigate the best system to loan the charges that is the easiest and most accessible for students.

**Moved:** Disabilities Officer (Nicole Cutufia)

**Seconded:** General Council Member (Louise Nixon)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

**7.7 FUSA Email Server – Christopher Norman**

**Preamble:** The FUSA email service is insecure and under constant surveillance from the University. Instances have occurred in the past where the University has identified what they consider to be an objectionable email sent by the then Student President (which was marked confidential) to the rest of Student Council and deleted it.

When students email people at FUSA they expect that what they send is kept confidential. When Student Council requires confidential communication, they should not have to worry that their emails are being spied on by the University.

A private email service can be set up to be used by FUSA that is outside the administration of the University. This can be setup to still use the Microsoft Outlook System so that there is a smooth transition to the new system and easy integration with existing IT protocol.

**Manager, Student Engagement** questioned **Mature Age Officer (Christopher Norman)** regarding the evidence that he has that Student Council email addresses are under constant surveillance by the University and that they are insecure. **Mature Age Officer (Christopher Norman)** stated that in late 2017 he had emails deleted from his inbox and he was informed by the then Student President that it was on the orders of the University.



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**General Council Member (Nathan Fiedler)** questioned whether it would be possible to ensure Student Council emails originating from a domain other than [flinders.edu.au](http://flinders.edu.au) are not redirected to student's junk folders.

**Motion:** Student Council approves up to \$1000 for the initial setup of a private email service. This private email will be the main point of contact for Student Council.

The General Secretary will be responsible for any administration of the emails (resetting passwords at the end/ start of the Student Council term or if forgotten).

Student Council approves up to \$500 for the upkeep of this email service as an ongoing cost including (if required) the purchase and upkeep of a new domain to ensure that no person employed by the University has administrative rights over the email service.

Student Council acknowledges the utmost importance of confidentiality and that no individual should ever have their FUSA email account accessed by anyone else without their consent.

**Moved:** Mature Age Students Officer (Christopher Norman)

**Seconded:** General Secretary (Josh Rayner)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

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

### 7.4 Student Council Bank Account – Josh Rayner

**Preamble:** With a changeover in Student Council members as of December 1st, new signatories will need to be added to, and current signatories removed, from the FUSA Student Council bank account at People's Choice Credit Union.

**Motion:** Student Council endorses that, as of December 1st, 2018, the new signatories for the Flinders University Student Association People's Choice Business and Community Account will be as follows: Katerina Hatzipanagiotis (Student President) and Josh Rayner (General Secretary), with Ashley Sutherland to be removed from the signatories list.

Student Council directs the outgoing signatories and incoming signatories to complete the handover of the FUSA Bank Account by December 10th, 2018.

### 7.6 First Year Collective – Josh Rayner

**Preamble:** As per the Standing Committee Regulations:

#### 8. First Year Collective

8.1. The First Year Collective shall provide advice to the Student Council on all issues pertaining to students who identify as first-year students.

8.2. The members of the First Year Collective are:

(a) the General Secretary or Student Council nominee elected by Student Council (chair);

(i) if at close of nominations, no Council Member has been nominated, the position of chair will default to the General Secretary

**Motion:** Student Council appoint Gemma Lyons to be the Chair of the First Year Collective





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#### 7.10 Accessible Allergen List – Nicole Cutufia

**Preamble:** Students who are new to campus or are newly navigating food allergies and dietary requirements relating to health, often struggle to understand where accessible food options are on campus. This can be especially stressful and challenging when students must decide between potentially not eating or risking a meal with damaging allergens.

**Motion:** Student Council acknowledge the importance of allergen and ingredient information for food products on campus.

FUSA Disabilities Officer will collate this information to be published on the FUSA Website, shared on the FUSA Facebook page, and as printed media to make food choices easier for students with diagnosed allergies on campus.

#### 7.11 Braille Resources – Nicole Cutufia

**Preamble:** Discussions with students in the Flinders University Students with Disabilities Association (FUSDA) raised the issue of there being a lack of resources for vision impaired students. I was also asked to raise the issue of the university creating a few accessible apps and working with Guide Dogs Australia to create a braille map of each campus.

**Motion:** Student Council endorses the creation of an accessible map (digitally or braille) for students with vision impairments.

#### 7.12 Pronouns for All! – Jesy Murphy

**Preamble:** For many people pronouns mean nothing, to them it's a word that is sometimes used to identify them, but for others it means everything. Pronouns are so simple, yet sometimes it's hard to put across what your preferred pronoun is. Right now, even though pronouns are used in everyday life, it is still difficult and sometimes uncomfortable to tell someone what your pronouns are. When pronouns are shown in an email or through other media it reduces the stigma and difficulty of telling someone your pronouns and it just becomes normal. This motion aims to break down that difficulty and make asking for or telling someone your pronouns normal.

**Motion:** Student Council members will include their preferred pronouns in their email signature which will then be included on the FUSA website.

Student Council encourages all staff at Flinders University to include preferred pronouns in their email signature.

#### 7.15 Events Budget – Manager, Student Engagement

**Preamble:** Below is the 2019 Events Budget. It is based on the broad budget set by Student Council in 2018.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Estimate Budget</b>
Relax Event	\$ 40,000.00
Welfare Brunches	\$ 22,000.00
Live Music	\$ 13,000.00
Multicultural Week	\$ 10,000.00



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NAIDOC	\$	10,000.00
PrideFest	\$	5,000.00
FUSA Ball	\$	15,000.00
Anti-Racism Campaign	\$	5,000.00
MISC / AGM	\$	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>122,000.00</b>

**Motion:** Student Council approve the 2019 Event Budget and allow for minor alterations as deemed appropriate by the Social Activities Officer and the Events and Projects Officer.

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

**Moved:** Mature Age Students Officer (Christopher Norman)

**Seconded:** Queer Officer (Sean Henschke)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 8. Matters for Discussion

### 8.1 Planning Day and Next Meeting – Katt Hatzi

**Student President (Katt Hatzi)** reminded everyone to complete the poll sent out after induction by **Michelle Tatyzo (Student Representation & Development Officer)** to set a meeting date in January to plan the beginning of the semester. She advised that the meeting will be used to refine proposals before holding a Student Council meeting at the end of January, with the aim to provide the FUSA Media and Events teams enough time before O'Week to action those proposals.

**Manager, Student Engagement** reminded everyone that **Michelle Tatyzo (Student Representation & Development Officer)** would have also sent an email around to gain insight into Student Council's experiences around the election, to improve that experience for the future.

### 8.2 Meetings, Expectations, Deadlines and Channels for Communication in 2019 – Josh Rayner

**General Secretary (Josh Rayner)** asked to gather opinions on what day would be a good time to hold regular meetings next year. He pointed out that the 2018 meetings were held on the first Monday of the month, and noted that another day suggested was a Wednesday.

**Student President (Katt Hatzi)** suggested that if people need some time to figure out their availability, they could email the General Secretary to take that to the planning day in January.

**General Secretary (Josh Rayner)** also suggested the establishment of a closed FB group for members of Student Council. He clarified that email remains first preference for contact, and that it will not be a replacement or duplicate of email but can be useful when it is hard to get a hold of people and can



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be useful for events on campus etc. **Student President (Katt Hatzi)** noted that is helpful for sharing Collective page events.

**Postgraduate Students Officer (Hansha Manimendra)** clarified that the group is just for current members of Student Council.

***Meeting Closed: 19:56***