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## Flinders University Student Council Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2019

Alere Function Room, Student Hub, Flinders University Bedford Park Campus

18:30

**Present:** Katt Hatzi (Student President), Josh Rayner (General Secretary), Jesse Stevens (Education Officer), Jawahir Baraki (Women's Officer), Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer), Hansha Manimendra (Postgraduate Students Officer), Nicholas Loh (International Students Officer), Sean Henschke (Queer Officer), Grace Hensel (Environment Officer), Nicole Cutufia (Disabilities Officer), Gemma Lyons (Social Activities Officer), Christopher Norman (Mature Age Students Officer), Angus Clarke (General Council Member), Nathan Fiedler (General Council Member), Jesy Murphy (General Council Member), Daniel Nesar (observer), Kane Abraham (observer), Manager, Student Engagement, Alice Grieve (Minutes).

**Meeting Opened: 48:44**

#### 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: Sarah Howson (Indigenous Students Officer), Louise Nixon (General Council Member), Laura Savaglia (General Council Member), Clara Santilli (General Council Member).

#### 3. Name & Pronoun Round

Those present introduced themselves and their pronouns.

#### 4. Previous Minutes

**Motion:**

Student Council accepts the minutes of the January meeting.

**Moved:** Grace Hensel (Environment Officer)

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

*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:** Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer)

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



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*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 6. Reports

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

**Moved:** Jawahir Baraki (Women's Officer)

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

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 7. Matters for Decision

Student President called for starrng of matters.

Starred items: 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6.

### 7.0 Starred Matters for Decision

#### 7.2 Endorsing the Student Climate Strike – Angus Clarke

**Preamble:** Tackling climate change is a key question of our time. 2019 began in Australia with mass fish deaths on the Murray-Darling basin, fires in Tasmania, and devastating floods in Townsville. The Australian Government and corporate elite are not doing enough to combat this potentially existential threat.

Across the world, school students have been striking for climate action. Last year, tens of thousands of school students – from Kindergarten to Year 12, defied Scott Morrison's call for "more learning, less activism", and walked out of class for climate justice.

On March 15, school students across Australia will be striking again with the same demands.

Rally details: Friday March 15, 11am, Parliament House

University student contingent event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1977102882595999/>

SA school strike: <https://www.facebook.com/events/366874614091769>

#### Discussion

**Angus Clarke (General Council Member)** spoke to the motion and encouraged members to promote and attend the rally, and suggested FUSA endorse this movement for change.

**Jesse Stevens (Education Officer)** suggested an amendment to the motion of two additional motion points, which **Angus Clarke (General Council Member)** was not amenable to. **Daniel Nesar (observer)** spoke on why the motion should not be amended.

*Gemma Lyons (Social Activities Officer) left room 18:52*



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**Josh Rayner (General Secretary)** provided a copy of the promotional guidelines distributed by the school strike for climate organising group to **Nathan Fiedler (General Council Member)** and **Christopher Norman (Mature Age Students Officer)** for clarification of the motion amendments.

*Gemma Lyons (Social Activities Officer) entered room 18:57*

**Daniel Nesar (observer)** and **Angus Clarke (General Council Member)** stated their disagreement with the motion amendment due to the problems they perceive in the the school strike for climate organising group's promotional guidelines and how they may negatively impact rally promotion. **Jesse Stevens (Education Officer)**, **Christopher Norman (Mature Age Students Officer)**, **Josh Rayner (General Secretary)** and **Grace Hensel (Environment Officer)** spoke in support of the guidelines and disagreed with the perceived issues.

**Procedural Motion:** That Daniel Nesar (observer) no longer be heard and council move to a vote on item 7.2.

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

*10 in favour*

**Procedural carried.**

**Amendments Moved:** Jesse Stevens (Education Officer)

*13 For*

*0 Against*

*2 Abstain*

**Amendments carried.**

**Amended Motion:** As a progressive body committed to environmental sustainability, FUSA applauds the school students and encourages Flinders Students to attend their demonstration in support. Student Council acknowledges that the school strike for climate is being organised by high school students and as such respects their ownership of and leadership for the event. Student Council agrees to the promotional guidelines distributed by the school strike for climate organising group and requests all FUSA affiliated clubs do the same.

**Angus Clarke (General Council Member)** chose to withdraw moving rights.

**Moved:** Jawahir Baraki (Women's Officer)

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

*14 For*

*0 Against*

*1 Abstain*

**Motion carried.**



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### 7.3 Against the New University Defence Projects – Angus Clarke

**Preamble:** On February 26 it was announced Flinders University, Adelaide University and the University of South Australia have signed an agreement with French company Naval Group and France's National Centre for Scientific Research to found an international research laboratory in Adelaide. This centre will likely be at Lot 14, the site of the old Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Vice-Chancellor Colin Stirling was, of course, in high spirits about the proposal. This lines up perfectly with his vision of the university; teaching only academics churning through students, while only researchers whose work can be sold to military contractors or big business get to keep researching.

We should stand against the ongoing militarisation of our universities, and oppose this new project.

**Motion:** Student Council condemns the new defence research laboratory, Flinders involvement in this project, and Flinders involvement in the Naval Shipbuilding College.

Student Council opposes the ongoing militarisation of our universities.

#### Discussion

**Angus Clarke (General Council Member)** spoke to the motion. **Nathan Fiedler (General Council Member)** commented on the importance of building a strong relationship with France for the state's economy.

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

14 For

1 Against

0 Abstain

**Motion carried.**

### 7.4 FUSA Supports the No Confidence Protest – Angus Clarke

**Amended Preamble:** The recent university restructure has resulted in many staff leaving the university and a further separation of teaching and research. The university administration has shown that they prioritise profits and university rankings above student and staff well being, as well as the quality of teaching and research. A protest has been called by Say No to Academic Restructures in support of the NTEU call for a vote of no confidence in the university chancellor and vice-chancellor. These cuts have already affected students as courses have been gutted by the staff clear out. In the spirit of solidarity FUSA should promote this protest and send a contingent to it.

We rightly identified in a previous meeting the need for independent student unions. Part of this is steps like establishing our own email server, beyond the eyes of university administration. But a major part needs to be mobilising students in opposition to the anti-staff and anti-student policies of the administration. That's where our power is. At a previous protest at university council, there were over 100 staff and students who went along to demonstrate their opposition to the restructure.

#### Discussion

**Angus Clarke (General Council Member)** spoke to the motion and encouraged FUSA to attend the protest and stand in support with affected staff. **Josh Rayner (General Secretary)** stated his support of the sentiment of the motion, as he started this campaign last year in his role as Education Officer,



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and requested clarification on the preamble and motion. **Josh Rayner (General Secretary)** suggested amendments to the wording of the preamble and motion. **Angus Clarke (General Council Member)** stated that he believed the strong wording is important and thus was not amenable to the amendments suggested.

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

14 For

1 Against

0 Abstain

**Amendments carried.**

**Daniel Nesor (observer)** spoke in favour of the motion and stated that the purpose should be to get as many people along to the rally as possible. He suggested the Education Officer, Student President and General Secretary attend the rally. **Christopher Norman (Mature Age Students Officer)** spoke on why the best way to get to people involved is to encourage everyone to come in the motion rather than forcing attendance through motions, as this can create bad feelings. **Josh Rayner (General Secretary)** spoke in favour of the motion amendments.

**Amended Motion:** Student Council endorses the March 14<sup>th</sup> protest and encourages all students involved with the campaign and/or FUSA to attend as a contingent.

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

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

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.5 Jordan Peterson Protest: Report Back and Proposal for Future Protest – Angus Clarke

**Amended Preamble:** On Monday the 11th of February, far-right academic and his army of incels made an appearance at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. Around 60 anti-fascist campaigners turned out to defy the normalisation of transphobia, misogyny, homophobia and racism that Jordan Peterson represents. It was a lively event with chanting, costumes and speeches about the importance of unions in fighting against the far-right and everything they represent. As a union which represents students of all identities, racial backgrounds and sexuality, it is of utmost importance to fight against a man who is leading a movement to deny these people rights.

A fantastic open discussion occurred after the protest to plan for future demonstrations against far-right figures when they come to Adelaide. It is important that we build a movement that tells fascists and the far right that if you come to Adelaide you will be opposed and you will lose.

Far-right figures Milo Yiannopoulos, Gavin McInnes, and Tommy Robinson are currently planning a show in Adelaide on the 11th of March. That could change, but there is a plan to protest wherever and whenever they end up showing up. If their March 11 show gets cancelled, there will be a speak out against racism and fascism on the March 11 evening in Rundle Mall.

Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/278119979485587/>



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**Amended Motion:** Student Council endorses and encourages Flinders students to attend as a contingent to protest far-right figures Milo Yiannopoulos, Gavin McInnes, and Tommy Robinson at their upcoming events and will promote these protests.

#### Discussion

**Angus Clarke (General Council Member)** spoke to the motion and strongly encouraged FUSA to attend the rally on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March. **Josh Rayner (General Secretary)** agreed with the sentiment of the motion and suggested amendments for similar reasons as those to item 7.4. **Angus Clarke (General Council Member)** was not amenable to the amendments. **Christopher Norman (Mature Age Students Officer)** spoke on how people's commitments and circumstances outside of Student Council can affect their ability to attend events like this and that while it is very important to protest, we also need to recognise that these are very confronting events that put people in the path of discrimination and abuse, and that it is not possible to expect everyone to attend.

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

13 For

1 Against

1 Abstain

**Amendments carried.**

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

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

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.6 Support For the Decriminalisation of Abortion – Angus Clarke

**Amended Preamble:** Abortion laws in South Australia are woefully inadequate. A 50 year old state law still classifies abortion as a crime. It still requires being carried out in a prescribed hospital, after getting approval from two examining doctors who judge that proceeding with the pregnancy would endanger the physical and/or mental health of the pregnant person, or for reasons of serious foetal abnormality. Abortion can occur no later than 24 weeks into the pregnancy unless in the case of serious foetal abnormality or the pregnant person's health being at serious risk. Doctors can refuse to perform an abortion and a pregnant person must have been a resident in SA for at least two months to access abortion services.

These restriction means that even when an abortion can be accessed there can be serious delays. The Pregnancy Advisory Centre (PAC), in Adelaide's western suburbs, is the only legally prescribed facility in the state that provides abortion consulting full-time. It has a three week wait. There is also a two week wait for abortion appointments at the Flinders Medical Centre

Upper House MP Tammy Franks is currently pushing to reform abortion law. These reforms would remove abortion from the criminal code, remove legal gestation limits for termination and remove the two doctors rule. FUSA should support these changes. Control over reproductive health and access to abortion should be a human right.



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The religious right and anti-choice bigots have been organising to oppose this bill. We need to be prepared to protest against them. Appallingly, their views have been echoed in parliament. Liberal Attorney-General Vickie Chapman has said she supports some abortion reform, but that the Tammy Franks bill removes too many restrictions.

FUSA should oppose these attacks and join the call for abortion with apologies.

#### Discussion

**Jawahir Baraki (Women's Officer)** suggested amendments to the motion to which **Angus Clarke (General Council Member)** was not amenable.

**Amendments Moved:** Jawahir Baraki (Women's Officer)

*14 For*

*1 Against*

*0 Abstain*

**Amendments carried.**

**Daniel Nesar (observer)** spoke against the amendments; **Nathan Fiedler (General Council Member)** and **Grace Hensel (Environment Officer)** spoke in favour of the amendments.

**Amended Motion:** Student Council supports free and accessible abortion on demand.

Student Council supports the Tammy Franks reform bill and the attempts to remove restrictions on abortion.

Student Council condemns the attacks on this bill from anti-choice campaigners.

Student Council will express these views through supporting protests for abortion rights and counter-protests against anti-choice events, and putting forward these views on social media and on campus.

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

**Seconded:** Jawahir Baraki (Women's Officer)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

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

### 7.1 Online Learning at Flinders – Jesse Stevens

**Preamble:** Online learning is becoming more popular around the world. It is important that universities, as institutions recognised by both the public and private sector as being reliable and credible providers of education, have a clearly defined role in the increasingly global web of online learning. It is also important that FUSA has a position on if, and if so, how, online learning should be incorporated at Flinders.

As demand for higher education continues to increase from people from diverse backgrounds, disadvantaged backgrounds, and particularly mature age students, those having to work while studying, those living great distances from university or who struggle to physically attend university, the need for flexibility continues to increase. It is not the case anymore, as it may have been decades



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ago when higher education was more exclusive and less diverse, that most students can spend the majority of their week on campus. Many students need to work while they study, and have other commitments.

It is also telling that in the 2017 Flinders Exit Survey of students who had left Flinders or were on a leave of absence, the number one change that respondents said would have prevented them from leaving Flinders or beginning a leave of absence was having online study options.

**Motion:** Student Council supports online learning, such that where possible, practical, and where it would not breach accreditation requirements or detract from the learning experience to do so, individual topics should be made available to be studied both online (externally) and face-to-face (internally), and that courses should be made available to be studied externally, internally, or a combination of both.

Student Council opposes any attempt to shift topics and course available internally to be made accessible solely externally.

#### 7.7 Enviro Film Festival – Grace Hensel

**Preamble:** While the weather is good and there aren't as many events on campus I thought it would be good to hold a film festival with an environmental theme. I plan to book out the super screen and have free popcorn. The event will likely be held in week 4 or 5 depending on other events and availability of the super screen, but I will talk to the events team.

**Motion:** Student Council approve \$500 from the environment officer's budget to be spent on movie rights and popcorn for the upcoming enviro film festival.

#### 7.8 Reducing Plastic at Student Council Meetings – Grace Hensel

**Preamble:** Plastic, particularly single use plastic, is incredibly bad for the environment and a huge amount of it ends up polluting our oceans. Student Council should make a commitment to reducing plastic at our meetings in order to be more environmentally friendly. We should avoid using plastic plates, cutlery and cups – especially since we have normal plates etc available to us at FUSA. It is a bit more effort to have to wash them up afterwards but if we all chip in it won't take too much to do it.

**Motion:** Student Council commits to avoid using plastic at its monthly meetings. All council members will help with cleaning up afterwards.

#### 7.9 Empire Times Regulations – Nathan Cheetham

**Preamble:** Since the ET regulations were established, there has been more regular use of publishing articles online that aren't necessarily included in print issues of ET or published online before being printed. The proposed change in regulations assures that the approval process is consistent across online and print publishing.

**Motion:** Student Council approve the following change to the Empire Times regulations section 10.1 point d) to read;

10.1

d) Approving the pre-press document of each issue of Empire Times and articles for digital publication.



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### 7.10 Club affiliation: Southern Adelaide Skin Society - Josh Rayner

#### **Preamble:** Executive Composition

President has completed their studies and is NOT a currently enrolled Flinders University student.

The Secretary is a currently enrolled Flinders University student.

The Treasurer is a currently enrolled Flinders University student.

The Vice President is a currently enrolled Flinders University student.

#### Constitution

The club (currently a Non-Financial Affiliate) has established the position of “Executive Director” as an Executive Member of the club. This position appears to assume the roles typically expected of the club’s President, including “Strategic planning for the society”. Student Council should consider whether it is appropriate to provide funding to a society where the club is not truly ‘student-driven’. A small alteration to the Constitution template went unnoticed in my previous review (apologies). The club has changed “The President, who must be a current student”, to “The President, who must be a current student at the time of nomination”. This does not satisfy the requirements for Financial Affiliation under 5.5 of the Club and Academic Association Regulations for Financial Affiliates.

#### AGM Minutes

Have met quorum requirements. There is no evidence within the AGM minutes that the club approved to establish a bank account, and establish the Executive as signatories.

#### Membership List

Meets requirements under FUSA Regulations

#### Bank Account

The bank account is listed as “Business Account #6194” and is not in the name of the club per FUSA regulations. As there was no motion to establish a bank account in the Annual General Meeting minutes, there is no evidence to indicate a club-owned bank account.

**Motion:** Student Council do not approve financial affiliation for the Southern Adelaide Skin Society.

### 7.11 Club affiliation: Twenty Thirty - Josh Rayner

#### **Preamble:** Club/association's intended aims, objectives and activities

Provide a space for people who are conscious of the impact of climate change. Build a support network and mechanisms to do something about it. There are some people that may just want more information, therefore we want to provide information so it is easier to start these conversations. We want to take a broad approach, from smaller workshops and get together to participation in global campaigns. People can choose to be involved in any way they feel is appropriate. We have already held a workshop.

#### Executive Composition

The President is a currently enrolled Flinders University student.

The Secretary is a currently enrolled Flinders University student.

The Treasurer is a currently enrolled Flinders University student.

#### Constitution

Meets requirements under FUSA Regulations

#### AGM Minutes



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Minutes have not been dated. Quorum requirements have been met.

#### Membership List

Ten current students with valid student ID numbers supplied, however email addresses and the date of application have not been supplied.

**Motion:** Student Council conditionally approve Twenty Thirty non-financial affiliation, providing that the club provides: an updated Membership List be provided to the Clubs & Events Officer (via adam.rau@flinders.edu.au) with each member's email address and date of application, and; an updated copy of the Annual General Meeting minutes be supplied to the Clubs & Events Officer (via adam.rau@flinders.edu.au) with the date of the meeting.

#### 7.12 Club affiliation: Criminology Social Club - Josh Rayner

**Preamble:** Club/association's intended aims, objectives and activities

To facilitate the networking (both social and professional) of students who study Criminology.

Intended activities include: guest speakers, pub crawl, balls, more relevant career sessions, movie nights, book clubs etc.

#### Executive Composition

The President is a currently enrolled Flinders University student.

The Secretary is a currently enrolled Flinders University student.

The Treasurer is a currently enrolled Flinders University student.

The Education Officer is a currently enrolled Flinders University student.

#### Constitution

Meets requirements under FUSA Regulations

#### AGM Minutes

Minutes have not been dated. Quorum requirements have been met.

#### Membership List

The membership list has not recorded Student ID Numbers (only FANs have been supplied) or the date of application for each member, as required within the Club & Academic Association Regulations.

Note: As FANs can be found via a student's email address, there is no way to determine if the student truly signed up to the club.

#### Bank Account

The Bank Account is in the name of the club. Only one Bank Account signatory has been listed in application, at least two signatories (that are current Flinders students) are required.

#### Education Officer

#### Elected

Endorsement by the Dean of College

#### Not endorsed

**Motion:** Student Council does not approve the application for Academic Association status for the Criminology Social Club, and recommends the club work with the Clubs Officer to work towards meeting affiliation requirements.

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



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**Moved:** Josh Rayner (Education Officer)

**Seconded:** Grace Hensel (Environment Officer)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 8. Matters for Discussion

### 8.1 O'Week Debrief – Manager, Student Engagement

**Manager, Student Engagement:** FUSA has the goal to improve what we do every year, we had some big changes this year, such as moving the stage for O'Fiesta. I'd like to get your feedback regarding your own experiences and thoughts regarding O'Week including your time on the FUSA stall here and at Sturt, the FUSA presentations with staff, and also any feedback you heard from students.

**Katt Hatzi (Student President):** I really liked having the stage in the new location – it was a great way to utilise space that was otherwise not available. It also opened up the traffic flow for the Hub and Plaza and made it a lot more comfortable. I got some feedback that it was quieter down at Sturt than usual – one person I spoke to suggested that it might have been because the uniform sales and distribution that would normally happen around O'Week activation space weren't, which may have impacted traffic. The weather conditions also would have played a factor in traffic.

**Jawahir Baraki (Women's Officer):** We noticed on the Wednesday that the ASMS students took advantage of the free food and free Red Bull on offer, rather than the Flinders students.

**Jesse Stevens (Education Officer):** I will discuss this with Caleb Osborne (Events Officer).

**Grace Hensel (Environment Officer):** Someone also pointed out that there is a possibility of ASMS students under 16 getting access to the free Red Bull might be an issue, since you're meant to be over 16 to have Red Bull.

**Josh Rayner (General Secretary):** I'll echo the sentiments around the movement of the stage, based off my experience last year on the FUSA stall. There was enough music and whatnot going on to have that good vibe, but I felt like last year I was constantly shouting, and it was hard to hear people and tell them about FUSA, this made it much easier to have conversations with students. Collective sign ups seemed to be a lot higher this year than in previous years. We were using the iPads, it's a lot quicker, better for the environment, the results go straight to the office bearer. It was a very successful week.

**Manager, Student Engagement:** How about the presentations for new students with FUSA staff that a few of you attended?



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**Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer):** I saw students coming to the Student Assist stall after Ally (Student Advocacy Officer, Student Assist) gave a presentation to a student group, she got really good feedback from those students at the stall. It was great to see students come in and grab the bits and pieces and get the positive feedback on FUSA's services and how invaluable they think it will be.

**Josh Rayner (General Secretary):** Helen (Student Advocacy Officer, Student Assist) and I were going to do a talk to a student group but got bumped in favour of the Academic Association at the last minute, which was a little disappointing, since it would be valuable for students to hear from both. It would be nice if we were able to speak to everyone, I think there is room for more involvement across the different colleges.

**Manager, Student Engagement:** It seems that some colleges are not holding these presentations at the beginning of the year, that they are waiting a few weeks into the year. It might be useful to check in a few weeks into semester and see if we can attend lectures to tell students about FUSA. There will also be a "Drop In Not Out" event before census date with services out on campus, which is a good opportunity to let people know about the various services. There is a lot to take in during O'Week, so that might also explain it.

**Josh Rayner (General Secretary):** I still hear from students in second and third year that they don't know what FUSA is or does beyond the free diaries.

*Christopher Norman (Mature Age Students Officer) entered room 19:51*

**Katt Hatzi (Student President):** There were some colleges that flagged interest in being involved with FUSA but they never sent the information to FUSA as they seemed to expect us to reach out to them rather than us being invited to attend presentations. I think we can't depend on having people reach out to us. That was the only reason I managed to get out to CDW Studios, which they were so grateful for all of the boxes of things Amy and I lugged up there. I think there is room to be more proactive in reaching out and following up.

**Manager, Student Engagement:** Thank you everyone for your help last week, it was really appreciated. If you have any feedback you can email it through.

**Nathan Fiedler (General Council Member):** The fairy bread and mister fans during O'Fiesta were great in the hot weather.

**Nicole Cutufia (Disabilities Officer):** We should get the walk-through misters next year.

*Katt Hatzi (Student President) called a recess at 19:53*

*Katt Hatzi (Student President), Josh Rayner (General Secretary), Grace Hensel (Environment Officer) & Christopher Norman (Mature Age Students Officer) left room 19:53*



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*Jawahir Baraki (Women's Officer) & Nicole Cutufia (Disabilities Officer) left room 20:06*

*Josh Rayner (General Secretary), Grace Hensel (Environment Officer) & Christopher Norman (Mature Age Students Officer) entered room 20:13*

**Meeting Closed: 20:13**