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**Flinders University Student Council Meeting**  
**Agenda of the Meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Alere Function Centre, Student Hub, Bedford Park Campus

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**1. Acknowledgement of Country**

**2. Apologies**

- Sarah Howson
- Gemma Lyons
- Nicholas Loh



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- Christopher Norman
- Hansha Manimendra

### 3. Name and pronoun round

### 4. Previous Minutes

See Appendix 1

**Motion:**

Student Council accepts the minutes of the April meeting.

### 5. Executive Decisions

See Appendix 2

**Motion:**

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

### 6. Reports

See Appendix 3

**Motion:**

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

## 7. Matters for Decision

### 7.1 Club Affiliation Application from Mad Tea Collective – Josh Rayner

**Preamble**

Mad Tea Collective are applying for Financial Affiliation. The club has an appropriate executive composition, and meets all FUSA regulation requirements for their constitution, AGM minutes, and bank account. However, their membership list does not maintain a recorded date of application for each member.

**Motion**

FUSA Student Council conditionally approve Mad Tea Collective for Financial Affiliation on the condition that an updated membership list with date of application be sent to the Clubs & Events Officer within 30 days of formal notice.

### 7.2 Club Affiliation Application from Flinders University Malaysian Student Society – Josh Rayner

**Preamble**



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Flinders University Malaysian Student Society are applying for Financial Affiliation. The club has an appropriate executive composition, and meets all FUSA regulation requirements for their constitution, AGM minutes, membership list, and bank account.

**Motion**

FUSA Student Council approve Flinders University Malaysian Student Society for Financial Affiliation.

### **7.3 Club Affiliation Application from Flinders University 8 Ball Club – Josh Rayner**

**Preamble**

Flinders University 8 Ball Club are applying for Financial Affiliation. The club has an appropriate executive composition, and meets all FUSA regulation requirements for their constitution, AGM minutes, membership list, and bank account.

**Motion**

FUSA Student Council approve Flinders University 8 Ball Club for Financial Affiliation.

### **7.4 Club Affiliation Application from Flinders University International Postgraduate Scholars Association – Josh Rayner**

**Preamble**

Flinders University International Postgraduate Scholars Association are applying for Financial Affiliation. The club has an appropriate executive composition, and meets all FUSA regulation requirements for their constitution, AGM minutes, and bank account. However, their membership list does not contain student numbers for several members, falling short of the required 66% of enrolled Flinders Students.

**Motion**

FUSA Student Council conditionally approves Flinders University International Postgraduate Scholars Association for Financial Affiliation on the condition that the club provides an updated membership list within 30 days of approval

### **7.5 Club Affiliation Application from The Lao Student Association in South Australia – Josh Rayner**

**Preamble**

The Lao Student Association in South Australia are applying for Financial Affiliation. The club has an appropriate executive composition, and meets all FUSA regulation requirements for their constitution, AGM minutes, and bank account. However, their membership list does not contain student numbers for several members, but has instead provided evidence that their membership list contains the required number of students enrolled at Flinders University.

**Motion**

FUSA Student Council conditionally approves The Lao Student Association in South Australia for Financial Affiliation on the condition that the club provides an updated membership list within 30 days of approval.



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## 7.6 Clothing Isn't as Simple as You Think – Jesy Murphy

### Preamble

Growing up, lots of children can wear the clothes they want, growing up they will create a wardrobe and a style that fits them. But for transgender and gender diverse people that isn't always the case. Lots of transgender and gender diverse people come out later in life, because of this they don't have a lot of clothes that they are comfortable wearing. They will have to keep wearing clothes that cause them distress and dysphoria because they can't afford to buy a new wardrobe as soon as they come out.

A simple solution to this, is to have a clothing drive. This is where people can donate clothes that they do not want anymore, once they have been donated transgender and gender diverse people can have these clothes at little to no cost, allowing them to have clothes that they are comfortable in.

If FUSA has a box in the reception area it allows people to donate clothes throughout the year ready for a stall that can be set up during the year.

### Motion

FUSA Student Council endorses the clothing donation box to be placed in the reception area so that it is available for donations throughout the year in preparation for a clothing drive event later in the year.

## 7.7 Affiliation with the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations – Katt Hatzi

### Preamble

CAPA is the peak representative body for postgraduate students. Adequate and tailored representation for postgraduate students is critical – more than 34% of Flinders students are postgraduates. Flinders University was a founding member of CAPA, but our affiliation lapsed at some point. We re-affiliated in 2017.

CAPA has an impressive record in advocacy for postgraduate students. In response to the AHRC Changing the Course report, a range of recommendations were made to specifically protect postgraduate students, whom the survey showed are particularly vulnerable to sexual violence at university. These recommendations evolved into a joint project with CAPA, the NTEU, the Australian Council of Graduate Research, and Universities Australia into the Principles for Respectful Supervisory Relationships. They also have a close relationship with two other organisations we are affiliated to - the National Union of Students (NUS) and the Council of International Students Australia (CISA) - having signed the Spring Accord December 2017 and since worked on joint campaigns (Fares Fair and Bury the Bill) with both in 2018.

CAPA runs on a shoestring budget and their affiliation fees are the only thing keeping the organisation afloat. Despite their limited budget in 2018, CAPA still managed to complete this project as well as: three Government inquiry submissions, three consultation interviews with Government departments or commissioned investigations, four new pieces of policy and research, 23 media released which resulted in more than 50 news appearances, and 10 invited conference appearances.

In 2019 CAPA have been particularly vocal around the Federal Election, releasing consistent updates, media releases, and infographics that address the issues of postgraduate students.



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It's undeniable that we see incredible benefit from our affiliation with NUS and that national bodies create impact for students that would be otherwise impossible for a single university union to achieve. With such a large proportion of our students being postgraduate, it's our responsibility to ensure that their interests are being advocated for to the same degree as undergraduate students. We receive fee discounts for NUS affiliation, and would do the same with CAPA as we did for our 2018 affiliation costs. The full affiliation fee is \$13,263.46.

Last year we paid a discounted amount of \$4000; our circumstances have not materially changed to warrant a change in this amount.

#### **Motion**

The Student Council endorse FUSA affiliation to CAPA, and approve the expenditure of \$4000 from the remaining funds in the FUSA Memberships budget line with remaining funds to be deducted from the Postgraduate Support and Activities budget line to cover the affiliation cost.

## **7.8 Affiliation with the Council of International Students Australia – Nicholas Loh**

#### **Preamble**

The Council of International Student Australia (CISA) is the national peak student representative organisation for international students studying at the postgraduate, undergraduate, private college, TAFE (Technical and Further Education), ELICOS (English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students) and foundation level. CISA was inaugurated on Wednesday, 7 July 2010 at the University of Tasmania, Hobart through the joint efforts of the National Union of Students (NUS), Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) and the Australian Federation of International Students (AFIS) to form a unified voice for all international students.

CISA is not aligned with any political party; this allows them the freedom to openly and freely advance its position on issues for the betterment of all international students. It represents international students at all levels. Its vision is to be recognised as a holistic voice for international students in Australia by the local, national, and international community.

The benefits associated from FUSA's sustained affiliation with CISA, which provides an avenue for international students of Flinders University to be represented, was deemed to outweigh the costs (\$440 per calendar year for *CISA Membership: Higher Education*; in contrast, CISA membership for VET/TAFE/ELICOS and associate CISA membership both cost \$220) associated with FUSA's continued membership and affiliation with CISA. Thus, as International Students Officer, I hereby express my desire on behalf of the international students of Flinders University that FUSA renew its membership with CISA.

#### **Motion**

The Student Council endorse FUSA affiliation to CISA, and approve the expenditure of \$440 from the FUSA Memberships budget line to cover the affiliation cost.

## **7.9 10th University Scholars Leadership Symposium Attendance – Jawahir Baraki**

#### **Preamble**



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I have recently had the privilege of being accepted to represent Flinders University and Australia at the 10th University Scholars Leadership Symposium. I would like to request to use my Travel Budget for my attendance to this event, hosted by Humanitarian Affairs Asia and the Government of Malaysia, between August 1 -7, 2019.

The USLS is a youth leadership development program, which Humanitarian Affairs Asia holds annually for youth leaders who are passionate about positive social change. Last year's event gathered over 1,000 students from 189 universities and 87 countries, and this year's event is expected to gather 1,500 youth leaders from across the globe to celebrate the 10th edition of the program.

The video at this link (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=parlOvytPas&feature=youtu.be>) documents last year's edition of the program held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. You can find more information regarding the symposium, including registration fees, what is included, and the aims of the symposium, at: [www.universitiescholars.org.uk](http://www.universitiescholars.org.uk).

A primary goal of this conference is to offer students the skills, resources and support to develop as effective leaders in positive social change. The symposium would be a unique opportunity for me to interact with key stakeholders in my field, network with the brightest and the best university students from across the globe, and learn from the many inspirational and thought - provoking speakers.

I would love to represent Flinders University and Australia at this year's edition of the program, especially as I'm very passionate about humanitarian issues and growing my leadership skills; however, registration to the conference is USD 1,250.00 (tax excl.) per person, and doesn't include return Flights to Malaysia. Therefore, I'm requesting Student Council approve for me to spend \$1000 out of my Conference Attendance/Professional Development and a further \$500 from the Flexi Fund to contribute towards my travel, attendance, and accommodation costs.

#### **Motion**

FUSA Student Council approves \$1000 to be spent from the Women's Officer Conference Attendance/Professional Development Budget, and a further \$500 from the Flexi Fund, to attend the 10th University Scholars Leadership Symposium.

## **7.10 Thank You For Being Our Friend – Katt Hatzi**

#### **Preamble**

Over the last little while Alice has been running our front desk and providing admin support. Her warmth and enthusiasm have been an invaluable asset to the interactions that students have with FUSA and to the operations of our office. It's been a pleasure to have Alice with us and while we are super excited about her new adventures, she will absolutely be sorely missed.

#### **Motion**

FUSA Student Council extends a big thank you to the incredible Alice for always being a stellar human, a huge help to us, and the warm face of FUSA that our students deserve. We wish you all the very best in everything you do.





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## Flinders University Student Association Student Council Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 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), Nicholas Loh (International Students Officer), Sean Henschke (Queer Officer), Grace Hensel (Environment Officer), Christopher Norman (Mature Age Students Officer), Laura Savaglia (General Council Member), Angus Clarke (General Council Member), Jesy Murphy (General Council Member), Amy Tschirn (Minutes).

*Meeting Opened: 18:47*

#### 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: Clara Santilli (General Council), Hansha Manimendra (Postgraduate Students Officer), Gemma Lyons (Social Activities Officer), Sarah Howson (Indigenous Students Officer), Nicole Cutufia (Disabilities Officer), Nathan Fiedler (General Council Member).

Welcome guests: Alicia Wood (Empire Times), Daniel Neser, Aidan Cornelius-Bell, Kane Abraham

#### 3. Name & Pronoun Round

Those present introduced themselves and their pronouns.

#### 4. Previous Minutes

**Motion:**

Student Council accepts the minutes of the January and March meetings.

**Moved:** Josh Rayner

**Seconded:** Christopher Norman

*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:** Sean Henschke



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**Seconded:** Christopher Norman

*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

**Seconded:** Jesy Murphy

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 7. Matters for Decision

Student President called for starring of matters.

Starred items: 7.4, 7.5.

Agenda item 7.16 was withdrawn by the mover.

### 7.0 Starred Matters for Decision

#### 7.4 Palm Sunday – Angus Clarke

**Motion:** FUSA demands that the camps are closed and that refugees are brought to mainland Australia. FUSA will endorse and promote the April 14<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday March, including a post on the FUSA Facebook and Instagram pages.

**Moved:** Angus Clarke

**Seconded:** Josh Rayner

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.5 Overturn the Visa Ban on Remi Kanazi – Angus Clarke

**Motion:** As a body that supports the right of free speech, FUSA condemns the Department of Home Affairs for the denial of Remi Kanazi a right to a visa.

FUSA will share and encourage students to sign the petition calling for the decision to be overturned.

<https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/overturn-visa-ban-let-palestinain-poet-into-australia>

**Moved:** Angus Clarke

**Seconded:** Jawahir Baraki

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**





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

### 7.1 Club Affiliation Application from Flinders University Book Club – Josh Rayner

**Motion:** FUSA Student Council approve Financial Affiliation for the Flinders University Book Club.

### 7.2 Club Affiliation Application from Southern Adelaide Skin Society – Josh Rayner

**Motion:** FUSA Student Council approve Financial Affiliation for the Southern Adelaide Skin Society.

### 7.3 Climate Crisis: A Student Forum – Angus Clarke

**Motion:** FUSA will share the details of the Climate Crisis Forum to advertise the event to Flinders Students. <https://www.facebook.com/events/262035418081518/>

### 7.6 Support Chemist Warehouse Workers – Angus Clarke

**Motion:** FUSA stands with the strikers at Chemist Warehouse and publicly celebrates their win on social media.

### 7.7 International Students Post Mid-Semester Recharge! – Nicholas Loh

**Motion:** FUSA Student Council approves the expenditure of \$173.45 from the International Student's Officer's Initiatives and Campaigns Budget on this event as outlined in the event proposal.

### 7.8 A Blank on the Names – Sean Henschke

**Motion:** FUSA supports making the process easier for students to amend their name. FUSA believes Flinders University should use technology to make education more accessible for the diverse array of needs of students and not create more roadblocks.

**Motion:** FUSA supports a new flag pole being installed on all campuses that already has space for flag poles having Quasars pride flag being flown daily on campuses.

### 7.10 Leadership Transform and Roll Out – Sean Henschke

**Motion:** FUSA Student Council approves the expenditure of \$499 from the Queer Officer Professional Development Budget to be spent on the Transformative Leadership Training.

### 7.11 Transgender Day of Visibility Acknowledgement – Jesy Murphy

**Motion:** FUSA acknowledges the importance of Transgender Day of Visibility and supports the gender diverse community at Flinders University.

### 7.12 Tony Could Never – Nathan Cheetham

**Motion:** FUSA Student Council endorses the bookshelf being created in the reception area and will, to the best of individual members' means, donate books upon its completion.

### 7.13 Adulting 101 – Nathan Cheetham

**Motion:** FUSA Student council endorses Adulting 101 and approves the expenditure \$1300 from the Welfare Officer Initiatives and Campaigns Budget as per the event proposal. FUSA Student Council members will, according to individual members' means, volunteer their time at the event.



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#### 7.14 Environment Collective Meeting – Grace Hensel

**Motion:** FUSA Student Council approves \$140 from the Environment Officer’s Initiatives and Campaigns Budget to be spent on food and boosting Facebook posts.

#### 7.15 Legally FUSA – Josh Rayner

**Motion:** All legal advice that is used to make decisions at FUSA must be given to Student Council before the decision is made. If in the event the recipient of the legal advice is unwilling to hand over the legal advice, new legal advice must be sought at the discretion of Student Council. FUSA Student Council notes with grave concern the attempts to suppress Student Council with vague, unspecified threats of legal action.

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

**Moved:** Grace Hensel

**Seconded:** Nathan Cheetham

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

*Meeting Closed: 18:56*



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## Executive Motions

### **Enviro Film Festival – Grace Hensel [CARRIED]**

#### **Motion**

FUSA Student council approve an additional \$750 from the environment officer budget to be spent on movie rights for the enviro film festival.

### **Academic Association Affiliation from Criminal Justice Students Association – Josh Rayner [CARRIED]**

#### **Preamble**

The Criminal Justice Student Association at GBL college is applying for being an Academic Association. The group has highly active students and are supported by Criminology staff to become an AA. They meet all FUSA requirements to become an AA except they have not yet been endorsed by the Executive Dean of Ed for GBL. They are 'approaching an important time in the semester for attaining student engagement, and we will not be able to run the required social and educational events without some funding.'

#### **Motion**

FUSA Student Council Executive conditionally approve the Criminal Justice Student Association to be an Academic Association upon the condition that they obtain endorsement from their respective Dean of Ed within 30 days of this motion passing.

### **Pizza for NUS Stall – Katt Hatzi [CARRIED]**

#### **Motion**

Executive approve \$200 from the Education Officer budget to purchase pizza for the NUS campaign stall on 2/5/19.



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## Reports

### Student President

#### **University Council Induction**

Induction for University Council consisted of meetings with: the University Secretary, the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, CFO, and one of the Deputy Chancellors. These meetings involved some induction material, discussion about the function of University Council, and practical discussions about the matters that have been considered in recent meetings and what may be upcoming.

#### **Student Voice Australia**

We have been preparing to travel to Sydney for the next Advisory Group meeting, as well as the Student Summit. We have been working on choosing students to attend the Summit with us, and preparing contributions to the project of our working group around Student Partnership Agreements. I'm very much looking forward to the Advisory Group meeting and the Student Summit; they will be great opportunities to touch base with other campuses and see how their Institutional Analysis Workshops have gone so far (ours will be later in May).

#### **Parenting Room**

Some issues have been raised about the use of the Parenting Room for other purposes. A very productive meeting identified what exactly the room is being used for, how to provide better information about what the room is designed for, where to find the actual spaces designed to meet other needs, and how we can make the room fit better for its purpose. This will be an ongoing project.

#### **NUS Campaign – A Future Worth Fighting For**

We continued the NUS campaign A Future Worth Fighting For by having a stall on May 2, on while students all around the country came together to make sure their concerns are being heard this election. We had the NUS Women's Officer attend, and we spoke to students



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about what key issues they will be taking into account when voting in the upcoming Federal Election. We had some fantastic conversations and honestly everyone loves pizza so we couldn't go wrong.

### **Other**

- Working on developing the concept and theme around Mental Health Week, along with Oasis, FUSA Media and FUSA events teams
- Attended the Solar Array & Sustainability Plan launch
- Continuing to assist members of Student Council in planning their events and campaigns
- Submissions to Empire Times
- Discussions about Be a Better Human in 2019 (events and ongoing campaign development)
- Regular meetings with the NUS Women's Officer
- Responding to student queries
- Attended Student Appeals Committees & Board of Inquiry
- Meeting with Club executives to advise and assist on their projects and problem solve ongoing issues with the University
- Discussing and planning the Semester 2 events schedule
- Follow-up on budgets and expenditure

### **Meetings**

- Education Quality Committee
- Research Quality Committee
- Academic Senate
- Deputy Vice Chancellor (Students)

### **General Secretary**

#### **NUS National Day of Action**

- Attended second Education Action Network Meeting to help coordinate event at Flinders and provide support to events across other university campuses.
- Prepared materials for distribution



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- Handed flyers out in the Hub for promotion of National Day of Action

### **Meetings**

- Be a Better Human Campaign planning meeting
- Manager of Student Engagement and Student President on multiple occasions to discuss previously passed executive motions

### **Other**

- Prepared meeting agenda and appendix items
- Voted on executive motions

### **Education Officer**

- Participated in the April 2nd Education Quality Committee meeting
- Attended the Flinders Sustainability Plan Launch
- Met with the Director, Library Services to discuss matters relating to the library, including student usage, access, plans for the future.
- Met with the Manager Student Experience to discuss improving the services and access to services on campus.
- Attended the Environment Collective Meeting
- Met with the FUSA SRDO to discuss student partnership and student representation issues
- Met with the SRDO and Manager, Student Engagement to discuss preparation for the Student Voice working group meeting
- Participated in the Student Voice working group zoom meeting to make plans for how to approach the division of work for the group, and the process of getting all the work done.
- Attended the April 30th Education Quality Committee meeting
- Helped run a stall for an NUS campaign talking to students about the issues that matter for them for the election. Did an online photo campaign.
- Met with the Chair of the Retention Working Group to discuss issues that arose from the training day.
- Participated in the Retention Working Group meeting



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- Attended the Sustainability Advisory Group meeting and spoke about the need to divest from fossil fuels
- Participated in the Student View Group meeting
- Reviewed Expressions of Interest for the Student Voice Summit in Sydney and provided the SRDO with recommendations on which students should be selected to attend.
- Attended the Empire Times Edition 3 Launch

#### Women's Officer

- Voted on Executive motions
- Attended 2 separate Student View Group meetings held by the Office of Student Experience
- Had a meeting with the Student Representation and Development Officer (SRDO) in regards to the FUSA Development Grants applications
- Read all 42 FUSA Development grant applications
- Partook in a panel to decipher which Development grant applications were successful
- Attended the first Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee meeting of the year
- Attended a meeting with the User Experience Designer of Project Compass at the IDS office, in order to give feedback on OKTA, FLO and the Flinders University Student Website
- Responded to student emails, along with other emails
- Made Facebook posts for the Women's Collective Facebook page
- Had a meeting with the Empire Times team
- Finished writing article for the Empire Times
- Continued to meet with the Events and Projects Manager to discuss Self Defense Classes event
- Continued planning the Self Defense class event
- Emailed everyone on my Women's Collective email list about the Self Defense classes





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- Created a 9 page, which casuals will use when restocking the bathrooms with female sanitary products from now on
- Edited a campus map for casuals to use when restocking the bathrooms with female sanitary products from now on
- Continuously updated my Women's Collective email list with every new sign up that comes through
- Continuously met with the Manager of Student Engagement to give feedback on student concerns that had been voiced to me, and to discuss potential ideas
- Gained access to, and deleted, the FUSA Women's Collective Instagram account, which had been inactive since 2015, the only year it had been used. As to respond to all student queries in a timely manner, it was important to me to streamline all communications with the Women's Officer to the Facebook page and the office bearer email address only.
- Liased with Jodie Zada, Director of Students Services, about a meeting to discuss student concerns
- Attended a meeting with Jodie Zada, Director of Students Services, to discuss student concerns
- Accepted an invite from Coalition of Women's Domestic Violence Services SA to attend the annual SA Domestic & Aboriginal Family Violence Vigil
- Attended the SA Domestic and Aboriginal Family Violence Vigil at the Adelaide Festival Theatre (moved indoors from the Rotunda due to weather conditions)
- Attended the BABH meeting with Student Council members and FUSA staff
- Attended the Empire Times issue 3 launch party
- Attended the Project Compass Board Meeting as their student representative
- Worked with the Student President to write a submission from the both of us to the Tasmanian Government, regarding the Section 194K Evidence Act 2001, and endorsing the Let Her Speak Campaign



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### Postgraduate Students Officer

- Attended to “Farewell to Education Staff” event organized by postgraduate students in the College of Education, Psychology and social Work.
- Attended to “Empire Times Issue 02 Launch Party”.
- Helped with planning and organizing “the Sri Lankan Traditional New Year Celebration” event of ‘Sri Lankan Student Association of Flinders University’
- Attended “BRAVE - There’s No Plan(et) B”, Flinders Research and Innovation Series at Victoria Square Campus.
- Represented Flinders University at “the Prayers and Candle Lightning Vigil in honour of Sri Lankan Easter Bomb Victims” at St Peter’s Cathedral, Adelaide.
- Attended the First day of “Mental Health Week”.

### International Students Officer

- Successfully held the Post-midsemester recharge
- Notified CISA Secretary that after careful consideration, FUSA has decided to update its membership/affiliation with CISA.
- Liaised with Vanesa Duran Racero to provide support to a Master of Social Work student named Ella Hang Yuan, who is working on a project which involves making a resource book for international students which shall provide them with useful information.
- Arranged a meeting with Huong Nguyen, FUSA Student Representation Officer. The meeting is scheduled to be held on 8 May, 1-1:50 pm, at the FUSA Office. She seeks to understand the current engagement of international students in Flinders University’s decision-making process and my views regarding this.
- Met Ms Elena Li Linyao, and Amelia, Master of Social Work students who wishes to organise a Flea Market on a Friday this month. I assured her that I will render assistance by helping to promote her event on the FUSA International Students Collective page.



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## Environment Officer

### **Environment Collective Meeting**

I hosted the Environment Collective Meeting last month and had a surprisingly good turnout. It was great to hear from a number of enthusiastic students and hear what they had to say about environmental issues at Flinders.

### **Enviro Film Festival**

I finished off organising the enviro film festival that is currently happening! A big thanks to media and events for helping me with this.

### **World Environment Day**

I have begun plans for World Environment Day along with a few other members of student council. I also had some interest at the environment collective meeting about things we can do and stalls/events we could run which is awesome.

## Social Activities Officer

My main focus has been on the FUSA Pub Crawl. This event was rescheduled again to allow for more advertising time - the final date is May 24th. I worked closely with the media team to finalise designs, venues, produce a facebook event + other media, and sell the t-shirts. We have successfully sold out at 400 shirts! I am in the early stages of organising the FUSA Ball and another first-year collective event.

## General Council Members

### JESY

- Helped at NUS stall: During the final week in April a NUS stall was held so that student council could talk to students about the upcoming federal election and what issues they were passionate about. This stall included pizza and allowed students to hold signs with various issues on them which student council members then took photos of.



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- Helped with some Queer Officer projects: During the month of April the Queer Officer was planning various events that were coming up soon. I helped with the volunteer aspect of these events (Who would volunteer, what times, what roles).

### Office of Student Engagement

#### **Staff Movements**

Sadly, Alice will be leaving us in early June. This is sad for us but wonderful for Alice as she embarks on a Masters in Applied Sciences (Biological Sciences) in Hobart. Alice has been a huge support to all of us here at FUSA and will be sorely missed. I have begun the process to begin recruitment to fill this position. It may be that we have someone filling in during the time after Alice leaves and the new person begins. The Office Coordinator role will remain vacant in 2019.

I would like to welcome to the team Susan Cilento. Susan is a recent graduate of Flinders Bachelor of Arts (Enhanced Program for High Achievers) and is a volunteer manager of SAGA Adelaide, Women's International Film Festival. Susan will be taking on the role of Student Representation Support Officer, including a new project which includes assisting in the creation and support of representation structures in each of the Colleges. This is a very exciting project and one in which Susan has experience and expertise as a student representative on the College Education Committee in CHASS. Huong will remain in the role of Student Representation Support Officer providing ad-hoc project support to Michelle including the International Student Engagement on Governance Committees project and others as required. I would like to thank Huong wholeheartedly for the work and support provided to date.

A huge congratulations to Rachael Pollock who has accepted a new role within Property Facilities and Development as a Business Development Manager (Functions & Events). This role will now be advertised externally.

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**Student Assist Activity Report** – Prepared by Student Assist

Casework



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This report has been prepared in time for the next Student Council meeting and reflects advocacy work from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Student Assist opened 66 new student cases in April (up from 30 cases opened in April last year). Most students (38; 58%) were using Student Assist's services for the first time.

It is important to note that these numbers are new cases only, time spent on ongoing cases is not reflected in these figures. April saw the highest number of new cases opened since July 2018 (79). It should also be noted that due to staff leave Student Assist was staffed by 2 x .8 FTE during this time.

In addition to case work Student Assist attended 6 meetings with academics during this time. These meetings are generally time consuming and complex involving a significant amount of follow up enquiries.

Each case opened in Student Assist's case management system involves one or more 'issues', which fall into the broad categories of 'Academic', 'Financial' or 'Welfare'. Any given case will have at least one issue attached to it. In complex cases, a student may have a number of interconnected issues adding a multifactorial dimension to their situations and often requiring multi-pronged approaches for satisfactory outcomes.

Student Assist managed 66 new issues in April (up from 43 issues for the same period in 2018). The majority (52%) were Financial issues, followed by Academic issues (46%). Welfare matters (2%)(defined in this instance as those encompassing "Equal Opportunity", "Personal", "Employment" and "Accommodation" concerns).

A closer investigation of the Financial issues in April shows that enquiries relating to "Student Loans", "Remission of fees", "Financial Counselling" and "Emergency Financial Assistance" were the most common issues (a combined total of 41%). In regard to Academic issues in April, Complaints were the most common issue (20%). In addition to casework, 26 students contacted Student Assist via the generic email address to seek advice this month. Queries relating to academic issues represented 50% of the general email contacts.

Graphs summarising caseload are shown below.



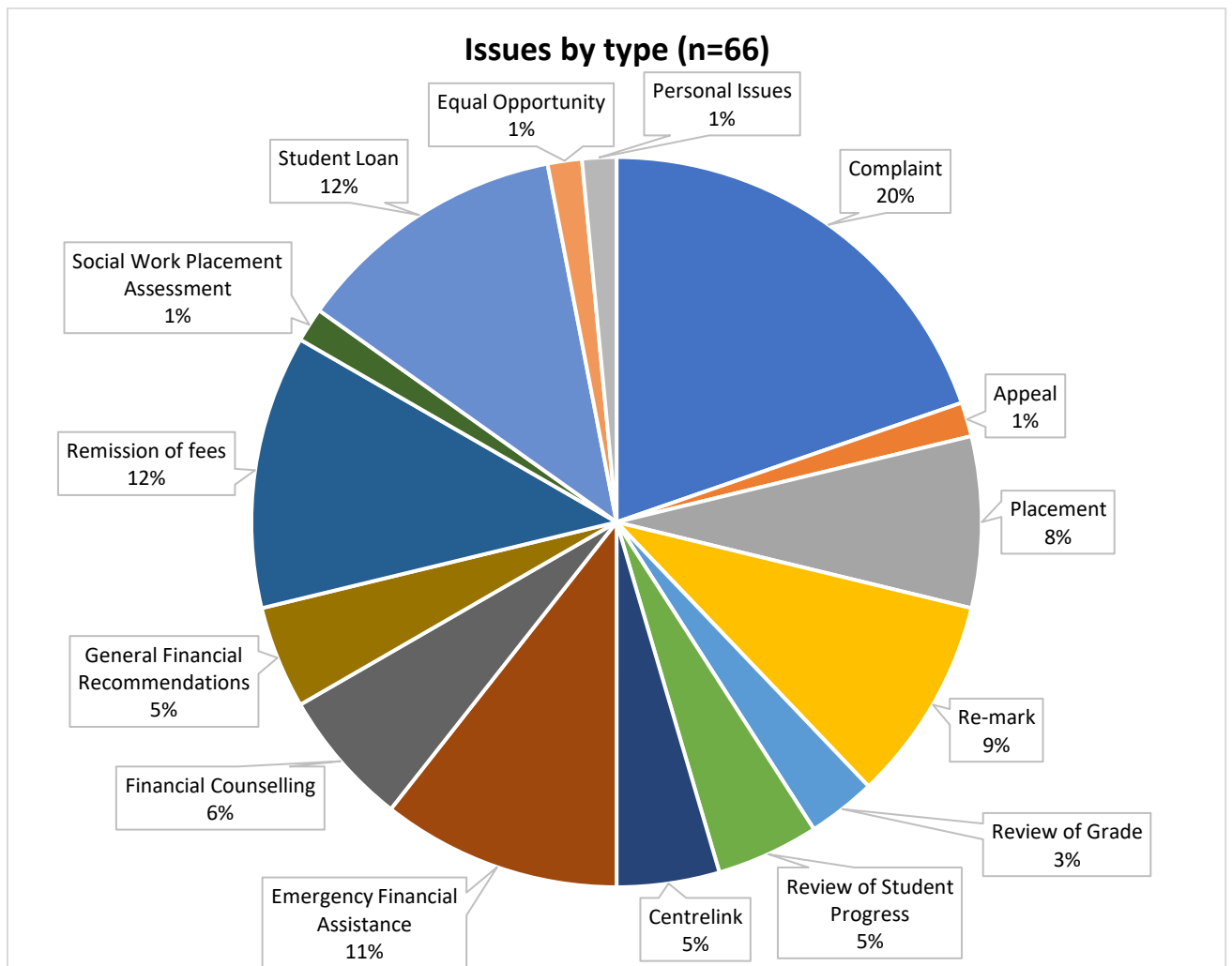
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### Projects and Communications

- FUSA Staff meeting
- Assessment Policy Meeting and follow up actions
- Financial Capability Project meeting
- Met with Robert Houghton, Manager Student Appeals re changes to Appeal Policy and Processes
- Presentation to HASS students
- Met with USASA staff re their commencing financial counselling program
- Flinders Living catch up
- Ongoing planning with SC Welfare Officer re How to Adult Day



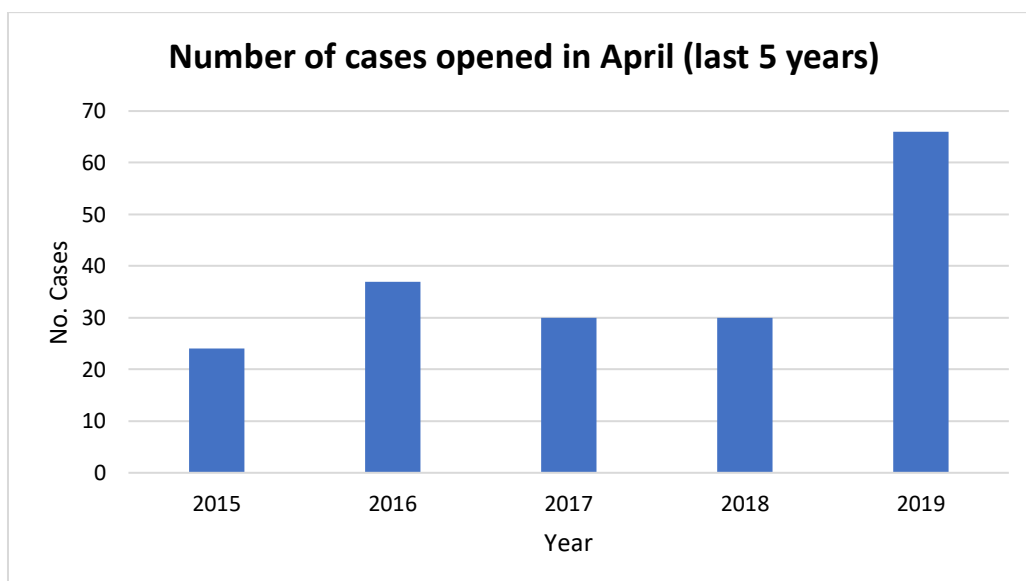
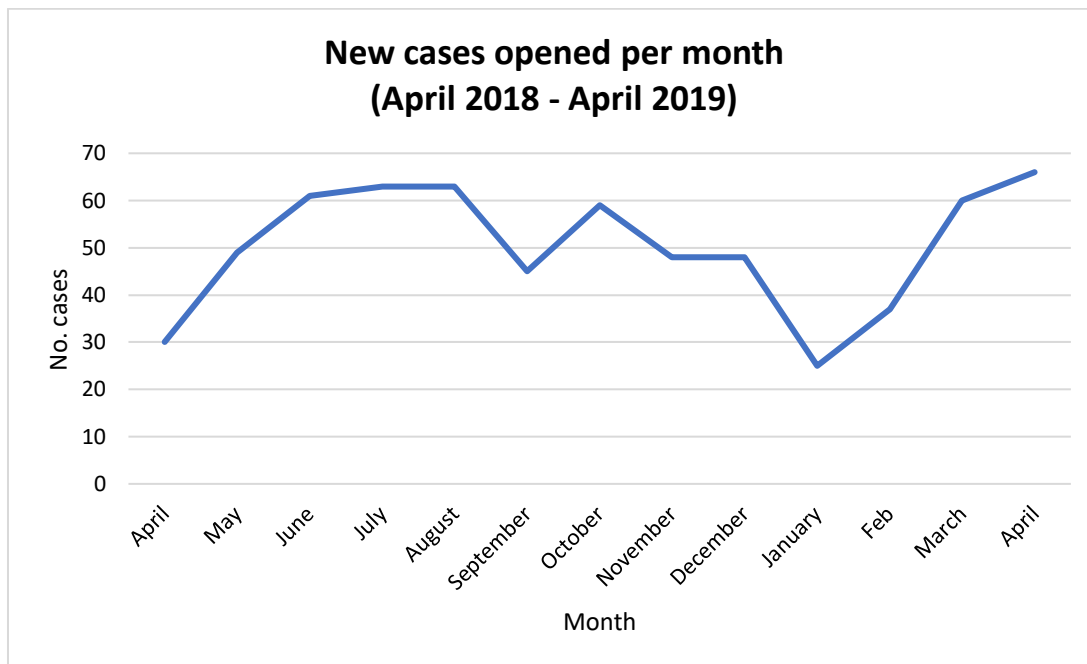
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## **Media Report – Prepared by the Media Officer**

### **Usual work:**

- Newsletters (fortnightly)
- Facebook (roughly 99+ comments/likes/PMs a day)
- (don't forget if you want something to go out via FUSA fb you can always PM the account)

### **We have been working on**

- Design work for Student Assist for Financial Fitness
- Design of How to Adult event
- Design of Mental Health Week event (consultation with Oasis)
- O'Week semester 2 planning and asset management
- Empire Times support and training – Issue 3 to be delivered on 7/5
- Financial Capability design
- Review of FUSA website
- Club and SC requests
- Be a Better Human 2019 plan, including quotes and proposal for assets to be used during year and planning of Fair Day
- 2018 Annual Report
- Restocking of FUSA merchandise
- Welfare Collective branding – to be rolled out across all FUSA collectives
- Plans for Canva workshop for clubs

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## **Clubs Report – Prepared by the Clubs and Events Officer**

### **Pool Funding**

Round 2 applications for Pool Funding closed this week. Applications are being collated for a review later next week, subject to Student Council availability.

Due to some complications with an anti-spam filter on the FUSA website, several applicants had difficulty in submitting their applications. In some cases these applications have been received manually via email due to this issue.



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51 applications have been received by 18 clubs. A total of \$64,240.26 has been requested across these projects.

### **FUSA Event Management Policy**

A comprehensive Event Management Policy has been drafted outlining FUSA's responsibilities toward managing staff, Student Council and Club/Association events and activities. This policy will likely be revised pending feedback from the Events team and Manager, Student Engagement.

Work continues on the updated forms and Health and Safety Guidelines.

### **Annual Review**

The deadline for Annual Review applications has now passed (due the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2019). Clubs & Associations who have not organised for an extension will have their benefits of affiliation suspended until their Annual Review submission is provided.

The aforementioned issue regarding the anti-spam plugin has resulted in some frustrations with the submission process, as some submissions were blocked due to the filter marking some email addresses incorrectly as spam (bots). The plugin has been temporarily deactivated to ensure there are no further complications, and clubs affected have been offered an extension to complete the application again.

Based on an understanding of club activities, it is predicted that between 25-30 clubs will require formal disaffiliation due to inactivity. While this number may seem high, this is a similar figure to previous years. FUSA's Clubs & Associations program will likely retain between 80-90 affiliates.

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**Student Representation Report** – Prepared by the Student Representation and Development Officer



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The big focus of mine this month has been on the **Development Grants, Topic Rep Program in Science & Engineering, Student Voice Pilot work and Students as Partners (SaP) project work.**

As I mentioned in my previous reports, the Semester 2 Topic Rep Pilots in the Colleges of **Science and Engineering, Business, Government & Law and Nursing Health Sciences** is over they have now embedded the TR's into their College as part of their academic Rep Structure. There is a large amount of organising and administration that I have been doing to roll that out – as well as training all of the new Topic Reps. There were some excellent moments and some struggles that we can learn from, but it's extremely exciting to know this structure is now in place and has moved beyond a Pilot.

Thank you to Jawahir Baraki who helped myself and Huong work through all of the Development Grant applications – the numbers were a little lower this semester compared to last semester, but the applications were of good quality and there were some difficult decisions to be made. We increased the amount we gave out and it will be great to hear from the students after their projects are done.

There are numerous SaP projects that I have been contacted about and invited to work on. This is a significant increase in my workload but it is very rewarding and exciting. I am partnering with CILT for the Student Led Teaching Awards and will be presenting at Adelaide University in June for the 2019 International Students as Partners Institute (ISaPI). I am also involved in the 2019 Learning and Teaching Week here at Flinders.

Lastly, I've been working on the Student Voice Pilot with Kate Walsh preparing for the Student Voice Summit coming up in Sydney and the Institutional Workshop Analysis.

I would love to hear from any of you at any point – my office door is always open so just email me for a time to meet and we can chat about your terms and experiences and any feedback you have.

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