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## Flinders University Student Association Student Council Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 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), Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer), Sean Henschke (Queer Officer), Grace Hensel (Environment Officer), Laura Savaglia (General Council Member), Clara Santilli (General Council Member), Nathan Fiedler (General Council Member), Jesy Murphy (General Council Member), Manager, Student Engagement, Alice Grieve (Minutes), Stacy White (Observer), Kane Abraham (Observer), John Kelly (Observer), Che Cielens (Observer).

**Meeting Opened: 6:44PM**

#### 1. Acknowledgement of Country

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

#### 2. Apologies & Welcome of Guests

Apologies: Jawahir Baraki (Women's Officer), Hansha Manimendra (Postgraduate Students Officer), Nicholas Loh (International Students 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), Angus Clarke (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:** Nathan Cheetham (Welfare 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:** Jesy Murphy (General Council Member)



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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:** Sean Henschke (Queer Officer)

**Seconded:** Jesse Stevens (Education Officer)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 7. Matters for Decision

Student President called for starrng of matters.

Starred items: 7.7

Agenda item 7.1 was withdrawn by the mover.

***Che Cielens entered room 6:48PM***

### 7.0 Starred Matters for Decision

#### 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.



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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.

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.

#### **Discussion**

Manager, Student Engagement suggested holding off on this decision until the Flinders University Postgraduate Students Association (FUPSA) hold their 2019 AGM to allow for the FUPSA executive to consult with postgraduate students to assist them on deciding on their expenditure for the year, which would include the amount to pay for affiliation to CAPA. Katt Hatzi (Student President), Clara Santilli (General Council Member) and Josh Rayner (General Secretary) outlined the reasons why this spending would not be an issue for FUPSA and why they believe it is important to pay the fees sooner rather than later.

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

*For 10*

*Against 0*

*Abstain 0*

**Motion carried.**

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

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

**Preamble:** 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.



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#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 7.8 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



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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:** 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.



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### 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.

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

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

**Seconded:** Jesse Stevens (Education Officer)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

**Procedural Motion:** That Student Council move to an in-camera discussion.

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

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

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

**Procedural Motion:** That Student Council suspend standing orders to allow Manager, Student Engagement to remain in the room during the in-camera discussion.

**Moved:** Clara Santilli (General Council Member)

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

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

In-camera item

[CONFIDENTIAL MATTER]

**Meeting Closed: 7:05PM**