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Flinders University Student Association Student Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 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), Hansha Manimendra (Postgraduate Students Officer), Nicholas Loh (International Students Officer), Sean Henschke (Queer Officer), Grace Hensel (Environment Officer), Gemma Lyons (Social Activities Officer), Karan Godara (Mature Age Students Officer), Angus Clarke (General Council Member), Clara Rose Santilli (General Council Member), Nathan Fiedler (General Council Member), Jesy Murphy (General Council Member), Ben Smith (Acting Manager, Student Engagement), Stacy White (Minute Taker), Aidan Cornelius-Bell (Observer), Piper Bell (Observer), Imogen Deller-Evans (Observer), Imogen Greenhill-Galen (Observer).

Meeting Opened: 6.34pm

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: Laura Savaglia (General Council Member), Louise Nixon (General Council Member), Anu Francis (Disabilities Officer)

3. Name & Pronoun Round

Those present introduced themselves and their pronouns.

4. Previous Minutes

Motion: Student Council accepts the minutes of the June 3rd meeting (Appendix #1), and June 25th Special meeting (Appendix#2)

Moved: Clara Rose Santilli (General Council Member)

Seconded: Grace Hensel (Environment 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 (Appendix #3, 4, 4.1, 5)

Moved: Sean Henschke (Queer Officer)



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Seconded: Jesy Murphy (General Council Member)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6. Reports

Motion: Student Council accepts the submitted reports (Appendix #6) 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 starring of matters.

Starred items: 7.1, 7.3, 7.4

7.0 Starred Matters for Decision

7.1 Disabilities Space Plz – Anu Francis

Preamble: Flinders University is the educational institution of many students with disabilities. In accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, students with disabilities must receive access to education on the same basis as students without disabilities. In order to access education on the same basis as students without disabilities, some students with disabilities may need to rest or administer medications whilst on campus, whilst others would benefit from accessible kitchen facilities and study areas equipped with assistive technologies such as ergonomic seating, adjustable height desks, and computers with software such as text-to-speech and speech-to-text programs. Furthermore, loneliness is a well-known issue amongst students with disabilities, therefore a space where students can meet and socialise others with disabilities will help to reduce the prevalence of this issue at Flinders.

Discussion

Josh Rayner spoke to this motion in the absence of Anu, emphasising the importance of the space.

Motion: FUSA endorses the establishment of a Disabilities Space within the Hub, where students with disabilities can socialise, relax, hold Disability Collective meetings, administer medications, and utilise accessible kitchen and study facilities in an inclusive and safe environment.

Moved: Josh Rayner (General Secretary)

Seconded: Jesse Stevens (Education Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.



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7.3 Student Council Executive – Josh Rayner

Preamble: Given the recent resignation of the Women’s Office from Student Council, the Student Council Executive currently consists of four members, one short of the constitutionally required five. Given the current identity of the Executive and constitutional affirmative action requirements, nominations for this remaining position on Executive will only be considered from those Student Council members who identify as a woman.

Discussion: Jesy Murphy nominated, and then Clara Santilli nominated.

Amended Motion: FUSA Student Council elect Jesy Murphy to fill the current vacancy on the Student Council Executive.

Moved: Katt Hatzi (Student President)

Seconded: Grace Hensel (Environment Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Ben Smith asked for clarification regarding the process for filling the executive positions and vacancies, discussion followed.

7.4 FUSA Election Regulations Amendment – Josh Rayner

Preamble: The FUSA Election Regulations establish the standard practices and principles upon which Elections and Casual Vacancy Processes are conducted. Student elections should be about the democratic enfranchisement of students free from the interference of the University. As this is a universally agreeable principle, it ought to be enshrined in our regulations so as to reassure voters and other election participants of the integrity of FUSA Elections as democratic, and the integrity of FUSA as an independent representative body for students.

Motion: To amend the FUSA Election Regulations to insert the following after s15.8;

15.9) FUSA Elections, including the Casual Vacancy Selection Process, shall be free from interference from Flinders University Staff.

- a) University Staff includes, but is not limited to, FUSA Staff, Staff of the Office of Student Engagement, University Senior Administration, Yunggorendi Staff and Oasis Staff.
- b) Interference may take the form of endorsement, encouragement, criticising decisions of students or student representatives, expressing opposition or approval of certain student representatives or student political groups (e.g. factions, parties, or clubs), offering unsolicited opinions, endorsements or disendorsements of certain candidates or tickets, or any other actions which may cause any student or students to modify their involvement in elections in any way, whether as a candidate or a voter.
- c) Flinders University Staff who are also concurrently students for the purposes of these regulations may participate in elections without falling afoul of this regulation, provided they do not engage in interference as per 15.9(b) through the course of duties as Flinders University Staff



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This amendment shall take effect immediately upon passage by Student Council.

Moved: Katt Hatzi (Student President)

Seconded: Grace Hensel (Environment Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

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

7.2 AGM (A Great Meeting) – Josh Rayner

Preamble: FUSA is constitutionally bound to hold an Annual General Meeting every year. This is our opportunity to invite students to a meeting where we can report back on our activity over the last 12 months. We already have a well packed events calendar, leaving few windows for us to hold the event with enough time to promote. The proposed date for the meeting in Tuesday 10 September, which falls at a similar time to our AGM last year.

Motion: FUSA will hold its Annual General Meeting on 10 September 2019, with expenditure from the designated event budget line to cover promotion and lunch.

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

Moved: Katt Hatzi (Student President)

Seconded: Clara Rose Santilli (General Council Member)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

8. Matters for Discussion

Jesy Murphy spoke regarding her motion earlier this year regarding pro nouns on emails signatures. She will be following up with Student Council members and FUSA staff regarding this.

9. Matters for noting

9.1 Student Council Expenditure – Josh Rayner

Will update Student Council members on budget expenditure this year thus far.

9.2 Roles and Duties Regulations – Josh Rayner

Seeking advice and support on updating Student Council Roles and Duties Regulations.

9.3 Constitution Refresh – Josh Rayner

Seeking feedback on current language throughout Constitution with view to having these amended next Student Council meeting.

Meeting Closed: 6.48pm