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**Flinders University Student Council Annual General Meeting  
Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019.  
The Tavern, Student Hub, Flinders University Student Association.**

13:00

**Present:** Katt Hatzi (Student President), Josh Rayner (General Secretary), Jesse Stevens (Education Officer), Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer), Nicholas Loh (International Students Officer), Sean Henschke (Queer Officer), Grace Hensel (Environment Officer), Angus Clarke (General Council Member), Clara Rose Santilli (General Council Member), Ben Smith (Acting Manager, Student Engagement), Stacy White (Minutes)

**Meeting Opened: 13:00**

Students in attendance: 72

**1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country**

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

**2. Accept Minutes from Previous Annual General Meeting**

**Motion:** FUSA AGM accepts the minutes of the AGM held on 15 August 2018.

**Moved:** Clara Rose Santilli (General Council Member) **Seconded:** Aidan Cornelius Bell

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

**3. Accept the President's Report**

Last year was a big one for FUSA and Student Council, where we launched a bunch of new campaigns and events. Many of these are covered in the annual report that you can find physical copies of at this meeting, or a digital copy is also available on the FUSA website. While the report only covers 2018, many of the initiatives and campaigns we've continued this year began in 2018, and so we've used them as the strong foundation to build out what we do in 2019 as well.

**Key events**

- Pub Crawls semester 1 and 2
- FUSA Uni Ball
- O'Week semester 1 and 2
- PrideFest
- Mental Health Week
- Bluestocking Week
- International Women's Day



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- How to Adult
- Enviro Film Fest
- Anti-racism campaign
- Collective meetings and forums
- FUSA Says Relax / Welfare Brunches
- National Day of Action - Uni Climate Walkout
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### **Be a Better Human**

Last year saw us launch the BaBH campaign, which I'm sure you've all seen around the place at this point, which focuses on building awareness around matters of sexual consent, rape culture and bystander behaviour whilst encouraging respectful relationships and self-improvement. If you haven't heard about it yet, you can check out the resources online and come down to the Hub tomorrow and check out our Fair Day to learn more about the campaign and maybe win some sick merch.

By waiving copyright on the campaign in its entirety - materials and all - we've seen student unions across the country take up the campaign, which shows that is truly something that resonates with students. We started off the year hoping to build the campaign in a way that could reach more students, by creating new visual content, and making the materials accessible in languages other than English. While we didn't have the financial capacity to follow through with those plans this year (because, turns out, translating books is actually quite expensive) we have asked for an increased budget next year to allow us to resource this side of the project.

### **National body affiliation**

This year we maintained our affiliation to the three national peak student bodies - the National Union of Students, the Council of International Students Australia, and the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations. These bodies are so important in making sure that the issues that we face at Flinders, that are shared with other students across the country, have a strong, dedicated and united voice to defend them. During a time when our government is cutting funding to all universities, unemployment is on the rise, and rates of welfare support has been stagnant for our entire lifetimes, it's more important than ever that we're being heard by these peak bodies, and represented by them in the public and government forums that they have. Some of you may have heard about the Uni Student Climate Walkout that happened a few weeks ago, which despite the absolutely miserable weather, had a massive turnout of staff and students from all three universities to demand action from our universities and the government to address climate change. Having events and movements like this help us achieve things on our own campus by making it clear that we aren't alone in our demands, like the Fossil Free Flinders divestment campaign.

Specific bodies that advocate for the needs of postgraduate and international students are also really important because they have the capacity to advocate for the specific needs of those cohorts. For example, for postgrads CAPA worked with Universities Australia to create guidelines for respectful supervisory relationships, which were integrated into the policy reviews that have happened here in the last 18 months, and have written a huge number of submissions to



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government inquiries to make sure that the perspectives of students are being heard; and for international students CISA has been working with the federal education department to advocate for welfare and visa issues.

### **Student Voice**

This year, Flinders University has been involved in a national pilot program with 9 other tertiary institutions (total 9 universities and one TAFE). The aim of the project is to empower students and enable institutions to begin the processes of cultural change and governance reform that brings students along on the processes of decision making rather than simply consulting after decisions have been made. By acknowledging the expertise of students in their experiences in their studies and as students of an institution, we can bring valuable insight and suggestions to the table that will create better outcomes for everyone involved. This is more than giving students a seat at the table; it's about creating structures that allow meaningful contributions and skilling students to make the most of these opportunities. Much of what the students involved have learnt is around the ability to approach staff and senior management and engage in meaningful conversations where we can create relationships where we feel we are being heard and taken seriously, so that we can advocate better for this changes we want to see in our institutions.

During the course of the project we've had involvement from both senior management and staff within the Colleges; having an environment that is willing to engage is the first step to partnership. We've seen this commitment create results for ongoing partnership and involvement in decision making, with the FUSA President now having an ex-officio position on the Tonsley Space Committee (a group that addresses and resolves issues around space use and allocation on the Tonsley building) and the Capital Infrastructure Committee (the group that assesses all capital infrastructure applications made each year, and determines the prioritisation of the various projects). In the last few months alone I've been able to use these forums to get commitment for a student club space in the Tonsley building, and lobby for redevelopments to the bus shelters on campus. Both of these things are issues that have been brought to Student Council before, that we now have a chance to action in a meaningful way. I hope that, in the rest of my term and that of the next council, we can continue to build momentum and gain more opportunities to be involved in positive change in our university.

### **Exam campaign**

While we've been running various activities regularly during exam periods, this year was the first time we consolidated all our efforts and communication under one umbrella campaign. By working with the teams within FUSA and other portfolios across the university, we were able to create a one-stop location for all information around swotvac and exam services and activities. This included times and locations of all our food giveaways, key exam information, and helpful study tips. Student Council brought this together with information from Student Experience, the Libraries, Health Counselling and Disabilities, and Student Assist, with the very skilled hands of the FUSA Media team.



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We ramped up our usual soup stalls and extended to FMC and Tonsley, made sure there were microwaves available in all Library spaces (we put new ones in Sturt and FMC), added a toaster to the Main Library kitchenette, and for the first time brought swotvac pantries to all 3 library locations with nutritious dinner food options and snacks. We're planning on continuing this campaign into semester 2 as well, growing activities to Tonsley and Victoria Square, and working more with clubs to help deliver specific events and collaborate on other fun activities.

Overall it's been a year of great achievements, and an incredible honor to be your Student President.

**Motion:** The FUSA AGM endorses the Student President's report.

**Moved:** Nicholas Loh (International Students Officer)    **Seconded:** Harley Betterman

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

*Query and discussion with Student President from student observer Greg Harris. 'What progress has been made in having the University Administration restore the rights of students to negotiate on Methods of Assessments?'*

#### **4. Accept the General Secretary's Report**

##### **Association Finance Report**

- Report provided to the 2019 Flinders University Student Association Annual General Meeting by the General Secretary of the Association

##### **Bank Account**

- Opening balance, as per 01/07/2018: \$10,834.28
- Closing balance, as per 30/06/2019: \$17,624.02
- Total outgoings: \$17,928.62
- Total incomings: \$24,718.36

##### **Outgoings**

- Affiliation to the National Union of Students
- Additional fees for hosting the 2018 National Education Conference
- Overpayment from activations

##### **Revenue**

- Merchandise sales
- Pubcrawls
- O'Week Stalls
- Other activations on campus

For contact:

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7th General Secretary, Flinders University Student Association



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**Motion:** The FUSA AGM endorses the General Secretary's report.

**Moved:** Harley Betterman

**Seconded:** Clara Rose Santilli (General Council Member)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 5. Other Business & Meeting Close

Raffle winners drawn (A13 and A10) – each winner received a free FUSA hoodie.  
12 x Tavern vouchers also drawn.

**Meeting Closed: 13:39**