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Flinders University Student Association Student Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2020

Council Room, Registry Building, Flinders University Bedford Park Campus

18:30

Present: Josh Rayner (Student President), Sean Henschke (General Secretary), Summer Till (Education Officer), Jesy Murphy (Women's Officer), Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer), Hoang Minh Son Le (International Officer), Molly Turnbull (Indigenous Officer), , Amy Tschirn (Environment Officer), Janelle Chaptini (General Council Member), Benika Bhoola (General Council Member), Kane Abraham (General Council Member), Lana Tikhomirov (General Council Member), James Glynn-Roe (General Council Member), Victor Ephraims Duruji (General Council Member), Ben Smith (Acting Manager, Student Engagement), Stacy White (Minutes)

Guest: Professor Clare Pollock (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Students)

Observers: Bec Manser (Empire Times), Carmen Giffin (Empire Times), Isaac Beckman, Nathan Fiedler, Ethan Zimmerman, Rachel Hemer, Shani Cox, Emilia Russouw, Artemis Perry

Meeting Opened: 6:49 PM

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: Aidan Cornelius-Bell (Postgraduate Students Officer), Imogen Deller-Evans (Queer Officer), Anu Francis (Disabilities Officer), Che Cielens (Social Activities Officer), Clara Santilli (Mature Age Students Officer)

3. Name & Pronoun Round

Those present introduced themselves and their pronouns.

4. Previous Minutes

Motion: Student Council accepts the minutes of the January, February and December 2019 meetings.

Moved: Josh Rayner (Student President)

Seconded: Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

5. Executive Decisions



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

Moved: Jesy Murphy (Women's Officer)

Seconded: Amy Tschirn (Environment Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6. Reports

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

Ben Smith (Acting Manager, Student Engagement) spoke to the FUSA staff report.

- Student representative program and the successful relationship building with students. Student Council are encouraged to speak with Kate Walsh or Susan Cilento about this work.
- Development grants are now open for semester one.
- O'Week/O'Fiesta went well this year. Numbers were down on O'Fiesta attendance, which will affect the budget for semester two O'Week. All other events had a positive outcome. Social Media had a reach of over 95,000 individuals.
- Student Assist area has been busy, and with successful outcome advocating for many students. Emergency Financial Assistance has been a big issue, with much student poverty.
- Clubs and societies are working on moving the bench in the Club Room to make a more useful space.
- Pool funding round one has been completed, with the majority of applications approved.

James Glynn-Roe (General Council Member) and Victor Ephraims Duruji (General Council Member) have not submitted reports but will endeavour to do so.

Che Cielens (Social Activities Officer) has submitted his report to the General Secretary.

Moved: Sean Henschke (General Secretary)

Seconded: Kane Abraham (General Council Member)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7. Guest Speaker – Professor Clare Pollock (Deputy Vic-Chancellor, Students)

Prof. Clare Pollock spoke prior to item 6.

Professor Clare Pollock left 7:32pm.

8. Matters for Decision



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Student President called for starring of matters.

Starred items: 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.8, 8.10, 8.11, 8.12, 8.13, 8.14, 8.15, 8.17, 8.18.

8.0 Starred Matters for Decision

8.1 Motion Name: #March4Hannah – Jesy Murphy

CW: Murder, Abuse, Mental Health, Trauma

Preamble

Domestic Violence needs to be declared a national crisis and the media and police should be called on stop portraying perpetrators as "good guys" who have been "pushed too far"!

"About a week ago I was reading an article. Something along the lines of 'if a woman is murdered by a stranger people hold vigils and march in the streets, but if a woman is murdered by her partner, people do nothing' As I read the article I thought to myself, 'that's it, the next one, the next woman who is murdered by her partner, I'm marching in the streets' and sadly I knew with our statistics in Australia that this would be happening within the next week, because that's how many women are murdered by a partner each week in Australia. So on Wednesday March 4th, we will march and hold a vigil because as a society we have sat quietly on this for too long." - Emily Millward, Melbourne

Organiser

Platform

Members of student council are unable to attend the march this evening and because of that will be having a minute of silence and taking a photo to be posted through FUSA social media sites.

Motion

Those in attendance of this meeting will have a minute of silence in mourning of Hannah Clarke and her three children (Aaliyah, Lianah, and Trey)

Those in attendance of this meeting will take a photo together and post it through FUSA social media sites with an apology for not being able to attend the march in Adelaide.

Moved: Jesy Murphy (Women's Officer)

Seconded: Amy Tschirn (Environment Officer)

All in favour

Motion carried.

A minute's silence was observed by all present.

8.2 Affiliation Application Flinders Acapella Chorus - Sean Henschke

Preamble

Flinders Acapella Chorus are applying for Financial Affiliation. The club has an appropriate executive composition, and meets all FUSA regulation requirements for their constitution, AGM minutes, they did not meet the requirement for Membership List by dates of application have not been recorded, email addresses have not been recorded for all students (however FANs have been provided for 10/12 members) and only one bank account signatory has been listed.

Motion

That Student Council provides conditional approval of Financial Affiliation for the Flinders Acapella Chorus for Financial Affiliation. These conditions are: that an updated membership list be sent to the



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Clubs Officer with the dates of application and email addresses (or FANs) for ALL registered members, and; that the club contact the Clubs Officer to provide details of the second signatory of the nominated bank account.

Moved: Sean Henschke (General Secretary)

Seconded: Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer)

All in favour

Motion carried.

8.3 Affiliation Application Flinders University Speech Pathology and Audiology

Association- Sean Henschke

Preamble

Flinders University speech pathology and audiology 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, though they did not meet the requirements of dates of application not recorded in Membership List.

Motion

That Student Council provides conditional approval of Flinders University Speech Pathology and Audiology Association for Financial Affiliation; on the condition that an updated Membership List is sent to the Clubs Officer with the dates of application for each member in the membership list.

Moved: Sean Henschke (General Secretary)

Seconded: Summer Till (Education Officer)

All in favour

Motion carried.

8.4 Affiliation Application Flinders Friendship International- Sean Henschke

Preamble

Flinders Friendship international are applying for Non Financial Affiliation. The club has an appropriate executive composition, and meets all FUSA regulation requirements for their constitution, AGM minutes, though they did not meet the requirements of dates of application not recorded in Membership List.

Motion

That Student Council provides conditional approval of Flinders Friendship International for Non-Financial Affiliation; on the condition that an updated Membership List is sent to the Clubs Officer with the dates of application for each member in the membership list.

Moved: Sean Henschke (General Secretary)

Seconded: Kane Abraham (General Council Member)

All in favour

Motion carried.

8.5 FUSA Family Values - Kane Abraham



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Preamble

Over the course of several years, FUSA has passed countless motions in support of major student mobilisations, beliefs and demands, offering kinship and commitment to a number of targets, actions and values. In contrary to these actions, FUSA has also expressed their disappointment and disagreement with political actions and proposals, and have voiced through motions condemnation of non inclusive and neoliberal bills, stances, and service cuts.

To maintain transparency and integrity over time, FUSA should establish a medium that will enable students and external organisations to access materials elaborating on and stating these particular stances, values, and motions, which FUSA has previously passed and are aligned with. This will make for a more comprehensive and complete representation of FUSA and our values online, and explicitly states to students FUSA's commitment to student issues and battles.

Platform

FUSA supports the creation and implementation of a medium by which students and external organisations can observe FUSA's standings and values, creating a more transparent and accessible FUSA.

Motion

Student Council and Media will work to produce this medium to display our standings and values publicly on our website, and social media pages

Moved: Kane Abraham (General Council Member)

Seconded: Amy Tschirn (Environment Officer)

All in favour

Motion carried.

8.8 Our House is on Fire – Amy Tschirn

Preamble

School Strikes 4 Climate are hosting a major climate strike event on Friday May 15th 2020. FUSA have supported these strikes in the past, and it is important that we continue to show our support.

Platform:

FUSA endorses the May 15th 2020 School Strikes 4 Climate, climate strike.

FUSA encourages all staff and students to attend.

Motion

The Environment Officer will liaise with students, staff, and relevant clubs to organise a Flinders contingent.

The Environment Officer will organise a banner painting event for the Flinders contingent prior to the May 15th strike. Student Council approves the expenditure of up to \$250 from the Environment Officer's initiatives budget for this event.

The May 15th strike will be advertised to students through appropriate FUSA media channels.

The Environment Officer and Student President will speak to Colin Stirling (Vice Chancellor) and Clare Pollock (DVCS) requesting their endorsement of the event and seek communication to Flinders staff and students including clarification on effected assessments

Moved: Amy Tschirn (Environment Officer)



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Seconded: Kane Abraham (General Council Member)

All in favour

Motion carried.

8.10 Omnibus Amendments to the Committee Regulations -Joshua Rayner

Preamble

The FUSA Standing Committee Regulations were initially proposed by Student Council to establish our Collective structure and to provide for greater avenues of student engagement with FUSA. This Collective structure initially worked well to foster autonomous representation and advocacy, however we've since outgrown this initial committee structure. Collectives can now be big enough to stand on their own two feet, alongside Clubs and Academic Associations in their own regulations. FUSA still needs standing and ad hoc committees outside of the previous collective committees, and these regulation amendments aim to more accurately reflect our current committee structure, and allow encourage more ad hoc committees to be established by Student Council. See Appendix 4

Platform

FUSA recognises the important of autonomous and authentic student representation and advocacy. FUSA encourages all students to get involved in our standing and ad hoc committees so broaden our understanding of the student voice.

Student Council endorses the amendments to the Committee Regulations as outlined in appendix ...

Motion

Student Council directs a FUSA Staff Member capable of navigating the FUSA Website to upload these new regulations, replacing the Standing Committee Regulations.

Student Council also directs this staff member to amend the name of the document link of the website from 'Standing Committee Regulations' to just 'Committee Regulations'.

Moved: Josh Rayner (Student President)

Seconded: Summer Till (Education Officer)

All in favour

Motion carried.

Summer Till (Education Officer) left the room 8:15 pm.

8.11 Omnibus Amendments to Clubs, Collectives and Academic Association Regulations – Joshua Rayner

Preamble

Following our most recent amendments to the FUSA Clubs and Associations Regulations to provide for the inclusion of Collectives prior to O'Week, a range of amendments were required to ensure that references throughout the document remained accurate, and that they matched our Constitution. The amendments proposed herein do not alter the function of these regulations, but instead aim to provide greater clarity. More work is to be done to these regulations, however these amendments should provide a greater starting point for our Clubs, Collectives and Academic Association Support and Development Group to rework the regulations. See Appendix 5

Platform



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Student Council endorses the amendments to the Clubs, Collectives and Academic Association Regulations as outlined in appendix ...

Motion

Student Council directs a FUSA Staff Member capable of navigating the FUSA Website to upload these new regulations, replacing the Clubs and Associations Regulations.

Student Council also directs this staff member to amend the name of the document link of the website from 'Clubs and Associations Regulations' to 'Clubs, Collectives and Academic Associations Regulations'.

Moved: Josh Rayner (Student President)

Seconded: Amy Tschirn (Environment Officer)

All in favour

Motion carried.

8.12 Ad Hoc Committee to Establish a FUSA Code of Conduct – Joshua Rayner

Preamble

Many student associations and trade unions across the country have a publicly available Code of Conduct to ensure that members of these collectives can be publicly held to account to work in their member's best interest. Unfortunately, we as a student association do not hold a high enough reputation within Flinders University to be taken as seriously as we should be. While this reputation does include unfair assumptions and the misrepresentation of the actions of previous members of Student Council, we need to be doing everything we can as a student association to remain relevant to both students and the University. Having a Code of Conduct is essential to our process of incorporation and is the first of many steps to improving our standing in this university. We need to ensure that Student Council and FUSA Staff are always working in the best interests of students.

Platform

FUSA acknowledges that establishing and being held to account by a public Code of Conduct is important to ensure authentic and accessible student representation and advocacy.

FUSA acknowledges the important of the student voice, and that it must be core to all decision-making processes of this student association.

Motion

Student Council shall establish the FUSA Code of Conduct Working Committee as per the powers vested in section 13 of the FUSA Constitution.

Student Council shall invite past and present members of Student Council, staff members of FUSA and any member of the Flinders University community to take part in the meetings of this ad hoc committee.

FUSA will advertise and encourage involvement in this ad hoc committee through our mailing list and social media channels.

Moved: Josh Rayner (Student President)

Seconded: Jesy Murphy (Women's Officer)

All in favour

Motion carried.



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8.13 A Fresh Coat of Paint – Josh Rayner

Preamble

To coincide with a sweep of regulation amendments proposed in this meeting, I'm also seeking the endorsement of a new style guide for the rest of our regulations. Currently our external documents are inconsistent and lack the professionalism of more established student associations across the country. The amendments to these regulations are limited to the updating of definitions and references to match new Flinders University Policy and other FUSA Regulations. All of the regulations have also been updated with their initially adopted date to show the history of our student association.

Platform

FUSA recognises the importance of professional and accessible external documents to encourage greater understanding of our policies and procedures

Student Council endorses the amendments to the Election Regulations as outlined in appendix 6

Student Council endorses the amendments to the Student Council Roles and Duties Regulations as outlined in appendix 7

Student Council endorses the amendments to the Membership Regulations as outlined in appendix 8

Student Council endorses the amendments to the Standing Orders as outlined in appendix 9

Motion

Student Council directs a FUSA Staff Member capable of navigating the FUSA Website to upload these new regulations, replacing the old regulations

Student Council also directs this staff member to amend the name of the document link of the website from 'Student Council Member Roles and Duties Regulations' to just 'Student Council Roles and Duties Regulations'

Moved: Josh Rayner (Student President)

Seconded: Hoang Minh Son Le (International Officer)

All in favour

Motion carried.

8.14 The true virus is racism -Son Le

Preamble:

Last month, the Coalition Government has announced to block people travelling from (including transiting) mainland China who do not hold permanent residency status and citizenship from entering Australia, due to the recent outbreak of the novel Corona virus (nCoV) globally. This has clearly had an impact on many international students here at Flinders who were due to arrive in Australia over this month. Despite the efforts of university to provide international students with support and information, the virus has become an excuse in many places for racism to occur.

Incidence has been reported by HASS college regarding one Chinese-Australian students faced verbal harassment on the Adelaide tram related to the nCoV. In addition, due to travel ban, Chinese students who have been stuck in the country also express the anxiety and worry about their return to Australia.

Platform:



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FUSA condemns any forms of racism and xenophobia on all Flinders University campuses. We also stand in solidarity with international students against racism of all time, especially during the outbreak of the Novel Corona Virus globally. To respond to this current situation:

Motion:

Student council endorses International student welcome and anti-racism posters which has been developed by the International student officer.

Students council gets approval to distribute and promote the posters on Flinders University campuses.

Students council approves the promotion of this on-going campaign on FUSA's social media.

Moved: Hoang Minh Son Le (International Officer)

Seconded: Josh Rayner (Student President)

All in favour

Motion carried.

8.15 Yah yah renegade – Summer Till

Preamble

TikTok is a social media platform with over 500 million active users. The app is a space to share often humorous or informative content to an audience predominately aged 16-24, with student associations and universities worldwide engaging thousands of users (such as UNSW and UGA). Many current and prospective Flinders students use the app, with videos regularly being shared to 'Overheard at Flinders' Facebook page and within classroom settings.

Motion

FUSA Student Council will create a TikTok account to publish regular FUSA related content.

Moved: Summer Till (Education Officer)

Seconded: Amy Tschirn (Environment Officer)

All in favour

Motion carried.

8.17 All Workplaces should be Safe Workplaces – Kane Abraham

Preamble

The expectation and assumption that all workplaces should be safe workplaces continues to be disproven, with major assaults against healthcare workers occurring over the last year, and an increase in these assaults observed as time progresses. Flinders, having such a large cohort of nursing, allied health, medical, and paramedic science students, needs to understand the importance of these incidents and what potential these have to put our students in danger. Flinders needs to ensure and monitor the safety, wellbeing, and security of our students when they graduate, enter the workforce, and/or begin placements.

The prevalence of violent attacks against healthcare workers is significantly rising, and emphasises how dangerous and unsafe healthcare work can be for these individuals. In the financial year ending 2016, there were 3,719 reported assaults recorded nationally across Australia, with that figure rising to 5,514 in the financial year ending in 2018. Campaigns such as the Australian Nursing and



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Midwifery Federation (SA Branch)'s 'Stand up to Stop Violence' campaign, and SA Health's 'Keep your hands off of our Ambos' campaign, emphasise the need to not only reduce the incidence and prevalence of assaults, but also to provide adequate training to staff, ensure healthcare staff are supported through legislation, policies, and procedures, and are provided with adequate post-incident support and counselling. Overall, healthcare workers should be empowered to expect a safe workplace across Australia, wherever they may work.

FUSA, advocating for the rights and safety of our students, must show solidarity with the healthcare workforce, and encourage the implementation of safer working environments, and hence the implementation and maintenance of inclusive and safe locations for our students who attend placements, in both metropolitan and rural locations.

Motion

FUSA supports the call for safer work environments and campaigns such as 'Keep your hands off our Ambos', 'Stand up to Stop Violence', and other relevant campaigns, and will support student's rights and safety on placements indefinitely.

FUSA condemns the State Government for its inadequate response to address the growing incidence of violence in our healthcare settings, and calls for integral changes to the healthcare system to provide our healthcare workers with the rights they deserve.

Moved: Kane Abraham (General Council Member)

Seconded: Hoang Minh Son Le (International Officer)

All in favour

Motion carried.

8.18 Menstrual Matters – Nathan Cheetham

Preamble

Since 2017, FUSA has distributed free menstrual hygiene products to 13(?) women's bathrooms around Bedford Park and Sturt campuses. These products are vital to the health of students and is a small, but key, service that FUSA provides.

Currently, menstrual hygiene products are supplied in open containers on benchtops which, while accessible, compromises the hygiene of the product. Menstrual hygiene products are also currently only available in women's gendered bathrooms, meaning men and non-binary people who menstruate may not be able to access free menstrual hygiene products in spaces they feel most comfortable.

Platform

FUSA supports the basic right of access to safe and clean menstrual hygiene products.

FUSA supports the expansion of the free menstrual hygiene product distribution to cover key men's bathrooms

FUSA endorses the installation of free dispensers across campuses

Motion

FUSA Student Council directs the Welfare Officer to continue investigating the feasibility of installing dispensers as well as securing a budget to pay for the ongoing operations of menstrual hygiene product distribution.



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Moved: Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer)

Seconded: Lana Tikhomirov (General Council Member)

All in favour

Motion carried.

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

8.6 First Nations Collective AGM - Molly Turnbull

Preamble

The First Nations Collective will be having their first AGM meeting with this meeting they will be requiring food.

Motion

Student Council approves the expenditure of up to \$150 from the Indigenous Student Officer Campaigns/Initiatives budget.

8.7 Every Litter Bit Matters – Amy Tschirn

Preamble

Flinders University is located directly adjacent to Warriparri (Sturt River), which itself is part of the larger Patawalonga catchment system. For thousands of years, the Sturt River discharged into a large area of swamps extending from Seacliff to Outer Harbour, and there was a singular outlet to the sea, the Patawalonga Outlet. Since European settlement, these swamps have been infilled, the dune systems obliterated, and the Sturt River lined with concrete and the course modified to discharge straight into the Gulf St Vincent. In natural river systems, soil, rocks, reeds, algae, ponds, and microorganisms provide natural water filtration services so that the water discharging to the ocean is clean. This highly modified landscape discharges large amount of polluted water to the ocean after each significant rainfall event. This includes items which have been water or wind transported from Flinders' Bedford, Sturt and Tonsley campuses.

We have serious litter and waste management issues at Flinders. Currently, there is no way accessible way for students to report litter problems around campus. Litterati is a free app that allows users to geotag litter. It can be used ad hoc allowing people to report and respond to it the moment that they see it. The data collected from this app can be used to establish quantifiable litter patterns within a defined geospatial area.

Platform

That FUSA Student Council endorses the establishment of a FUSA Literatti campaign to be managed by the Environment Officer.

Motion

The FUSA Environment Officer will collate this data into an annual report for presentation to relevant Flinders departments by the end of their term (November).

That the Environment Officer will hold a series of on-campus clean up events.

That the media team will assist in formulation of campaign copy and advertisement to students through appropriate media outlets.



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8.9 Have you heard of the pen paradox? – Amy Tschirn

Preamble

An essential component of studying is notetaking, and there are recall benefits to manual writing as opposed to digital notetaking. Currently, stationery cannot be recycled kerbside, and there are no free public recycling programs for stationery and office supplies within Adelaide. Students shouldn't have to choose between effective studying and waste reduction. Terracycle is an Australian company that operate recycling programs for difficult to recycle products at a nominal fee per collection box.

Motion

Student Council approves the expenditure of \$228 from Environment Officer's Initiatives budget to purchase a Medium Office Waste Recycling box from Terracycle to be placed in the FUSA reception area.

https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU/zero_waste_boxes/office-separation-en-au

8.16 FUSA supports the March 13th Uni Student Climate Strike -Amy Tschirn

Preamble

Climate Change is a key issue of concern for students; in the 2019 NUS Student Values Survey it polled as the number 1 issue for University and TAFE students. Uni Students for Climate Justice are holding a strike on March 13th, 2020. FUSA has a long standing history of supporting climate strikes and advocacy in the climate justice space, and we should continue to be active in this movement.

Platform

FUSA endorses the March 13th Uni Students for Climate Justice Climate Strike.

FUSA encourages all students and staff to attend.

Motion

Student Council will send a contingent to attend the March 13th Climate Strike.

Student Council directs the Environment Officer and Student President to work with the Media Team to promote the March 13th Climate Strike through our social media channels, in a manner that fits with the existing publishing schedule.

Student Council will provide a speaker for the March 13th Climate Strike

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

Moved: Josh Rayner (Student President)

Seconded: Jesy Murphy (Women's Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

9. Matters for Discussion

9.1 Hear our voices!

Discussion about the upcoming IWD march on 6th March

Jesy Murphy (Women's Officer) encouraged all to attend this event.



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9.2 You need us more than you think!

Discussion about the IWD event happening on 11th March in the hub and plaza

Jesy Murphy (Women's Officer) is running this event and encourages Student Council members to assist her.

Meeting Closed: 8:44pm