



**Flinders University Student Council Meeting**

**Agenda of the Meeting held on 14/05/2018**

Alere Function Centre, Student Hub, Bedford Park Campus

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## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

## 2. Apologies

- Kate Gallagher
- Yaritji Green
- Natasha Malone

## 3. Previous Minutes

See Appendix 1

## 4. Executive Decisions

See Appendix 2

## 5. Reports

See Appendix 3

## 6. Matters for Decision

### 6.1 This Budget is Broken – Josh Rayner

#### **Preamble:**

On Tuesday night the Coalition, to no real surprise, delivered yet another bitterly disappointing Federal Budget for both students and young people alike. While the disastrous neoliberal policies of the previous Abbott/Hockey budgets weren't at play last week, students have once again been deliberately ignored in an yet another unjustified attempt by the Coalition government to hand away hard earned tax dollars to the big end of town. With youth unemployment more than double the national average, now is a better time than ever for our policy makers to stand up and start supporting the too many young Australians that are doing it tough, not their corporate buddies that are doing perfectly fine.

#### **Motion:**

Student council condemns the Coalition Government for yet another Federal Budget that will do nothing to support already struggling students and young Australian's, and welcomes the ALP's Budget Reply whilst acknowledging that while it does reverse many of the Coalition's damaging policies, it too could do more to protect the welfare of todays students.

### 6.2 Sustainability Feedback Report – Jesse Stevens

#### **Preamble:**

FUSA Student Council has prepared this document to outline what it would like to see change regarding the University's sustainability, and specifically what it would like to see included in the University's Sustainability Plan for 2018-2022. This document was prepared with feedback provided by students and clubs with interests in improving and promoting eco-friendly and sustainable practices. See Appendix 4



**Motion:**

Student Council endorses the Sustainability Feedback Report and its recommendations to the University.

### **6.3 Travel costs for Melbourne trip – Keon Simmons**

**Preamble:**

I went to Melbourne to meet with RMIT, La Trobe, and University of Melbourne to discuss ways to improve our international student representation on campus. I have a meeting with Kate W, Chris O and Ashley S to discuss my findings and what's the best way to move forward from here. This funding is to cover my accommodation cost and transport fares.

**Motion:**

Student Council approves \$365.22 from the Disabilities Officer travel budget for the International Students Officer's trip to Melbourne.

### **6.4 Student Council Election Dates and Nomination of Returning Officer – Chris O'Grady**

**Preamble:**

Background: The Student Representation and Development Officer (SRDO) has determined that week 10 (October 9-11) of Semester 2 is the most viable week for the FUSA annual elections to take place. In accordance with the FUSA Constitution, the annual election must take place between August 1 - October 15.

Why not other weeks? The SRDO has responsibility for a number of other projects that will require a significant time commitment in August and September (including FUSA Development Grants & continuing implementation of Student Representation Review recommendations). Mid-Semester break also lands on the last two weeks in September which impacts on when nominations can occur. For these reasons, October would be the optimal time to hold an annual election.

Returning Officer: The Manager of Student Engagement and the SRDO have also been in discussions with Deb Arnold from Third Sector Management, about engaging Deb as Returning Officer in the upcoming annual elections. Third Sector Management specialise in financial management for non for profits organisations, however, Deb also has considerable experience as a Returning Officer for the UniSA Student Association (USASA) elections over a number of years. A recommendation is also being put to Student Council that FUSA appoint Deb Arnold as Returning Officer for the 2018 FUSA Annual Elections.

**Motion:**

Student Council endorses the FUSA annual elections to be held over three days during October 9,10 and 11 2018. Student Council authorises the recommendation of the Manager, Student Engagement to contract Deb Arnold as Returning Officer for the 2018 FUSA Annual Elections.

### **6.5 Club affiliation: Flinders University Social Club – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis**

**Preamble:**

The Flinders University Social Club is applying for financial affiliation. All documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 5



**Motion:**

Student Council approves financial affiliation of the Flinders University Social Club

## **6.6 Club affiliation: Flinders University Persian Club – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis**

**Preamble:**

The Flinders University Persian Club is applying for financial affiliation. All documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 6

**Motion:**

Student Council approves financial affiliation of the Flinders University Persian Club

## **6.7 Club affiliation: Flinders University American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis**

**Preamble:**

The Flinders University American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics is applying for financial affiliation. All documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 7

**Motion:**

Student Council approves financial affiliation of the Flinders University American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

## **6.8 Club affiliation: Flinders University Students with Disabilities Association – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis**

**Preamble:**

The Flinders University Students with Disabilities Association is applying for financial affiliation. All documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 8

**Motion:**

Student Council approves financial affiliation of the Flinders University Students with Disabilities Association

## **6.9 Club affiliation: Flinders University Lady's Club – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis**

**Preamble:**

The Flinders University Lady's Club is applying for financial affiliation. All documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 9

**Motion:**

Student Council approves financial affiliation of the Flinders University Lady's Club



## 6.10 Palestine – Zanny Edhouse

### Preamble:

May 15th 1948 marks the day that over 750,000 Palestinians were expelled from their homes and made refugees. In 1948, the establishment of the Israeli state in Palestine through violent ethnic cleansing not only forced Palestinians from their homes, but also led to massacres of indigenous populations and the destruction of villages. This year, to mark the 70th anniversary, protests have been called to demand the right to return to the lands and homes that these Palestinians and their descendants have been denied access to. These protests have been dubbed The Great March of Return, and the Israeli response has been violent. As of writing, more than 40 people have been killed at these protests, including children and journalists. Another round of marches and protests have been called for March 15, which also marks the day that Donald Trump's move to shift the US embassy to Jerusalem will be enacted, in direct contradiction to the aspiration for a future Palestinian state, with Jerusalem as its capital.

There has been a call for global solidarity with the human rights and demands for justice coming from Palestinians. Student activists in Adelaide have organised a protest this Friday, May 18, 5pm at the King William end of Rundle Mall. FUSA should also heed this call, and endorse and provide support for this demonstration.

### Motion:

Student Council endorses the student rally in support of Palestine happening Friday May 18, will provide printing material and will promote it through social media and any other appropriate means.

## 6.11 Disarm Flinders University – Zanny Edhouse

### Preamble:

This year, student activists have launched a campaign to Disarm Universities. Universities all around Australia have extensive ties to weapons manufacturers, in the form of investments and corporate collaboration in teaching and research. Flinders University boasts of these connections, including its part in BAE Systems' \$10 million JOIN program. Colin Stirling, the Flinders vice-chancellor, recently had an opinion piece in the Advertiser where he was highly enthusiastic about the possibilities entailed by "defence" spending.

The National Union of Students have been taking up this campaign, and I have recently been organising with the NUS national and state education officers to establish a local branch of the campaign. We have already sent in a FOI request for information on Flinders University's military investments, and are using this and publicly available information to build the campaign here (the facebook group is "Disarm Flinders #booksnotbombs working group"). This is in collaboration with student activists at the other public universities, which both also have extensive military connections. This campaign will demand divestment and cutting ties with weapons manufacturers.

FUSA should take up this campaign, helping to raise awareness about this issue.

### Motion:

Student Council endorses Disarm Universities #booksnotbombs campaign, will provide printing material and will promote it through social media and any other appropriate means.



## 6.12 Adani – Zanny Edhouse

### Preamble:

The proposed Adani coal mine in Queensland's Galilee Basin will be the biggest in Australian history and disastrous for the Basin and the environment more generally. The Australia Institute has calculated that the average annual emissions from burning the coal at Carmichael – approximately 80 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> – is on par with the total carbon emissions of countries such as Malaysia and Austria. This is at a time when the planet is already experiencing the devastating impact of human-induced climate change as a result of carbon emissions. And the Wangan and Jagalingou people, the Traditional Owners of the land in Queensland's Galilee Basin, have not consented to this abuse of their ancestral lands and they are fighting against Adani.

The National Union of Students has organised a protest to Stop Adani on May 25, 5pm at the King William end of Rundle Mall. As an affiliate of the National Union of Students and as a body committed to fighting for environmental justice, Indigenous land rights, and against climate change, it would be good to see FUSA sharing information about this demonstration to students.

### Motion:

Student Council will promote the May 25 rally to Stop Adani through social media and any other appropriate means.

## 7. Matters for Discussion

### 7.1 Federal Budget Snap Action – Josh Rayner

### 7.2 International Students Consultations – Keon Simmons

### 7.3 Student Council Induction – Chris O'Grady

November 19 & 20, 2018

Nunyarra Conference Centre in Belair (plenty of onsite parking & accessible via public transport).

We can hire the venue for 2 day visits or for 2 days and 1 night residential stay at an equivalent cost.

A number of Student Council members have mentioned that it would be helpful to have an overnight stay to give Student Council more time to spread out the sessions but also to allow more down time and informal space to get to know each other. Having the evening together will allow SC to stay on as a group over dinner and plan some fun, relaxing activities for the evening. It will also mean that we can begin on time the next day knowing that everyone is on site and ready to go. Nunyarra is located in a beautiful setting overlooking the city lights. There is plenty of space to walk outside and to relax indoors.



Many student organisations have overnight induction camps as does Flinders Living for their student leaders. Feedback from them is that it's a positive experience that can really help set the group up for the year ahead and it can be really fun too. Kate has lots of experience running overnight events and would be happy to organise an overnight induction as a trial to see how it works for FUSA.

Kate and I would love to get your views on this.

#### **7.4 Enviro-space Proposal – Andy Caller**

In aiming to align with the sustainability plan of Flinders University (2018-2022), as environmental officer I would like to put forward a proposal for an environmental space as a hub for students to engage in broader networking and community development on campus. An ideal location would be the old cafeteria behind physical sciences and right next to the new market garden. In combination to the activity's and engagement provided by the market garden this space would go hand in hand with community building, student engagement and further aid the development of social enterprise of Flinders Uni sustainability plan.

As a main focus of establishing such a space we would aim for a collaboration of various campus groups as well as providing opportunities for individual student engagement and aspiring for a community atmosphere. This would provide and encourage self determination in student and staff's involvement in the project's targets for boarder campus community engagement!

In the brainstorming process there can be various opportunities for utilizing the space such as a Co-op Kitchen (expanded below), live music venue, organizing space for garden events and workshops, meeting space for various campus groups (FUBABS, SOBA, Permaculture committee, vegetarian and vegan society, etc.), as well as the study space which it is currently used as.

In creating an opportunity for a potential community facilitated space such as a Co-op Kitchen there would be an opportunity for a diverse range of interests for students to be met. A business model in which after adequate safety and food standards are met, training is provided for interested volunteers, and financially sustainable business plan would be drawn up.

For example providing an avenue for student awareness around nutrition, community building, accessible food options and alternative models of social enterprise. In avocation for the student demographic, there is a very real limitation of accessible food options for students from various socio-economic situations and financial pressures such as students on youth allowance, First Nation/ international students or young parents and others. The co-op kitchen intends to fill this gap in the market with a community based food option on campus.

As a further outreach and advocacy I aim to communicate with various groups, staff and students for their interest in the project and as a trial to the co-op kitchen I aim to see if a collective could result from this investigation in to the viability and gauge the interest to see if it is feasible.

There is still much to work out in regards to how such a space might function however preliminary ideas have been; an open kitchen for breakfast, lunch and dinner sessions with bulk food bins available in between sessions with volunteer shifts provided discounts for time and contribution. (Similar to the model of Melbourne University now running for close to 40 years)

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