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## Flinders University Student Association Student Council Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Council Room, Registry Building, Flinders University Bedford Park Campus

18:30

**Present:** Josh Rayner (Student President), Sean Henschke (General Secretary), Benika Bhoola (Education Officer), Jesy Murphy (Women's Officer), Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer), Molly Turnbull (Indigenous Students Officer), Hoang Min Son Le (International Students Officer), Amy Tschirn (Environment Officer), Kane Abraham (General Councillor), Lana Tikhomirov (General Councillor), James Glynn-Roe (General Councillor), Ben Smith (Acting Manager, Student Engagement), Tristan Newsome (Minutes), David Hopkins (Minutes)

**Observers:** Shani Cox, Ethan Zimmermann

**Meeting Opened: 6.39 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), Janelle Chaptini (General Councillor), Victor Ephraims Duruji (General Councillor)

#### 3. Name & Pronoun Round

Those present introduced themselves and their pronouns.

#### 4. Previous Minutes

**Motion:** Student Council accepts the minutes of the July meeting.

**Moved:** Jesy Murphy (Women's Officer)

**Seconded:** Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 5. Executive Decisions

No executive decisions made since the last full council meeting.



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## 6. Reports

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

James Glynn-Roe presented a verbal report and spoke to the importance of further involving clubs and Associations in decision making processes.

**Moved:** Josh Rayner (Student President)

**Seconded:** Molly Turnbull (Indigenous Students Officer)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 7. Matters for Decision

Student President called for starring of matters.

Starred items: 7.2, 7.3, 7.5, 7.6, 7.8, 7.10, 7.11, 7.12, 7.13.

### 7.0 Starred Matters for Decision

#### 7.2 Affiliation Application from the Flinders University Art & Design Club – Sean Henschke

**Motion:** Student Council does not approve the application of the Flinders Art and Design Club for Financial Affiliation.

**Moved:** Sean Henschke (General Secretary)

**Seconded:** Benika Bhoola (Education Officer)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.3 Affiliation Application from The Flinders University Queer Collective – Sean Henschke

**Motion:** Student Council approves the Flinders University Queer Collective as a FUSA Collective.

**Moved:** Sean Henschke (General Secretary)

**Seconded:** Amy Tschirn (Education Officer)

*For: 9*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 2*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.5 Student Council Annual Election Dates and Nomination of Returning Officer – Ben Smith

**Motion:** Student Council endorse that:

- Nominations for FUSA Annual Elections (Student Council, NUS & Empire Times) open on Monday September 7 and close on Monday September 21.
- The FUSA Annual Elections be held over three days on October 6, 7, 8, 2020.



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Student Council accepts the recommendation to appoint Mary Heath as Returning Officer for the 2020 FUSA Annual Elections.

**Moved:** Josh Rayner (Student President)

**Seconded:** Molly Turnbull (Indigenous Students Officer)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.6 More fun for The International Student Collective Facebook Page – Son Le

**Motion:** FUSA Student Council approves the expenditure of \$400 from the International Student Officer's initiatives budget towards this activity.

**Moved:** Son Le (International Student Officer)

**Seconded:** Jesy Murphy (Women's Officer)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.8 The worst is yet to come for International Students – Son Le

**Motion:** FUSA continues calling Flinders University to;

- Expand the financial support in the form of bursary at least 35% of the tuition fee in the coming semester for all International Students.
- Extend the general census dates back at least one month.
- Identify and provide any students who unable to pay the fee on time with essential supports

FUSA requests that a meeting of senior University management, the Student President, the International Students Officer, and the group of International Students who facilitated this campaign be arranged immediately.

Student Council directs the Acting Manager, Student Engagement, the Student President, and the International Student Officer to continue working closely with International Students to provide advice and support regarding the campaign.

**Moved:** Son Le (International Student Officer)

**Seconded:** Benika Bhoola (Education Officer)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.10 Raise the Rate – Nathan Cheetham

**Motion:** Student Council directs the Welfare Officer to work with FUSA's communications and media team to create and run a student-oriented version of the Raise the Rate For Good campaign.

**Moved:** Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer)

**Seconded:** Molly Turnbull (Indigenous Students Officer)



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*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.11 Assessment Structure Changes Must Continue! – Benika Bhoola

**Motion:** FUSA calls on Flinders University to extend the opt-in non-graded pass assessment structure changes to at least Semester 2, 2020

FUSA calls on Flinders University to extend the changes to supplementary assessment items that gave all students access to supplementary assessment to at least Semester 2, 2020

**Moved:** Benika Bhoola (Education Officer)

**Seconded:** Son Le (International Students Officer)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.12 East your greens – Amy Tschirn

**Motion:** Student Council approves the expenditure of \$800 from the Environment Officer's initiatives budget for materials for a planting day in the Grow Eat Learn Garden for Keep Australia Beautiful Week.

**Moved:** Amy Tschirn (Environment Officer)

**Seconded:** Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### 7.13 Training needs for Student Council – Ben Smith

**Motion:** Student Council directs Manager, Student Engagement to source and book Mental Health First Aid, Responder Training and cultural awareness training for early in 2021 for all Student Council

**Moved:** Josh Rayner (Student President)

**Seconded:** James Glynn-Roe (General Councillor)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

#### Motion from the Floor – Josh Rayner

**Discussion:** Josh Rayner extended his congratulations to Benika Bhoola as the new Education Officer and thanked her for her work as General Council Member.

Josh Rayner thanked Clara Santilli for her work as Mature Age Officer.

**Moved:** Josh Rayner (Student President)

**Seconded:** Amy Tschirn (General Councillor)

*For:* 10

*Against:* 0

*Abstain:* 1

**Motion carried.**



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

### 7.1 Be a Better Human Action Group – Sean Henschke

**Motion:** Student Council endorses the Flinders Action group to establish a National Be a Better Human Action Group

### 7.4 Affiliation Application from The Flinders University Physiotherapy Student Association – Sean Henschke

**Motion:** Student Council approves the Flinders University Physiotherapy Student Association for Financial Affiliation.

### 7.7 More prizes for International Students in the Photo event? – Son Le

**Motion:** FUSA Student Council approves the expenditure of \$160 (which is equivalent to 8 international students will be receiving the prizes) from the International Student Officer's initiatives budget towards this event.

### 7.9 Student Homelessness Plan – Nathan Cheetham

**Motion:** FUSA Student Council directs the Welfare Officer to work with relevant staff within FUSA and across the university to develop a plan that addresses student homelessness and provides emergency accommodation for students

### 7.14 Postgraduate Omnibus – Aiden Cornelius-Bell

**Motion:**

- FUSA supports the ratification, in the extent possible under its constitution and the constitution of the Postgraduate Student Association, of the revised constitution attached (ATT: 1- Constitution)
- FUSA supports the strategic direction, as far as its role in student representation allows, set forth in the strategic plan of the Postgraduate Student Association (ATT: 2-Strategic Plan)
- FUSA supports the announcement of the Annual General Meeting of the Postgraduate Student Association at a date/time to be decided in concert with the Association
- FUSA notes the expenditure of postgraduate funds on the DocFest postgraduate conference run by the Office of Graduate Research as a notional initiator of postgraduate association activities moving forward (ATT: 3 - OGR Budget)
- Student Council discharges its responsibility for negotiating with the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations on affiliation fees to the Student President in hopes that an arrangement can be made allowing a partial fee payment to CAPA and the continuation of affiliation (ATT: 4 - CAPA Invoice - JR to source)

### 7.15 Gimme some of the cake – Jesy Murphy

**Motion:** Student Council approves the expenditure of \$500 from the Women's Officers Initiative Budget to purchase 200 cupcakes for the blue Stocking Week event.



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

**Moved:** Josh Rayner (Student President)

**Seconded:** Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer)

*All in favour.*

**Motion carried.**

## 8. Matters for Noting

### 8.1 Next Student Council Meeting – Josh Rayner

The next meeting of Student Council shall take place on Monday August 24th at 6:30pm. Location TBC pending social distancing requirements.

Please submit all agenda items for consideration in writing to the General Secretary no later than 5pm Friday August 21st. Agenda items presented after this deadline may not be considered at the next meeting.

### 8.2 MSE report to Student Council for July

See Appendix 3

### 8.3 AGM

In accordance with the FUSA Constitution, an AGM must be held every year of FUSA members. At the meeting, Student President, and General Secretary present reports, including FUSA finances for the last financial year (2019). The quorum for this meeting is 50 members. Usually this meeting occurs in September prior to nominations. Given a meeting of 50 members is difficult to achieve with current social distancing requirements, the Student President and General Secretary will be working with the Manager, Student Engagement and the Student Representation and Development Officer to explore a solution.

### 8.4 Adopt a Plot – Amy Tschirn

Amy Tschirn speaks to a sustainable food initiative on campus called Adopt a Plot. She states that it would great for Student Council to have a plot and invites members of Student Council to get involved.

**Meeting Closed: 7.44 PM**