



Flinders University Student Council Meeting Agenda

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Council room Registry Building, Bedford

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1. Acknowledgement of Country

Meetings of Student Council take place on stolen land. The land that we regularly meet and work on belongs to the Kaurna People. We begin each meeting by acknowledging that this land was stolen, it was never ceded, and always was and always will be Aboriginal land. We also pay our respects to elders' past, present and emerging.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Emily Williams, Hiue Hoang, who was unable to attend this meeting.



3. Name and Pronoun Round

Members of Student Council, FUSA Staff, Guests and Observers are invited to introduce themselves and state which pronouns they use.

4. Previous Minutes

Please see Appendix 1 for minutes of the most recent meeting(s) of Student Council.

5. Executive Decisions

Please see Appendix 2 for a record of the motions considered by the FUSA Executive Committee from the last meeting of Student Council.

6. Reports

Please see Appendix 3 for the written reports of FUSA Staff or their roles and duties undertaken since the last meeting of Student Council. Those who do not submit a report are invited to give a verbal report at this time.

7. Matters for Decision

7.1 Executive Committee

Preamble

As per the constitution:

12.1. The Executive Committee is a committee of the Student Council, exercising delegated powers from the Student Council under Clause 10.3.

12.2. The Executive Committee: (a) may transact the business of the Association, on behalf of the Student Council, on urgent matters that the President and General Secretary consider cannot be held over until the next regular meeting of the Student Council; (b) may exercise such other powers as may from time to time be delegated to it by the Student Council; and (c) must provide the Student Council with reports of its activities at each meeting of the Student Council.

12.3. Decisions of the Executive Committee must be ratified at the next regular meeting of the Student Council and shall have the same effect as decisions of the Student Council, provided that such decisions are made in accordance with this Constitution and the Regulations.

12.4. The voting members of the Executive Committee are: (a) the President (Chair); (b) the General Secretary; (c) the Education Officer; and (d) Two (2) voting member of the Student Council elected by the Student Council



Motion

FUSA Student Council appoint _____ and _____ to be voting members of the Executive Committee.

Author of motion: Molly Turnbull

7.2 Club Pool Funding Sub-Committee

Preamble:

The Club Pool Funding Sub-Committee approves funding requests from Financially Affiliated Clubs, which

Generally, it occurs four times per year and takes around four hours per meeting (Two hours for proposals, two hours for the meeting itself). The Sub-Committee consists of the Clubs Officer (Adam Rau), the General Secretary (Molly Turnbull), the Social Activities Officer (Ange Nishimwe), and another appointed member of Student Council.

Motion:

Student Council appoint _____ to sit on the Club Pool Funding Sub-Committee.

Author of Motion: Molly Turnbull

7.3 Empire Times Liaison

Preamble

As per the Empire Times Regulations:

‘Empire Times Liaison Officer’ means a member of Student Council who is appointed by Student Council to this role is to provide a communication link between the Empire Times Editorial Team and Student Council.

Motion

FUSA Student Council appoint _____ to be the Empire Times Liaison Officer



Author of motion Molly Turnbull

7.4 Student Council Bank Account

Preamble:

With a changeover in Student Council members as of December 1st, new signatories will need to be added to, and current signatories removed, from the FUSA Student Council bank account at People's Choice Credit Union.

Motion:

Student Council endorses that, as of December 1st, 2020, the new signatories for Flinders University Student Association People's Choice Business and Community Account will be as follows: Sean Henschke (Student President) and Molly Turnbull (General Secretary), Joshua Rayner with to be removed from the signatories list.

Student Council directs the outgoing signatories and incoming signatories to complete the handover of the FUSA Bank Account by December 20th, 2020.

Author of motion: Molly Turnbull

7.5 Community Garden Access for All

Preamble

The Flinders Community Garden is heavily used by students, staff and visitors alike for a variety of events and social gatherings. However, the garden is currently largely inaccessible to students with mobility issues, particularly those who use wheelchairs, due to a path consisting of coarse gravel. Not only does this pose a significant safety risk, but it also excludes many people from being able to access this site on the same basis as their non-disabled counterparts. It has been suggested that people with mobility issues should instead access the Flinders Edible Garden due to its better accessibility. This is an unacceptable response, as people with disabilities should have full access to all university features and facilities.

Motion



FUSA endorses the installation of a wheelchair-accessible path through the Flinders Community Garden to ensure equitable access for all students, staff and visitors as soon as possible.

FUSA condemns the statement that students with mobility issues should instead access the Flinders Edible Garden due to its better accessibility, as people with disabilities have the right to access all university features and facilities on the same basis as their non-disabled counterparts.

Author of Motion: Anu Francis

7.6 Make a 'Mini world tour' through cooking

Preamble

Students, particularly the international ones who are missing their home badly in the summer break but can't go there due to the current circumstances of travelling due to Covid-19, are very restless now. Moreover, there are many students who normally plan to visit different foreign countries during the summer break, and are also getting upset as they can't travel outside of Australia. Virtual travel, very specifically, travel through cooking would be an excellent way to have a vibe of other cultures. It will ensure the engagement of international students and help to release anxiety and homesickness.

I want to organize a virtual cooking competition: 'Mini world tour' through cooking. It will be an online activity that will call for video submission from international students. International students will form a group of 4-5 (even more are also welcome) people and will prepare a meal of any foreign cuisine except their home countries and Australia. After preparation, they will enjoy the food altogether. For the competition, they will make a video on their team discussion, recipe research, preparation steps and all the fun activities they would do.

Besides the video, they will write down a few lines on the virtual tour of that foreign culture they have experienced together.

A maximum 10 selected videos will be awarded a \$50 gift card for each group, and all those videos will be promoted through FUSA student council Facebook and FUSA main page, and ISS platform

Platform

FUSA recognizes the importance of embracing the inclusive and diverse multicultural environment at Flinders University.

Motions

Student Council approves the \$500 expenditure on gift cards prizes from the International Student Officer's initiatives budget.



International Student Officer to work with both the FUSA Media Team and the FUSA Events Team on this project.

Author of Motion: Rubayat Sarwar Shanta

7.7 Art in the Queer Space

Preamble

With the recent renovation of the Queer space, there has been a change of structure with free space on the walls. In order to support Flinders University queer student artists, it has been decided to commission pieces of art from Flinders University queer student artists to hang in the Queer Space. I have also decided to rent out a key piece from FUMA to showcase in the Queer Space.

Motion

FUSA Student Council approves the \$550 spent on the queer space art initiative from Darlyn Tan-Sik's General Council initiative budget

Author of Motion: Darlyn Tan-Sik

7.8 Shine SA sexual health services on campus

Preamble

Shine SA performs an invaluable service to the community, providing vital sexual health services including clinical services, counselling, sexual health education, early intervention and health promotion. There are currently no Shine SA services in the Southern Adelaide region with the closest location being in the CBD and thus not accessible for students living in the Flinders Area, which in turn has a negative effect on the health of the students attending Flinders University.

Motion

Student Council empowers the President of FUSA to write a letter to the Director of Student Services to push for Sexual Health Services available during University business hours, free and accessible for all students.



Students Council will consult with students to ensure that the sexual health services meet the needs of students and are accessible for all

Author of Motion: Rachel Hemer

7.9 South Ridge Chest Feeding room

Preamble

The Chest Feeding Room at South Ridge has lost its accreditation due to a lack of upgrades and limited awareness. As a result, South Ridge students are required to relocate to the Hub to chest feed, which is disruptive and not accessible. We need to ensure there are options for parents to be able to participate equally in university. As these spaces are predominantly used by women, trans, and gender diverse people, they are crucial to ensure that Flinders is supporting gender diversity in STEM.

Motion

Student Council approves the expenditure of \$1400 from the Mature Aged Officer's initiatives budget to provide feeding chairs and improved signage to the South Ridge Chest Feeding Room.

Author of Motion: Ethan Zimmerman

7.10 Extra Disability Space funding

Preamble

The disabilities space located in the Hub on the Flinders' University Bedford Campus has seen significant progress over the past several months. Certain items are still required to be purchased in order to fulfil the space's purpose of being inclusive and accessible. These items are outlined in the budget proposal attached to the appendix. - see Appendix 4

Motion

FUSA approves spending approximately \$520 on Callan Alexander's General Councillor initiative fund on the items requested by the Disability Collective for the Disability space.

Author of Motion: Callan Alexander



7.11 Opening of More Queer Spaces

Preamble

Currently, there is only one queer space located across all Flinders campuses, the recent renovations of the queer space have helped make the space more accessible, however, accessing a safe space for LGBTQIA+ students are still proving to be a problem especially for students located on the sturt and Victoria Square campuses.

The current queer space is currently operating at capacity and is often overcrowded in an attempt to accommodate all the students seeking a safe and inclusive space.

Providing additional queer spaces for students who identify as LGBTQIA+ a safe space that allows them to meet and connect with other students from the community as well as proving them with a safe space to escape the prejudices of the university

Motion

Student Council endorses the Queer officer exploring options for Queer Spaces on other campuses.

Author of Motion: Shanii Sparrow

7.12 Decolonise FUSA Now!

Preamble

Since the planting of the 'Union Jack' in 1788 at Botany Bay and the declaration of 'terra nullius', to the inception of the so called nation of 'Australia' in 1901, to the referendum of 1967 to vote yes for the 'Aborigines', to the landmark Mabo case of 1992 that gave birth to Native Title, and to the rejection of the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2017, First Nations Peoples of this country have been subjected to a western foreign legal system that was never designed to benefit them, and has only been to the deficit of us as this nation's First Peoples. The colonial project known as 'Australia' has systematically discriminated against us for 232 years through its institutions of power and is still ongoing! Colonisation is seen as something from the past, but it never ended and is evident through the alarming rates of disadvantage experienced by my peoples today.

FUSA as an institution itself is not exempt from being perpetrators of systemic and institutionalised racism, when it's very own internal documents that govern how they operate as an association (constitution and election regulations), were not developed in consultation with First Nations Peoples. Until changes are made FUSA will continue to discriminate against its First Nations Students.



Motion

FUSA will commit to decolonising itself as an institution by reviewing its constitution and regulations to identify how it actively discriminates against First Nations Peoples. Through this review FUSA will make appropriate changes to the constitution and regulations. FUSA will also acknowledge that this isn't the sole responsibility of the Indigenous Students Officer, but the responsibility of all FUSA staff and student council members.

Author of Motion: Keenan Smith

7.13 Be Better Everywhere

Preamble

The 'Be A Better Human (BABH)' campaign has been very successful on the Bedford Park Campus in previous years and in 2020 a plan was put in place to continue the campaign and get more students involved. With COVID this did not happen and not much was able to continue. Extending the reach of the BABH campaign is a great way to spread the message and lessons of the campaign to more students.

Motion

The FUSA Welfare officer will work with Jess Nicole in the FUSA media team to work on strategies and ideas on how to spread the campaign to other Flinders campuses around Australia. Implementing bi-weekly meetings to continue the process.

Author of motion: Jesy Murphy

7.14 Simplify and Standardise Electronic Deadlines

Preamble

The current lack of standardisation of Electronic Assessment Deadlines has resulted in multiple students accidentally missing deadlines. This had led to unnecessary tensions between staff and students which could be easily avoided through the implementation of a standardised assessment deadline.



Student Council understands that the standardisation of assessment deadlines has been a pressing issue for students, as it has led to great confusion and undue stress when students are met with multiple different times for deadlines across topics.

The standardisation of electronic submission deadlines will help provide stability and clarity for students as well as allow for less interpersonal tension between staff and students.

Platform

Student Council supports the standardisation of assessment deadlines for all electronically submitted coursework.

Student Council defines “electronically submitted coursework” as all summative assessments that are not required to be presented or completed in person and actively understands that standardised assessment deadlines cannot be extended to coursework that is not electronically submitted.

Motion

The Student Council empowers the Education Officer to hold discussions with the appropriate members of the University faculty to discuss the opportunity for the Standardisation of Electronic Deadlines to be included in the University Draft Policy.

The Student Council expects a report back from the Education Officer regarding these discussions at the Student Council Meeting held in March 2021.

Author of Motion: Benika Bhoola

7.15 Required Information for Academic Support Changes

Preamble

On December 2nd 2020 the Education Officer and Student President sent an email to Vice-Chancellor (Students), Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students), Dean of Education, as well as Deans of Colleges. Email can be found in the appendix.

As of this meeting the Student President and Education Officer are still yet to receive a reply.

Platform

The changes to Academic Support have the potential to help students throughout the university, however, the lack of communication between the University and students means that students are feeling overwhelmed and are unable to access the support provided. This lack of communication previously led to many students being unable to access the support that was provided last semester,



which had had negative impacts on their quality of education and subsequently their future job prospects.

The University has shown a blatant disregard for its students through the ignoring of the Student Council's email and failing to provide the students with the necessary information to access academic support.

The Student Council feels the University has shown a lack of understanding that if they fail to provide information on how students can access the academic support measures in place, it will result in a higher number of students failing to have access to an adequate quality of education. If the University continues to fail to provide the necessary support measures for its students soon then they will continue to face the Flinders community speaking out publicly against them and running campaigns to ensure the future of their education.

Motion

Student Council expresses their contempt at the fact that the Vice-Chancellor (Students) and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students) have ignored attempts from FUSA to work with them to help inform students wishing to access academic support this year.

Student Council demands that the Vice-Chancellor (Students) and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students) release a statement answering the questions detailed in the email sent to them from the Education Officer and Student President on December 2nd 2020. The Student Council expects this statement to be released in full by December 18th 2020 at the latest.

Author of Motion: Benika Bhoola

7.16 FUSA O'Week Student Survey

Preamble

The changes to Academic Support have the potential to help students throughout the university, however, the lack of communication between the University and students means that unfortunately, a number of students feel overwhelmed and unable to access the support provided. This lack of communication previously led to many students being unable to access the support that was provided last semester, which had had negative impacts on their quality of education and subsequently their future job prospects. The University has shown a blatant disregard for its students through the ignoring of the Student Council's email and failing to provide the students with the necessary information to access academic support.

Motion

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Author of Motion: Ange Nishimwe

7.17 Financial Affiliation Application from Flinders Critical Care Society

Preamble

The Flinders Critical Care Society has applied for Financial Affiliation. The club has an appropriate executive composition, meets all FUSA regulation requirements for their constitution, bank account, AGM minutes and membership list.

Motion

That FUSA Student Council approves the Flinders Critical Care Society's application for Financial Affiliation.

Author of Motion: Molly Turnbull

7.18 Financial Affiliation Application from The Flinders University Film Society

Preamble

The Flinders University Film Society is applying to a Financially Affiliate FUSA. The club has an appropriate executive composition, meets all FUSA regulation requirements for their constitution, bank account, AGM minutes and membership list.

Motion

Student Council approves of the Flinders University Film Society for Financial Affiliation.

Author of Motion: Molly Turnbull



7.19 Non – Financial Affiliation Application from The Flinders College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Postgraduate Association

Preamble

The Flinders College of Humanities Arts and Social Sciences Postgraduate Association are applying to Non-Financially Affiliate to FUSA. The club has an appropriate executive composition, meets all FUSA regulation requirements for their constitution, AGM minutes and membership list.

Motion

Student Council approves The Flinders College of Humanities Arts and Social Sciences Postgraduate Association for Non- Financial Affiliation.

Author of Motion: Molly Turnbull

7.20 Financial Affiliation Application from Flinders University Sustainability and Environment Collective

Preamble

Flinders University Sustainability and Environment Collective is applying to Financially Affiliate FUSA. The club has an appropriate executive composition, meets FUSA regulation requirements for their constitution, bank account, AGM minutes and membership list.

Motion

That FUSA Student Council grants conditional approval to Flinders University Sustainability and Environment Collective for affiliation at the Financial level with the Flinders University Student Association.

Author of Motion: Molly Turnbull



7.21 Non- Financial Affiliation Application from Flinders University Collective Against Racism

Preamble

Flinders University Collective Against Racism is applying to a Non-Financially Affiliate FUSA. The club has an appropriate executive composition, meets all FUSA regulation requirements for their constitution, AGM minutes and membership list.

Motion

Student Council approves of the Flinders University Collective Against Racism for Non-Financial Affiliation.

Author of Motion: Molly Turnbull

7.22 Financial Affiliation Application from Women in Health

Preamble

Women in Health are applying to Financially Affiliate FUSA. The club has an appropriate executive composition, meets FUSA regulation requirements for their constitution, bank account, and membership list.

Motion

That FUSA Student Council grants conditional approval to Women in Health for affiliation at the Financial level with the Flinders University Student Association. Conditional in that they provide updated AGM minutes which include an attendance list and motion to financially affiliate with FUSA.

Author of Motion: Molly Turnbull

8 Matters for Discussion

8.1 don't close the curtains yet – Benika Bhoola

7 Matters for Noting



7.1 MSE reports to Student Council for August, September, November

7.2 Election Report

Executive motions

I was offered a job as a gardener, but the celery was too low.

Preamble

With the recent rain and warm weather, the student community garden has gone gangbusters with weeds. Hosting a garden day outside of semester dates is not feasible, and the continuity of the garden requires urgent removal of these weeds. The Welfare Officer and I have put some volunteering hours into weeding it last week but it is too large a venture to tackle this way.

Motion

Student Council Exec approves the expenditure of \$450 from the Flexi-Fund to hire 3 student casuals for 4 hours for necessary maintenance of the Grow Eat Learn student community garden.

Author of Motion: Amy Tschirn

Let's Furnish the Disabilities Space

Preamble

After an extraordinarily long battle, the permanent Disabilities Space is looking promising to come to fruition in 2021 (either in the form of the current Women's Room or another space TBD in negotiation with PFD and the FUSA Disabilities Collective). Therefore, we need some basic furnishings and appliances so that space can be functional as soon as possible, including height-adjustable desks, ergonomic seating, and a fridge and microwave. There is still a significant amount of disability-specific items that will need to be purchased for space, including adaptive cutlery and computer keyboards, however, these basic items will enable the space to open as soon as a location is confirmed.

Motion

FUSA approves the spending of \$2000 from the Disabilities Officer's budget and a further \$700 from her travel allowance to fund basic furniture and appliances for the Disabilities Space, as outlined in Table 1.

Student council Pool funding

Preamble

The first is to remove the budget lines for Student Council's remaining funding to allow for Student Council members to find any final projects they wish before the end of their terms. A motion like this is moved every year to ensure as much of our budget lines as possible are spent. Student Council members will still need to have motions moved through exec to approve funding, however, will not be limited by budget lines.

Motions

Executive Committee approve the pooling of remaining Student Council budget lines.

Author of Motion: Josh Rayner

NUS Affiliation Fee

Preamble

The second is to approve the expenditure of our NUS Affiliation Fees. Our Fee Waiver has not yet been approved, however as we have less than \$16,000 in the Student Council bank account, we are unable to pay the increased affiliation amount that we set last year. As such the maximum affiliation we'll be able to pay is \$15,000. This will be paid as soon as our Fee Waiver has been approved. I encourage the incoming Student Council to explore additional revenue streams to ensure we can maintain a higher affiliation amount.

Motion

Executive Committee approve the expenditure of \$15,000 from the Student Council bank account for affiliation to the National Union of Students, pending our receipt of a fee waiver for that amount.

Author of Motion: Josh Rayner

Save the multi-cultural vibes

Preamble

Students are missing the multi-cultural spirit which used to exist vividly on Flinders University's campus. The COVID-19 pandemic made the cultural week, and many cultural events cancelled this year, and it is a massive loss for the international student community. Shifting these events to online platforms like FLO or Facebook is an excellent way to ensure the representation and engagement, but it is not enough particularly when we are having the opportunity now to bring these cultural events back on campus for students. International students are calling for events to enjoy their very few months left in 2020. Thus, it is essential to have a few days on campus that FUSA can save the vibes.

Platform

FUSA recognises the importance of embracing the inclusive and diverse multicultural environment at Flinders University.

Motions

The Executive Committee approves the total expenditure of \$500 including \$200 from the International Student Officer's initiatives budget and \$300 from the General Council member, Victor Duruji, initiatives budget towards this activity, mainly, to purchase traditional dishes.

Author of Motion: Son Le H. Minh

Registration for the National Union of Students National Conference.

Preamble

Although this year's national conference is taking place online, we are still required to pay a registration fee in order for our elected delegates and any additional observers to register for the conference.

Motion

Executive Committee approves the expenditure of \$825.00 from the remaining Student Council pooled budget to register for the 2020 National Union of Students National Conference

Executive Committee directs a FUSA Staff Member with credit card access to process the payment as soon as possible to ensure this payment is made from our current budget lines.

Author of Motion: Josh Rayner

Product	Link	Individual cost	Number intending to buy
Keyboard + mouse	https://www.officeworks.com.au/shop/officeworks/p/hp-keyboard-and-mouse-combo-c2500-hpc2500?cm_mmc=Google:SEM:OW%7CShopping:PLA&istCompanyId=0403b0ba-0671-498f-aeb7-e2ff71b61924&istFeedId=ea709c9a-279e-40be-951f-2668243ec753&istItemId=wliwrawri&istBid=t&ds_rl=1290240&ds_rl=1290240&gclid=Cj0KCQiAasz-BRCCARIsANotFgPjBHzL_l9NTuW4oOgt6m8QLpqigDpC9yP2ERTFIguGK3DUiwiwG-UaArzCEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds	\$22	1
Ergonomic keyboard	https://www.bunnings.com.au/microsoft-ergonomic-usb-keyboard_p0234637?gclid=Cj0KCQiAasz-BRCCARIsANotFgPBXSHLySEmpNMzhTfHj1S9WOO8idjLZi3tFiFaeB-vxwKGC-zrCbYaAtaTEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds	\$79	2
Pens	https://www.officeworks.com.au/shop/officeworks/p/papermate-inkjoy-100-ballpoint-pens-assorted-10-pack-paap012984	\$2	2
Chalk	https://www.officeworks.com.au/shop/officeworks/p/kadink-chalk-assorted-colours-100-pack-js19100902	\$2.49	1
100 page note pad	https://www.officeworks.com.au/shop/officeworks/p/spirax-no-563-reporters-notebook-100-page-es56048	\$1.99	3
Weighted blanket (5kg)	https://www.bigw.com.au/product/jason-super-soft-weighted-blanket-5kg-silver/p/94055/	\$85	1
Noise cancelling headphones	https://www.jbhifi.com.au/products/sol-republic-soundtrack-pro-over-ear-wireless-noise-cancelling-headphones-black	\$199 (on sale)	1
VV Stim toys VV			
Water Snake	https://sistersensory.com.au/product/water-snakes/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAasz-BRCCARIsANotFgOh-GkDwweWoUwW71YDgEMo09kRIDFDZHFfBj33ioDxd4-viWOJaHwaAkFMEALw_wcB	\$3	1
Fidget cube	https://sensorytools.net/products/fidget-cube?utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=Google%20Shopping&gclid=Cj0KCQiAasz-BRCCARIsANotFgOtOMhN7uJn6WJtwHPRk7e1aTLaSgTG7yFxD-B2wjnrWunTNaxG5v0aAiYOEALw_wcB	\$11.95	3
Stretchy Squishies	https://www.stimtastic.co/stim-toys/p/squishy-stretchy-christmas	\$1.20	1
(Pack of 5) mini hedge balls	https://www.stimtastic.co/stim-toys/p/mini-hedge-balls-set-of-4	\$1.25	1
Stretchy ball	https://www.stimtastic.co/stim-toys/p/squishy-stretchy-chick	\$1.20	2
TOTAL			\$520.16

Refer to motion: **Required Information for Academic Support Changes**

Dear Vice-Chancellor (Students), Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students), Dean of Education, as well as Deans of Colleges

Just writing to you with the concerns of the student body in the lead up to results being released this Friday. There have been multiple issues of interpretation that students have had in response to the email regarding the latest academic assessment changes and we would appreciate some clarification regarding the following:

- For students that were unaware of the option to defer exams, particularly those sitting exams during the statewide lockdown, how can they apply for supplementary exams?
 - Due to the many quick changes that were made during the last week of exams (as a result of Covid-19) many students felt overwhelmed and were unable to keep up-to-date with all the support changes that were being made. It is unfair to penalise these students who were both stressed and overworked as a result of the pandemic and we would appreciate a statement regarding how students can both check their eligibility and apply for supplementary assessments.
- How can a student check to see if they are eligible to apply for a NGP?
 - Due to the recent changes regarding NGPs many students are unsure if they are eligible to apply for a NGP. We have found that the wording of the statement released recently was very technical and posed issues for interpretation and understanding, especially for those of whom English is a second language. We ask that you could please take the time to more thoroughly explain which topics are eligible for NGPs so that no student is disadvantaged when deciding what is best for their GPA moving forward.
- What is the correct path to take when making an application for a NGP?
 - Once results are released many students will be wanting to apply for NGPs. A common issue that prevented students from applying for NGPs last semester is that many felt that the application process was not well articulated to them and as a result they were unsure as to how they would go about completing an application. To prevent this from happening again students would appreciate more information thoroughly explaining the process in which to apply for an NGP.

As the results will be released shortly, we would appreciate it if you could please take the time to answer these questions both swiftly and entirely, to help ensure all students are able to make the most of the academic support provided.

Furthermore, we would appreciate a formal response to our previous letter regarding our requests for academic support changes and an explanation as to why many of the requests were not met.

Sincerely,

Benika Bhoola (she/her) - FUSA Education Officer and Sean Henschke (they/them) - FUSA Student President



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Flinders University Student Association Student Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2020

Alere Function Room, Student Hub, 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), Hoang Minh Son Le (International Students Officer), Molly Turnbull (Indigenous Officer), Amy Tschirn (Environment Officer), Anu Francis (Disabilities Officer), Lana Tikhomirov (General Councillor), James Glynn-Roe (General Councillor), Ben Smith (Acting Manager, Student Engagement), David Hopkins (Minutes)

Observers: Ethan Zimmermann, Shani Cox

Meeting Opened: 6:38 PM

1. Acknowledgement of Country

All meetings of Student Council take place on stolen land. The land that we meet on belongs to the Kurna people. We begin every meeting by acknowledging that this land was stolen, it was never ceded, and always was and always will be, aboriginal land. We also pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

2. Apologies

Apologies: Ché Cielens (Social Activities Officer), Kane Abraham (General Councillor), Victor Duruji (General Councillor)

3. Name & Pronoun Round

Those present introduced themselves and their pronouns.

4. Previous Minutes

No minutes have been received from Manager, Student Engagement.

5. Executive Decisions

No Executive decisions have been made since the last Student Council Meeting.

6. Reports

Motion: Defer reports until the next Student Council Meeting.

Moved: Josh Rayner (Student President)



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Seconded: Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7. Matters for Decision

Student President called for starring of matters.

Starred items: 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7

7.0 Starred Matters for Decision

7.1 Graduation Ceremony Carry over – Benika Bhoola

Motion: FUSA acknowledges the personal milestone that a graduation ceremony represents to many students and understands that the loss of this formal milestone may be upsetting too many students.

FUSA acknowledges that the ceremonies are unable to take place at this current time, due to the pandemic, but believes that it falls on Flinders University to make alternative arrangements when it is safe to do so.

Moved: Benika Bhoola (Education Officer)

Seconded: Lana Tikhomirov (General Councillor)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7.2 Omnibus Amendments to the FUSA Election Regulations – Josh Rayner

Motion: Student Council amend the FUSA Election Regulations as detailed in Appendix 1 with immediate effect.

Student Council direct a member of Association Staff to complete the amendments outlined in Appendix 1 and update the Election Regulations on the FUSA Website accordingly.

Moved: Josh Rayner (Student President)

Seconded: Benika Bhoola (Education Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7.3 Student Council Roles and Duties Regulations Amendments – Sean Henschke

Motion: Student Council amend the FUSA Student Council Roles and Duties Regulations as detailed in Appendix 2 with immediate effect.

Student Council Student Council direct a member of Association Staff to complete the amendments outlined in Appendix 2 and update the Student Council Roles and Duties Regulations on the FUSA Website accordingly.

Moved: Sean Henschke (General Secretary)

Seconded: Jesy Murphy (Women's Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.



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7.4 Mental Health Awareness Campaign Funding – Lana Tikhomirov

Motion: FUSA Student Council approves \$1000 of Lana Tikhomirov's General Councillor initiatives budget to be allocated to the Mental Health Awareness campaign.

Moved: Lana Tikhomirov (General Councillor)

Seconded: Nathan Cheetham (Welfare Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7.5 Mature Aged Students Officer Vacancy – Josh Rayner

Motion: Student Council elect Ethan Zimmermann to be fulfil the role of Mature Age Students Officer immediately following administrative processes.

Moved: Josh Rayner (Student President)

Seconded: Molly Turnbull (Indigenous Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7.6 General Council Member Vacancy – Josh Rayner

Motion: Student Council elect Shani Cox to be fulfil the role of General Council Member immediately following administrative processes.

Moved: Josh Rayner (Student President)

Seconded: Benika Bhoola (Education Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

FUSA AGM (Motion from the Floor) – Sean Henschke

Motion: FUSA will hold its annual general meeting on the 8th September 2020 with the expenditure from the designated event budget going to cover promotion and merchandise.

Moved: Sean Henschke (General Secretary)

Seconded: Amy Tschirn (Environment Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Procedural Motion – Josh Rayner

Motion: To move in-camera.

Moved: Josh Rayner (Student President)

Seconded: Amy Tschirn (Environment Officer)

All in favour.



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Motion carried.

Procedural Motion – Josh Rayner

Motion: To allow Ben Smith, Ethan Zimmermann and Shani Cox to remain for the in-camera discussion.

Moved: Josh Rayner (Student President)

Seconded: Sean Henschke (General Secretary)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

David Hopkins (Minutes) left the room at 7:08 PM

7.7 In-Camera Item – Josh Rayner

Meeting Closed: 8:22 PM