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Flinders University Student Association Student Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2021

Council Room, Registry Building, Flinders University Bedford Park Campus

18:30

Present: Sean Henschke (Student President), Molly Turnbull (General Secretary), Benika Bhoola (Education Officer), Emily Williams (Postgraduate Students Officer), Jesy Murphy (Welfare Officer), Luca Sardelis (Women's Officer), Thi Minh Hieu Hoang (General Councillor), Kaylen Scurrah (General Councillor), Darlyn Tan-Sik (General Councillor), Rachel Hemer (General Councillor), Ben Smith (Manager, Student Engagement), and David Hopkins (Minutes).

Meeting Opened: 6:42PM

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Sean Henschke (Student President) acknowledged that the Student Council meeting was taken place on the land of the Kurna people.

2. Apologies & Welcome of Guests

Apologies: Rubayat Sarwar (International Student Officer), Amy Tschirn (Environment Officer), Ethan Zimmermann (Mature Age Students Officer), Rafael Aquino (General Councillor), Keenan Smith (First Nations Students Officer) and Anu Francis (Disabilities Officer).

Guests: Fletcher O'Leary (Student Representation Support Officer) and Liv Vickers (Observer).

3. Name & Pronoun Round

Those present introduced themselves and their pronouns.

4. Previous Minutes

No minutes to review.

5. Executive Decisions

No executive decisions were brought forward for ratification.



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6. Reports

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

Moved: Sean Henschke (Student President)

Seconded: Benika Bhoola (Education Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7. Matters for Decision

7.1 Period Care is Health Care – Luca Sardelis

Preamble: Period products are not a luxury item. The same way that first aid kits are readily accessible throughout the university for situations where one might patch a wound, the university should supply easily accessible menstrual products in the areas where they are most accessible to people who menstruate at the time that they need them. In bathrooms.

Historically, FUSA has provided menstrual products in bathrooms across Flinders University campuses, however, these products are currently offered in unsanitary baskets, that are often empty as they rely on refilling from staff that are busy with other projects. By installing dispensers that are professionally refilled, we can assure students who menstruate that their sanitary items are always hygienic and available. We can also reduce the burden on staff to upkeep maintenance.

Platform: FUSA acknowledges that access to menstrual care is a basic human right.

FUSA acknowledges that many people may require urgent access to period products whilst on campus.

FUSA acknowledges the stigma and social processes that prevent people who menstruate from asking FUSA staff members for period care products and doesn't wish intentional embarrassment or discomfort on students.

FUSA acknowledges that not all people who menstruate are women, nor are they all able bodied.

Furthermore, FUSA notes that offering freely accessible menstrual products increases attendance and productivity, and that historically, the reason period products aren't freely normalised in bathrooms is rooted in patriarchy.

Discussion: Luca Sardelis (Women's Officer) spoke to the motion and the importance of installing dispensers in bathrooms on campus. Jesy Murphy (Welfare Officer) spoke to the motion.



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Motion: Student Council to empower the Women's Officer to communicate with the Manager of Student Engagement and Properties, Facilities and Development (PFD) about installing period care dispensers in all key bathrooms around Flinders University campuses.

Moved: Luca Sardelis (Women's Officer)

Seconded: Jesy Murphy (Welfare Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7.2 Student Musician Grants – Benika Bhoola

Preamble: FUSA needs to create a grant program that will enable it to provide better support for student musicians.

The application process for the Student Musician Grants (to be renamed for marketing later) will be similar to that of a grant process. Students who wish to apply will be required to submit their details, or likewise the individual details of each of their band members. They will also need to submit a description of their music/band just detailing who they are as musicians and attach some samples of music that they would perform if they received the grant.

Once approved, the musician/band may be asked to come in for in person meeting with the Events and Projects Officer to organise the dates/time/venue that would be most appropriate for them to perform at. Once decided upon, the marketing team will then be able to market their performance specifically around the students performing which will help provide exposure for new artists.

The requirements for applicants are that at least one performer must be a Flinders student and that their performance must be music based.

There will be the options for 10+ grants to be allocated, depending on the level of interest received.

A brief breakdown of the implementation plan:

- Applications to open approximately week 11 Semester 1
- The performances to commence starting Week 2 in Semester 2, after O'Week is finalised
- It can run for approx. 10 weeks depending on the level of interest received, and other competing events etc.
- It would run from approximately 02 Aug until approximately 13 Sept. Then there would be a 2-week study break. We could then recommence around 4 Oct and finish sometime before exams and Swot Vac, W/C 25 Oct.
- For budget, there will be allocated payments of:
 - Individual - \$150 per performance / \$200 possible grant for equipment
 - Group - \$100 per band member per performance / \$300 possible grant for equipment



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Discussion: Benika Bhoola (Education Officer) spoke to the motion. She stated that this program would be a great opportunity to showcase and support up and coming Flinders musicians. Molly Turnbull (General Secretary) also spoke to the motion.

Motion: Student Council approves of \$5000 from the Diversity and Activation Events budget to be allocated towards this project.

Student Council approves of \$1000 from the Education Officer's Initiatives budget to be allocated towards this project.

Moved: Molly Turnbull (General Secretary)

Seconded: Benika Bhoola (Student President)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7.3 Combating Student Poverty – Sean Henschke

Preamble: The student poverty crisis is a crucial issue facing students.

FUSA plays a vital role in combating poverty. A lot of the impacts of poverty aren't easily visible it exists in the empty chairs in classes, the meals skipped and the students who didn't make it past census date because they did not have the opportunity to succeed at University.

There are a multitude of factors that lead to poverty, it is crucial we take a holistic approach. We're constructing a visible campaign to demonstrate the key issues facing students as well as what we've done and what is available to students.

Discussion: Sean Henschke (Student President) spoke to the motion and invited Student Council's involvement in the program. Emily Williams (Postgraduate Students Officer) also spoke to the motion.

Sean moved to amend the title from 'Student Council Bank Account' to 'Combating Student Poverty'.

Sean moved to amend the motion to state 'from the Student President budget' after 'FUSA allocates \$1,000'.

Motion: FUSA endorses creating an antipoverty week event.

FUSA allocates \$1,000 from the flexi fund towards an antipoverty campaign.

FUSA Allocates a further \$1,000 from the Student President budget towards an antipoverty week in semester 2 pending detailed proposal at a following meeting.



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Moved: Sean Henschke (Student President)

Seconded: Emily Williams (Postgraduate Students Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7.4 FUSA Annual Elections Nomination of Returning Officer – Ben Smith

Preamble:

Background

In accordance with the FUSA Constitution, the annual election must take place between August 1 - October 15. According to the FUSA Election Regulations, each election shall be conducted by a Returning Officer, to be suggested by the Manager, Student Engagement for Student Council to authorise.

Returning Officer Appointment

The Manager, Student Engagement suggests Professor Mary Heath, Former Dean (Education) in the College of Business, Government & Law at Flinders University (now retired) be appointed as Returning Officer for the 2021 FUSA Annual Election. Mary has the required legal qualification for this position and has previous experience as a Returning Officer in FUSA elections (including the 2020 Student Council elections) Mary would take on this role as an independent contractor.

Election Tribunal

Membership of the FUSA Election Tribunal is ongoing:

1. Professor Christopher Kee (Dean (Education) College of Business, Government & Law)*
2. Dr Luis da Vinha (Lecturer in International Relations in College of BGL)
3. Ms Jody St Clair (Coordinator, Yunggoendi Student Engagement)

*Chris has legal qualifications required by at least one member of the Election Tribunal

Discussion: Ben Smith (MSE) spoke the qualifications and experience of Mary Heath. Ben stated that at this time the Election Tribunal remains the same as last year's election.

Motion: That Student Council accept the recommendation to appoint Professor Mary Heath as Returning Officer for the 2021 FUSA annual elections.

Moved: Sean Henschke (Student President)

Seconded: Molly Turnbull (General Secretary)

All in favour.

Motion carried.



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8. Matters for Discussion

8.1 Student Code of Conduct

Sean Henschke (Student President) stated that himself and Benika Bhoola (Education Officer) are in regular discussions with Student Policy and Integrity Services to construct a student code of conduct. Sean stated that the current draft would be presented to the student body for consultation. Ben Smith (MSE) invited Student Council to read the current draft and provide feedback.

8.2 Student Focus Group Student Safety and Respect at Flinders

Several members of Student Council raised concerns regarding the methodology of how students were invited to participate in the focus group and indicated the need for Student Council to be consulted regarding the content of the focus group. Ben Smith (MSE) stated that he would follow up on the consultation process and proposed that some dedicated time be set aside at the next Student Council meeting to consult Student Council.

9. Matters for Noting

9.1 MSE reports to Student Council for April and May

Ben Smith (MSE) spoke to the report. Ben introduced several new staff that are starting at FUSA and discussed several changes to staff responsibilities.

9.2 Student Council Projects

Student Council raised some concerns with the projects document. Student Council and Ben Smith (MSE) agreed to meet later in the week to workshop a solution.

9.3 International, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Project

Sean Henschke (Student President) stated that this matter would be deferred to the next meeting as neither of the Student Council members involved were present.

Meeting Closed: 7.27PM