

Agenda of the meeting held 6:00pm on 27th of July 2022

Flinders University Council Meeting Room, Registry Road, Flinders University Bedford Park Campus

1. Welcome and starring

Acknowledgement of Country:

Student Council would like to acknowledge the lands meet on today as the traditional lands of the Kurna people, as they are custodians of the lands and waters ways within that Adelaide region. We acknowledge and respect the Kurna people's cultural, and spiritual, connections they have with the lands and water ways. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

We recognise that sovereignty has never been ceded and it always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

Welcome of Official Visitors:

Presentation from Deputy Vice Chancellor (Students), Professor Romy Lawson.

We welcome Kate Walsh back from maternity leave and introduce her to student council.

Name and Pronoun Round:

Apologies:

Agenda items have been Starred or Un-starred as per direction of the General Secretary or President.

2. Previous Minutes (p.4)

Motion: That Student Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th of May.

3. Executive Decisions

Executive decisions can be found on the Executive Channel of the Student Council 2022 Teams group.

Motion: That Student Council ratifies the decisions of the Executive Committee made since the 11th of May meeting of Student Council.

4. Old Business

1. The President and the First Nations Students Officer will provide a verbal update on the consultations with stakeholders regarding First Nations student voting processes.

The First Nations Student Officer has provided a written update on the motion approved to implement the recommendations for Autonomous Voting for First Nations Students as they are currently away attending important First Nations work.

5. New Business

Reports

- a. Student Council Member Reports (p.9)

Student Council Members who have not submitted a written report will be invited to provide a verbal report.

Motion: That Student Council accepts the reports of Student Council.

- b. Manager, Student Engagement Report (p.19)

6. Matters for Decision

- a. Decorate Don't Procrastinate (p.25)

Recommendation: That Student Council approve the expenditure of \$250 on decals for the Pop-Up Mature Age Space from the flexi fund.

- b. Post Graduate Survey (p.26)

Recommendation: That Student Council Executive approve the expenditure of \$150.00 from the Postgraduate Officer's initiatives budget to purchase incentives for the Postgraduates Survey.

- c. Getting Educated by the Masters (p.27)

Recommendation: That Student Council approve the expenditure of \$3453.69 for a group of four to attend an LGBTQ+ Advocacy Masterclass in Melbourne, Victoria on the 29th and 30th of August.

- d. But Where Do I Sit? (p.28)

Recommendation: That Student Council Executive approve the expenditure of \$500 from the flexi fund budget for the purchase of furniture to be used in the Mature Age Pop-Up space.

- e. Resignation of Student Council members (p.29)

Recommendation: Student Council commends Manasi Dharmesh Bhanushali on her work as International Student Officer and accepts her resignation.

Student Council commends Caitlin Fenwick on her work as General Councillor and accepts that we move to enforce her removal from the current position in line with Clause 15.1 of FUSA's constitution which can be found attached below.

- f. Club Disaffiliations (p.30)

Recommendation That, in accordance with the FUSA Clubs, Collectives and Academic Associations Regulations, Student Council disaffiliates the following clubs that have been deemed inactive and have not completed their Annual Review.

- g. Flinders University Car Club Affiliation (p.31)

Recommendation That FUSA Student Council conditionally approve the Flinders University Car Club for affiliation at the Financial level with the Flinders University Student Association. Affiliation is approved under the condition that the club provides an updated Membership List with dates of application (or approximate date of application, if not available) for each member to clubs@flinders.edu.au and amends its AGM minutes to include the date the AGM took place.

3. Matters for Discussion

a. *no matters for discussion submitted*

4. Matters for Noting

(p.33)

a. Autonomous Voting – Fletcher to take questions on notice and discuss from a staff point of view on the implementation of the recommendations put forward by the First Nations Students Officer.

b. Ethnocultural Conference – NUS

c. National Union of Students Education Conference

9. Any Other Business / Good and Welfare

10. Meeting Close

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 6:30pm on 11th of May 2022

Alere Café, Function Room, Flinders University Bedford Park Campus

Present: Molly Turnbull (President and Chair), Jamie Keegan-Treloar (Social Activities Officer), Lockhart Tynan (General Council Member), Shanii Sparrow (Queer Officer), Alivia Vickers (Womens Officer), Sharleen Kabiri (General Council Member), Melanie Amarasooriya (Postgraduate Officer), Jessica Williams (Mature Age Students Officer), Ange Nishimwe (Education Officer), Billy Greet (Environment Officer), Emily Williams (General Secretary), Lucas Clayton (General Council Member – Online, left 6.57pm), Riley Jones (General Council Member, arrived 6.41pm).

Observers / Visitors: Sarah Harding (Student Representation Support Officer), Fletcher O’Leary (Student Representation and Development Officer; Minutes Secretary), Jessica Rowe (Empire Times Editor), Tahlia Dilberovic (Empire Times Editor).

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.37pm. The Chair began the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country. The meeting held a name and pronoun round. The Chair noted that apologies had been received from Madeleine Wood (First Nations Students Officer), Darlyn Tan-Sik (Welfare Officer), Helen Laity (Manager, Student Engagement), Manasi Bhanushali (International Students Officer), Anu Francis (Disabilities Officer).

2. Previous Minutes

The Chair took the minutes of the previous meeting as read.

Motion: That Student Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th of April.

Moved: Ange Nishimwe Second: Lachlan White Carried

3. Executive Decisions

The Chair noted that executive decisions can be found on the Executive Channel of the Student Council 2022 Teams group.

Motion: That Student Council ratifies the decisions of the Executive Committee made since the 6th of April meeting of Student Council.

Moved: Shanii Sparrow Second: Lockhart Tynan Carried

4. Old Business

First Nations voting process: As the First Nations Students Officer is on leave, discussion was deferred by the Chair to the next meeting.

5. New Business

5.1. Reports

a. Student Council Member Reports

Student Council Members who had not submitted a written report were invited to provide a verbal report. Alivia Vickers (Womens Officer) provided an update. Most work has been focused on the revamp of the Women’s Space, as well as undertaking training relevant to the portfolio. Lockhart Tynan (General Council Member) helped out at a stall at Clubs Fair and has been working on the motion presented to this meeting (5.2.h). Lachlan White (General Council Member) had nothing to report.

Motion: That Student Council accepts the reports of Student Council.

Moved: Billy Greet Second: Melanie Amarasooriya Carried.

b. Manager, Student Engagement Report

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As the Manager, Student Engagement was unwell, the Chair asked that any questions from the report were taken on notice.

The Chair invited Council Members to star items. Two items (5.2.i. and 5.2.j) were unstarred and put.
Motion: That FUSA Student Council approve the Flinders University Undead Poets [and Writers] Society for Non-Financial Affiliation.

Motion: That FUSA Student Council provide conditional approval for the Flinders University Arts Students' Association; to be approved upon providing an updated Membership List with dates of application (or approximate date of application, if not available) for each member to clubs@flinders.edu.au.

Moved: Emily Williams Second: Shanii Sparrow Carried.

5.2 Matters for Decision

a. Make ET Official

The Chair invited Billy Greet (in his capacity as ET Liaison Officer) to present the matter for decision. Shanii Sparrow and Lachlan White both expressed support for the motion.

Motion: That, per s.22 of the FUSA Constitution regarding regulations, the Standing Orders be amended as follows:

Insert –

9.2 The Editors of Empire Times are deemed Official Visitors to all Student Council meetings. The Editors will receive the notice for each meeting at the same time and in the same form as members of Student Council.

Motion: That Student Council grant Empire Times Editors remote access to Student Council meetings upon individual request to the chair.

Moved: Billy Greet Second: Jessica Williams Carried.

b. Formalising the Feedback Loop

Jessica Williams was invited by the Chair to present the matter for decision. Shanii Sparrow, Billy Greet and Ange Nishimwe spoke in favour of the motion. Discussion focused on the opportunity that a more formal feedback mechanism presented for staff and Student Council.

Motion: That Student Council endorse the Mature Age Students Officer to set up a survey in collaboration with FUSA staff members that can be incorporated into the beginning of Student Council meetings and feed back to the Manager of Student Engagement.

Moved: Jessica Williams Second: Ange Nishimwe Carried.

c. Oh my Gosh, Karen, you can't just ask people why they're gay- Addressing Flinders Transphobia

Shanii Sparrow was invited to present the matter. While the University had already actioned what was presented in the motion, Shanii advised that they wanted on the record that they had previously been in contact with University staff regarding inappropriate materials on the website, and had received a commitment to have that material updated – but that this had not been done.

Lachlan White and Ange Nishimwe also spoke in favour of the motion.

Motion: That Student Council support the immediate removal of anti LGBTQIA+ language on the Flinders University website and commit to holding the university accountable in its use of LGBTQIA+ inclusive language and safe learning environments.

Moved: Shanii Sparrow Second: Riley Jones Carried.

- d. Social Transition is enough. – Making name and gender updates more accessible

Shanii Sparrow presented the matter, highlighting that there were specific, known, and ongoing issues with the way that the University system identifies students that leads to deadnaming, even in instances where the student has notified the University of their name. The University needs to focus on supporting social transition, as there are often barriers (including financial costs) to providing legal documentation of name or gender changes. Riley Jones and Molly Turnbull also spoke in favour of the motion.

Motion: That Student Council commit to continuing exploring more accessible and inclusive admin avenues for transgender and gender diverse students, that will allow easier access to changing and updating information surrounding name and gender.

Moved: Shanii Sparrow

Second: Billy Greet

Carried.

- e. We need Space, we need Visibility.

Jessica Williams presented the matter, with Ange Nishimwe and Alivia Vickers speaking in support of the recommendation. Jessica highlighted the demographic of the student population and that a space for the specific needs of Mature Age students will help improve engagement.

Motion: That Student Council endorse the Mature Age Students Officer to set up a pop-up space in the vacant room in the student hub to act as a safe and visible space to engage with Mature Age Students. Student council approve the spending of \$2098 from the Mature Age Students Officer's budget to add furnishings to the space.

Moved: Jessica Williams

Seconded: Lockhart Tynan

Carried.

- f. Financial Grant for Postgraduate Students

Melanie Amarasooriya presented the matter. This matter, and the two following (5.2.g and 5.3.a), are key elements of the Postgraduate Officer's plans for the year – with a focus on financial stress and mental health, as well as identifying the key issues of concern for postgraduate students. Billy Greet and Shanii Sparrow spoke in favour of the motion.

Motion: Student Council endorse that we create a PhD grant worth of Aud 3500 to support maintenance of a PhD student who is has no access to university scholarships or stipends.

Motion: Student Council endorse the Postgraduate Students Officer to liaise with Health and Counselling and Student Advocacy for the feasibility of the grant.

Moved: Melanie Amarasooriya

Seconded: Sharleen Kabiri

Carried.

- g. Survey to Identify areas of attention among The Postgraduate Students

The Chair invited Melanie to speak to the next item. Alivia Vickers also spoke in favour.

Motion: Student Council endorse that we conduct a short survey among the PG students to identify the issues that they face during their candidature.

Moved: Melanie Amarasooriya

Seconded: Shanii Sparrow

Carried.

- h. Bringing the life back to Flinders

The Chair invited Lockhart Tynan to present on this matter. The proposal is for the development of a culturally-conscious native vegetation space on the Bedford Park campus in the GROW, EAT, LEARN space currently managed by the Flinders University Sustainability and Environment Club (FUSEC), based on consultation with First Nations experts. Shanii Sparrow, Sharleen Kabiri, Molly Turnbull and Billy Greet spoke in favour.

Motion: Student Council allocates \$1,000 of Lockhart Tynan's initiative budget towards purchasing plants and materials for the project.

Moved: Lockhart Tynan

Seconded: Molly Turnbull

Carried.

5.3. Matters for Discussion

a. Mental Health Among Postgraduate Students

Melanie Amarasooriya reported back on her first meeting with the Dean, Office of Graduate Research. It had been a productive meeting, and there was an in-principle agreement to work together to boost information on mental health and support in the postgraduate field. This would include campaigns for students, and possible inclusion of more resources and information in i.e. inductions, but also to provide information to staff who may be called upon to support students who are struggling. Emily Williams spoke to her experience as Postgraduate Officer in 2021, and that this was a positive step. Shanii Sparrow asked about statistical stacking when it came to some of the figures regarding mental health (i.e are subsections of the postgraduate population more at risk – such as women and gender diverse). The proposed survey (5.2.g) will be able to provide further information on this.

Motion: That Student Council will request the Dean, Office of Graduate Research to incorporate a mental health learning module in the Higher Degree by Research online induction.

Moved: Melanie Amarasooriya

Seconded: Sharleen Kabiri

Carried.

b. We need help – Funding Rural Placements for Paramedic Students

Emily Williams was invited to present the matter. Molly Turnbull then spoke to the matter – with the President, General Secretary and Education Officer working with the Paramedics Students Association on the resourcing and personal costs for students undertaking rural placements. Molly stated that the Student Council members are working with FUSPA and will let the Paramedic Students guide their involvement in the issue.

Motion: Student Council endorse the Education Officer, Student President, and General Secretary to commit to continuing this conversation and to advocate for Paramedic Students.

Motion: Student Council endorse the letter written by FUSPA, with support from the General Secretary and if/when appropriate Student Council will promote the letter in an open campaign.

Motion: Student Council stands in solidarity with all Paramedic Students facing financial difficulties and will continue to explore the ways in which FUSA can assist Students below the Poverty line.

Moved: Emily Williams

Seconded: Melanie Amarasooriya

Carried.

5.4. Matters for Noting

a. National Reconciliation Week 2022

The Chair spoke to the upcoming National Reconciliation Week events.

Action: President and SRDO to circulate an email to Student Council members on resources and how to support NRW.

b. National Sorry Day 2022

The Chair spoke to National Sorry Day.

c. FUSA AGM

Fletcher O'Leary spoke to this, inviting Student Council to see the fusa.edu.au/agm webpage for full details. Fletcher explained that the Questions part of the event is for members to ask officer about their roles and issues from the past year, and that the questions are sent to staff for moderation.

d. 10-year anniversary of FUSA

Fletcher O'Leary advised Student Council that August was the provisional date for a 10th anniversary celebration for FUSA. Further details will be forthcoming.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair advised that there were two items of business to consider that were not on the agenda.

a. Flinders University Drama Association

Motion: Student Council conditionally approves the Flinders University Drama Association for Non-Financial Affiliation with the Flinders University Student Association.

Motion: The affiliation will be fully approved once the club adopts a Member Protection Policy at its next Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Shanii Sparrow

Seconded: Emily Williams

Carried.

b. Team Building day

The Chair invited Sarah Harding to take suggestions on team building activities in a general brainstorm.

7. Meeting Closed

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.06pm.

5.1.a Student Council Reports

Student Council Report

27/07/2022

Name / Role: Molly Turnbull, Student President

Estimated Hours Worked: a lot

What do I do in a day?

- Communications with FUSA Staff
- Pop-up meetings
- Communications with Student Council Members
- Answering Emails
- Problem Solving and strategic planning
- Make connections with Flinders Staff

Projects/ Campaigns

Is there anything that you are in the first stages of exploring or planning that Student Council should be aware of? How does it fit with Student Council's mission?

- Student Poverty Campaign
- Dual Signage
- Support hubs for all campuses
- How do we help with placements?
- What is SSAF campaign

Meetings

Significant meetings related to Council and your portfolio which you have participated in.

Date	Meeting
12/05/22	Attended three Student Appeals meetings as a committee member
13/05/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended an Academic Senate meeting - Meeting with SRDO
18/05/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with SRDO - Gave input to the Student Hub study space vision design workshop - Volunteered to help with a Be a Better Human stall
19/05/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting about National Reconciliation Week plans
20/05/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catch up with SRDO
23/05/22	Was in Hospital due to an illness
26/05/22	
30/05/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catch up with the MSE
06/06/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FUSA Monday morning brief - Catch up with the MSE
08/06/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student poverty campaign meeting with FUSA media and events - Meeting with SLS - Cultural respect training
09/06/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catch up with SRDO - FUSA Taven event
10/06/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with Student Experience

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14/06/22	- SRDO catch up
15/06/22	Respect now always committee meeting
16/06/22	Attended two board of inquiry meetings as a committee member
17/06/22	Catch up with Post Graduate Officer
20/06/22	Catch up with MSE
21/06/22	- Meeting about McHugh's space - Education Quality Committee
22/06/22	- Catch up with MSE - Meeting about Student Poverty Week - Team Lunch
29/06/22	Monthly Catch-Up with the DVCS
04/07/22 11/07/22	I was in Isolation because I had Covid
12/07/22	- Learning and Teaching innovation Committee
13/07/22	- Election Regulations - Orientation Video
18/07/22	FUSA Monday brief - O'week started
19/07/22	- Covid Taskforce meeting - Education Quality Committee - Withing with the Deputy Premier about University Mergers
20/07/22	- FUSA executive meeting - Covid Taskforce meeting - FUSA clubs pool funding meeting
21/07/22	- Meeting with Manager of Flinders Connect and Enrolment Services - Attended one Student Appeals meeting as a committee member
22/07/22	International Support Service introduction session
25/07/22	- Catch up with MSE - Connect Week starts - Club stalls - FUSA stalls
26/07/22	Catch up with Student Experience
27/07/22	- SSAF follow up meeting - Student Council Meeting



Student Council Report

24 / 07 / 2022.

Emily Williams – General Secretary
Estimated Hours Worked: 80

Introduction and Activity Report

Hello, Emily (she/her) here as the General Secretary for 2022, and the Flinders Postgraduate Student Collective President. I study a Master of Arts (Gender Studies) and look forward to building a supportive, positive environment for clubs.

General Activity

- I continue to work closely with the Postgraduate Student Officer as we work towards improve well-being and welfare standards within HDR.
- I have been working with the First Nations Officer to prepare and deliver a report on Autonomous voting.
- General email correspondence
- communications with Student Council members and staff for SC meetings (including preparing agenda, any assistance with motions, booking a room). Preparation of agendas for SC executive meetings and further communications with executive members.
- Reviewing the election regulations and exploring amendments.

Future Projects Update

Postgraduate Student Welfare

campaign and strategy

Student Poverty

Looking at services to bring to the campus and exploring ways to deliver more resources to students.

The Flinders University Student Paramedics Association (FUSPA) and FUSA are working on strategies for rural placement and funding for the Paramedic Student cohort.

We are also working on plans for the McHughes space which is the new clubs space.

Meetings

Significant meetings related to Council and your portfolio which you have participated in.

Date	Meeting	Comments
11/05/2022	Meeting with Sarah	communication workshop
11/05/2022	Meeting with Dean of Graduate Research	Assisting PGO with postgrad issues
11/05/2022	Pool funding Panel Meeting	
11/05/2022	PFD Infrastructure, pre-consultation	
18/05/2022	AGM preparation meeting with SRDO	
25/05/2022	AGM	Chaired AGM
08/06/2022	Student Poverty Campaign Meeting	Planning strategy for campaign with Welfare Officer, Student President



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22/06/2022	Student Poverty Campaign Meeting	
06/07/2022	SSAF Discussion	Initial discussions around SSAF
06/07/2022	Student Council Executive meeting	Autonomous voting report presented
	Weekly check ins with president and SRDO	
	Weekly catch ups with SRDO	



Student Council Report

20 / 07 / 2022

Name / Role: Billy Greet, Environment Officer

Estimated Hours Worked: 83

Introduction and Activity Report

10/05/2022 – Water week event. The event was a success with good engagement with students through the “students guide to sustainable water” pamphlet and the “you never know the value of water until the dams run dry” booklet. The portable rainwater tank giveaway was also very popular.

11/05/22 – Student Council Meeting

12/05/22 – Monthly meeting with PFD

17/05/22 – Consultation with Fletcher (SRDO) as Empire times liaison on regulation changes.

19/05/22 – General meeting with FUSEC

23/06/22 – ET regulations consultation

04/07/22 – Board of Enquiry hearing

5/07/22 – Diversity and inclusion committee meeting

06/07/22 – Monthly meeting with PFD

11/07/22 – 13/07/22 – National Union of Students Education Conference

19/07/22 – College of Science and Engineering Welcome session/Induction

21/07/22 – Student appeals committee hearing

General activity

Communication between student council and the Empire Times editors

General email correspondence

Planning and organisation for travel to the NUS Education Conference

Project planning and organisation with FUSEC for semester 2

Development of a project calendar for semester 2

Future Projects Update

National threatened species day seminar and documentary screening

Semester 2 tree planting sessions



Student Council Report

21 / 07 / 2022

Name / Role: Jessica Williams – Mature Aged Students Officer

Estimated Hours Worked: 100

Activity Report

These 2 months I have been working towards the Student Carers Project, collaborating with the Mature Age Students Collective to work on ways to engage students in events and around campus, working towards the Mature Age Pop-up space and further training with FUSA.

Ongoing Projects Update

Student Carers Project – On track, a draft plan has been made and consultation meetings had.

Pop-up Space – A meeting with PFD has been completed and a motion was put into the Infrastructure Committee and approved. The Pop-up Mature Age Space has been furnished and is close to being open to students.

Mature Age Student Survey – The media team have provided some analytics of the data and a report will be made for future use and implementation.

Mature Age Student Consultation – I have been working with other Mature Age Students to collate information and feedback to work through the report from the survey and their individual experiences to plan possible actions and desired outcomes.

Orientation – Through the Mature Age Students Collective I will be engaging with students at a stall during connect week

Training – I have been undertaking training and collaboration with groups of students on advocacy and leadership to further strengthen my skills.

Darwin Students Gym – I have been working with Lockhart to communicate with Darwin Campus staff and CDU to try to implement a plan to enable students to have access to a gym close to their campus

Actions Items

Directions from Council which you have completed.

Action Item	Status / Outcome	Additional Information
Pop-up Space	Ongoing	Furniture Purchased
Darwin Gym	Ongoing	Have been in correspondence and will be following up

Meetings

Significant meetings related to Council and your portfolio which you have participated in.

Date	Meeting	Comments
11/05/2022	Infrastructure Meeting	
19/05/2022	Student Carers Meeting	

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23/05/2022	Mature Age Students Collective	
24/05/2022	PFD Meeting	About the pop-up space
27/05/2022	Meeting with students	
02/06/22	Mature Age Quiz Night	
22/06/22	Student Council Project Support	
04/07/22	Student Training	
04/07/22	Mature Age Student Consultation	
06/07/22	SSAF budget meeting	
18/07/22	Student Council Project Support	
20/07/22	Executive meeting	
22/07/22	Mature Age Students Consultation	



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Name / Role: Darlyn Tan-Sik/Welfare Officer

Estimated Hours Worked: 50 hours

Introduction and Activity Report

Hi, I'm Darlyn (she/they) and I'm the Welfare Officer for 2022. This month's book recommendation is T.J. Klune's *The house in the Cerulean Sea*.

Future Projects Update

Is there anything that you are in the first stages of exploring or planning that Student Council should be aware of? How does it fit with Student Council's mission?

Brainstorming ideas on creating a campaign and materials focusing on student mental health and suicide.

Brainstorming how we can better promote the resources and services that we already provide.

Relaunching How 2 Adult and designing it to be more accessible and available all throughout the year.

Working on Student Poverty Week and how we can provide and promote a variety of resources.

Meetings

Significant meetings related to Council and your portfolio which you have participated in.

Date	Meeting	Comments
24/05/22	Be A Better Human Meeting	Discussed wording, design and accessibility of promotional and informative materials
25/05/22	FUSA AGM	Spoke on the motion to amend the constitution to allow for a POC Officer role.
26/05/22	Be A Better Human Meeting	Discussed wording, design and accessibility of promotional and informative materials
25/05/22	Meeting with Student Representative Supports Officer	Spoke about co-facilitating the Communications workshop, current projects and future projects
31/05/22	Development Grant Committee	
05/05–	FUSA Office Catchups	Been in the FUSA Office and had multiple catchups and discussions with

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		FUSA Staff and Student Council about projects and events.
08/06/22	Student Poverty Meeting	Meeting with the Student President and General Secretary regarding the development of the Student Poverty Week and how we can provide materials to further support students.
08/06/22	Cultural Awareness Training	
27/06/22	Accidental Counselling Training	
28/06/22	Meeting with Student Representation Coordinator	Evaluating past, current and future projects and what can be achieved before the end of term.
28/06/22	Pride Network Meeting	Talking about the relaunch of the Pride Network and how we can better include students and staff from all colleges and campuses.
29/06/22	How 2 Adult Program and Oasis Collaboration Meeting	Had a meeting with Sarah Harding on the possibility of relaunching the How 2 Adult Program with Oasis and designing it to be accessible and consistent.
05/07/22	Diversity and Inclusion Committee	
21/07/22	How 2 Adult Meeting	Continuing progression on development and seeking out external companies.



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21 / 07 / 2022

Name / Role: Riley Jones – General Council Member

Estimated Hours Worked: 10 Hours

Activity Report

CPR and First Aid Training: Completed a renewal of my CPR and First Aid training for the intention of offering this ability during events, travel etc.

LGBTQ+ Advocacy Masterclass: The organisation and planning of a trip to Melbourne with three other Student Council members to carry out training in the realm of advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community.

Ongoing Projects Update

N/A

Actions Items

Action Item	Status / Outcome	Additional Information
CPR and First Aid Training	Complete	
LGBTQ+ Advocacy Masterclass	Planning	

Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
N/A		

5.1.b Manager, Student Engagement Report

Staff Report to FUSA Student Council – June 2022

I hope you are all enjoying some quieter time after the business of final assessments and exams has finished!

June has been quieter on campus for the team with swot-vac taking place and end of semester exams. Although the advocacy team has remained busy assisting students who have experienced difficulties with their studies as the semester ends. The advocacy team also welcomed Christine Bennetts Gibson to the team who is working 0.5 as an advocate. Some staff who have been here a long time (Me!) remember Christine from her days on Student Council as Mature Age Officer several years ago.

I would like to acknowledge Fletcher and various members of student council who are working towards updating both Student Council and Empire Times regulations, although this won't have an impact on current student council, updates will benefit future student representatives.

The media and events team are working towards Semester two orientation week, it will be great to have an in-person orientation and see students on campus once again.

I would also like to acknowledge Adam Rau, Adam is leaving FUSA in late July for a new position external to the University. Adam has been with FUSA since 2014 and during that time has worked hard to grow and support the number of Clubs on campus which has led to a vibrant and active culture on campus. We will all miss him but welcome David Hopkins to the role who will step up from Club Support while we manage a recruitment process.

I would also like to welcome Kate Walsh back from parental leave, she will step back into the Student Representation and Development role 3 days per week. Kate and Fletcher (4 days per week) will share this role for the remainder of 2022 with Ali Barnes remaining in the support role. Fletcher has worked hard in this role for the past 12 months and has had some amazing outcomes in the space, having both Fletcher and Kate for the remainder of the year is an opportunity to continue to focus on both Student Council and wider Student representation.

Helen Laity
Interim Manager Student Engagement

Events Report

Prepared by the Events and Projects Officer – Caleb Osbourne

June has been relatively quiet as students have been heading into exams and the break. We hosted a few events to finish up the Semester and have begun focusing on S2 Orientation as well as planning for a range of other events throughout Semester 2.

Tav Party - So Fresh: Winter Edition

On Thursday June 9th FUSA hosted a party in the Flinders Tavern with a So Fresh Winter theme. The event had a DJ playing a range of throwback 2000s music and we encouraged students to come dressed in winter themed clothing to go in the running to win prizes. Overall, the event ran relatively well, with the Flinders Tavern very happy with how active the space was. We will look to host several other Tavern parties in S2.

Exam Support

We also hosted some exam support activities with free snacks across Bedford, Tonsley and Sturt during the exam period. We also posted a range of social media messages across Facebook with hints and tips about studying and exams.

Semester 2 Orientation

FUSA will primarily be activating in Connect Week between 25-29 July. There will be a range of events including two Fair Days, Market Day, Winter Warmer and After Party and more. A big focus will be on promoting FUSA as well student clubs which we were unable to do in S1 due to covid restrictions. It is a great opportunity for us to boost the club's community!

Looking Ahead

While we are heading into the mid-year break, the events team is working on a wide range of events that will keep Semester 2 very active. Some of the S2 events we will run or be involved in include NAIDOC, Multicultural Festival, FUSA 10 Year Anniversary, Open Day, Student Poverty event, RUOK Day, BABH Launch, FUSA Uni Ball, and another Tav Party.

If you would like to run anything in Semester 2, please get in touch as soon as possible.

The calendar will fill up quickly, so it is important that you plan ahead of time. Please feel free to get in touch in person, via phone or email!

Student Representation and Development Report

Prepared by the Student Representation and Development Officer – Fletcher O'Leary

Student Representation and Development took the June period as an opportunity to consolidate, wrap up, and plan for the next significant items in our yearly cycle. As Student Council will be all-too-familiar with, SRD has had some significant staff turnover in the past six months. June is the last period of instability (hopefully) for the rest of the year. In fact, we will be looking forward to the return of Kate Walsh as Student Representation and Development Officer. Ali Barnes has also joined the team, as Sarah Harding's secondment from Oasis expired. Liwen will continue as an associate trainer, and to fill in occasionally with academic representation support.

Student Academic Representation has continued to be strong in 2022, although we are looking for ways to increase engagement. The disruptions from the start of the year, when there was the institution of work from home rules and a ban on events / meetings, will hopefully be a thing of the

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past – the University has indicated that semester 2 will see the end of density restrictions, and we are particularly keen to get back to face to face training for our representatives.

June is the period when we begin to turn attention to election preparation. A potential Returning Officer was sounded out. After the postponement of the June Student Council elections, formal approval shifted to Executive. This has occurred. The election dates are as follows:

- 5 September: Notice and Call for Nominations.
- 19 September: Close of Nominations.
- 4 October: Voting opens.
- 6 October: Voting closes.

As this will be the first year that there will be a separate electoral roll for the First Nations Students Officer position consisting of First Nations students only, additional preparations to ensure that our processes conform with the directions and wishes of Council have been undertaken.

Due to these changes and the prospective changes to the constitution that have been forwarded for University Council approval, SRD have been looking at the Election Regulations. If there is appetite for wider changes, then there will be a small window in which they can be instituted before the election period proper begins and it becomes logistically improbable. Likewise, I have worked on a first draft of a position description for the People of Colour Officer role, that will flesh out the responsibilities and purpose of the role for any students interested in nominating in the upcoming elections.

Fletcher attended SENCON (the Student Experience Network Conference, formerly CampusLink) in late June. It was a good experience, in which he could network with other staff working with and for student representatives. There were particularly useful sessions on volunteer engagement and induction processes, and the lessons learned will be incorporated into our future activities. Fletcher also accepted an invite to join the Flinders Pride Committee at the end of June. The Pride Committee oversees the Pride Network and has a student-staff mixture.

Advocacy Team Report

Prepared by Team Leader Advocacy and Welfare – Ally Drew

1. Team Members (current staff and roles)

Team Leader/Advocate	-	Ally Drew (interim)
Academic Advocate	-	Christine Bennetts-Gibson
Financial Counsellor	-	Stacy White
Academic Advocate	-	Ryan Colsey

2. Highlights (Student outcomes, partnerships, etc)

We have welcomed Christine (.05) this month. Christine and Ryan have both handled a steep learning curve very well and have ‘hit the ground running’. Ally is ensuring time is spent with both Christine and Ryan familiarising them with the team, and the complexities of the advocacy issues. Stacy has spent time this month in training for utilities literacy, and usual support around

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financial hardship for students. Student Advocacy and Welfare are happy to have a complete team now.

3. Challenges/Trends/Future tasks (systemic issues etc)

This month we have seen a rise in requests from students related to academic issues – in particular academic integrity and grading issues. Many students seeking Emergency Financial Assistance are disadvantaged due to placements, and not being able to continue paid work during this time, rural placements causing considerable financial stress.

4. Case Work Statistics

Case work figures show monthly figures for academic and financial advocacy casework. Each case opened in the case management system involves one or more 'issues', which fall into the categories of 'Academic', 'Financial' or 'Welfare'. Each case will have at least one issue attached to it and in complex cases, several issues may be attached.

It is important to note that these numbers are new cases only, time spent on ongoing cases is not reflected in these figures.

New Cases:	67	Previous Month:	59
New Issues:	96	Previous Month:	71
Financial Issues:	33		
Academic Issues:	63		
Welfare Issues:	0		
3 Most Common Issues:	Emergency Financial Assistance	Remission	Review of Grade (Assessment Activity)

5. Other activities (Training, Events, Student Meetings, Appeals Committee, Board of Inquiry etc)

- Stacy continuing with 4 more sessions on Utilities Literacy training.
- Stacy completed recruitment training (online)
- Ally involved with recruiting process for counsellors for Health Counselling and Disability
- 3 x Academic Integrity meetings

6. Graphs

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Clubs, Collectives and Associations Report

Prepared by Clubs Officer – Adam Rau

Clubs, Collectives & Associations Update

- For the combined reasons of “career aspirations” and “tired old man”, Adam is leaving FUSA! David will be acting in the Clubs & Student Communities coordinator role until the role is formally filled. David is already well versed in the role, so combined with Adam’s handover there should be minimal disruption to clubs. However, please be a little patient with any new/planned projects and program changes as they may be delayed (thank you!).

It has been a privilege to work with our amazing club and student community over the last eight years, and the state of Flinders clubs and campus culture is world’s apart to the post-VSU ghost town I experienced as a student and shortly later when I joined the FUSA team in 2014. That is in no small part thanks to the continued support of FUSA Student Council and the hard work of our passionate club volunteers. A huge thanks should also go to David for all his hard work in keeping the program alive while I was working out this new “being a dad” thing and being assigned to other projects. I’m very confident that the clubs program is being left in good hands, David’s going to crush it.

Thank you to you all for everything you have done for the Flinders community, and for continuing to improve the Flinders student experience. Chuck us a LinkedIn request if you want to keep in touch (just look for the only Adam Rau on LinkedIn, you can’t miss it). All the best!

- A number of new clubs are currently working on becoming affiliated with FUSA, including a new chess club (finally!), Thai club, Palestinian club, languages club and music club.
- Club activity continues to increase as clubs recover from the effects of the pandemic. To date clubs, collectives and associations have registered 397 activities in 2022.

While this is still lower than pre-COVID levels of activity, this indicates 11.4% fewer activities than were registered in 2019 (866 activities in 2019, 767 projected for 2022 based on current level of activity). Considering the huge impact of COVID from 2020, student clubs have made an excellent recovery!

- Plans for the renovation of the McHugh’s Community Space have now been locked in, and the Property, Facilities and Development team will be managing the project. Currently we expect the project to be completed in October 2022 in time for a formal launch in the 2023 academic year.

- A 'Club Hub' will be hosted online during orientation (beginning 18th July) which will consist of a virtual 'booth' for the FUSA clubs program. This will be complemented with a recording of the FUSA and Flinders Sport & Fitness Clubs Officers providing 20 minute presentation on each club program respectively.
- Annual Review submissions have been slow to come through this year, likely due to the lack of handover processes amongst incoming and outgoing club executives during COVID. Clubs who have not completed their Annual Review have had their access to benefits suspended. As expected, most clubs (that are still active) who have lost their benefits are now rushing to complete their Annual Review requirements.
- David is working with International Student Services and clubs regarding a welcome event for international students as part of semester 2's orientation activities.

David recently attended SENCON (Student Experience Network Conference) to network with other clubs staff and attend a variety of club-related workshops including program management, governance, risk management and community development. The networking was particularly useful, providing David with a wealth of knowledge from other experienced clubs officers.

Media Report

Prepared by Media Officer, Steph Walker

Heya SC and other readers – It's Steph, Jess and Dee.

Here's a little run down of what's been going on and what will be going on into the future.

Business as Usual

Media works with all departments of FUSA but in these reports we'll just focus on major work and leave note on other areas. At the moment we're working with:

Media – Be a Better Human, 2023 diary creation, website, Empire Times

Clubs – clubs' logos

SRDO – Regulation research and

Financial and Academic – Financial Support Grant redesign, advert design

Events – Gear up for Orientation Semester 2, Uniball, 10th anniversary research

Student Council – Student Poverty campaign, Post-graduate survey, BABH SC collaboration

Empire Times – support and production

Other divisions – HCD, SE, Pride Network, IDS

Good Vibes Experiment

End of July we (Oasis, FUSA, Student Experience, HCD) won a national award for Most Successful Wellbeing and Support Program. This was developed by students in collaboration with creative media staff and mental health professionals.

Be A Better Human

The final designs for the redeveloped campaign material is near completion in preparation for the Be A Better Human launch activation in August of Semester 2. Media presented on the campaign as part of the Respect. Now. Always (RNA) advisory group and have been working closely with HCD's Sexual Violence Project Officer. Student Council President Molly, Welfare Officer Darlyn and Women's Officer Alivia have been pivotal in the production of the new campaign assets, idea generation and stall management. Further Disclosure Training is set to occur in August for all those who were unable to make the last session.

Empire Times

Issue 4 of Empire Times will be made available in Second Semester with plans to celebrate the issue's publication via a Launch Party and Networking Event. Issue 5 is in production and is also set to be released in Semester 2. The Editors will be attending the NUS Education Conference in July. The current ET Regulations are being examined for improvements in consultation with the Editors and SRDO.

Diary

With 2023 fast approaching it's time to get the 2023 diary off to print so we'll be working hard to get that approved and to print. We'll be using colours from last year that we surveyed students on but couldn't get enough stock of so that's good.

FUSA Website

With subject matter expert in place, we have now shifted focus to branding and building.



5.2 . Matters for Decision

- a. Decorate Don't Procrastinate

Submitted by: Jessica Williams

Matter for Noting Discussion Decision

Recommendation

That Student Council approve the expenditure of \$250 on decals for the Pop-Up Mature Age Space from the flexi fund.

Moved:

Seconded:

Background

To improve the community connections and culture among mature aged students, parents, and carers on campus the Mature Age Students Officer has worked on a Pop-Up Mature Age Space for students and would now like to design and purchase decals that provide visibility. This would also ensure that the space is inviting to all students.



5.2.b Postgraduate Survey Incentives

Submitted by: Melanie Amarasooriya

Matter for **Noting** **Discussion** **Decision**

Recommendation

That Student Council approve the expenditure of \$150.00 from the Postgraduate Officer's initiatives budget to purchase incentives for the Postgraduates Survey

Moved:

Seconded:

Background

At the May 2022 meeting, Student Council approved the creation of a survey for postgraduate students. The aim is to identify the issues and needs of the postgraduate student population. This will help with Student Council lobbying – while providing the details on what should be the focus for the Postgraduate Officer portfolio going forward.

The survey has now been designed. I am requesting \$150.00 to purchase incentives for students to complete the survey. This will boost engagement. This will take the form of small purchases useful to postgraduates and/or gift cards.

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5.2.c Getting Educated by the Masters

Submitted by: Darlyn Tan-Sik

Matter for Noting Discussion Decision

Recommendation

That Student Council approve the expenditure of \$3453.69 for a group of four to attend an LGBTQ+ Advocacy Masterclass in Melbourne, Victoria on the 29th and 30th of August.

Moved:

Seconded:

Background

The Equality Project is running a specialised Advocacy Masterclass for LGBTQ+ advocates, in Melbourne. This 2-day training would build core skills, knowledge, and techniques for LGBTQIA+ advocates to effect positive social and cultural change. This would be an amazing opportunity to learn from prominent figures and connect with other advocates. The Equality Project is a well-known organisation that also holds the national LGBTQIA+ conference which some Student Council members have attended previously. Listed below is an estimated budget for the trip that currently accounts for 4 people.

Budget

Item	Estimated Cost	Notes
Advocacy Masterclass Tickets (x4)	\$1,119.72	These are early bird prices. Must be purchased before 31 st of July or else would be \$392.13 a ticket https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/advocacy-masterclass-melbourne-registration-321092405027
Accommodation	\$450	Sunday – Tuesday City based for accessibility to training location
Flights return (x4)	\$750	Sunday morning and Tuesday night
Travel	\$100	Travel between airport and accommodation
Food	\$720	\$20 per meal
Contingency	\$313.97	10%

TOTAL: \$3453.69

5.2.d Resignation of Student Council members

Submitted by: Emily Williams and Molly Turnbull

Matter for **Noting** **Discussion** **Decision**

Recommendation

Student Council commends Manasi Dharmesh Bhanushali on her work as International Student Officer and accepts her resignation.

Student Council commends Caitlin Fenwick on her work as General Councillor and accepts that we move to enforce her removal from the current position in line with Clause 15.1 of FUSA’s constitution which can be found attached below.

Moved:

Seconded:

Background

We have received a resignation since the last Student Council meeting from Manasi, the International Student Officer. Manasi has been a valued member of Student Council, has made a positive contribution to the student community in their time as International Students Officer, and we wish them the best.

For the position of General Councillor we are enacting a removal from office in accordance with the constitutional guidelines.

15.1 (e) – is absent for three (3) meetings of the student council without leave of absence, except in the exceptional circumstances, as determined by Student Council;

Due to time constraints, it is recommended that the aforementioned positions be left vacant as a fair and democratic casual vacancy process would not be able to be completed and process until the completion of the 2022 election season, leaving the officers filling the role with little under 4 weeks of office time to create, approve and move projects until their term would end.

5.2.e Club Disaffiliations

Submitted by: Emily Williams

Matter for **Noting** **Discussion** **Decision**

Recommendation

That, in accordance with the FUSA Clubs, Collectives and Academic Associations Regulations, Student Council disaffiliates the following clubs that have been deemed inactive and have not completed their Annual Review.

- 8 Ball Club*
- Ahmadiyya Muslim Student Association*
- Amnesty Club*
- Australian Youth Climate Coalition*
- Baha'i Society*
- Collective Against Racism*
- Costume Club*
- Digital Gaming Enthusiasts*
- French at Flinders Club*
- Glee Club*
- Golden Key International Honour Society*
- International Postgraduate Scholars Association*
- La Peña Española de Flinders (Flinders Spanish Group)*
- Mad Tea Collective*
- Malaysian Student Society*
- Maniac Dance Club*
- Marine Biology Association*
- Myanmar Student Association*
- Nepalese Students Association*
- Pacific Islands Club*
- Permaculture Club*
- Photography Club*
- Reach Out Volunteers Student Group*
- Singapore Students Association*
- Student Exchange Club*
- Tourism Association*
- Twenty Thirty*

Moved:

Seconded:

Background

These clubs have not completed the Annual Review process, which was initially due on 1st May 2022, with an extension provided to 10th July 2022. A club must complete its Annual Review yearly to remain affiliated with FUSA, as outlined in section 2.11 of the FUSA Clubs, Collectives and Academic Associations Regulations. These clubs were contacted on 10th June 2022 informing them that if the Annual Review was not received by the 10th July 2022, the club would be referred to FUSA Student Council for disaffiliation. Per section 5.5 a) a club is deemed inactive if no activities (events, meetings, etc.) have been registered with FUSA within a 6-month period.

5.2.f Flinders University Car Club

Submitted by: Emily Williams

Matter for **Noting** **Discussion** **Decision**

Recommendation

That FUSA Student Council conditionally approve the Flinders University Car Club for affiliation at the Financial level with the Flinders University Student Association. Affiliation is approved under the condition that the club provides an updated Membership List with dates of application (or approximate date of application, if not available) for each member to clubs@flinders.edu.au and amends its AGM minutes to include the date the AGM took place.

Moved:

Seconded:

Background

Student Council must approve the affiliation of clubs to FUSA under the Clubs, Collectives, and Academic Associations Regulations (pp.48-61) once they meet the constitutional requirements. Affiliation to FUSA provides benefits to clubs and societies, as it offers a wide range of support including access to funding, equipment hire, room hire, design services and much more.

The Flinders University Car Club is seeking financial affiliation however does not meet the requirements of AGM minutes, membership list under the FUSA regulations. The club aims to provide a platform for motoring enthusiasts across the university to share in their automotive pride and joy. They aim to have social drives, meet and greet events, fun dining experiences, go-karting and other collaborations with universities.

- 5.3 Matters for Discussion
 - 5.3.a *No matters for discussion submitted*

5.4 Matters for Noting

5.4.a Ethnocultural Conference - NUS

Submitted by: Student President – Molly Turnbull

Matter for **Noting** **Discussion** **Decision**

Background

The National Union of Students (NUS) will be hosting their first Ethnocultural conference! The aim of this conference is to host a variety of discussions and workshops pertaining to the issues that students with a cultural and/or linguistically diverse background are faced with. The dates for this conference will be from the 21st to the 23rd of September and will be held at the University of New South Wales in Sydney.

I am putting out an expression of interest, if you are interested in attending, please let me know by Monday the 22nd of August 2022.

5.4.b National Union of Students Education Conference

Submitted by: Billy Greet

Matter for **Noting** **Discussion** **Decision**

Background

From the 11th to the 13th of July Alivia (Women’s Officer) and I (Billy, Environment Officer) attended the National Union of Students (NUS) Education conference. Over the three days there were several sessions which we attended and were able to gain valuable insight into the actions and opinions of other Universities in Australia. Some key sessions of interest were focused around deadnaming on student facing platforms, University accommodation circumstances, and the cost-of-living crisis. In response to the workshop held on deadnaming on student facing platforms we will be following up with the Queer officer of the NUS to compile data from other Universities and explore ways that we can suggest and implement change at Flinders University. We would also like to investigate the conditions and quality of the Flinders on campus student accommodation, as several representatives from other universities raised concerns about the living conditions of the student that they represent. This also ties into the discussion we had around the current cost of living crisis and things we may be able to do to assist the student population in this current climate.

5.4.c Autonomous Voting

Fletcher to take questions on notice and discuss from a staff point of view on the implementation of the recommendations put forward by the First Nations Students Officer.

6 Any other Business

7 Meeting Closed

Next Meeting Date: 12/08/2022