

## Minutes of the meeting held 6:00pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2022

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

**Present:** Molly Turnbull (Student President), Emily Williams (General Secretary), Alivia Vickers (Women's Officer), Darlyn Tan-Sik (Welfare Officer), Shanii Sparrow (Queer Officer), Billy Greet (Environment Officer), Jess Williams (Mature Age Students Officer), Riley Jones (General Council Member), Lachlan White (General Council Member), Sharleen Kabiri (General Council Member) and Lockhart Tynan (General Council Member)

**Observers/Visitors:** Professor Romy Lawson (Deputy Vice Chancellor, Students), Helen Laity (Manager, Student Engagement), Kate Walsh (Student Representation and Development Officer), Fletcher O'Leary (Student Representation and Development Officer), Nikki Esmaeili (Minutes), Vasil Samardzhiev (Student) and Aishwarya Malik (Student).

**Online:** Jessica Rowe (Empire Times Editor) and Tahlia Dilberovic (Empire Times Editor).

### 1. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:09pm. The Chair began the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country. Kate Walsh (Student Representation and Development Officer), who recently returned from maternity leave, introduced herself to student council and explained she is currently sharing her role with Fletcher O'Leary. Romy Lawson (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Students) introduced herself to student council and expressed her thanks for being inviting to the meeting. Romy gave a brief presentation and update on the Flinders learning experience campaign. Romy explained that her team is also currently examining course portfolios to see if the courses we are delivering is what is needed and wanted. She also mentioned the launch of the new Flinders Pride Network. She further acknowledged the current issues for transgender students at Flinders University and recognises they need to do better and become a leader in the sector.

The meeting held a name and pronoun round. The Chair noted that apologies had been received from Lucas Clayton (General Council Member), Anu Francis (Disability Officer) and Melanie Amarasooriya (Postgraduate Students 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: Riley Jones                      Second: Lockhart Tynan                      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 11<sup>th</sup> of May meeting of Student Council.*

Moved: Billy Greet      Second: Lachlan White      Carried

## 4. Old Business

First Nations Voting Process: Molly Turnbull (Student President) spoke to this. She explained that as the First Nation Students Officer is on leave, a written update on the motion approved to implement the recommendations for Autonomous Voting for First Nations Students has been circulated to the council.

## 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 (Women's Officer) reported that her and Billy Greet (Environment Officer) recently attended the National Union of Students (NUS) Education conference, where they were able to gather some ideas on how to effectively move forward and become more involved in their roles on student council. Alivia also reported she has been involved in meetings to get a Women's Collective up and running. Shanii Sparrow (Queer Officer) reported that he has recently returned from a leave of absence and is in the process of chatting with the NUS queer officer regarding issues of dead naming and options for gender affirming things at Flinders University. Lockhart Tynan (General Council Member) reported they have been working with the Flinders University Sustainability and Environment Club on the Native Garden Project. Sharleen Kabiri (General Council Member) reported she is working on a project to help provide long term counselling for students. Lachlan White (General Council Member) had nothing to report. Molly Turnbull (Student President) also wanted to report that she is the process of investigating placement issues, especially around funding. She is in the process of contacting the Colleges and collaborating with the Student Assist team to see how we may be able to help. Molly encouraged Student Council to contact her if they want to be involved.

#### B. Manager, Student Engagement Report

Helen Laity introduced herself as the new Manager, Student Engagement (Interim). She spoke to her report where she highlighted the recent staff changes and highlighted that with semester 2 on campus, student council is highly encouraged to contact the FUSA events team with any ideas for activities or events.

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

Moved: Lockhart Tynan      Second: Darlyn Tan-Sik      Carried

The Chair invited Council Members to star items. Two items were starred (5.2.c and 5.2.f). The rest of the items were put en bloc.

## 5.2 Matters for Decision

### C. Getting Educated by the Masters

Darlyn Tan-Sik (Welfare Officer) stated that this masterclass will be a great opportunity to learn new ideas to implement here at Flinders. Darlyn also mentioned that while four people have confirmed their attendance, she encourages anyone else who wants to attend to express their interest. Molly Turnbull (Student President) added that expression of interest can be sent her and an executive motion can be passed.

**Motion:** *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: Darlyn Tan-Sik                      Second: Riley Jones                      Carried

### F. Club Disaffiliation

Molly Turnbull (Student President) explained that if anyone has any interest in these clubs, to come talk to FUSA and learn about restarting them. Emily Williams (General Secretary) added that while this is not an easy decision, they would like to see the clubs coming back, so if they are interested they should definitely contact FUSA. Fletcher O’Leary (Student Representation and Development Officer) explained that the list of clubs being disaffiliated is longer than normal due to disaffiliation processes being halted due to COVID. These processes have now re-started and this represents the backlog.

**Motion:** *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.*

Moved: Emily Williams                      Second: Lockhart Tynan                      Carried

#### 5.2.1 Matters to be moved en bloc

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

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

**Motion:** *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.*

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

**Motion:** *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: Billy Greet      Second: Jessica Williams      Carried

## **5.3 Matters for Discussion**

- a. No matters for discussion.

## **5.4 Matters for Noting**

- 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.

Fletcher O’Leary (Student Representation and Development Officer) spoke to this and opened discussion. Emily Williams (General Secretary) said we should acknowledge that this was long process, that should have not taken this long. Emily also noted we should applaud Madeline Wood (First Nations Students Officer) for their hard work. Molly Turnbull (Student President) agreed with this.

- b. Ethnocultural Conference –NUSc. National Union of Students Education Conference

Molly Turnbull (Student President) spoke to this and encouraged anyone who wants to attend this Conference to contact her.

- c. National Union of Students Education Conference

Billy Greet (Environment Officer) spoke to this and explained he and Alivia Vickers (Women’s Officer) attended this Conference in Sydney, which was very interesting and valuable.

## **6. Any Other Business/Good and Welfare**

- a. Deadnaming Open Letter

Billy Greet (Environment Officer) spoke to this motion. He explained that the statistics in the letter relate to deadnaming across all Universities and are very concerning. Shanii Sparrow (Queer Officer) also spoke to this motion and stated that while these statistics are very confronting, it is important to have the evidence to prove this issue. Billy then opened the discussion to see if the council would like to sign the letter individually or as a group. The council concluded that they would sign the letter as a group and individually. Sharleen Kabiri (General Council Member) asked some questions regarding the roots of the deadnaming issues at Flinders University. Billy Greet (Environment Officer) clarified that the issue is with systems such as FLO, using people’s legal names instead of preferred or true names, which is very harming. Riley Jones (General Council Member) also spoke on their experience.

**Motion:** That Student Council endorse the NUS deadnaming campaign and sign the open letter to be delivered to University Management and Universities Australia.

Moved: Billy Greet      Second: Darlyn Tan-Sik      Carried

b. Palestinian Students Association – Motion from the Floor

Emily Williams (General Secretary) spoke to this motion.

**Motion:** *That FUSA Student Council conditionally approve the Palestinian Students Association for affiliation at the non-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](mailto:clubs@flinders.edu.au)*

Moved: Emily Williams      Second: Lockhart Tynan      Carried

The meeting moved in camera at 7.10pm

## 7. Meeting Close

The meeting moved out of camera and closed at 7:51pm.