



Flinders University Student Council Meeting
Agenda of the Meeting held on 22/01/2018
Council Room, Registry Building, Bedford Park Campus

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1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Apologies

- Josh Rayner
- Andy C
- Sean Henschke
- Louise Nixon
- Grace Hensel
- Natasha Malone

3. Previous Minutes

See Appendix 1 (December meeting)

See Appendix 2 (November meeting)

3.1 Previous Minutes

Motion:

Student Council accepts the minutes of the November 2017 and December 2017 meetings.

4. Executive Decisions

See Appendix 3

5. Reports

See Appendix 4

6. Matters for Decision

* 7.1 Casual Vacancy of Postgraduate Officer – Ashley Sutherland

Pre-amble:

Following on from the last meeting, during which members of council were elected to the Postgraduate Students Officer Casual Vacancy Selection Panel, we met to discuss all applications and proceeded to interview all three applicants. I chaired this panel which consisted of the General Secretary, Education Officer, Welfare Officer, International Officer, and Kate Walsh, Student Representation and Development Officer. Kate Walsh was Chris O'Grady's (Manager, Student Engagement) proxy, as per the regulations. It was eventually decided by the panel that the Education Officer and the Welfare Officer were unable to attend the times decided upon for the interview process, and thus they elected their own proxies – the Disabilities Officer, and General Council member, Lydia French, respectively. Though all candidates showed commitment to and passion for the role, the panel decided to collectively endorse applicant Vincent Char, a Graduate Diploma in Business Administration. Previously a teacher, Vincent has a unique background in both the union and education movements. He is an International student, a father, and an external student. It's our opinion that he will bring a wealth of experience to Student Council.



Motion:

Student Council elect Vincent Char to fill the vacant position of Postgraduate Students Officer.

7.2 Pride Week and IDAHOBIT Events – Sean Henschke

Preamble:

\$1273 of the Queer Officer's budget has been allocated for IDAHOBIT Day and pride week, Monday the 14-Friday the 19th of May. The Plaza and hub will be utilised with stalls from various groups as well as an art exhibition in the studio and various other events throughout the week.

See Appendix 5 for event proposal

Motion:

Student Council approve \$1273 of the Queer Officer's budget to be allocated for Pride week on the 14th-19th of May

7.3 Black Panther night – Yaritji Green & Keon Simmons

Preamble:

In everyday life People of Colour are bombarded with images of white people on television, in advertising on posters, public transport – these can portray messages of who can be considered beautiful, who can be an honourable victim, who can be the saviour of the people especially people of colour.

“People often associate racism with acts of abuse or harassment. However, it doesn't need to involve violent or intimidating behaviour. Take racial name-calling and jokes. Or consider situations when people may be excluded from groups or activities because of where they come from.

Racism can be revealed through people's actions as well as their attitudes. It can also be reflected in systems and institutions. But sometimes it may not be revealed at all. Not all racism is obvious. For example, someone may look through a list of job applicants and decide not to interview people with certain surnames.

Racism is more than just words, beliefs and actions. It includes all the barriers that prevent people from enjoying dignity and equality because of their race.

Racism causes harm to those who are on the receiving end. It hurts individuals, communities and our society at large.

Studies show that experiencing racism has profound effects on people's health and welfare. The effects can include feelings of sadness and anger, even anxiety and depression. The regular experience of racism can lead to people withdrawing from work or study, and diminish their quality of life.

It can also hurt people's freedom and dignity. Those who endure racism can be made to feel they have less freedom, or are second-class citizens.



In a diverse country such as Australia, the effects of racism aren't confined to individuals. It has the potential to affect all of us. Racial hostility creates a society where people don't trust and respect each other. It challenges our society's values of equality and fairness." – Human Rights Commission

The movie Black Panther is a superhero movie where the black person is here to save the day. It is a superhero movie where people of colour are portrayed as powerful, strong, and calm in the face of danger. It is a movie where people of colour can see themselves as the hero of the day.

Event Cinema Exclusives Combo

Ticket plus cinema treats: Popcorn, soft drink or mount franklin still water and single vanilla choc top

Each Exclusives Combo ticket is \$25.00

Tickets needed: 102

Total price for 102 Exclusives Combo Tickets: \$2550.00

Motion:

Student Council approves the spending of \$2550.00 dollars for 102 tickets to the Black Panther movie at Marion Event Cinemas – for the Indigenous Officer and International Officer's Black Panther Event, to be taken from budget lines as follows: Indigenous Officer's Initiatives Budget: \$500; International Officer's Initiatives Budget: \$500; Student Council Flexi-Fund: \$1250.

7.4 Club affiliation: Flinders Debating Association – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis

Preamble:

The Flinders Debating Club is applying for non-financial affiliation and seems to fulfil all necessary requirements.

See Appendix 6

Motion:

Student Council approve non-financial affiliation to the Flinders Debating Association.

7.5 NUS Education Campaign – Zanny Edhouse

Preamble:

The Liberals have introduced over \$2 billion in cuts to higher education, the biggest cut to university funding in Australian history.

On top of this, the government plans to lower the HECS repayment threshold to \$45,000 a year. The government has once again shown it will continue to attack the right to education, students need to be the ones who defend that right. This is a crucial campaign that the National Union of Students is leading, and FUSA should be fully involved.

Motion:

That FUSA endorses the NUS Make Educations Free Again education campaign this year, including promoting the March 21st demonstration, through all possible means.



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8. Matters for Discussion

8.1 Sustainability Advisory Committee's interest in Ride Share app