



Flinders University Student Council Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th May 2017.
Alere Function Room, Student Hub Level 2
18:41

Present:

<i>General Secretary</i>	Christopher Norman (Mr. Norman)
<i>Education Officer</i>	Hamish Richardson (Mr. Richardson)
<i>Welfare Officer</i>	Hilary Wigg (Ms. Wigg)
<i>Postgraduate Students Officer</i>	Katt Hatzi (Ms. Hatzi)
<i>International Students Officer</i>	Vieshnavee Pandiyan (Ms. Pandiyan)
<i>Women's Officer</i>	Grace Hensel (Ms. Hensel)
<i>Queer Officer</i>	Khyle Milne (Mr. Milne)
<i>Mature Age Officer</i>	Natasha Malone (Ms. Malone)
<i>Social Activities Officer</i>	Ashley Sutherland (Ms. Sutherland)
<i>General Council Members</i>	Amy Hueppauff (Ms. Hueppauff) Laurence Lagoon-Williamson (Mr. Lagoon) Sean Lamonby (Mr. Lamonby) Brodie McGee (Mr. McGee)
<i>Manager, Student Engagement</i>	Chris O'Grady (Mr. O'Grady)
<i>Minutes</i>	Anthea Stanton (Ms. Stanton)

Meeting Opened: 18:41

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and Meeting Open

It was acknowledged that the Student Council meeting was taken place on the land of the Kurna people.



2. Apologies

Jordon O'Reilly (President), Jacinta Robinson (Environment Officer), Kathryn Gallagher (*Disabilities Officer*), Paige Leedham (Indigenous Officer), Sean Cullen-Macaskill, and Meaghan King (General Council Members).

3. Welcome Guests

Adam Rau (Clubs and Events Officer) (**Mr. Rau**) welcomed by General Secretary Christopher Norman.

4. Accept Minutes from Previous Meeting

Mr. Norman: As the minutes from the previous meeting have not been circulated, I suggest they be approved at the next meeting.

Motion: Minutes taken on 10th of April, will be approved by Student Council in the next meeting.

Moved: Mr. Richardson. **Seconded:** Mr. Lagoon
No dissent
Motion carried.

5. Accept reports from the previous month

Mr. Norman: I will take the reports submitted as read. In the past 48 hours I have had complications with my email account, therefore can Hilary, Hamish, Ashley, Viesh, Katt, and Sean please quickly sum up your report to Council?

Mr. Richardson: Banner painting for the NDA May 17th, focusing on the recent cuts to welfare, fee increase and changes to HECS.

Work with students, in a school, around placements, brief discussion was made with Clare Pollock. Student Assist have also been approached.

The NUS the Education Conference will be held University of Queensland



Ms. Wigg

April was spent organising the two Welfare events. How to Adult Day is tomorrow, 25 services internal and external services will be present for students to learn from.

On the 26th of April we launched the sanitary products project, Grace helped immensely. Building awareness of wear the sanitary products will be located and The NUS Women's Departments 'Axe the Tax petition'. Receiving positive feedback.

We are trailing the baskets in bathrooms at the moment. Now I'm monitoring how quickly they empty to adapt and develop the program.

I met with Jodie, and agreed to collaborate with Flinders Health, Counselling and Disability in an upcoming meeting as well as begin planning for Mental Health Week. Please communicate any messages or issues from students with prior to this meeting.

Ms. Pandiyan

Adam and I have continued work on the Multicultural Festival.

Planned and advertised a Meet and Greet for International Students, inviting internal services such as ISS and Flinders Health, Counselling and Disability. This will be held in the Flinders University Art Museum, at 3pm on the 17th of May.

Ms. Hatzi

Mainly over the last month the process to affiliate the Postgrad Association. Discussing appendix G, the grievance policy for Research Higher Degree students. I have been going back and forth with Emily Davis from the RHD Office, having conversations with conversation with Kate, Vanesa, and the Postgrad Executive about these reforms.

As well as continuing on with concerns raised by students studying postgraduate degrees externally.

Ms. Sutherland

Worked with Kate D to plan the FUSA Ball, changing the location to the Lion Hotel, due to the Flinders University Education Association (FESA) booked the Richmond Hotel a week before Friday the 14th of October. I'll be working on proposal in the coming months.

The O'Directors were selected and the first meeting held. I attended and ideas were brainstormed for Semester 2



Mr. Lamonby This month, I got in contact with the Flinders Microwaving Cooking Club, working to secure them a portable oven for their cooking needs.

FESA have also approached me in regards to microwave in the Education Buildings cooking area.

Mr. McGee I'm currently on placement.

Motion: That Student Council accepts the verbal report of the Education Officer, Welfare Officer, Postgraduate Students Officer, International Students Officer, Social Activities Officer and General Council Members Mr. Lamonby and Mr. McGee

Moved: Ms. Pandiyan **Seconded:** Ms. Malone
No dissent.
Motion carried.

Motion: For Student Council members who are not present and either failed to submit their report or were unable to have their report included in the Agenda, due to complications with the General Secretary's email account, are referred to the Executive meeting for approval.

Moved: Mr. Norman **Seconded:** Ms. Richardson
No dissent.
Motion carried.

6. Ratification of Executive Decisions

Motion: FUSA Student Council ratifies the decisions made by the Executive since the last full council meeting.

Moved: Mr. Norman **Seconded:** Ms. Malone
No dissent.
Motion carried.

7. Matters for Decision

Procedural Motion: 7.15 Against Australian First Campaign – Mr. Lagoon
7.16 National Day of Action – Mr. Richardson



7.17 Disaffiliation of the Nick Xenophon Club – Mr. Norman

Mr. Norman: Call for starring. I am going to star 7.1, 7.3, 7.4, 7.13 and 7.17.

Mr. Richardson Can I star 7.8 and 7.11?

Motion: Student Council approve motions 7.1, 7.3, 7.4, 7.12, 7.17 all related to clubs and societies, and the regulation to clubs and societies be discussed first.

Moved: Mr. McGee
No dissent.

Seconded: Ms. Richardson

Motion carried.

7.0 Matters left un-starred to be moved en bloc:

7.2 Queer Society – Christopher Norman

Motion: Student Council approve the affiliation of the Queer Society as a non-financially affiliated club.

7.5 Women's Collective Meeting Motion – Grace Hensel

Motion: I move that FUSA Student Council approve the use of \$180 for food and drinks, and for the boosting of the Facebook event for the next Women's Collective meeting. This money will come from the Women's Officer budget.

7.6 Women's Room Motion – Grace Hensel

Motion: I move that FUSA Student Council approve the use of \$500 to be used for the Women's room, which will be spent upon consultation with the Women's Collective.

7.7 Federal Government Cuts – Laurence Lagoon

Motion: FUSA endorses the student demonstration on Wednesday, May 17 against the Liberal government's proposed \$2.8 education cuts and 7.5% fee increases. FUSA will project the details of the demonstration on the



TV screens inside the hub and on the big screen in the Plaza.

FUSA will share the event for the demonstration on the FUSA Facebook page and FUSA Student Council Facebook Page on Tuesday the 9th, Friday the 12th and Monday the 15th to ensure maximum visibility for students.

FUSA will share the National Union of Students' budget response media release on the FUSA Facebook and the FUSA Student Council Facebook page when it comes out.

FUSA will organise a banner drop advertising the protest along the Southern Expressway in the lead up to the event and provide materials for producing the banner.

7.9 Safe Schools – Laurence Lagoon

Motion: FUSA fully supports the Safe Schools Coalition and celebrates – not just tolerates – LGBT students. LGBT folks should not have to apologize for existing, we demand full liberation and equality.

7.10 IDAHOT Day – Khyle Milne

Motion: Student Council approve \$991.15 of the Queer Officer's budget to be allocated for IDAHOT Day event, Wednesday the 17th of May in the Student Plaza.

7.14 Lions Club – Christopher Norman

Motion: Student Council approve the affiliation of the Flinders University Lions Club as a financially affiliated club.

Motion: I move that matters 7.2, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.9, 7.10 and 7.14 be moved en bloc.

Moved: Mr. Norman
No dissent.

Seconded: Ms. Hensel

Motion carried.



7.1 Liberal Club – Christopher Norman

Mr. Rau: Liberal Club is hoping to become a financial affiliate of FUSA, previously they were non-financially affiliated. In fact all political clubs other than the Socialist Alternative are not financially affiliated. I'm more so here to assure this motion is being assessed for the right reasons, hopefully people have had a look at that. It is all above board.

Ms Malone: Can I ask why no other political clubs are financially affiliated?

Mr. McGee Any political club can apply for financial affiliation, no one has.

Motion: Student Council approve the upgrade of affiliation of the Flinders University Liberal Club to a financially affiliated club.

Moved: Mr. Norman
No dissent.

Seconded: Mr. McGee

Motion carried.

7.3 Omani Students Society of South Australia – Christopher Norman

Mr. Rau: The Omani Students Society has not met all of the requirements set out in the Clubs and Societies Regulations to become Financially Affiliated. They have not met the appropriate percentage of Flinders University Students, and I have contacted them to submit it again next month.

Motion: Student Council reject the affiliation of the Omani Students Society of South Australia as a financially affiliated club but encourage the club to talk to the Clubs and Events Officer or the General Secretary about meeting the requirements and applying again.

Moved: Mr. Norman
No dissent.

Seconded: Mr. McGee



Motion carried.

7.4 Flinders University Muhammadiyah Progressive Muslim Club – Christopher Norman

Motion: Student Council reject the affiliation of the Flinders University Muhammadiyah Progressive Muslim Club as a financially affiliated club but encourage the club to talk to the Clubs and Events Officer or the General Secretary about meeting the requirements and applying again.

Moved: Mr. Norman

Seconded: Ms. Malone

No dissent.

Motion carried.

7.12 Clubs and Societies Regulations – Christopher Norman

Mr. Norman: Since December Adam and I have been tighten up the Clubs and Societies Regulations, creating clarity around expectations FUSA has for clubs. I'm flagging it ensure everyone is aware that a change to club regulations requires two thirds of council vote.

McGee: Throughout the whole of the Clubs and Societies Regulations reference 'School Associations'. Will the regulations be effected, again with the introduction of 'collage' model?

Mr. Rau The wording will be changed from that point.

Motion: Student council approves the proposed Clubs and Societies Changes

Moved: Mr. Norman

Seconded: Ms. Malone

No dissent.

Motion carried.

7.17 Disaffiliation of the Nick Xenophon Club – Mr. Norman



Mr. Norman: Nick Xenophon Club have contacted Adam and have requested to disaffiliate.

Motion: Student Council approve the disaffiliation of the Nick Xenophon Club.

Moved: Mr. Norman
No dissent.

Seconded: Mr. Lacoon

Motion carried.

7.8 Freedom of Speech – Laurence Lacoon

Mr. Lacoon: This motion is in reference to Tanya Plibersek refusing to defend Abdel-Magied's post on ANZAC day, "Lest. We. Forget. (Manus, Nauru, Syria, Palestine...)". Plibersek only supported her after she apologized and deleted the post on Q and A, which does not constitute support at all.

Mr. Richardson I would like to amended the motion:

Amended Motion: FUSA expresses its solidarity with Yassmin Abdel-Magied in regards to her comments on ANZAC day, "Lest. We. Forget. (Manus, Nauru, Syria, Palestine...)" and opposes the racist witch hunt against Muslims highlighting oppression and war around the world. FUSA condemns all for refusing to defend Abdel-Magied's post.

Moved: Mr. Richardson
No dissent.

Seconded: Ms. Sutherland

Motion carried.

7.11 Biology Microwave – Sean Lamonby

Mr. Lamonby: The students have gotten approval from the lab manager, who I have spoken to, and I will spend \$187 on a Breville 34L 1100W Stainless Steel Microwave from my general councilor budget.

Mr. Richardson: Call for the motion to be amended from 'endorse the plight' to 'acknowledge the plight.' I also question with FESA also requesting a microwave why the University



does not purchase them rather than FUSA. University should be purchasing basic amenities not FUSA.

Mr. Lamonby: This is true, however this group of students have spent 6 months attempting to obtain one from the School of Biology.

Mr. McGee: Of all the avenues of recourse why is this first one that we are choosing?

Mr. Lamonby: I did not consider \$200 of my General Councilor budget a sacrifice.

Mr. Richardson It will be when every school asks for one. Students should not be denied basic amenities by the University. There is a concern we are not service for the University.

Amended Motion: Student Council acknowledge the plight of the Biology students who desperately seek a microwave and allow me to use \$187 from my budget to purchase a Breville microwave.

Moved: Mr. Lamonby
For 3, Against 12
Motion failed.

Seconded: Mr. Lagoon

7.13 Election Regulation Changes– Christopher Norman

Mr. Norman: These are the changes designed to accompany the Constitution changes to remove by-elections. Kate Walsh and I have worked on the Election Regulations for some time. I'm aware Chris would like to make some changes.

Mr. O'Grady 22.2 The Returning Officer will, not less than fourteen calendar days before any appointment notify each student of the *appointment* and invite nominations, normally by the way of an email notification to all *students* eligible for the position.

22.3 Nominations for *the appointment* will be lodged with the Returning Officer by a time to be determined by the returning officer on the seventh calendar day after the opening of nominations. Each nomination must be from an eligible student giving his or her signed consent to



the nomination, and bearing the signature of a seconder who must also be a student.

Mr. McGee

24.1 The Selection Panel must consider all *valid* nominations.

Mr. O'Grady

Began a discussion around editing 23.1 (d) which focused on the selection panel for a casual vacancy on Student Council. 23.1 (d) states "Two student council members appointed by student council." However he proposed: "Two student members of a student council standing committee or collective." For example two students form the Indigenous Collective to be included in selection of the Indigenous Officer. Commenting that it would be a great way to include students who are involved and know a lot about their particular collective.

Mr. Norman

Liked the idea, however considered it something to be added to the next meeting.

Mr. McGee

In theory he agreed with it, however question the consistency of sub committees or student collectives and what would happen if they had zero members. Raising the concern that this change to the regulations could be abused by political factions.

Motion:

Student council approves the proposed Election Changes by the Manager, Student Engagement and General Council Member, Brodie McGee of pending approval of the Constitution changes by University Council.

Moved: Mr. Norman

Seconded: Ms. Malone

No dissent.

Motion carried.

7.15 Against Australian First Campaign – Mr. Lagoon

Mr. Lagoon:

The new ALP 'Australia First' campaign was released. It displays racism and nationalism, demonstrated by the almost entirely white advert launching the campaign. And no matter what political party you represent you should be against racism.

Motion:

FUSA condemns the new ALP 'Australia First' campaign. It echo of Trump that plays to the same



racism and nationalism, demonstrated by the almost entirely white advert launching the campaign. The interests of migrant and citizen workers are not and should not be counterposed, and migrant workers should be given full rights.

Moved: Mr. Laccon
No dissent.

Seconded: Mr. Richardson

Motion carried.

7.16 National Day of Action – Mr. Richardson

Mr. Richardson: Today banner painting took place on campus, and it was great to see a number of activists on campus get involved. The National Union of Students has called a protest for May 17th, and all councillors should do everything they can to encourage attendance and support of this event.

Motion: Student Council encourages members of council to be involved in poster runs, flyering, banner dropping and other building activities on campus. Student Council endorses a banner drop immediately following the budget on Wednesday, using the banner made today. Student Council endorses the use of the Education Collective, and other collectives, to promote the protest.

Moved: Mr. Richardson
No dissent.

Seconded: Ms. Pandiyan

Motion carried.

8. Matters for Discussion

9. Matter for Noting

Meeting Closed: 19:30