



Flinders University Student Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22nd of January 2018.

University Council Chambers, Registry Building, Flinders University Student Association.

18:30

Present: Ashley Sutherland (Student President), Katt Hatzi (General Secretary), Kate Gallagher (Welfare Officer), Keon Simmons (International Officer), Yaritji Green (Indigenous Officer), Bradley Martin (Social Activities Officer), Jesse Stevens (General Council Member), Josh Jarvis (General Council Member), Tarmia Klass (General Council Member), Lydia French (General Council Member), Kathryn Venning (General Council Member), Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement), Amy Tschirn (Minutes).

Meeting Opened: 18:30

1. Acknowledgement of Country

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

2. Apologies

Josh Rayner (Education Officer), Grace Hensel (Women's Officer), Sean Henschke (Queer Officer), Natasha Malone (Mature Age Officer), Andy C (Environment Officer), Louise Nixon (Disabilities Officer).

3. Accept Minutes from Previous Meeting

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

Moved: Ashley Sutherland
All in favour.

Seconded: Katt Hatzi

Motion carried.

4. Ratification of Executive Decisions

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

Moved: Ashley Sutherland
All in favour.

Seconded: Tarmia Klass

Motion carried.



5. Reports

Motion: That Student Council accepts the report of the previous month.

Moved: Ashley Sutherland

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Seconded: Keon Simmons

7.0 Matters for Decision:

Ashley Sutherland: Items to be starred are 7.1

Katt Hatzi: 7.5

Ashley Sutherland: Discrepancy in numbering on the agenda. Can we amend the items for decision to be agenda items 6.x?

6.0 Matters left un-starred to moved en bloc:

6.2 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 14th – Friday 19th 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 approves \$1273 of the Queer Officer's budget to be allocated for Pride Week on the 14-19th May.

6.3 Black Panther night – Yaritji Green and 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

Motions: 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.

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

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Motion: I move that matters left un-starred be moved en bloc.

Moved: Ashley Sutherland

Seconded: Grace Hensel

All in favour.

Motion carried.



6.0 Matters for Decision:

6.1 Casual Vacancy of Postgraduate Officer – Ashley Sutherland

Preamble:

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.

Ashley Sutherland: Vincent has a unique background, he spoke excellently about his experiences throughout life as a teacher, being involved in both uni and education movements. He’s also a father and, notably, an external student, which we haven’t had on Student Council before, which will be a great insight into external students, and its our opinion that he will bring a wealth of experience to Student Council, he certainly seemed to have a clear understanding of the issues faced by postgraduate students.

Katt Hatzi: I agree with Ashley, a lot of things he will bring to council that we don’t have represented here already. Will be really valuable and give us a richer knowledge base to be effective this year.

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

Moved: Ashley Sutherland
All in favour.

Seconded: Keon Simmons

Motion carried.

6.5 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.

Zanny Edhouse: As I'm sure we'll all seen the Liberal government is moving to \$2.2B cuts to education as we as a cap on HELP debts, and a reduction to a \$45K repayment threshold, which works out to \$21/hr. NUS and FUSA should mobilise students to fight back against this, we should try to launch a serious fight back, there is a Make Education Free Again protest on March 21st that I think we should all attend. I would like to see students involved in not just attend the protest but also in building it up, however there is an issue with the protest planning date which is the 12th March.

Ashley Sutherland: I'm going to sort it out with Daniel (NUS), the scheduling conflict with NUS action planning day is the same time as Student Council planning day. This is quite hard for us to shift, but I would like it to be possible for people to attend both events.

Katt Hatzi: Having the NUS planning session in the morning is unusual, it makes it inaccessible for people who are working. Just a note – FUSA is affiliated to NUS, so we are always behind their campaigns. Josh (Rayner) has been working on getting some stuff together for the upcoming event and this should also be ready for O-Week.

Motion:

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

Moved: Zanny Edhouse

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Seconded: Katt Hatzi

7.0 Matters for Discussion:

7.1 Sustainability Advisory Committee's interest in Ride Share app

Ashley Sutherland: I've been in developing conversations with B&P with this new Sustainability Advisory Committee which Josh (Jarvis) has been involved with as well as Andy (C) who unfortunately isn't here tonight. I did try to photocopy the slideshow I was given but was unable to due to the Union Building renovations, so I will circulate that in the coming days. I've been asked to share information about this rideshare app that B&P are keen on. Personally I'm not a fan of it but if I could get your feedback on it that would be good.

Katt Hatzi: What exactly is it?



Ashley Sutherland: it's for students, so we would run a Flinders Uni promoted rideshare app. There would be a certain charge per day, with the aim to alleviate parking stress. Personally my argument would be just make parking cheaper.

Kate Gallagher: Do we know that is the proposed charge per day?

Ashley Sutherland: I only have the corporate version, but it quotes \$55 per day.

Josh Jarvis: It think maybe that it is \$per day 55 for the uni to run the app?

Katt Hatzi: Could you give us some more information?

Ashley Sutherland: Its similar to uber, there will be people around campus and if you need a lift from point A to B then you look on the app and link up with people on campus and see if you want to rideshare with them.

Katt Hatzi: I don't know about getting in a car with a stranger.

Ashley Sutherland: but also what I wanted to bring up is that if anyone is interested in being a part of this sustainability committee there's some interesting stuff going on with the development of solar on campus, and opp for making better services for people who ride bikes, cutting down on congestion on roads and parking spaces, let me know if you want more info

Josh Jarvis: Just to flesh out that committee, basically the uni for the first time in a long time the uni is making long term sustainability plans so they've formed this committee, they want as much cooperation with students as possible, are planning on doing some activities around O-week and some events throughout the year, but they are pretty serious, its broken down into 8 major sections and goals, and one of the major goals was to be carbon neutral by either 2020 or 2022. With the solar panel rollout they're doing they're pretty much there already as well, if they up their storage capacity we'll basically be running on green energy, and when we're not the power we are importing in will more often than not actually be green energy because South Australia is second only to Tasmania in renewable energy at the moment. But to summarise why it's important that everyone here knows: if you have any big picture ideas or aspirations, now is the time, all these people are really committed and want some serious achievements to be done in the sustainability arena in that Flinders to become a showcase on renewable power.

Jesse Stevens: Is this completely separate from the PAYG parking system?

Ashley Sutherland: That's what I am trying to flesh out, I have a meeting with David Banks next week finally about this new parking structure. If people want to approach me with questions about this new parking structure feel free to email them to me because I'll be following up with this.

Jesse Stevens: They need to come out and tell us what's happening very soon. Cost is the main problem with parking, and any attempt to solve other problems while raising the cost is unacceptable. We need to take a strong stand if they attempt to raise price, and I think that we should make them promise that no one will pay more under the new system, or else just keep the system the way it is.



Ashley Sutherland: Agreed. I will update everyone on my meeting with David Banks next week.

Meeting Closed: 19:00.