



Flinders University Student Council Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th of March 2018.
Allere Function Room, Student Hub, Flinders University Student Association.
18:30

Present: Ashley Sutherland (Student President), Katt Hatzi (General Secretary), Josh Rayner (Education Officer), Grace Hensel (Women's Officer), Sean Henschke (Queer Officer), Andy C (Environment Officer), Yaritji Green (Indigenous Officer), Vincent Char (Postgraduate Officer), Keon Simmons (International Officer), Louise Nixon (Disabilities Officer), Bradley Martin (Social Activities Officer), Jesse Stevens (General Council Member), Josh Jarvis (General Council Member), Kathryn Venning (General Council Member), Tarmia Klass (General Council Member), Alexandra Edhouse (General Council Member), Lydia French (General Council Member), Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement), Oli Glenie (Editor, Empire Times), Alice Grieve (Administrative Assistant, FUSA), Amy Tschirn (Minutes).

Meeting Opened: 18:47

1. Acknowledgement of Country

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

2. Apologies

Kate Gallagher (Welfare Officer)
Natasha Malone (Mature Age Officer)

3. Welcome Guests

Student president welcomes Alice Grieve, incoming FUSA Admin Assistant, and Oli Glenie, Empire Times Editor.

4. 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.
Motion carried.

Seconded: Grace Hensel

5. Ratification of Executive Decisions



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

Moved: Ashley Sutherland

Seconded: Josh Jarvis

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6. Reports

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

Moved: Ashley Sutherland

Seconded: Katt Hatzi

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7.0 Matters for Decision:

Ashley Sutherland: Discrepancy in numbering on the agenda, can we change the item order due to two occurrences of item 7.3 with all to move one place down the list.

Katt Hatzi: Items to be starred are 7.1

Bradley Martin: Star 7.4

Katt Hatzi: And star 7.7

7.0 Matters left un-starred to moved en bloc:

7.2 FUSA Says Relax – Bradley Martin

Preamble:

Attached is a proposal and budget for the FUSA Says Relax Events that will be held weekly across various campuses in 2018 (see Appendix 5). The Relax budget and proposal remains relatively unchanged from 2017 besides the addition of market stalls on the Plaza to re-create the 'Christmas in July'/Vegan market atmosphere that was created last year, a band on The Plaza when it is outside and the addition of an Arts and Games corner.

Motion:

Student Council approve the attached proposal and budget for FUSA Says Relax with minor adjustments to be overseen by the Social Activities Officer and Events & Projects Officer.

7.3 2018 Events Budget – Bradley Martin

Preamble:

Based on events from last year and advice from the Events & Projects Officer the 2018 Events budget is attached (see Appendix 6)

Motion:

Student Council approve the 2018 Events Budget with minor adjustments to be overseen by the Social Activities Officer and Events & Projects Officer.



7.5 Women's Health Day Event – Grace Hensel

Preamble:

FlindersOne is holding their Women's Health Day event on International Women's Day (8 March). I am organising the FUSA stall at the event and will need money for materials to have at the stall.

Motion:

Student Council approves the use of up to \$400 from the Women's Officer budget to be spent on the FUSA stall for the Women's Health Day event.

7.6 Music for markets – Keon Simmons

Preamble:

FUSA and Oasis has open the community market and music plays a vital role at markets. The funding will come from the flexi Fund to provide music at the markets. Musicians will play from an hour at the markets and will get musicians who charge 100 dollars for the hour.

Motion:

Student Council approve \$100 from the Flexi Fund to pay for a musician for the next market.

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

Moved: Ashley Sutherland

Seconded: Josh Rayner

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7.0 Matters for Decision:

7.1 Club affiliation: General Practice Students Network Flinders – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis

Preamble:

GPSN Flinders' paperwork all looks in order, however there is a discrepancy with their bank account being in the name of their parent organisation. Should we receive evidence that clarifies that FUSA grant money will be accessed solely by the Flinders club, all requirements for financial affiliation will be fulfilled.

Katt Hatzi: I just want to clarify an issue with a club's documents; everything is there but there is not much clarity around the bank account, as it is listed as GPSN not specifically the Flinders chapter. I want to make sure the clubs funding is used by the Flinders clubs and not accessible to the parent club. Adam suggested conditional approval pending sufficient evidence that they will be the only people with access to that money – either provide a statutory declaration or signatories on the account. Once they do provide evidence, give them full approval.

Motion:

Student Council conditionally approves Financial Affiliation, provided that:

- The club produce evidence to show that the club's executive members are listed signatories on the account, or if unavailable;
- The club's president signs a Statutory Declaration to state that the listed signatories per the club's minutes have sole access to the nominated bank account.

Moved: Katt Hatzi

Seconded: Yaritji Green



All in favour.

Motion carried.

7.3 Pubcrawl promotion – Bradley Martin

Preamble:

This is to promote the FUSA Summer Pub Crawl on the 6th of April. Much of the information for the event is located on Facebook and therefore it is of interest to maximise the amount of people that can see this event. Attracting attention will increase the number of people interested in the event and should drive further shirt purchases, with the profits going to student council.

Bradley Martin: This is just to get some funding to maximise media potential.

Motion:

Student Council to approve the expenditure of \$30 to boost the official Facebook event for the pub crawl as well as up to a further \$40 to allow for two shirts to be randomly allocated to the winner of an upcoming social media based competition. Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/541009369608572/>

Amended Motion:

Student Council to approve the expenditure from the social activities budget of \$30 to boost the official Facebook event for the pub crawl as well as up to a further \$40 to allow for two shirts to be randomly allocated to the winner of an upcoming social media based competition. Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/541009369608572/>

Moved: Bradley Martin

Seconded: Katt Hatzi

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7.7 Amendments to Clubs, Societies and School Association Regulations – Josh Rayner

Preamble:

The University recently transitioned to a new College structure. This led to a review of the current operation of existing School Associations. Ultimately, this has resulted in the formation of Academic Associations (AA's) to replace School Associations. See Appendix 7 for background and proposed changes.

Josh Rayner: This is a regulation change with the college restructure since we won't have School Associations anymore, the replacement will be an Academic Association. This will be an upgrade from a financially affiliated club, and they must run a teaching, learning or career development program each semester. The other main thing is that in order to start building a student representative network under the Education Officer we decided that every Academic Association should have an Education Officer that will meet with me to help build relationships between clubs and Student Council.

Motion:

Student Council approve amendments to the Clubs, Societies and School Association Regulations, and for them to now be named the Clubs, Societies and Academic Associations Regulations.



Moved: Josh Rayner

Seconded: Jesse Stevens

All in favour.

Motion carried.

8.0 Matters for Discussion:

8.1 O'Week debrief

Chris O'Grady: You're all welcome to come along to the staff debrief tomorrow, I will send something through to you all, it is around 11ish. It would be great to hear from you about how it went in terms of the FUSA stall, signing up to collectives, etc.

Lydia French: I worked all 3 days, it went well and people seemed keen to chat. We had some issues with the iPads in the heat but apart from that it was all good.

Tarmia Klass: At Sturt sign up for the first year collective and international collective went well but also occasionally others. Our process ended up being they would sign up for FUSA and then get a bag, it went well down there. The second day was quieter.

Keon Simmons: Maybe speaking to other colleges down there would be good next time as it was mainly nursing, so pass the word to paramedic, optometry, etc.

Katt Hatzi: In terms of orientation that we did, there wasn't much clarity around times and locations, we were fumbling around a little with this, next time it would be good to be more proactive in terms of reaching out to people that we expect want us to be there.

Josh Rayner: It went well, a few people come up later in week to say hi. Student assist were grateful, everyone was really welcome and enjoyed the spiel we did. Lydia and Tarmia did a fantastic job.

Tarmia Klass: Feedback from Sturt – they just had tables instead of stalls, and the disadvantage is we didn't get to talk as much about what the collectives are and were mostly just handing out bags due to long lines and congestion.

Louise Nixon: I was on the Sturt stall Tuesday and though we would benefit from more student casuals.

Amy Tschirn: From an administrative perspective, it would be helpful if those casuals were trained better, to let them know the importance of having people give us their student ID when they sign up so that we can make sure we're signing up the correct person.

Tarmia Klass: The main issue at Sturt with people signing up was that it takes too long to get your card out so they weren't putting the ID number down to keep traffic moving.

Amy Tschirn: They can also use their FAN instead of their student ID if they have to. It's important for us from an administrative perspective to make sure we can identify individual students, which we can't do with just a name.



Tarmia Klass: A set up change next year would benefit all stalls.

Yaritji Green: We weren't told that for O'Fiesta they would be shutting the hub down and we got kicked out of our office.

Chris O'Grady: I can take that up.

Katt Hatzi: Let us know what time at least so we can make arrangements. I don't remember hearing or reading anything about it.

Kathryn Venning: And for general students too, I saw a lot of general students who weren't aware the hub was being shut down and they weren't being told why they had to leave.

8.2 Conferences Report back

Katt Hatzi: I thought it would be good to let people know what we have been doing. Ashley and I went to the NUS President summit at the beginning of last month in Melbourne with Presidents, VPs, and General Secretaries from affiliated and non-affiliated NUS unions and guilds. There were skill building activities, understanding around campaigns, and it was good to see how we relate to other campuses. I also went to a planning weekend for CAPA, and got to talk about what their plans are for the coming 12 months.

Ashley Sutherland: I went to Melbourne for the universities governance training, which was more to do with my role on the university council; I learnt how to balance a budget sheet, as well legal liability. I went to universities Australia last week, which is the peak higher education conference of the year. The only other Flinders reps were Clare Pollock and higher management, the theme was future fundamentals and how to adapt the uni sector to a changing job market. We had the opportunity to link in with other student presidents and national reps (CAPA, NUS, CISA and UATSIS); there was a panel on student experience; and the students as partners framework. Nothing was announced by the minister for education that we don't know about already, definitely wasn't student activist but good in terms of being aware of what's going on.

Josh Rayner: There was an NDA planning day Jesse and I went to, which was mostly a brainstorming exercise. It was good to meet people from different campuses. It will be somewhat hard for us not being in the city, as their main focus was getting people to the protest, obviously we are going to have to do a little more.

8.3 NDA

Zanny Edhouse: FUSA should take more this seriously, there are only a few weeks left before the NDA. This is looking like a good chance to potentially reverse these cuts, so we should put a lot of energy into it. Do people actually agree with FUSA being involved in this, and maybe doing some stalls?

Josh Rayner: Constantinos Karavias (NUS Education Officer) sent through some advertisements, which have got some sign-up sheets and petition sheets, I'm open to suggestions where that should be distributed. An idea floated was getting as many people on campus on that day and busing it in



together, the NTEU are working on a document to give to tutors and lecturers so people can miss compulsory classes with no consequence.

Zanny Edhouse: The biggest thing to build protests is creating a buzz about it, why they should turn up. Does anyone have maybe the next two Mondays to commit? It's more about getting them to take it into their own hands and overcoming apathy.

Louise Nixon: More that convincing students to miss compulsory classes is hard.

Tarmia Klass: Especially first year students who haven't been involved might find it daunting. They may want to fight but are turned off by the intimidating atmosphere.

Ashley Sutherland: As a council we should work to make protests accessible and talk about successes of the past, for example blocking the fee deregulation and protests play a significant role. The current environment of the state with an upcoming election means it's a good time to get people involved as it's already on their minds. Good to get a stall going, maybe an Ed collective stall?

Grace Harmer: We did something like that last year.

Josh Rayner: Definitely I could take that on board. I can contact the current collective about it.

Vincent Char: Do you have a strategy to convince people that are already on board? I get the impression the only people enticed are people already involved i.e. left leaning students. Are we just putting resources into convincing the already convinced?

Josh Rayner: We hear the conservative rhetoric of \$8.7B per year, but every \$1 invested in education returns \$3-4; there is no national discussion or media coverage, we're trying to get discussion around the issue especially during election campaigns.

Vincent Char: my concern is if we're aligned with one [political] side too far then the other side will ignore us.

Ashley Sutherland: What I would say is, it's statistically proven that the majority of young people and students more often than not vote on the left side of politics so we are already talking to people who agree with us. It's more about empowering these people's views and showing them that there is power in numbers, they feel like their voices don't count, and it's about showing the federal government that we care about these things and they matter to us. My opinion is that if they agree with us or not it doesn't matter, that we are trying to convince the apathetic more so. Education policy and the NDA are endorsed by NUS and as such it is our role to promote this as an affiliated association to NUS.

Kathryn Venning: We can also advise people to contact their local MP for those not comfortable at a protest.

Tarmia Klass: Last year at NDA there were some distracting groups that took away from the main point, and weakened the argument. Staying focused is important to maintaining the crowd.



Ashley Sutherland: It would have been good to take this stuff to the NDA planning day. I could do a survey monkey and get your ideas and we could pass that along to the NDA planning committee, maybe I'll organise that on the Facebook page.

Keon Simmons: Could we get some big posters hung up at the entrance to the uni?

Josh Rayner: Yeah that sounds good, I'll go through banner painting equipment.

Katt Hatzi: The battles with this stuff with B&P are never good. I think we should maybe not bank on that being a thing. There are regulations around where we can and can't put things.

Chris O'Grady: I'll share poster guidelines with all of you.

Vincent Char: Has there been anything since the last NDA to foster interest in this issue? We could have our own NDA events on campus rather than attending in the city for students who can't. Also think about better marketing strategies. A lot of people aren't interested in marches.

Kathryn Venning: A good approach would be to aim to get students more mindful of the issue throughout the entire year.

Ashley Sutherland: I don't think we have the capacity to organise big events before the NDA itself. We should work on a rolling campaign, to start preparing for the next one immediately after.

Andy C: Maybe a lecture on neoliberalism in education would be an interesting approach rather than solely focusing on cuts.

Keon Simmons: I doubt my course coordinator will let me miss class.

Kathryn Venning: Due to that just making sure that there are other ways for students to participate would be good.

Ashley Sutherland: We do have a budget line for forums, FYI.

Josh Jarvis: We should build digital awareness, like with the saving nemo program's million kisses for nemo.

Katt Hatzi: I suggest people take ideas to Josh Rayner (Education Officer) to format and distribute.

Josh Rayner: We did have other events shot down at the planning day for fear of taking away from the NDA. Perhaps we should just focus on the two weeks before so as not to lose interest, I'm keen to have them after the event but not taking away from the main event.

8.4 Meeting dates

Ashley Sutherland: There is a public holiday on the next planned meeting date. Clare Pollock (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Students) would like to attend next meeting to address everyone, so we can hear her plans and what she's been working on.



Josh Rayner: What did she speak about last year?

Katt Hatzi: Around what her role is, what the capacity is, and what we should direct to her. Mainly a meet and greet.

Ashley Sutherland: There have been some cool developments in the student rep, and it's important to have a working relationship with uni executive. Colin Stirling (Vice-Chancellor) mentioned that he also wanted to come. I'll follow up with his office.

Katt Hatzi: We could do the meeting on the 3rd? Get back to me and I'll see if it suits and circulate.

Meeting Closed: 19:51.