

FUSA Student Council Meeting

Meeting Agenda

May 6, 2014

FUSA Meeting Room

6pm

1. Welcome and Meeting Open

2. Apologies

3. Welcome Guests: Felescia Schemmer

4. Approval of minutes from last meeting

5. Reports

5.1 Student President's Report

5.2 General Secretary's Report

5.3 Education Officer's Report – None-received

5.4 Environment Officer's Report

5.5 Queer Officer's Report

5.6 Women's Officer's Report – position vacant

5.7 International Officer's Report

5.8 Welfare Officer's Report

5.9 Social Activities Officer's Report – None received

5.10 Accessibility Officer's Report

5.11 Post-Graduate Officer's Report

5.12 Indigenous Officer's Report

5.13 MSE's Report

6. Matters for Decision

6.1 Safe Climate Road Map – John Photakis

6.2 IDAHOT Budget – Queer Officer

6.3 ET Editors – Chris O'Grady

6.4 E-readings – Welfare Officer

6.5 Clubs Seeking affiliation – General Secretary

6.5.1 Flinders Enactus

6.5.2 Flinders University Marine Biology Association

6.5.3 Flinders United Nations Society

6.6 Reaffiliation– General Secretary

6.7 Commission of Audit – Student President

6.8 Kemp-Norton Enquiry – Student President

6.9 International Sub-Committee meeting – International Officer

6.10 Executive Committee Recommendations

6.7.1 AGM Date

6.7.2 Honorariums

7. Matters for Discussion:

7.1 Hub Student Consultation Group – Chris O’Grady

7.2 The Health Service should see children of students – International Officer

8. Matters for Noting

8.1 FUSA Student Hub - Requirements – Chris O’Grady

8.2 National Day of Action Feedback – General Secretary

9. Meeting Close

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Flinders University Student Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 2014

Location: FUSA meeting room

Present: Caleb Pattinson, Grace Hill, Ira Herbold, James Vigus, John Photakis, Justin Shaw, Rosalie Grace Dow, Roxanna Henshaw, Tim Mitchell, Will Menzies, Yadollah Bahrami, Chris O'Grady, Paul Harrison (minutes), Michael Bezuidenhout (6:07pm), Jaka Yusuf (6:10pm).

Apologies: Haidarr Jones.

1. Welcome and Meeting Open

Meeting opened: 6:02

It was acknowledged that the Student Council meeting was taking place on the land of the Kuarna people.

2. Apologies: Hairdarr Jones

There was no dissent in the apologies.

3. Approval of minutes from March 3 meeting

And

4. Approval of Minutes from Emergency Meeting

Tut Tut: In section 6.4 of the March 3rd Meeting minutes I have been misquoted. I would like it to be corrected to:

“Having consulted with conservative students who voted for me, it is unreasonable that my accountability should be measured by the hours I commit to causes other than those on which my platform was based”.

Tut Tut requested that a spelling error in section 5.5 be corrected from “mating” to “making”.

Manager, Student Engagement: In 5.5 of the March 3rd Minutes there is a paragraph which is not attributed to anyone.

Section is attributable to Post-Graduate Officer and will be attributed accordingly.

Motion: I motion to accept the minutes on block with corrections.
Moved: Student President **Seconded: Social Activities Officer**
All in favour
Motion Carried

5. Reports

Motion: I motion to accept the received reports.
Moved: Student President **Seconded: General Secretary**
For: 9
Against: Tim Mitchell
Abstention: Tut Tut
Motion Carried
Michael Bezuidenhout has entered the room 6:07pm.
Manager, Student Engagement has left the room 6:09pm.
Accessibility Officer has entered the room 6:10pm.

As a result of the Education Officer being unaware of voting to accept reports opposed to honorariums, the Student President has requested that the vote be held again.

Moved: Student President **Seconded: General Secretary**
For: 11
Against: 0
Abstention: Accessibility Officer, Tut Tut
Motion Carried

6. Matters for decision

Starring of Motions

Motion: I motion to pass motions 6.1, 6.2, 6.5, and 6.8 on block.

Motions:

6.1: I motion that guiding block and ramp should always be cleared from any obstacles at any time and any event.

6.2: I motion that Student Council approves the welfare breakfast budget.

6.5: I motion that Student Council approve the Revised FUSA Staff Expansion Proposal.

6.8.1: I motion that FUSA financially affiliate with the Japanese Speakers Club

6.8.2: I motion that FUSA financially affiliate with Flinders Rounds.

6.8.3: I motion that FUSA non-financially affiliate with the Singapore Medical Society, Flinders.

6.8.4: I motion that FUSA financially affiliate with Flinders University Biodiversity and Animal Behavior Society.

6.8.5: I motion that FUSA financially affiliate with Flinders University Society of Engineers.

Moved: Student President

Seconded: General Secretary

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstention: Accessibility Officer, Tut Tut

Motion Carried

6.3. International No diet Day Event Proposal – Ella Keegan-Treloar

Accessibility Officer expressed concerns that we shouldn't be discouraging dieting, but that the focus should be that a diet is to get healthy, not to get skinny.

Motion: I motion that Student Council:

1. Approves \$220 for the event;
2. Accepts the above proposal; and
3. Approves Ella and FUSA staff to move forward with the planning and running of the event.

Moved: Ella Keegan-Treloar

Seconded: General Secretary

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstention: Tut Tut

Motion Carried

6.4. Event Budget 2014 – Chris O'Grady

Manager, Student Engagement has entered the room 6:15pm.

John Photakis: I know that a number of clubs such as FUDGE and FACTs who do regular movie nights are interested in using the cinema. How do the clubs get involved, what is the process?

Manager, Student Engagement: Roxy and I had a discussion about that. We have the budget for 6 per semester. We will invite every club to put a proposal in for a cinema event during the year and FUSA can pay for the staff and film rights.

John Photakis: Would a club be allowed to have a barbeque, or similar, on the side for fundraising?

Manager, Student Engagement: I can't see why not.

Motion: I motion that Student Council approve the 2014 Event Budget and an allowance for minor changes to be made to the budget at the discretion of FUSA staff and the Social Activities Officer and approved by the Student President and the Manager, Student Engagement.

Moved: General Secretary

Seconded: John Photakis

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: Accessibility Officer, Tut Tut

Motion Carried

6.5. March in May – Student President

Environment Officer: The idea of the march is that it does not have one specific issue. I am wary of putting FUSA's name behind the march as we do not know what issues we may be supporting.

Queer Officer: I think the idea is that it's a vote of no-confidence in the Liberal Government

Student President: It is a vote of no confidence in Tony Abbott. This is a march that says Tony Abbott is bad; and bad for students.

Environment Officer: Can we make sure that the parameters of what we are supporting are clear. For example, that we are taking an opposition to the current government's stance.

Tut Tut: Shouldn't we probably find out who we are going to align FUSA with?

Student President: It not really about the groups involved. This is more about taking a stance against Tony Abbott, the Liberal Party, in supporting the March in May.

Tut Tut: I think it is unreasonable to throw the weight of FUSA behind these political events. We should not involve the whole body of students because we are all politically diverse and should respect that.

Michael Bezuidenhout: Perhaps we could make the motion more specific about our opposition to cuts to the budget.

Student President: Are you concerned with adding to the motion or removing from the motion?

Michael Bezuidenhout: We could say that we support the March in May as a position against cuts to the budget and education.

Post-Graduate Officer: We could just include these issues on the posters and advertisements opposed to make amendments to the motion.

Motion: I motion that the Student Council take a position of support for the March in May, and that we use the means at our disposal to promote the event.

Moved: Student President

Seconded: General Secretary

For: 13

Against: Tut Tut

Abstentions: 0

Motion Carried

6.6. May Day – Student President

General Secretary: I think that it good that student council members attend May Day, however, I think that perhaps the student council.

Student President: I think it is important that Student Council members should attend and it is important for representing and supporting students.

General Secretary: Could we just have it noted in the minutes that the President would like as many student council members as practicably possible to attend.

Student President agreed with proposed change to the motion.

Michael Bezuidenhout: What is included in means at our disposal?

Student President: Most likely just social media.

Moved: Student President

Seconded: General Secretary

Motion: I motion that Student Council take a position of support for May Day, use the means at our disposal to promote the event.

For: 13

Against: Tut Tut

Abstentions: 0

Motion Carried

6.9. Executive Recommendation:

6.9.1. Honorariums – General Secretary

Motion: Motion to approve the Education Officer’s Honorarium

Motion Carried

Motion: Motion to approve all of the honorariums approved by Executive

Motion Carried

6.10. Equity Spaces Upgrade – Environment Officer

Environment Officer: The Womens officer has resigned, but when she was still in her position she was involved in to consultation and decision of this. **Motion:**

I motion that \$2721 from FUSA’s student spaces budget be allocated to provide each of the three equity spaces with a new computer a monitor, a desk for the computer, and temporary WiFi Access (using a cheap router installed by ITS)

Moved: Environment Officer

Seconded: Welfare Officer

For: 13

Against: Tut Tut

Abstention: 0

Motion Carried

Manager, Student Engagement: I just wanted to clarify which budget line is this coming out of?

Queer Officer: We talked about it coming out of the events budget

Welfare Officer: We discussed the possibility of it coming out of the welfare budget, which shouldn't be a problem.

Caleb Pattinson: Could we update the names of Student Council on the Facebook page as it currently still lists the 2013 Student Council

Meeting Closed: 6:42pm.

5.1 Student President's Report

Kemp-Norton Enquiry

In April my time has mostly been dedicated to responding to the release of the Kemp-Norton enquiry into the demand-driven system for higher education. A summary of the recommendations is as follows:

Caps on the number of undergraduate bachelor-level places should not be re-imposed.

All higher education providers should be eligible for Commonwealth supported places when they and relevant courses have been approved by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency.

Non-university higher education providers accepting Commonwealth supported places should do so on the same basis as public universities.

Sub-bachelor higher education courses should be included in the demand driven system.

Caps on Commonwealth supported places should be removed from postgraduate courses with a combination of clear community benefit and modest financial rewards. Other postgraduate courses should be offered on an entirely full-fee basis.

Decisions as to whether universities can deliver Commonwealth supported places at new locations should be made according to clear guidelines.

There should be no higher education attainment targets.

The government should not set enrolment share targets for low socio-economic status students.

Higher education enrolment data systems should be updated so that they provide detailed and timely information on enrolment trends.

The Department of Education should re-introduce an annual report on higher education policies and include summary information on performance trends.

The MyUniversity website should be replaced with an improved student information website.

General information on attrition and completion rates by ATAR and for different bases of admission to university should be easily available to prospective students.

The University Experience Survey should be continued and extended to non-university higher education providers.

Maximum per Commonwealth supported place funding rates in engineering and health disciplines should be reviewed in the light of cost pressures.

The HECS-HELP benefit for graduates in designated occupations should be discontinued.

Students at all higher education providers offering HELP loans should be eligible for OS-HELP.

The provider category standards should be reviewed to consider their effects on innovation and competition.

The review noted that the deregulation of university places was not accompanied by a corresponding increase in funding, and the review recommended general fee increases for students to make up for the shortfall in government spending, and a 10% loan fee on HECS-HELP debt, a move which would only impact students who are unable to pay their fees up-front. Also key was support for fee deregulation, and moves toward a US-style system where two tiers of education are available, one for the rich and one for the poor. Equity and attainment targets are also recommended to be scrapped.

Over the month I have had personal meetings to discuss this development in policy with Office Bearers from around the country, including James Crafti (VCA campus coordinator) Emma Dook (Melbourne Uni Postgraduate Women's Officer), Jess Lenehan (LaTrobe Education Officer), Jay Wymarra (LaTrobe First Nations Officer), Declan Murphy (Monash Education Officer), Yasemin Shamsili (Monash Environment and Social Justice Officer), Con Karavias (Second Monash Environment and Social Justice Officer), Tom Gilchrist (Adelaide University Social Justice Officer), Ridah Hassan (Sydney University Education Officer), Eleanor Morley (Sydney University Education Officer), Ishmam Ahmed (Sydney University Social Justice Officer), April Holcombe (Sydney University Global Solidarity Officer), and Anna Robinson (Other Sydney University Global Solidarity Officer). Over the break we discussed how this review would impact Flinders and their own campuses, and further developed networks to quickly respond to changes in education policy and cooperate in our activism.

In terms of national NUS Office Bearers I had meetings with Sarah Garnham (Education Officer), Damien Ridgewell (Environment Officer), and Naomi Farmer (Queer Officer), to discuss the national response to the review, and the further development of the national Abbott and Pyne: Hands Off Our Education campaign.

I also participated in an Education Activist phone link-up which contained many of the above Office Bearers, but also many other activists and OB's I am not personally familiar with. We decided to coordinate another National Day of Action on the 21st of May.

New Vice Chancellor

Flinders University Council recently announced the new Vice Chancellor appointee, Colin Stirling, who will take over the position from Michael Barber for the next five years, starting on the 31st of December 2014. Stirling was previously the Acting Vice-Chancellor at Curtin University, and was known for presiding over a series of vicious job cuts. His appointment at Flinders is of great concern, especially in the national climate of staff, funding, and course cuts at Australian Universities. I have been in discussion with the Curtin Student Guild, having meetings and talks with Sam Cavallaro (Curtin Student Guild President), Miranda Wood (Curtin Student Guild Vice President), Khyll Hardy (Curtin General Secretary), Clare Francis (Curtin Student Guild Humanities Faculty Representative) Fabian Yarran (Curtin Indigenous Officer), to better anticipate and respond to potential attacks on students and staff at Flinders, given Stirling's history at Curtin and in Scotland.

Refugee Action

Through April I did a lot of promotion for the FUSA-endorsed Walk for Justice for Refugees. This included putting up hundreds of posters and handing out leaflets on the plaza every day I have been on campus. I also attended the event. The crowd numbered 400, an excellent turnout. Given the continued racist abuse of refugees at the direction of the Australian government, FUSA should continue to endorse and participate in events such as this one.

FUSA AGM

On the first of May we held a successful AGM, meeting quorum and passing the necessary constitutional changes and updates. I helped set up the BBQ, chaired the AGM, and alongside the General Secretary presented a report on the progress of FUSA in 2014.

Commission of Audit

On the first of May the Commission of Audit was also released. The CoA is horrific all-round, but has several particular areas which are especially relevant to students. These are a recommendation to deregulate university fees, reducing the minimum threshold for HECS-HELP repayment to the minimum wage, increasing HECS-HELP interest rates, and a reduction of the Commonwealth contribution per student from 59% to 45%, thus increasing the student contribution portion from 41% to 55%. Hockey has said he will not rule out any proposals in the CoA, but has also not yet confirmed anything. Attached to this report will be the CoA recommendations for Higher Education in full.

I have continued my discussions with many of the aforementioned Office Bearers, particularly the Education Officers, on the relation between the CoA recommendations and the recommendations of the Kemp-Norton Enquiry, and incorporating this new information into our fight against the neoliberal agenda for higher education.

I have also had discussions with the Flinders Education Officer on planning a Flinders event for the National Day of Action, and how best to inform Flinders students of the impacts of the enquiry and CoA.

March in May

I have spent time this month advertising the March in May, which we endorsed at the last Student Council meeting.

Christopher Pyne visit

Earlier in the month, Christopher Pyne visited UniSA to deliver a talk on the future of higher education. I attended a protest action outside the building in which he was due to speak, and had lengthy discussions with Flinders, Adelaide,

and UniSA students about the neoliberalisation of higher education and the then-upcoming Kemp-Norton review.

5.2 General Secretary's Report

Clubs and Events Officer

Finally after 95 job applications, hours of discussion and days of interviews a huge welcome to Adam Rau our new Clubs and Events Officer! I'm sure he'll do a fantastic job!

Clubs and Societies Sub-Committee meeting:

The first 2014 meeting of the Clubs and Societies sub Committee meeting was held on the 8th of April.

One of the main issues discussed was the new hub. The Club's present indicated that they want:

- More accessible and centralised storage space.
- More spaces for clubs and societies
 - o Meeting rooms
 - o Event spaces
 - o Spaces with greater access to power (eg. Floor traps with powerpoints)
- Kitchen areas close to club spaces so that clubs may provide and prepare their own catering.
- 24 access to club spaces and storage spaces
- Locker access

First Year Sub-Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the first Year sub-committee was held on the 9th of April. Positive feedback was given about the food and coffee available on campus. They really enjoyed o'week, especially the tours but wished speed dating occurred multiple times a day and that subject specific clubs and societies would be hard to find. We discussed having a list of all clubs on campus on every day of o'week and holding a first year specific event, like the tea for grown ups, in O'week semester 2.

The only negative feedback the committee gave was that some of the advocates for the National Day of Action were quite confrontational in their enthusiasm for the event.

The Clubs and Societies Training Day

The Clubs and Societies Training Day is scheduled for the 27th of May from 10:00am-4:00pm in the Oasis Meeting Room.

AGM

We had our AGM and passed all the proposed amendments to the Constitution. A big thank you to Grace and all of FUSA's staff for making the event a success!

ET Editors

Sadly we have lost our ET Editors. A big thank you to Jess, Jade and Flick for all your hard work this year!

Clubs and Societies Handbook

The Clubs and Societies handbook will 'hopefully' be ready for O'week Semester 2.

Flinders University Student Association NAB bank account 2014

Statement of Cash at Bank

January	
Opening Bank Balance 1/1/14	14,099.97
Closing Bank Balance 31/1/14	14,099.97

February	
Opening Bank Balance 1/2/14	14,099.97
Closing Bank Balance 31/2/14	14,099.97

March	
Opening Bank Balance 1/3/14	14,099.97
Closing Bank Balance 31/3/14	14,099.97

April	
Opening Bank Balance 1/4/14	14,099.97
Receipts	
Paypal transfer for pubcrawl sales 16/04/2014	3253.58
Cash from pubcrawl sales	3580.00
DVD Rentals	115.00
Employment Listings	30.00
Cash Gain	10.00
	6,988.58
Expenditure	
A1 Apparel Pubcrawl Shirts	(4,500.00)
Total	16,588.55
Closing Bank Balance as at 30/4/13	16,588.55

Outstanding Accounts		
Bank Balance as at 30/4/13		16,588.55
Outstanding Expenditure		
Committed to FU General Ledger for FUSA Ball	(11,723.00)	
Committed to transfer of Movember donations	(23.35)	
Committed to FU General Ledger for Appreciation Dinner	(968.00)	(12,714.35)
Closing Balance adjusted for outstanding accounts		<u><u>\$3,874.20</u></u>

Statement of Available Funds		
January		
Opening Bank Balance 1/1/14		1,385.62
Receipts		
DVD Rentals	21.00	
Employment Listings	10.00	31.00
Closing Bank Balance 31/1/14		<u><u>1,416.62</u></u>

February		
Opening Bank Balance 1/2/14		1,416.62
Receipts		
DVD Rentals	35.00	
Employment Listings	20.00	55.00
Closing Bank Balance 31/2/14		<u><u>1,471.62</u></u>

March		
Opening Bank Balance 1/3/14		1,471.62
Receipts		
DVD Rentals		39.00
Closing Bank Balance 31/3/14		<u><u>1,510.62</u></u>

April		
Opening Bank Balance 1043/14		1,510.62
Receipts		
Paypal transfer for pubcrawl sales 16/04/2014	3,253.58	
Cash from pubcrawl sales	3,580.00	
DVD Rentals	20.00	
Cash Gain	10.00	
	6,863.58	6,863.58
Expenditure		
A1 Apparel Pubcrawl Shirts		(4,500.00)
Closing Bank Balance 30/04/14		\$3,874.20

5.4 Environment Officers Report

Environment Officer's Report - April

This month I have been busy liaising with clubs and planning the Social Justice Day for Thursday May 8th. Live music, free food, slam poetry, an open mic and more has been organized and responses from clubs have been positive, especially among some of the smaller, newer clubs who are looking for exposure. I would encourage all FUSA members to come along and join the festivities on the day. In particular, we will need people to man a FUSA stall on May 8th to promote the work FUSA does to make things better for students.

FUSA AGM

I attended and was on Quorum watch during the event, making sure we always had 50 people present.

Mental Health Day

I was on the stand for an hour, although due to our proximity to the entertainment much of this time was spent drumming up funky rhythms, rather than drumming up support for student unionism.

Hub Consultation

Along with the other office bearers, I went to the Hub Consultation. Given the clear success of the three spaces over many years and the strong activist culture that the EnviroSpace in particular has cultivated, I have been strongly advocating that the EnviroSpace be preserved and will continue to do so.

Clubs and Societies Sub-Committee

I attended the Clubs and Societies Sub-Committee meeting, chaired by Roxy.

Fossil Free Documentary Screening

I also attended FEAG's Fossil Free Universities film screening for the discussion of divestment at Flinders.

Empire Times Consultation

I had a meeting with Flik from Empire Times to discuss various issues within the magazine.

5.5 Queer Officer Report

April

1 st April Queer Society Lunch	2
8 th April Hub Student Consultation Group	1
8 th April Queer Society Lunch	2
9 th April Meeting with Steph Walker IDAHOT advertising	1
29 th April Queer Society Lunch	2
30 th April Planning IDAHOT meeting	1
On the phone/at helpdesk with IT getting emails fixed	4
Planning IDAHOT	6
Planning FUQS Sexual health event	0.5
Preliminary liaising with MIFSA for training	0.5
Researching trans*inclusiveness resources	1
Responding to emails	2
Shopping for resources	1
Social Media	1
Writing article for ET	2
Preparation for FUQS AGM	1

5.7 International student's officer

April report,

ISSU morning tea

I joined ISSU for afternoon tea to meet other international students and got their idea and interests, which was held on Tuesday 2^{END} of April at Oasis Common Room, Union Building at 2:30 - 4:0 pm, A big thank- you to Vanesa And Sue for attending, 1.5hours

Hub Student Consultation group

I attend the Hub Student Consultation group meeting at 8th of April, 1 hour

Meeting with Ms. Vanesa Duran (Team Leader, Student Assist)

I had a meeting with Vanesa and discuss potential campaigns/activities for the year as well as the upcoming CISA national conference in Adelaide July 2014. 0.5 Hour

Sub-committee meeting

Date: 11th April 2014,

Time: 14:00 to 15:00 pm

Location: FUSA meeting room

Welcome and meeting open;

As is the practice of Flinders University, I acknowledge the Indigenous peoples of this country. In particular I acknowledge the Kurna people, the traditional owners of the lands and waters of the region on which Flinders University at Bedford Park is located.

We discussed a few matters;

- 1- Hub Student Consultation group. We talked about the structure of new Students Hub which will be rebuilt in the Plaza
- 2- Availability of Shops and Foods after hours in the main campus.
- 3- Difficulties and problem about the Students accommodation in the village and student hall; Which Ms Madeline de Leon will follow this matter
- 4- Socialization programs; Pub Crawls, games, sport matches and races
- 5- Games: such as having tennis tables in the campus
- 6- Club day
- 7- English courses such as IELTS tutors
- 8- Finally the sub-commit asking for light refreshment during the meeting. I have also added a motion on the agenda for the Student Council to approve this.

FUPS (Flinders University Postgraduate Society) at Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health sciences, Annual General Meeting

I attend in the FUPS AGM in the 14 of April, 1 hour.

Harmony walk in May.

Working on setting up a Harmony walk with other university in South Australia

Talking with the Head of Health, Counselling and Disability Services

Spoke with Mr. Andrew Wood (Head Health, Counselling and Disability Services) and discuss whether the Health Service can see children of students. It is ongoing. 0.5 hour

Mental health Day 30 April,

I helped in servicing the food and BBQ for the day, thanks for Vanesa for organising this event with the Health, Counselling and Disability Services. 1.0 hour

Multicultural night: There will be a multicultural night on 7 July 14, from 7pm - 10.30pm.

I will send out an email to all students club in Flinders if they are interested to participate in. CISA is holding this event.

5.8 Welfare Officer's Report - April 2014

Food Bank

The university administration has approved the proposal to join Foodbank SA, and so we will be moving ahead with plans to institute a student food bank through Student Assist and supply the welfare breakfast using Foodbank. I met with Student Assist staff and the Manager, Student Engagement on the 30th to discuss how to move ahead with the program.

Student Hub Consultation Group

I attended the Hub Consultation Group meeting on the 8th.

Mental Health Day

I attended Mental Health Day on the 30th and spent several hours on the FUSA stall.

Student Issues with e-Readings

I spoke with a student who was having issues they were having regarding the accessibility of e-readings. Readings are often uploaded on a week by week basis and this sometimes results in them being uploaded late or with very little time for students to complete them. I contacted the Education Officer and the Manager, Student Engagement about this issue and the Education Officer and I have put together a proposal to send to the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic). I've also put a motion on the agenda for Student Council to approve this and discuss anything that should be added to the proposal.

5.10 Accessibility Officer's Report

March 2014

1. Induction with Secretary general of FUSA 2014
2. Given update by General Secretary of FUSA activity as of February 2014. Given brief description of roles and obligation of Ability officer.
3. Induction and Orientation with FUSA President
4. Given detail introduction on roles of each council members. How to work in FUSA and how each council member collaborate and with university. Discussion of idea of activities could be done by ability officer.
5. Monthly meeting
6. Attending regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of every months
7. Emergency meeting
8. Attending emergency meeting held by the president in response of student budget allocation (kindly revise the urgency of the meeting)
9. Introduction to Disability Counselor support
10. Initiate contact with disability support counselor Paula Williams in regards of seeking information regarding student with disabilities, activities and current situation of disability support in Flinders University.

April 2014

1. Monthly meeting
2. Attending monthly meeting every first Tuesday of the month. Raised an issue of several accessibility feature which has been blocked by other objects. Recommend What's app as communication method.
3. Disability committee meeting
4. Meeting with several Flinders University officers, disability counselors, student and employee with disabilities of Flinders University. Made an agreement of ability officer as one of monitor for Flinders student Hobs, establishment of disability peer support group for students and accessibility audit team.
5. Accessibility survey on Flinders main campus
6. Following the Disability committee meeting, ability officer and a student with disability (wheelchair user) took a walk around main campus to have general overview of the accessibility features on main campus.
7. Student discussion

8. Following the survey, ability officers made informal meeting with one student on wheelchair and one other blind student. The meeting discuss view accessibility issues and establishment of pear group support for student with disabilities.
9. Established What's aps group.
10. Created FUSA 2014 group in What's aps and invite all council member to join the group as one of the communication support for FUSA members.

5.11 Post Graduate Officer's report

It has been an extremely busy time for all student Representatives across Australia with the release of the Kemp-Norton enquiry into Higher education.

The government seems supportive of some of the key recommendations including in the context of less government funding increasing student fees and deregulating the sector, "US style".

I have spoken to in face to face meetings and consulted the following in regards to this significant policy development from government.

Sarah Garnham, NUS Education, Damian Ridgwell, NUS Environment, Naomi Farmer, NUS Queer. And a number of Mature age/post graduate officers - Jess McLeod (Curtin), Kay Dook and Omar Hassan (Sydney Uni) & Emma Dook (Melb Uni).

With the recent announcement of Colin Sterling as Vice Chancellor, Grace Hill and I have had face to face meetings with Curtin Student Guild current and former Officer bearers as well as research staff at the Curtin Guild about our new VC and his history at both Curtin university and in Scotland.

In terms of the post-graduate committee and other post graduate students I have spoken to the following are concerns.

In the Law school there has been limits placed on access to photocopying that is causing concern and disquiet amongst post graduate students.

Social work masters students have been informed they will not be regaining access to a common room previously available to all staff and Postgraduate students in the faculty. There has been a campaign around this issue for almost a year and is very disappointing result.

A number of International postgraduate students particularly in the education faculty have express concern with the general poor conditions in student housing on campus and the outrageous charges associated with internet access and laundry.

The new Hub - Will there be a postgraduate area? For many postgraduates -they are at a different stage of their life, have different needs, we feel need that like almost every other higher education institution there should be postgraduate area and with 24 hour access.

Postgraduate theme week in 2nd semester with extra money allocated.

I helped build and attended the Palm Sunday Refugee Rally endorsed by the student council. This event was attended by a number of postgraduate students

from Flinders. The event was extremely positive and powerful display against government racism and inhumanity that directly affect the Flinders community and wider Australian society we are in.

5.11 Indigenous Officer's Report

April

11th – Discussed with the Adelaide student advisers of CareerTrackers Indigenous Internship Program to hold a networking event and about recruiting more Flinders students.

15th – Spoke with Shane Carr (Yunggorendi), to discuss whether Indigenous students are receiving as much tutoring support as they can.

16th – Had a meeting with Roxanna Henshaw and Stephanie Walker (FUSA) discussing possible events for Naidoc week or an alternative Indigenous awareness event.

18th – Spoke with the Flinders Indigenous Student Association (FISA) to see how they are progressing, and asked if the students need any assistance from FUSA. Also spoke about possible on-campus events.

20th – Spoke to FISA about their fundraiser event being held on the 1st of May

29th – Had a meeting with Yunggorendi to inform them of the situation between Indigenous students and on-campus accommodation. Students are supposed to be provided food over the weekends but it is not organised yet.

30th – Acknowledgement of country for EO Step-up Campaign and assisted at the FUSA stall

5.13

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FUSA Staff

Clubs and Events Officer

There is currently a recommendation to appoint a candidate to the Clubs and Events Officer position. I will notify Student Council once the candidate has accepted the position.

Administrative Assistant

Our Administrative Assistant, Jessi Tilbrook will resign and her last day will be June 27th 2014. This is very sad as Jessi has been a much valued member of the team and has done some fantastic work with the AACA Campus Band Competition and also with our Market Days.

I will be seeking to gain approval to increase this post from 0.5 to 1.0 given increasing demands on administrative staff. I will also be seeking approval to increase the Office Coordinators position from 0.7 to 1.0. For these increases in fractions to occur this year, will rely on room in the budget. I will report back to Student Council at the next meeting regarding the progress of this.

Student Experience Officer and Student Assist Support Officer

It should also be noted that after discussing with Human Resources, the easiest way to employ students in the positions of Student Experience Officer and Student Assist Support Officer will be on a casual basis as opposed to fixed term. I will be working with relevant FUSA staff in the coming months to begin filling these roles.

Student Representation & Development Officer

I plan on writing a PD for this position shortly and begin recruiting within the next two months.

Student Council By-Election 2 - Women's Officer

On the 28th of March, the Women's Officer resigned from the position. Therefore a By-Election has been set-up. Rob Manwaring is gain the Returning Officer. Shaun and I are Assistant Returning Officers.

Nominations Open: 22nd of April

Nominations Close: 5th of May

Election: 13-15th of May

Foodbank Proposal

I am pleased to report that the DVC(A) has approved of the University becoming a member of Foodbank. After a meeting with the Welfare Officer and Student Assist staff this week we have agreed to move forward with using Foodbank for the following services:

Hampers and Food Vouchers

Foodbank hampers and food vouchers will only be given to students who have been assessed by a qualified Financial Counsellor as meeting the criteria for being in financial stress.

Foodbank staff advise that the items purchased from Foodbank are roughly 1/3 the cost of in the supermarket.

Foodbank will be opening a Community Foodbank at their Edwardstown warehouse. FUSA will be able to refer clients to the Community Foodbank via a voucher system and students would be able to make their own food choices in a dignified environment which will provide them with greater choice. FUSA see this as a positive option for students with particular dietary needs and a prepacked food hamper is not appropriate.

FUSA proposes that instead of giving out Woolworths vouchers, it arranges to give out vouchers for the Community Foodbank. For the current \$25 we use to purchase a Woolworths voucher to supply to students we would be able to give students \$60 - \$70 worth of staple food items through Foodbank – proving a lot more value for students in need.

Welfare Breakfast

FUSA will source products from Foodbank to supplement existing funds for Welfare Breakfasts on campus. Foodbank are able to supply free fruit and vegetables thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the Department Premier and Cabinet which had the aim of providing fruit and vegetables for all. Other staples such as long life milk, cereals and yoghurts could also be sourced.

I would like to thank the Student Finance and Advocacy Officer Helen Laity and the Welfare Officer, Ira Herbold in putting together the proposal. The initiative will be coordinated by Student Assist.

It should be noted that the food used from Foodbank should not be used for fundraising purposes as per the Foodbank guidelines.

Student Amenities

This week, FUSA delivered a microwave and sandwich press to the kitchenette in Social Sciences North (Law/Commerce).

Flinders One have also agreed to the installation of two extra FUSA provided microwaves behind Blue Duck, next to the other two that already there.

Computers in Equity Spaces and Enviro Space

Computers have been ordered for each of these spaces and IT are in discussions with each area to establish where the computers should be placed.

Empire Times

During the week beginning the 21st of April, two of the Empire Times Editors resigned. During the week beginning the 28th of April, the third editor also resigned from the position and will cease at the end of Issue 4. The design deadline for this issue is May the 7th.

In the best interests of continuity for the magazine and to ensure that a full editorial team can be established to ensure that issue 5 is released on schedule, I am of the view that an appointment process should begin as soon as possible to fill the three vacancies. This is a better option than an election as this would take anywhere from a month and a half and two months.

I plan to have a draft set of Regulations for Empire Times to present at the next Student Council meeting.

I have included a motion in Matters for Decision.

Matters for Decision

6.1 Safe Climate Road Map – John Photakis

I motion that the FUSA council endorse the safe climate road map.

Since the last federal election we have seen attacks on the progress of climate policy. The Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) seek for higher action on climate policy. The safe climate roadmap is a campaign to show that there is support for a safe climate in the community. The AYCC is gathering signatures of people but are more interested in groups, communities and small businesses for support. All the FUSA council needs to do to “sign up” to the roadmap is to give the AYCC permission to use the FUSA logo in print for delivery ceremony to the local MP. The three parts to the road map are

- Move Australia beyond Coal and Gas
- Reduce carbon pollution by 40% by 2020
- Invest in transitioning to 100% renewable energy within 10 years

6.2 IDAHOT budget – Queer Officer

This year for IDAHOT (International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia) we are celebrating in a number of ways. We will have two stalls, one at Sturt (TBC) and one on the Plaza.

This is the first year that IDAHOT has has a specific focus on transphobia as well as homophobia, and the Queer Society has decided that some education around gender would be great. A popular blogger, Sam Killermann, uses a graphic called the "genderbread person" to simply explain the difference between sex, gender, sexuality, and gender expression. We will be giving out ginger bread biscuits (sourced at cost - \$0.30 each) with a business card size version of the graphic. We hope that these will be popular among students, and be educational.

We will also be doing some activities, including a gender bending photo booth, and a rainbow paper chain of pledges against queerphobia.

In the evening, we are hosting a sexologist who will be presenting some queer friendly sex education.

\$100 for "genderbread" biscuits

\$20 for genderbread printing

\$40 for photo booth props

\$10 for miniature Pride Flags

\$50 for ribbon, paper, and other consumables for ally pledge

\$200 for sex positivity workshop

\$100 for pizza for sex positivity workshop

Total: \$520

Motion: I motion that Council accepts this budget.

6.3 ET Editors – Chris O’Grady

Background

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My view is that the Appointment Committee should consist of:

- FUSA General Secretary (in their capacity as ET Liaison);
- FUSA Media Officer and
- a representative from the University’s Marketing and Communication Office

I plan to have a draft set of Regulations for Empire Times to present at the next Student Council meeting.

Motion

I motion that Student Council support the appointment of a new editorial team for Empire Times as soon as practical, consisting of an Appointment Committee that consists of: FUSA General Secretary (in their capacity as ET Liaison), FUSA Media Officer and a representative from the University’s Marketing and Communication Office.

6.4 E-readings – Welfare Officer

I motion that Student Council approve the attached proposal regarding e-readings to have all electronic readings uploaded and accessible by students by the first teaching week of semester for a given topic.

6.5 Clubs Seeking affiliation – General Secretary

6.5.1 Flinders Enactus

Purpose: Provides the opportunity for students to discuss and learn about social entrepreneurship. By working in teams on projects, Flinders Enactus members can develop skills in business and social entrepreneurship

Motion: I motion that student council financially affiliate with Flinders Enactus.

6.5.2 Flinders University Marine Biology Association

Purpose: run social and networking events for those interested in

studying and/or studying marine biology and aquaculture.

Motion: I motion that student council financially affiliate with Flinders University Marine Biology Association.

6.5.2 Flinders United Nations Society

Purpose: to encourage informed discussion and engagement in international issues modelled on the forum of the United Nations.

Motion: I motion that student council financially affiliate with Flinders United Nations Society on the proviso they provide FUSA with evidence of an active bank account.

6.6 Reaffiliation with FUDGE – General Secretary

Purpose: to promote gaming culture amongst students of Flinders University by:

- Welcome new students to an established social gaming club
- Organising gaming related club events for members
- Providing a community for students to interact

Motion: I motion that student council re-affiliate with Flinders University Digital Gaming Enthusiasts.

6.7 Commission of Audit – Student President

The recently released commission of audit foreshadows massive attacks on the living standards of workers, students, the poor and unemployed.

Recommendations of the CoA include:

Raising the pension age to 70, and cutting the Disability Support Pension to 28% of average earnings, the effects of which will be to force many more older workers into extreme poverty.

Charging a \$15 fee to access Medicare services, which effectively ends the role of Medicare as a universal healthcare system, making it into a user-pays system, like the inequitable system which exists in the united states.

Increases in HECS-HELP fees and interest rates, a reduction of the commonwealth contribution amount from 59% to 45%, deregulation of university fees, and lowering the repayment threshold for HECS-HELP debt to the level of the minimum wage,

All of these measures will lead to a significant decrease in the accessibility of universities, especially for working class youth, and also a greater burden of debt on future generations of students and workers, Ensuring that higher education will be inaccessible to working class youth.

Tougher restrictions on Newstart, and the forced relocation of job-seeking young people – an all-out assault on the unemployed.

Although the government claims that these attacks are justified to balance the budget, in reality there is enough money to pay for social programs such as the pension, unemployment, and education. The productivity of the Australian working class has been rising, corporate profits as a share of GDP have been rising, and successive governments have refused to tax the ultra-rich appropriately. Instead the poorest are being expected to accept austerity measures.

I motion that the student council unreservedly condemn the findings of the Commission of Audit, and call for an increased tax rate for the rich instead.

6.8 Kemp-Norton Enquiry – Student President

Earlier last month the Kemp-Norton enquiry into the demand-driven system for higher education was completed and released. There are three points of the review which are key to students. Firstly, the review advocates increasing student fees to ensure “fiscal sustainability”, so to make up for the government’s unwillingness to provide adequate funding for higher education, second, support for the deregulation of fees, leading to a US-style education system where those who can afford to pay can buy good quality education while the rest are condemned to sub-par education, and thirdly, the scrapping of equity targets. The review correctly notes that the Labor government’s deregulation of places was not accompanied by an appropriate increase in funding. However rather than recommending that the government begin to provide necessary funding to universities, the report recommends that the shortfall be made up by increasing student fees in two ways, a general fee increase to compensate for lower government contributions, and an extra loan fee of 10% on top of any HECS-HELP loan.

I motion that the student council:

1. condemn the recommendations of the Kemp-Norton review
2. call for an increase in government funding to universities
3. endorse a BBQ and education forum to be held on campus on the 21st of May, to coincide with the NUS national day of action.

6.10

International Sub-committee meeting

We have organized to have the international sub-committee meeting every fortnight to discuss different matters associated with the international students at University. The sub-committee has 25 members. In the last meeting, members of the sub-committee were asking for the light refreshment during the meeting.

Motion:

I motion that Student Council supports and approves paying \$40 per month for the light refreshment for the International sub-committee meeting.

6.10 Executive Recommendations – General Secretary

6.7.1 AGM Date change:

motion: I motion that we change the date of the AGM from the 10th of April to the 1st of May, this date is flexible to accommodate for unforeseen circumstances.

6.7.2 Honorariums

Motion: I motion that we approve the following honorariums:

Matters for Discussion:

7.1 Hub Student Consultation Group – Chris O’Grady

(Attachment: STUDENT HUB – STUDENT CONSULTATION PLAN)

The Hub Student Consultation Group consists of all Student Council Officers (with a portfolio). It is crucial that we have good attendance at these meetings to ensure that students are represented and have a meaningful contribution to the final design of the Student Hub.

The current meeting time is on a Tuesday at 2pm and the meeting will be 2-3 weekly. I would like to have a discussion about people’s availability for this ongoing and important meeting.

7.2 The Health Service should see children of students

I have been spoken with Mr. Andrew Wood (Head of the Health, Counselling and Disability Services) and discuss whether the Health Service can see children of students. At the moment the Health, Counselling and Disability Services do not accept children, which it is very big issue to all students at the University who have a child/ children in particular for the international students. At the moment the international students should bring their children to other clinics which they have to pay for a Gap despite of they are paying a huge amount of money per year for their insurance. I think the university should provide a doctor(s) to do paediatric work such as Heath Practice in Adelaide University.

Most international students’, at the moment, are facing difficulties in having to pay gap fees for children's appointments. Moreover, the insurance company does not cover the immunization fee, which is so expensive for students, and they have to pay by their own pockets.

Matters for Noting:

8.1 FUSA Student Hub - Requirements (Attachment: FUSA Student Hub – Requirements) – **Chris O’Grady**

In consultation with the Student President, General Secretary and FUSA Staff, I have developed a document (‘FUSA Student Hub – Requirements’ - attached)

which has been forwarded to Buildings and Property. I would welcome any comments or feedback that Student Council members have in regards to the document.

Buildings and Property have forwarded the document to the architects working on the Student Hub.

8.2 National Day of Action Feedback – General Secretary

As mentioned in my report, the first year sub-committee informed me that some of the advocators for the National Day of Action were quite confrontational in their enthusiasm for the event. While I don't want to curtail anyone's freedom of speech I would like student council to note that such behavior a) violates students' rights to feel safe and comfortable at university and b) makes FUSA look bad as, whether or not it was a member of student council, it was at a FUSA endorsed event).