

**Flinders University Student Council Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

Meeting Room, Flinders University Student Association.  
6:00pm

**Present:** Grace Hill, Ira Herbold, Yaddollah Bahrami, Roxanna Henshaw, Caleb Pattinson, Michael Bezuidenhout, Alison Taylor, John Photakis, Lauren Brice, Ella Keegan-Treloar, Tim Mitchell, James Vigus, Rosalie Dow, Tyme Childs, Will Menzies, Chris O'Grady, Paul Harrison (Minutes).

**Guest(s):** None.

**Apologies:** Justin Shaw.

*Meeting opened: 6:04pm*

**1. Welcome and Meeting Open**

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

**2. Apologies: Justin Shaw.**

**3. Welcome Guests: None.**

**4. Approval of minutes of last meeting**

**5. Reports**

**Motion:** To accept all submitted reports.

**Moved: Roxanna Henshaw**

**Seconded: John Photakis**

All in favour

**Motion Carried.**

**6. Matters for Decision**

**Motion:** Motion to accept all un-starred motions.

Un-starred motions consists of:

6.6 Exams and mental health – Environment Officer

**Motion:** I move a motion that FUSA promote Flinders Health and Counseling, Lifeline and Beyond Blue on its Facebook page over the next month.

6.8 International Support Service unit – Accessibility Officer

**Motion:** I Motion that International Support Service Unit (ISSU) review their cooperation with Phil Hoffman Travel Agent, due to many complains from international students who received unreasonable travelling routes by the travel agent.

**Moved: Grace Hill**

**Seconded: John Photakis**

All in favour

**Motion Carried.**

### **6.1. DVD Rental Service – Chris O’Grady**

### **6.2. DVD Rentals Service – Environment Officer**

John Photakis: Change January 2014 to 2015.

Rosalie Dow: I thought that maybe clubs could purchase the dvds for like \$2 and fusa members could purchase them for \$5 so that we could have a bit of a boost for clubs. We might also get rid of more of them if they’re available for students

Will Menzies: I’m amenable

Tim Mitchell: I was going to say \$5 for students and clubs

Michael Bezuidenhout: I’m slightly concerned because the majority of them wont be sold for \$5. I have issues in terms of selling them all or giving them away which will sort of concentrate them to certain students even though they were bought with collective funds of all students.

Michael Bezuidenhout: They can go away in storage now and come back in the new hub and we should at least try a couple of months of free hire so that all students get a chance at using them.

Grace Hill: It looks like we’re going to be getting rid of them.

Grace Hill: There’s been two proposals so far that they’re available for \$5 or at a lesser amount of clubs.

Michael Bezuidenhout: I raise the point that students have already paid for these dvds and now we want them to pay for it again.

John Photakis: It sounds like it might be too expensive.

Caleb Pattinson: We talked about last meeting about approaching one of the clubs. But I had another idea, I’d like to approach a club and perhaps they could do it \$1 / dvd and keep the

money. If the students know where the money is going they might be more willing to hire a dvd.

Tim Mitchell: I suppose the only problem I'd have with that would be the administrative cost or the task of renting them out or who would have the space

Rosalie Dow: Apart from Womens and Queers collectives no one has their own actual space on campus

Will Menzies: I don't mind the idea, I don't think any clubs would want to take that responsibility on, but we could put it out there for a month.

Roxanna Henshaw: Did we amend your motion to \$2 for clubs and \$5 per person?

Will Menzies: Not yet.

Michael Bezuidenhout: I think we can delegate pricing to FUSA staff or whoever's doing it at the time

Tim Mitchell: When you say clubs, is this going to just be FLICS? Or is this all affiliated clubs?

Will Menzies: I don't think we should be burdening FUSA with selling DVDs on top of all other o'week stuff.

I think it's better to get rid of the stuff so that FUSA doesn't have to be dealing with it next year.

*Jaka has entered the room 6:21pm*

Rosalie Dow: Would flinders living have a communal space they would like to have them?

Will Menzies: I'm not really amenable to just donating all of them. But someone else is fine to

Rosalie Dow: I move that FUSA approaches the University hall about donating the DVDs to them.

Michael Bezuidenhout: Also, would you be okay with adding to the motion that if Uni Hall don't want them that we donate them to the library.

Rosalie Dow: I would be okay with that. Who would be auctioning this? Would FUSA staff be okay with that?

Chris O'Grady: Yes

**Motion:** Flinders University Student Association approaches the University Hall about donating the DVDs to them. If University Hall does not want the DVDs the Flinders University Student Association will approach the library to donate the DVDs.

**Against:** Tim Mitchell, Caleb Pattinson

**Abstention:** Roxanna Henshaw, Jaka Yusuf, Ella Keegan-Treloar, Lauren Brice.

**Motion Carried.**

### **6.3. Endorsement of Flinders University's joint hosting of Fairly Educated 2015**

Will Menzies: It's an annual conference which has been going for about 5 or so years now. There's a bunch of students from Adelaide and Flinders who have put an application to host it as SA. This would be a joint hosting by flinders and Adelaide. Adelaide is already fair trade accredited and flinders is on the way. It would be a really great way to give an opportunity for the thousand students who have signed the fair trade petition to engage. FUSA won't have to organize it and won't be responsible for organizing. But it would be great for FUSA to support it as it will involve a number of FUSA clubs.

Roxanna Henshaw: Will they be looking at us to donate any money?

Will Menzies: There may be money, but that will be the responsibility of the organisers themselves, this is not FUSA signing a blank check.

James Vigus: What is the nature of this conference? Is it something that's organized by a specific group? Or is it a student conference organized by something like the national union of students? As far as I can see it's not quite the same as something like QC or EdCon.

Will Menzies: Bit of background. Fairly educated was started by students from Sydney university who had been running a fair trade campaign there for a number of years. They had a student population referendum which approved switching to fair trade but the university did not change their policy. So they thought they would create a forum to facilitate students to be able to fight against that. So it's not from a corporate background, it's from a student background. It's not a student union thing, it's a broader student population thing. This is one of the best examples in Australia of a student lead movement that has got some really great results around the country. In terms of budget, this would be coming out of my budget, the Environment Officer's budget.

Grace Hill: My concern just stems from an unknown quantity of money being committed to an event that FUSA doesn't really have a say in next year by this current group of people

(this year's council members). Just to clarify, the money you're proposing is coming from this year's Environment Officer's budget. How much is it?

Will Menzies: I don't have the exact numbers, but it will be whatever is left in the budget on December 1st 2014.

Michael Bezuidenhout: I sort of recognize that as it's coming out of the Environment Officer's budget I think you can be fairly autonomous as to how that's spent, but we should have a bit more knowledge about the budget is being spent. In principle, I generally agree with it.

Will Menzies: To address that, we had the sustain-a-fair last week – so I wasn't sure of the exact amount left in the budget which is why it's not there.

Caleb Pattinson: I have a question, if Will doesn't spend his budget this year, what happens to the funds?

Chris O'Grady: It just gets sucked back into the university

Chris O'Grady: The SSAF budget has already been established for next year. So probably the best thing to do would probably be to wait and having the environment officer next year apply for extra funds. It is SSAF funds, so a consideration has to be given to how much is going to Flinders University students. I'm wondering also how it fits into the categories of SSAF expenditure.

Will Menzies: Is it possible to take out the money and shift it to the NAB bank account?

Chris O'Grady: It's a possibility but I can't give a definitive answer.

Grace Hill: It doesn't sound like we can use the funds from this year.

Will Menzies: I think if we could move forward with the presumption that this is possible and vote for it on that basis.

Roxanna Henshaw: Do you want to post-pone it to the next meeting?

Will Menzies: I would rather not, because last year the last meeting didn't actually happen

James Vigus: If we pass the motion, fine, but obviously if we can't use the money you don't need to change the motion because it just can't happen.

**Motion:** I move a motion that

1. Student Council approve the SA bid for the 2015 Fairly Educated Conference.

2. Student Council call on Flinders University to support the conference and the students and staff involved in hosting it in any way possible, such as through making grounds available at no charge, and other logistical needs.
3. The total amount remaining 2014 Environment Officer's budget at December 1 2014 be held aside for 2015 and made available to the organizers of the 2015 Fairly Educated Conference.
  - a. Should SA not be selected as hosts of the 2015 Fairly Educated conference, this motion will cease to operate.
  - b. These funds must be spent on the organization and hosting of the conference only, and not for any other purpose.
  - c. For FUSA to cover the cost of an expense, documentary evidence of all must be provided to FUSA in the normal manner.
  - d. Should both this motion and the Students of Sustainability motion be approved, organisers both conferences will be entitled to exactly 50% of the available funds each as laid out in this motion. Should only this motion pass, organisers of the Fairly Educated conference will be entitled to 100% of available funds as laid out in this motion.
  - e. All remaining funds not spent two weeks after the completion of the conference(s) should revert to the 2015 FUSA events budget.

**Moved: Will Menzies**

**Seconded: John Photakis**

Abstentions: Michael Bezuidenhout, Tim Mitchell

**Motion Carried**

#### **6.4. \*Endorsement of Flinders University's hosting of Students of Sustainability Conference 2015 – Environment Officer**

Grace Hill: I think same issue in terms of funding.

Will Menzies: Students of Sustainability is at the opposite spectrum of fairly educated. It's an old and established conference.

Michael Bezuidenhout: If it's such a big and successful conference, why does it need our money?

Will Menzies: One of the things that makes it big and successful is having the funding to allow it to be a big and successful event. A lot of the costs will come before the ticket revenue starts coming in. This is not a big scary unknown amount of money.

**Motion:** I move a motion that

1. Student Council congratulate FEAG and SASSEN for being selected to host the 2015 Students of Sustainability conference.
2. Student Council call on Flinders University to support the conference and the students and staff involved in hosting it in any way possible, such as through making grounds available at no charge, and other logistical needs.

3. The amount remaining 2014 Environment Officer's budget at December 1 2014 be held aside for 2015 and made available to the organizers of the 2015 Fairly Educated Conference.
  - a. Should SA not be selected as hosts of the 2015 Fairly Educated conference, this motion will cease to operate.
  - b. All funds must be spent on the organization and hosting of the conference, and not for any other purpose.
  - c. Documentary evidence of all expenditures must be provided to FUSA for
  - d. Should both this motion and the Fairly Educated motion be approved, organizers both conferences will be entitled to exactly 50% of the available funds each as laid out in this motion. Should only this motion pass, organisers of Students of Sustainability conference will be entitled to 100% of available funds as laid out in this motion.
  - e. All remaining funds not spent two weeks after the completion of the conference(s) shall revert to the 2015 FUSA events budget.

**Motioned: Will Menzies**

**Seconded Roxanna Henshaw**

Abstention: Michael Bezuidenhout, James Vigus

**Motion Carried.**

### **6.5. Executive Minute Taker – Environment Officer**

Will Menzies: Forgive my ignorance, if we're paying a casual 15 minutes do we have to pay them a minimum of 2 hours or what?

Chris O'Grady: If the meeting was during office hours then we could get one of the admin to do it, or the minute taker if it's just before student council

Alison Taylor: If it's outside admin hours and not before a SC meeting, what would be the minimum payment.

Caleb Pattinson: Is it relatively easy to schedule it during office hours or before a SC meeting. Can you just accept for an emergency meeting outside of those hours that someone has to minute it.

Michael Bezuidenhout: If it's during hours or before a meeting then there's no issue. The issue is whether it's worth employing someone for 15 minutes or so outside of hours.

Tim Mitchell: Couldn't you add something on the end that it's up to the discretion of the executive.

Michael Bezuidenhout: I suppose it should be General Secretary, not executive, because they would have to meet to agree.



Will Menzies: I think discretion covers a multitude of things.

**Motion:** I move a motion that Student Council executive meetings have a separate minute taker. This minute taker is to be either a paid member of FUSA or Flinders staff, or another person paid at the same rate as the Student Council minute taker. The minute taker is not to be a member of the Student Council Executive. Student Council can operate with a different minute taker at the discretion of the General Secretary.

**Moved:** Will Menzies **Seconded:** Roxanna Henshaw

**Abstention:** Caleb Pattinson, Tyme Childs

**Motion Carried.**

## 6.6. Pride March – Queer Officer

Rosalie Dow: I realized after I didn't say where the funds would come from, clearly it's from the Queer Officers budget. Also, it says 2015 but it's meant to say 2014.

James Vigus: I strongly support this motion

**Motion:** I move that student council approve funds for Flinders University Queer Society involvement in Pride March and Feast Festival 2015.

**Moved:** Rosalie Dow

**Seconded:** Roxanna Henshaw

All in favour.

**Motion carried.**

## 6.9. Flinders University divestment from fossil fuels – International Officer

Michael Bezuidenhout: I just want to say that in principle I support the motion. I just had an amendment to change grammar and syntax etc. I was just thinking something a bit more along the lines of "I motion that SC supports Flinders University divesting from unethical fossil fuel companies."

Motion amended.

Will Menzies: There actually have been a number of students who have been working on this for the last 18 months or so, they've put in FOI requests and been talking with staff around the university and have been making some great progress on this. That group will probably bring their motion on this in the future. I imagine it'll be different to this. I am definitely going to be voting in support of this as this is one of the best things we could do at the university. But I just wanted to make everyone aware that a lot is going on around this.

**Motion:** I motion that SC supports Flinders University divesting from unethical fossil fuel companies.

**Moved:** Yadollah Bahrami

**Seconded:** John Photakis



All in favour  
**Motion carried**

## 6.10. Executive Committee Recommendations

### 6.10.1. \*Honorariums

**Motion:** Student Council accepts the following honorariums:

General Secretary: September and October  
Environment Officer: October  
Queer Officer: October  
International Officer: October  
Social Activities Officer: August and October  
Accessibility Officer: August and October  
Indigenous Officer: October  
John Photakis: October  
Caleb Pattinson: July

**Moved: Roxanna Henshaw**

**Seconded: Yadollah Bahrami**

All in favour  
**Motion carried**

## 7. Matters for Discussion:

### 7.1. FUSA Income Stream – Chris O’Grady

Caleb Pattinson: I love the idea, this might be thinking too big, but I recently heard that the new hub’s going to have a few venues for lease. If we could somehow have the startup money I’d love to see FUSA have a food outlet.

Tim Mitchell: A potential option would be income from vending machines which are already around the university.

Roxanna Henshaw: Could they be fair trade vending machines?

Chris O’Grady: Shane mentioned in the meeting that he’s not amenable to the Student Association establishing a food outlet on campus.

Rosalie Dow: But why? Plenty of universities have student association/student union food outlets.

Will Menzies: I think that we should note in the context of this discussion that Shane McGregor is also on the board of FlindersOne.

Michael Bezuidenhout: I think I'd be fairly pro-vending machines. I also take slight issue of not even being able to discuss the option of a food outlet. I think it's important for students to have access to have low price student run outlets. There's not a lot we can do in face of the University's opposition to this.

Alison Taylor: We shouldn't just go "he said we can't have this lets just back down". The food vans are great, but they're too expensive. The FlindersOne cafes don't provide a lot of options for students.

Caleb Pattinson: I actually had this idea some months ago, I think with the food vans we should be charging maybe \$20 bucks a day or something.

Will Menzies: Last year, student council had a discussion about pricing which I don't think we really followed up on this year. So I definitely think that's a good thing for student council to be looking at. I also think we should acknowledge that FlindersOne has improved their services over the last year.

Alison Taylor: I don't know the specific contract with FlindersOne and the vending machines. If we bought vending machines, would be able to get them on campus or would we have to get the FlindersOne contract?

Chris O'Grady: I think Shane McGregor would be able to determine that.

John Photakis: I just want to bring the council up to date – FlindersOne has tried to make changes to more options but just one of my friends who is gluten intolerant has had a lot of trouble finding gluten-free options on campus.

Will Menzies: I think that it's important that us as a student association that as much of the money that is spent on campus is staying on campus. So when it comes to food and beverage contracts on campus I think it's really important that the contracts should stay with us or FlindersOne so that money remains on campus.

Rosalie Dow: Vending machines wouldn't necessarily be the best options for students because they're often unhealthy food at high prices. I think we should look at food providing options regardless of what flinders has to say about it.

Michael Bezuidenhout: Perhaps, we should have a motion next meeting suggesting more gluten free options in FlindersOne outlets

Ira Herbold: Maybe it would be a good thing to allow student council members to participate in a group to further discuss this and discuss options.

## **7.2. Budget for indigenous students fund**



Tyme Childs: Id' like to put a call out to all indigenous students and reach out and make contact with all those students and get something happening and maybe put out a questionnaire as to maybe why they're not reaching out and getting involved with groups on campus.

Grace Hill: After the meeting we can work out how much you have left. It's your prerogative on how to spend it and next meeting you'd just need to submit a motion with the amount and how you're going to spend it.

*Meeting Closed: 7:16pm*