



**Flinders University Student Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2015.**

Meeting Room, Flinders University Student Association.

5:00pm

Present: James Vigus (Student President), Grace Hill (General Secretary), Amy Hueppauff (Accessibility Officer), Caleb Pattinson (Education Officer), Brodie May (Environment Officer), Latoya Rule (Indigenous Officer), Rosalie Dow (Queer Officer), Simone Jowett (Social Activities Officer), Ella Keegan-Treloar (Welfare Officer), Michael Bezuidenhout, Kevin Clark, Jack Harrison, Ann Raith, Catherine Wagg, Mitchell Huffa (Arrived at 5:27pm) Chris O'Grady, Paul Harrison (Minutes), Stacy Basset (FUSA Admin), Jennifer Matters (Empire Times Editor).

Guest(s): Stacy Basset.

Apologies: None.

Meeting Opened: 17:06.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and Meeting open
2. Apologies
3. Welcome Guests
4. Accept Minutes from previous meeting
5. Reports **Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found.**
 - 5.1. General Secretary's Report
 - 5.2. Education Officer's Report
 - 5.3. Environment Officer's Report
 - 5.4. Queer Officer's Report – None Received
 - 5.5. Women's Officer's Report – None Received
 - 5.6. International Officer's Report – None Received
 - 5.7. Welfare Officer's Report
 - 5.8. Social Activities Officer's Report
 - 5.9. Accessibility Officer's Report – None Received
 - 5.10. Post-Grad Officer's Report – None Received
 - 5.11. Indigenous Officer's Report
 - 5.12. Manager, Student Engagement Report
6. Matters for Decision
 - 6.1. Election for members of executive
 - 6.2. Empire Times Liaison
 - 6.3. Bank Account Signatories



- 6.4. National Day of Action
- 6.5. Postgraduate Student Conference Proposal
- 6.6. Incorporation of FUSA
- 6.7. Student Radio Consultant
- 6.8. Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee
- 6.9. Outdoor Cinema Screening Proposal
- 6.10. Welfare Breakfast Proposal
- 6.11. FUSA AGM
- 6.12. Congratulations to the Queer Officer
- 6.13. Support Australian Unions Rally
- 6.14. Better public transport at Flinders
- 6.15. BBQ
- 6.16. January Honorariums
7. Matters for Discussion
 - 7.1. Election Promises
 - 7.2. Smoking on Campus
 - 7.3. Advertising to Flinders Living Students
 - 7.4. Proposal to transition to a 14 week semester
 - 7.5. Indigenous Student Welcome Dinner
8. Matters for Noting
 - 8.1. World's Greatest Shave
 - 8.2. FUSA Election Regulations
 - 8.3. Relax Day

1. Welcome and Meeting Open

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

5. Reports

Motion: Motion to accept all of the reports.

Moved: James Vigus

All in favour.

Seconded: Grace Hill

Motion Carried.

6. Matters for Decision

Motions to be moved en bloc.

Motion: Motion to accept all unstarred items en bloc.



Unstarred items consist of:

6.9: Outdoor Cinema Screening Proposal

Motion: Student Council approve the proposal for Outdoor Cinema Screenings and allow for minor alterations as deemed appropriate by the Social Activities Officer and the Clubs and Events Officer.

6.10: Welfare Breakfast Proposal

Motion: Student Council approve the proposal for Welfare Brunches and allow for minor alterations as deemed appropriate by the Welfare Officer and the Clubs and Events Officer with regards to the days the service is offered and the budget.

6.14: Better Transport at Flinders

Motion: I move:

1. That the student council declares formal support for free public transport.
2. That the student council supports part-time students being eligible for a full-time concession fare.
3. That the student council calls upon the government for an increase in funding to public transport infrastructure.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Rosalie Dow

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.1. Election for members of executive

James Vigus: Two members of Student Council must be elected to the Student Council executive.

Nominations received at the meeting: Amy Hueppauff, Michael Bezuidenhout, Brodie May.

Brodie May withdraws his nomination for Student Council executive.

Motion: I motion that Michael and Amy be appointed by electoral vote of the council members of the Executive Committee.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Jack Harrison

All in favour

Motion Carried

6.2. Empire Times Liaison

Nominations received at the meeting: Jack Harrison

Motion: I motion that Jack Harrison be appointed FUSA's liaison officer with ET.

Moved James,

Seconded Caleb Pattinson

All in favour

Motion carried.



6.3. Bank Account Signatories

Chris O'Grady: Given the change of staff and Student Council representatives, it is necessary to change the signatories on the FUSA NAB Bank Account.

Motion: Student Council endorses the following:

Current Signatories:

Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement) or

Shaun Hobby (Office Coordinator)

And

Grace Hill (Student President)

Or Roxanna Henshaw (General Secretary)

As of January 1st, 2015, the new signatories on the FUSA NAB Bank Account will be:

Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement) or

Fay Hart (Office Coordinator)

and

James Vigus (Student President) or

Grace Hill (General Secretary)

Moved: James Vigus

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Seconded: Grace Hill

6.4. National Day of Action

Caleb Pattinson: In the event budget I believe we budgeted for setting up the PA system, but Adam Rau has informed me that we have a new pa system that I'll be able to set up without the need to hire someone for assistance.



Simone Jowett: I was just wondering why you haven't budgeted for the food to go with the BBQ?

Caleb Pattinson: I am very amenable to include food in the budget.

Grace Hill: We can amend it now.

Caleb Pattinson: If you take out the casual staff member; that will free up that money to use for food.

Jack Harrison: It's good to keep the pressure on the government and it is good for a student association to do something to support students.

Catherine Wagg: Maybe try to hold some conversations with students so they understand what is going on. Because in the past I have felt like I'm being preached at. Whereas if someone has a conversation with people, if you can have those conversations, it might be a good way of getting more people on board.

Catherine Wagg: I know the NDA is a day where we run around with microphones telling people what's happening. But when we have the second protest at 4 is the time where people should try having a conversation with others.

Michael Bezuidenhout: Do we still have spare orange FUSA t-shirts for other people?

Grace Hill: We should look into getting those. Basically, there were several of us who, last year, built the National Days of Action here at Flinders and spent significant hours on the plaza, on and before the day, speaking to students on campus. Before the budget was announced, deregulation was not something that most students knew. Now deregulation is something that is known by most students. I think the reason that things have actually gone from the majority of people not being against this to them being against this is that it is being in their face all of the time by these protests. I think we need to hold the whole lot of parliament to account. It is something that we need to keep pushing on otherwise we are going to get screwed by the government.

Stacy Basset has left the room 17:23.

Simone Jowett: Regarding the NDAs, they didn't feel FUSA led, they felt faction led. We need to come together as a single group rather than a number of groups.

Jack Harrison: When would be appropriate to talk about getting new shirts for members on council?

Kevin Clark: It's less about talking to people, it's talking with them. Most people if you give them a list of facts they won't comprehend how they apply to them.



Ann Raith: I was thinking for action day, have you thought about having something like long-table, a discussion wherever it's going to be held. So people can actually sit down and ask questions of members. If you have an open discussion, like Q&A.

James Vigus: It's 6 days before our AGM, early in the year. It's a great opportunity to take action and show off FUSA. I think it really is important and this year you've seen the construction site, if we want to continue being relevant we need to be seen active at the start of the year. This impacts everyone in different ways, in different portfolios. I think this is that type of event where we should have tables etc.

Catherine Wagg: I think what Ann was saying was to have a discussion panel. The table to have one on one discussion is great as well.

James Vigus: I think they're great ideas and people should talk to Caleb about what form it should have this year.

Mitchell Huffa has entered the room 17:27.

Motion:

1. Student Council endorses the National Day of Action
2. Student Council reiterates its commitment to increasing university funding and opposing deregulation
3. Office Bearers will promote Student Council's opposition to deregulation and will build the NDA rally.
4. \$450 to be allocated from the events budget to cover the cost of a BBQ and casual staff for the Flinders event.

Amendment: To approve expenditure on purchasing the required food for the BBQ in the budget.

Moved: Caleb Pattinson

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour

Motion Carried.

6.5. Postgraduate Student Conference Proposal

James Vigus: Shannon is not here, she is currently on placement for two weeks. She is organising an O'Day event for postgraduate students on March 10. There are some copies of the proposal floating around. I've told her I'll move the event so that the money for her

event is secured. The motion is to support it and spend the money on the event. She's been working closely with Adam and Steph as well.

Grace Hill: I want to second it and agree with James that it is really good. I went to the one last year and it was really great. It's something that the post-grads can really get involved with.

Simone Jowett: Whether Shannon is promoting it in any other way other than posters? Is she doing any promotion to the post-graduate students?

James Vigus: There should be an email that will be sent to all of the post-graduate students on campus. For those who don't know, most universities have a separate post-graduate organisation

Motion: I move that the Student Council supports the Postgraduate Officer's proposal.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Grace Hill

For: 14

Abstentions: Mitchell Bezuidenhout

Motion Carried.

6.6. Incorporation of FUSA

Michael Bezuidenhout: Currently, being unincorporated, we can't get most grants; it's also about financial liability as well as other legal issues in the document.

Michael Bezuidenhout: I just wanted to mention that there would be some additional requirements. With regards to structural changes, it's not about cutting staff or anything. It may be that in the future staff are hired by FUSA rather than the University. It would take a long time, months, to really go through it all. So this motion is about starting that process.

Jack Harrison: I would like to mention that it's important that we do pursue incorporation. I think we've all heard about McQuarrie University where they were held personally liable.

Kevin Clark: I would just like to make sure that we'd still be insured by the University.

Chris O'Grady: The University Council would have to approve any move for FUSA to be incorporated. If Student Council are happy to direct me to investigate the matter then I will. I would suggest a change to the motion: The second paragraph, "Facilitate and coordinate the incorporation process" that the Manager, Student Engagement "Provides a discussion paper on incorporation including the views of the University". I can pursue all avenues to get advice from legal both internal and external.

Michael Bezuidenhout: I'm not sure we need to implement "including the views of the University.



Motion: I move that Student Council supports the incorporation of Flinders University Students Association and directs the Manager, Student Engagement to provide a discussion paper on the incorporation of FUSA and make recommendations on any further actions required.

Moved: Michael Bezuidenhout

Seconded: Jack Harrison

All in favour

Motion Carried

6.7. Student Radio Consultant

Michael Bezuidenhout: I've starred this because I think there's a lot of money involved in this. But I think it's a little vague – not the motion, but the preamble and proposal around it. I think that there should be a definitive number, not just in the range of 15-30,000. This is a lot of money. I think that if Student Council is to support this it should be capped at 20,000. Just to clarify: The process would be to have a committee for appointment and that sort of thing? I just thought we would want to have an absolute number than a range before we support this.

Catherine: She might need our support before she goes out and getting the quotes.

Chris O'Grady: It is a substantial amount of money, so we'd need Student Council support first.

Chris O'Grady: I've done some rough calculations; I'm thinking it may be a four week job, possibly. We may even have to employ two consultants. My expectation is that it'd be around the \$15,000 to \$20,000 mark. But currently I just don't know. But we will be undertaking a process of due-diligence and creating a committee for the appointment.

Michael Bezuidenhout: I just want to get SC's opinion on student radio itself, and would the student body actually engage with student radio? And a question of how relevant student radio actually is.

James Vigus: Who here is supportive of having a student radio? [Approximately 10 people]

Catherine Wagg: As we are all so engaged at Flinders, we might listen to it. But others might not.

Mitchell Bezuidenhout: I believe Student Radio in this context also includes online, podcasting and that sort of thing.

Simone Jowett: I know this question has been raised and has been prominent in Student Council since 2011. I wanted to state my support for student radio.



James Vigus: I'm pretty luke-warm on it, I think it's an old technology and an expensive one at that. Some of the more successful student radio stations in Australia are more relevant for the broader community such as all of Melbourne. It seems slightly antiquated.

Simone Jowett: In direct response to you saying it's an antiquated medium, the website technology is a lot cheaper than buying the licensing and frequency. It is a lot cheaper to pay for online presence. Once the online process has been completed it is a lot easier to be maintained than a physical airwaves broadcast frequency presence. I think that is the way that the student radio is going.

Chris O'Grady: Allegedly, there is no radio frequency left to purchase, so it would be an online presence.

Jack Harrison: If it's only online we can develop it to almost anything, so I think it's very worthwhile.

Catherine Wagg: So how are we intending on getting it out? Students own devices, speakers in the cafeteria?

Michael Bezuidenhout: I can sort of get behind it, is there going to be a sub-committee or anything from Student Council about it? Unless you have speakers on campus no one is really going to hear it. I guess I can just speak to Steph, or the consultant if there is no sub-committee

Motion: Student Council approve the Manager, Student Engagement to appoint an external consultant(s) to provide expert advice and background on the establishment of Student Radio at Flinders University.

Moved: Simone Jowett

Seconded: Kevin Clark

Against: Brodie May

Motion Carried

6.8. Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee

Nominations received at the meeting: Amy, Rosalie.

Motion: Student Council nominate Amy Hueppauff & Rosalie Dow as the two FUSA representatives on the Equal Opportunity & Diversity Committee

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

All in favour

Motion carried.

6.11. FUSA AGM



Kevin Clark: I know this is probably outside of the scope of what you can answer. Do you know if there is a bus from Tonsley at that time?

Jack Harrison: If the weather is bad at that particular time, what do we do? Do we still have it?

James Vigus: One of the good things of having it in the Humanities courtyard is that we could be able to move it into a lecture theatre if we needed to. We mainly just need a motion from Student Council to approve it so we can begin to promote it.

Motion: Student Council approve the FUSA Annual General Meeting to take place on March 31 2015 at 1pm in the Humanities Courtyard.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Simone Jowett

All in favour

Motion carried.

6.12. Congratulations to the Queer Officer

James Vigus: It's really just to reaffirm that oppressions don't stop at the campus gates; they are in the broader society.

Motion: I move that Student Council reaffirms its commitment to marriage equality, and demands the government immediately remove the homophobic restrictions on marriage in Australia.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour

Motion carried.

6.13. Support Australian Unions Rally

Simone Jowett: I starred this motion just because of point 2 in the motion. I feel like it needs an amendment in that council members may not be able to attend the rally. Yes there are lots of things that we can ask for times off for but a rally may not necessarily be one of them. I think it should be amended to say 'Council Members attend the rally where possible'.

Grace Hill: I'm perfectly fine to amend it to say 'where possible'

Simone Jowett: Or perhaps, "We encourage members to attend the rally".



Grace Hill: That's fine.

Motion:

1. That Student Council support the Australian Unions rally on the 4th of March.
2. That we encourage council members to attend the rally where possible, and promote it to students.

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Michael Bezuidenhout

All in favour

Motion carried.

Michael Bezuidenhout has left the room 18:04.

6.15. BBQ

James Vigus: For clubs and societies the BBQ is a really important tool. In the past, clubs and societies and FUSA have used the BBQ owned by FlindersOne. They no longer own the BBQ so Adam has researched the purchase of a BBQ. It's been clarified by the city of Mitcham that we wouldn't be liable if the clubs used the BBQ and that's really important. This is a backup plan. Buildings and Properties could potentially buy a BBQ for us to use. But in the scenario that they won't do that, we just wanted to make sure that there was a budget line for us to purchase that.

Caleb Pattinson: I know it seems insignificant, but I really strongly support the purchase of a BBQ. If clubs want to expand, or increase campus culture they would need to do that.

Catherine Wagg: Has anyone seen the trailer the hall has, it's fully set up it has an esky on one side, storage on the other and BBQ on the back so it's really transportable and easy to use. So that's another option, it's just really expensive.

Motion: That FUSA allocate \$1,000 to the purchase of a FUSA-owned portable barbeque, to be purchased if the Buildings and Property division decline to purchase this equipment.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour

Motion carried.



6.16. January Honorariums

Motion: I move that the following OB's be immediately paid for their work in January:

- Student President
- General Secretary
- Education Officer
- Environment Officer
- Welfare Officer
- Social Activities Officer
- Postgraduate Students Officer
- Indigenous Students Officer
- Access
- Women's
- Ann Raith

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Amy Hueppauff

All in favour

Motion carried

7.5, Indigenous Student Welcome Dinner has been raised above 7.1.

7.5 Indigenous Student Welcome Dinner

Latoya Rule: We've got at least 50 new orientation students coming through Yunggorendi this year, Yunggorendi this year does an Orientation each year a week before O'Week orientation. We did want to have something for old students, continuing students, to meet the new students so that they know us and it's more of a community feel. However, we didn't get to a budget about it. We did want to do a dinner with them all.

James Vigus: So would this be before the next Student Council meeting?

Latoya Rule: No, it should be later in March.

7. Matters for Discussion

7.1. Election Promises

Chris O'Grady left the room 18:13.

Catherine Wagg: I just guess I wanted to see where people stranded on their election promises. I feel like in the past people have promised outrageous things but have never delivered on them. I just thought maybe next meeting or so people could come back to see where they are on their promises. It's just about being accountable.

James Vigus: I've already raised the issue of parking to University Council, the lack of public transport, the number of students living below the poverty line etc. It's really outrageous that students who are poor have to drive to campus and have to pay what really is a large amount of money. We think there should be measures and acknowledgement even if it's just saying you live in this area and have these means. Yes it's complex, but it should be worked out.

James Vigus: I share the same position as the city of Mitcham that it is ridiculous that Flinders University charges for parking.

Mitchell Huffa: Just on the drive here, I noticed that they've raised the day parking by another 20c to \$4.60.

Simone Jowett: I know one of the things I've promised was bringing events to other areas of the plaza. We already have events lined up around Bedford Park, at Sturt, at Tonsley.

James Vigus: I'm going to cut the speaking list because it's a great discussion, but not necessarily in a formal meeting session. So if they could have a chat with Catherine at that.

Chris re-entered the room 18:18.

7.2. Smoking on Campus

Catherine Wagg: It's just been raised to me that someone had concerns with people smoking in areas that you are unallowed to smoke. It is a concern of mine as well. And in some places it actually gets into the ducting system and stuff and I didn't know who to speak to about that.

Caleb Pattinson: I've had students contact me, not just about that, but smoking in general on campus. It would probably be something that security monitor. Maybe we need to run a campaign that increases awareness of who to report this too.

James Vigus: I'm not sure that telling people that telling people to call security is the first point of call. Second, it just does seem like common sense to just tell people to move on. Calling security just seems like it escalates the confrontation. It would seem like informing them and then if it is still an ongoing problem escalating it.

Kevin Clark: Flinders, unlike some other campuses, there is a large area where you can smoke. It really is just a few minor areas which are very sensible where people cannot smoke.

Chris O'Grady: If Student Council would like to put together some sort of proposal that they would like me to pass through to Buildings and Property then I can do that.



Ann Raith: I think you really do have to place signage where you can smoke, because you can't be discriminatory especially since it is not an illegal activity.

Grace Hill: Flinders is the most notorious place for unclear signage. I think we just need to ensure that there is proper signage.

Catherine Wagg: Did you want me to write a letter about that?

Chris O'Grady: Yes, if you could.

7.3. Advertising to Flinders Living Students

Catherine Wagg: We really need to increase our advertising to Flinders Living students. We were only getting told about events the week of the event. We refused to publish that.

Caleb Pattinson: I think again it's a good point, but FUSA as a whole should be working on advertising to everyone in the university not just Flinders Living.

Jack Harrison: Flinders Living have hundreds of students just on campus that FUSA can tap into. I remember there was no real mention of FUSA and there's a huge number of students. Catherine and I could go into Flinders Living and have a chat with them about it.

Chris O'Grady: Maybe Steph could have a chat with you two about the best ways to communicate with Flinders Living.

Simone Jowett: Is there a possibility of having a Flinders Living liaison within FUSA? Therefore we can make sure that things are getting through to Flinders Living.

7.4. Proposal to transition to a 14 week semester

Catherine Wagg: It's not the case with every degree, and I realise that, but especially within accounting the amount of work is set by outside bodies and by making the semester one week shorter it really crams those weeks in and makes it difficult to complete. So I was just wondering what everyone else thought of that.

Jack Harrison: Just clarifying it, is it 13 weeks for a semester?

Simone Jowett: Week 14 is literally the week before exams, swot vac.

Caleb Pattinson: I'm not sure if it's university regulations that prevent teaching in swot vac.

James Vigus: These are definitely the sorts of issues that we can work on during the year. There are a lot of differences in timetabling and changes happening at university. Caleb is going to be part of consulting with the university and I am also sort of part of the process. I know timetabling is slightly different area than what you're talking about.



Kevin Clark: Perhaps it's just worth looking into making sure that second semester is same as the second.

Catherine Wagg: Yes, the first semester is fine, but it's just the second semester.

Kevin Clark: This is also particularly the case for classes that have labs and have lab reports due at the same time.

Caleb Pattinson: I believe last year is the first year they shortened it. So it might be worth asking the University as to why they did that.

Catherine Wagg: It was so that they could fit sup exams in before the Christmas break. But there's still room to move it, I feel.

Kevin Clark: But that's something that we can consult about.

8. 8. Matters for Noting

8.1. 8.1 World's Greatest Shave

8.2. 8.2 FUSA Election Regulations

8.3. 8.3 Relax Day

Meeting Closed: 18:37.