



Flinders University Student Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015.
Meeting Room, Flinders University Student Association.
6:00pm

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), Siti Maesaroh (International Officer), Shannon Abeywardena (Post-Graduate Officer), Simone Jowett (Social Activities Officer), Ella Keegan-Treloar (Welfare Officer), Riana Cermak (Women's Officer), Michael Bezuidenhout, Kevin Clark, Jack Harrison, Mitchell Huffa, Catherine Wagg, Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement), Paul Harrison (Minutes), Jess Nicole (Empire Times Editor), Laura Telford (Empire Times Editor)

Apologies: Rosalie Dow

Meeting opened: 6:17pm

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

Rosalie Dow will be absent for the meeting.

3. Welcome Guests

The Empire Times Editors were welcomed to the meeting.

4. Accept Minutes from previous meeting

It was decided by Student Council that they would pass the minutes at the next meeting pending a review by all members who attended the previous meeting. The General Secretary is to circulate the minutes in their current form for comment and additions.

5. Reports

The Social Activities Officer gave a verbal report transcribed below:

'As I did mention in my previous report I have injured my back so I've been on medical leave for the last 6 weeks. In the month of May I attended the student leadership in curriculum



development workshop (5 hours). It wasn't particularly well attended, but it did give me some insight in what can be done and how students can become involved in the process and what they can do.

I have been working on the end of semester construction party.

I've only been able to attend one of the O'Week Director meetings for semester 2 O'Week.

I intended to run another sub-committee meeting however one of the members dropped out so I've had to delay the meeting to a more suitable time for all members of the committee.'

Motion: The Student Council accepts the verbal report given by Simone Jowett

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Jack Harrison

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Michael Bezuidenhout tabled a written copy of his report.

Caleb Pattinson: I'd like to amend my report – in my report in the section on rebranding. I'd like to change the section “accept the project or decide to stay with the same brand” it seems to be the FUSA staff's position that the branding that is decided at the end of the process will be the final brand. Apparently at the end of it we cannot go back to our current brand.

James Vigus: Before we accept the reports I just want to acknowledge that it was probably the greatest engagement FUSA has ever had down at Sturt recently. For all of those involved, well done. It's been very important to have all of that activity on that campus. It's been very positive overall.

Simone Jowett: In regards to the rebranding. I don't know if it was mentioned at the last meeting, but when it comes to us making a decision at the end of the process we need to be firm in our decision. We are all invited to all of the rebranding meetings. Please make sure you attend as many as possible as we are given every opportunity to be a part of it.

Grace Hill: In terms of reports, Jack has sent in the details of the hours of work he did in January and the Executive Committee have approved those hours.

Motion: The Student Council accepts the hours Jack Harrison has submitted for his activity in January as well as all of the others.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Simone Jowett

All in favour.

Motion carried.



Motion: The Student Council accepts all of the submitted reports.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Simone Jowett

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6. Matters for decision

Procedural Motion: Add items to matters for decision consisting of:

- 6.14. Student Incentive to complete NUS quality survey – Education Officer
- 6.15. Empire Times Pages – Jack Harrison

Procedural Motion Carried.

6.0. Motions left un-starred to be moved en bloc:

6.1. Condemning Closures of Aboriginal Communities – General Secretary

Motion:

1. Student Council endorse the counter-rally to Reclaim Australia.
2. Student Council are encouraged to attend the counter-rally at 10am, 19th July, Elder Park. Post-Graduate student social event

6.3. End of semester event for Indigenous Students – Indigenous Officer

Motion: I move that Student Council endorses the attached proposal for an end of semester Indigenous Student Movie and Pizza night.

6.5. Rescheduling Gender Equality Week and Bluestockings Week events – Women's officer

Motion: I move that the event dates be changed so that Blue Stockings Week will be (as scheduled by the NTEU) August 10-14 and to have Gender Equality Week from October 12-16.

6.8. Tenure of Student Council – Manager, Student Engagement

Motion: Student Council formally approves the following:

- the change of tenure begins in 2015 so that for the 2016 Election of FUSA Student Council and Empire Times Editorial Team (being held in 2015) that the tenure be changed from 1 January, 2016 – 31 December, 2016 to 1 December, 2015 – 30 November, 2016.



- the current Student Council who were elected from 1 January 2015 – 31 December 2015 will cease as FUSA Student Council as of 30 November 2015 (one month earlier than the period they were elected for) to allow for the incoming Student Council to govern FUSA from 1 December, 2015 – 30 November, 2016. Honoria will be honoured in full.

6.12. Disability Student Representative Awareness Page in Empire Times – Accessibility Officer

Motion: I move that FUSA sets up a textbook fair at the beginning of semester 2 2015 as a trial and following a successful trial begins a twice-yearly fair, once at the beginning of each semester.

6.13. Office Bearer Travel Funding Expenditure – Accessibility Officer

Motion: I would like Student Council to approve \$510 from my conference budget to be spent on sending me to the NUS National Education Conference from July 6th 2015 to July 10th 2015.

6.14. Student Incentive to complete an NUS quality survey – Education Officer

Motion: Student Council approves \$300 from the Education Officer' funds to provide a BBQ incentive for students to complete a NUS Quality Survey.

Motion: The Student Council accepts all of the unstarred motions en bloc

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Simone Jowett

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.2. Rescue the Rohingya refugees – General Secretary

Grace Hill: Basically the reason that I have put this up is that as of the time when I wrote this there were 8000 people who were trying to get to Australia, and unfortunately a number of countries have now adopted Australia's policy of turning them back. This means that all of these people are stuck in distress without help. This is basic human decency that governments are withholding as a result of Australia's policies. If this was a cruise ship full of white people we would not see the government acting in this way. This is an issue of widespread racism. I think it's something that's pretty important there have been several demonstrations in the city.

Grace Hill: I have starred it basically because I want to talk about it and I also want to make an amendment to it after some discussion tonight with Siti, James and other student council members. FUSA Facebook page could be used to promote a fundraising effort made by flinders students.

Grace Hill: The fundraising effort started by Flinders students has been significantly positive so far; clearly the reaction of people is so far the other way from the reaction of politicians. The amendment I wish to include is that ‘Student council authorises and directs the media officer to promote the fundraising effort’.

Catherine Wagg: I’d be in support of finding an organisation to support which makes sure that the money goes to the people who need it most.

Grace Hill: I would be fine having the amendment of “finding an appropriate organisation that is fundraising for this goal and promoting it on the FUSA Facebook.”

James Vigus: I think it’s pretty amazing that the Indonesian students across Adelaide have raised so much money so far. But my understanding is that FUSA advertises an organisation that is still collecting donations so that the students know that there is fundraising going on.

Simone Jowett: I think this is a good opportunity for FUSA social media to be used. Rather than us motioning to support this specific effort, I think it would be better to put forward a motion to support fundraising for all natural disasters from now on. So that if we can react faster and bring it to the Media Officer faster. So that we, as Student Council, can just go straight to the Media Officer and ask her to advertise it.

James Vigus: That’s true, but just for the sake of the motion in its current form, could we first pass the amended motion. If you would like to bring something about that to a future meeting that would be great.

Motion: I move that the Student Council condemns the outrageous inaction on the part of the Australian government, and demands that the Rohingya refugees be rescued and resettled in Australia. The Student council authorises and directs the media officer to promote the fundraising efforts to help the Rohingya refugees. FUSA will look to find an appropriate organisation that is fundraising for this goal

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Latoya Rule

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.4. Funding to attend EdCon for General Council member – Jack Harrison



Jack Harrison: In the last Student Council meeting it was decided that the leftover money from affiliation could be set aside to send General Council members to the education conference. Since writing this item, however, I have realized was that my figures do not add up. So I would like to change the flights from \$200 to \$220.

Amy Hueppauff: Perhaps we should increase it so that if it doesn't get used the funds can go back.

James Vigus: I understand that there's also an equity grant you can apply for and put that towards what you cannot afford. I think \$480 should be enough.

James: Why don't we just move the three?

Motion: FUSA approves spending \$480 on each General Council member who wants to go to EdCon. That figure is based on \$120 conference fee, \$140 for accommodation and \$220 for flights.

Motion: FUSA approves spending \$510 on the Social Activities Officer to go to EdCon. That figure is based on \$120 conference fee, \$140 for accommodation and \$250 for flights.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.6. Clubs and Societies Regulations Changes – Manager, Student Engagement

Jack Harrison: The thing that I wish to bring up is that I have noticed that 3.1(i) for financial clubs must comply with objectives and aims of the association. I think that non-financial clubs should comply with them too as I believe that anyone who wishes to affiliate with FUSA should comply with its objectives and aims.

James Vigus: I think it's fine. Is there any discussion around the change?

Michael Bezuidenhout: What happens if a club has to affiliate but can't because it doesn't comply with our objectives?

Simone Jowett: Well they don't have to affiliate to us at all. The statement that they have to affiliate with us is inherently false.

James Vigus: I'll put that to a vote with the amendment.

Motion: That Student Council approve the proposed changes to the Clubs and Societies Regulations.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Jack Harrison

All in favour.



Motion carried.

6.7. Empire Times Regulation Changes – Manager, Student Engagement

Jack Harrison: It seems that the Manager, Student Engagement could simply deny funding to Empire Times with that change of wording in section 10.1 from overseeing to approving. It might be worthwhile to have a clause that says with approval of student council.

Simone Jowett: Was it you who wrote these regulations Chris?

Chris O’Grady: Jonathon Louth and Steph Walker that suggested these changes in discussion with myself.

Kevin Clark: As it stands, if for whatever the reason, in future if the Manager, Student Engagement wanted to cut Empire Time’s budget then they could.

Jack Harrison: I think it’s really important we add something to that.

Chris O’Grady: I think for the budget it’s appropriate, for the rest of it I don’t think you’d want the Manager, Student Engagement to defer to student council.

Jack Harrison: No, I agree, that is not my intention. Just the budget.

Simone Jowett: It’s a precautionary measure so that things can be remedied after the fact. We don’t want to take control from Empire Times.

Catherine Wagg: I would just say that if Student Council has a problem in the future maybe it can just be brought up then? Rather than writing it directly into the regulations.

Michael Bezuidenhout: Perhaps just changing to overseeing again? But it’s a lot less definite so it makes it a lot easier to intervene.

Jack Harrison: We could just take out the word “responsible” in 10.1 and add in the word ‘overseeing’ before (b) and ‘approving’ before (a), (c), (d) and (e).

Motion: That Student Council approve the proposed changes to the Empire Times Regulations with the suggested amendments.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Simone Jowett

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.9. Returning Officer for the 2015 Annual Elections – Manager, Student Engagement



Michael Bezuidenhout: My concerns remain in that the election tribunal is three men. My concern is that you have a female Returning Officer, but you have the body of three men saying “that’s nice dear, but no”.

Latoya Rule: I think I mentioned a few weeks ago that it would be nice to try to have someone of a First Nation’s background on there. Jonathon has put the third person on there just in case we couldn’t get anyone from Yunggorendi. She will be getting back to me tomorrow about that.

Jack Harrison: What is the requirement to change the tribunal?

Simone Jowett: There’s still no women on the tribunal – but the Returning Officer is our first point of call. So having a woman as the Returning Officer is definitely a step in the right direction. She is the person we speak to first, that’s how the system works. I think it’s a much more amenable to have a female Returning Officer. If it happened that we could not get the woman from Yunggorendi; if we pushed the decision back another month the elections would be coming up very quickly. So if we don’t have a tribunal by the time elections starts this would be a big issue.

Michael Bezuidenhout: My understanding is that if they get appointed now, we can’t simply unappoint them. It would be extremely difficult for us to remove someone if we found someone more suitable after. Considering that elections are in October, we still have significant periods of time to sort it out and I would rather get it right the first time.

Kevin Clark: Especially before we heard we might have an alternative, I largely agree with Simone. I know that staff members such as Jonathon have been working hard to fill those roles. I think that if people are in favour with Mary Heath as a Returning Officer, we should at least approve her tonight. If there isn’t an alternative to the tribunal, we’re better off having a tribunal rather than not.

Latoya Rule: The other person who Jonathon has got is willing to step down if she does say yes.

Jack Harrison: My only concern with the Returning Officer is that Mary is a lecturer so my concern is that during the course of the election she will be lecturing which will hinder ability to act as Returning Officer.

Simone Jowett: I think it’s important to note that I don’t think people would accept the position of Returning Officer if they didn’t know what it entailed especially since the changes to the election regulations.

Kevin Clark: The Returning Officer is generally going to be a member of the staff and it shouldn’t be expected that they shouldn’t keep up with their teaching obligations. The

expectation is that they will have a few hours which they can be contacted and may respond outside of their teaching time

Michael Bezuidenhout: I'm generally concerned that you would have a non-student as an RO. It's a student body where students are elected by students and by continuing to outsource these roles to staff we are going outside of the nature of what a student body should be:

Catherine Wagg: Where are you going to find a student that is interested in student politics enough that isn't running for Student Council?

Amy Hueppauff: And also is unbiased.

Motion: That Student Council approve the appointment of the Assoc. Prof Mary Heath to be the Returning Officer for the 2015 FUSA elections as per clause 4.2 of the Election Regulations.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Mitchell Huffa

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.10. Election Tribunal for the 2015 Annual Elections – General Secretary

Kevin Clark: I'm of the opinion that we should pass this now as Latoya has said that one of them is willing to step down.

Motion: That Student Council approve the appointment of Assoc. Prof Haydon Manning, Dr Grant Niemann and Dr Patrick Allington to the inaugural Election Tribunal for the 2015 FUSA elections as per clause 17.2 of the Election Regulations.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Kevin Clark

For: 15

Against: Michael Bezuidenhout.

Motion carried.

6.11. Club Affiliation Approval – General Secretary

Grace Hill: Five clubs that have sent in applications to affiliate. Of those clubs, we have receive one application for non-financial affiliation from the Flinders University Liberal Club

Simone Jowett: I brought this up at the last meeting; I think it's great to have the description of the clubs aims. I think it's important that we do have listed that we have received all affiliation documents.

Grace Hill: It doesn't make it here if they have missed certain aspects of affiliation. I could bring in documents about how all the

Caleb Pattinson: I think a lot of that is already on the website

Jack Harrison: Student Council hasn't seen any documentation that these clubs have met any of these requirements. Maybe it might be best to push that to the next meeting

Kevin Clark: In terms of seeing the documentation, as Grace has mentioned, they already have met the requirements to meet here. It would be nice to be noted if it's financial and non-financial.

Kevin Clark: If people have questions both Grace and Adam Rau are the people to talk about them. It would be detrimental to delay affiliations. In particular, the CSEM would like to have a new members event which requires grant funding.

Catherine Wagg: I would just like to reiterate that I would like to see if they're financially affiliated or not.

Caleb Pattinson: I would just like to emphasise that I would like to see Student Council approve CSEM as I have spent time with them helping them through the whole process.

Grace Hill: I definitely acknowledge breaking it into the categories of financial and non-financial. In terms of the constitutions and details they've submitted, there's a lot of documents. I just think it's unwieldy to put their constitutions. I'm just wondering what the issue is with these particular clubs? Is it one of these clubs? Or more than one of these clubs?

Michael Bezuidenhout: I have to believe Grace that they have met the requirements, which is fine. Just in light of the amendments, will they continue to be eligible?

Latoya Rule: The SOS conference is just a once off event. With regards to club – is it just created as another means of getting money, rather than a club?

Caleb Pattinson: I just wanted to clear up – I don't have an issue with any of it. I think Grace is here to advise – I don't think we should print off the information as there's a number of pages. If you seek information you can email grace and get the information

Catherine Wagg: Would it be too much effort to email out a constitution just when you receive it?

Grace Hill: What I could do is send out an email with all of them attached. I don't mind, it's not secret information. I'm fine with doing that. In terms of the concern raised by Michael the only club. The change only affects non-financial clubs. The only club on this list would be

the liberal club which states they will be able to deny membership to any student for any reason.

Grace Hill: The students of sustainability organizing collective is intended to exist in the short-term to get funding for the students of sustainability conference and then dissolve everything.

Simone Jowett: In terms of the SOS there are better ways of them to get funds than just get a club, get funding and then dissolve? Is that something we want to approve? Or is there another way we want to do that?

Kevin Clark: In terms of being able to decline membership for any reason. You can still be non-financially affiliated.

i. Bachelor of Health Sciences Student Association

Motion: That Student Council accepts the Bachelor of Health Sciences Student Association's application for financial affiliation.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

All in favour.

Motion carried.

ii. Flinders University Liberal Club

Jack Harrison: From what's being provided, I would like to see their constitution. If they have to conform to the aims and objectives of FUSA. They have stickers that say scrap the SSAF. It is my understanding that FUSA is pro-SSAF.

James Vigus: I think that we have to be really careful around democratic rights, freedom of association and disagreements around particular questions. It does set a bad precedent to ban clubs and political clubs. I suppose I would just like to caution Student Council making decisions about that if they were a club that brings harm and violence towards people. I think we have to be very very careful before we go down the road of banning political opponents. I would support the Liberal Club being affiliated if they just wanted to do what it says in this section.

Kevin Clark: So long as the Liberal Club broadly follows the same concepts there really isn't any reason why they shouldn't be affiliated.

Simone Jowett: I think it's also important to note that they can deny membership to any person for any reason. That is not allowed under our regulations regardless of any political

affiliation. Just because they are right leaning is not the reason to deny them; that is the reason to deny them.

Michael Bezuidenhout: Non-financial may have restrictive membership. It's just that if you do get our money then they cannot have restrictions.

Grace Hill: I broadly agree with James about not bureaucratically preventing these people from starting this club as repugnant as I find them. In terms of their constitution, it is all fine except for that contentious section.

Catherine Wagg: They can deny membership for any reason – if one person doesn't agree with one part of the Liberal Party's philosophy then they can be denied.

Jack Harrison: The Contentious nature of the clause it would be appropriate for Student Council to see the document

Chris O'Grady and Paul Harrison drew Student Council's attention to ss 14 and 15 of the Clubs and Societies regulations.

Kevin Clark: It is important for us to get a lot of clubs through at the moment so they are prepared for semester 2. As Chris and Paul have just pointed out; there are clauses that cover this area in the regulations. I would like to motion for a vote soon.

Motion: That Student Council accepts the Flinders University Liberal Club's application for non-financial affiliation.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Kevin Clark

For: 11

Against: Amy Hueppauff, Simone Jowett, Jack Harrison, Latoya Rule

Abstain: Catherine Wagg

Motion carried.

Chris O'Grady has left the room: 8:01

iii. Flinders Computer Sciences, Engineering and Mathematics Student Association

Motion: That Student Council accepts the Flinders Computer Sciences, Engineering and Mathematics Student Association's application for financial affiliation.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

All in favour.

Motion carried.

iv. Students of Sustainability Organising Collective

Motion: That Student Council accepts the Students of Sustainability Organising Collective's application for financial affiliation.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

For: 0

Abstention: Brodie May

Against: 15

Motion failed.

v. Post Graduate Flinders University Society of Engineers

Motion: That Student Council accepts the Post-graduate Flinders University Society of Engineers' application for financial affiliation.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Jack Harrison

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.14. Four Allocated Student Council Pages in Empire Times – Jack Harrison

Jack Harrison: I move that I will provide Empire Times with an NUS welfare campaign poster to publish in Empire Times.

Caleb Pattinson: I'd like to raise a point - I just think the process in its current form is too messy.

Simone Jowett: I did make a suggestion that as we have elected him as the Empire Times Liaison, it shouldn't have to come to Student Council.

Jack Harrison: I agree with what Caleb said, however, we're stuck with what we had.

Motion: That Student Council dedicates one of the pages to the Accessibilities officer.

Moved: Jack Harrison

Seconded: James Vigus

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Caleb Pattinson: I think that Empire Times is a great publication and I would hope that council would like to have stuff that students would want to read. Not just advertisements.

Grace Hill: We didn't elect Jack to have control of the content of Empire Times. It entails communicating between Student Council and Empire Times. What is the theme of the next issue?

Jess Nicole: The next issue is the sex issue.



Kevin Clark: These four pages are for Student Council and FUSA related things. If you're writing for stuff outside of that it's completely separate. It's not the case of Student Council just writing for Empire Times.

James Vigus: I would like for us to dedicate a page to Rosalie, the Queer Officer

Motion: That Student Council approves a page for the Queer Officer.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Jack Harrison

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Motion: That Student Council dedicates one page to Caleb Pattinson. If Rosalie Dow does not use her page, that page shall be given to Riana Cermak.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Simone Jowett

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7. Matters for discussion

Meeting entered in-camera discussion: 8:16.

Meeting left in-camera discussion: 8:21.

8. Matters for Noting

9. Meeting Close

Meeting closed: 8:21pm