



**Flinders University Student Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th August 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, via phone), Shannon Abeywardena (Post-Graduate Officer), Rosalie Dow (Queer Officer), Simone Jowett (Social Activities Officer), Michael Bezuidenhout, Kevin Clark, Jack Harrison, Mitchel Huffa, Catherine Wagg, Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement), Paul Harrison (Minutes), Jess Nicole (Empire Times Editor), Laura Telford (Empire Times Editor).

Meeting opened: 6:03pm

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

Ella Keegan is an apology for this meeting.

3. Welcome Guests

4. Accept Minutes from previous meetings

Simone Jowett: I just wanted to make a change to the minutes of the May meeting. Unlike the rest of council I did not actually review the minutes earlier as I was not present at the meeting. However, I just noticed that I am not listed as an apology for that meeting. So I'd like to amend them to include myself as an apology.

Motion: Student Council accepts the May Student Council minutes with amendment and the minutes of the previous meeting.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Simone Jowett

All in favour.

Motion carried.

5. Reports

Motion: Student Council accepts the submitted reports.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Simone Jowett



All in favour.

Motion carried.

6. Matters for Decision

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

Procedural Motion: Raise 6.5 and 6.9 to be discussed concurrently with 6.1 as all three matters for decision deal with the same issue.

Moved: Jack Harrison

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Motions left un-starred:

6.6. Booining Adam Goodes is racist – General Secretary

Motion: The student council condemns all booing of Adam Goodes as racist, and stands proudly in solidarity with Goodes and his public stand against racism.

6.7. Motion to support NUS Wellbeing Survey – Amy Hueppauff

Motion: I move that Student Council supports the National Union of Students Wellbeing Survey and that all Student Council members make an active effort to support and be involved in the collection of information for this survey. This includes helping to set up and pack up stalls, assisting at the stalls, talking to students and facilitating the collection of information.

6.8. Motion to access funds for NUS Wellbeing Survey – Amy Hueppauff

Motion: I move that Student Council supports the allocation of \$2,000 of the Accessibility Officer's funds for the National Union of Students Wellbeing Survey. This will be spent on food and drink for stalls to collect data from students.

6.10. \ 6.11. \ 6.12 Club Affiliations – General Secretary

Motion: Accept the affiliations of AYCC and Engineers Without Borders Flinders Humanitarian Society.

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

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Simone Jowett



All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.1. Oppose the Bjorn Lomborg consensus centre – James Vigus

And

6.5. Bjorn Lomborg Protest – Brodie May

And

6.9. Motion to stop Flinders University from hosting Bjorn Lomborg and the “Australian Consensus Centre” – Amy Hueppauff

James Vigus: I feel that the reason why there's so much displeasure and anger amongst staff and students is because of the process of how this has occurred and the political nature of this. This comes at a time where we have a federal government cutting research grants all of the time, particularly to the sciences. At a time when there's going to be a 20% cut to higher education it's quite extraordinary that someone who is so closely associated to the Government's political agenda of downplaying climate change impact has \$4 million attached to their research.

James Vigus: I think that people quite rightly feel aggrieved at this. Why shouldn't that person or everybody else go through the same process as everybody else? And that is that they should put forward their research credentials and academic record and join the line with everyone else. I think there's a certain amount of blackmail from the Abbott Government that says we will keep cutting funding and force the cost onto students in general. So it's quite controversial that this person, who fits in with what the Government wants to hear, all of a sudden has \$4 million attached.

James Vigus: This has nothing to do with, as Andrew Parkin tried to say just then, the Flinders way of controversy. What is controversial here is that we have a federal Government here that is full of climate change deniers and is also a government that is unwilling to take action on climate change and they've found someone who is willing to fit that narrative.

James Vigus: I think that we should stand as a Student Council with our students regardless of what type of student. Those who are just enrolling and are interested in climate change all the way through to researchers.

James Vigus: Well done to everyone so far who has taken action and started those discussions within the university. Hopefully we can stop this outrageous proposal from happening and have a united front against this.

Simone Jowett: I think it's important to note in terms of what James has said. I personally know of 3 students who have had their funding cut and have had to move to other universities. It's something that's already affecting Flinders students.

Caleb Pattinson: All I was going to add was that I'm completely for all three motions. Andrew Parkin really did stress in the chat before that there won't be a consensus centre. It might appear as tokenistic or trivial, but simply changing the name "Consensus centre" to "Research Grant" in the motions might just carry more substance so that they don't disregard it because of that. We should do that just to make sure that we are factually correct and it's clear to the University what we are opposing.

Grace Hill: It seems like the Flinders administration is going out of their way to misrepresent the whole debate and mischaracterise what is said because it's "not going to be a centre". The other thing is the way that how people who disagree are being characterised as people who are opposed to free speech at university. As if what we're opposing is that Lomborg is allowed to speak. This is his politics, it lines up with their ideology and that's why he's been given \$4 million and this \$4 million has not been offered for other valuable kinds of research.

Jack Harrison: I was wondering if anyone on the executive was able to give a very quick run-down of their discussion earlier with Andrew Parkin.

Michael Bezuidenhout: I guess the important thing for me is that for Flinders staff and students they need to have a respected university with integrity so that their work is also treated with respect. It is also needed so that university degrees have value. Inviting people who have a poor record of academic integrity is something that would be detrimental to all of us. I think that's a big part of my concerns; if he was researching here the damage to the reputation is worth significantly more than the value of the grant. In terms of what Andrew Parkin said; he was stressing that it was not a consensus centre. Even he has acknowledged that there's no real separation from Lomborg's reputation.

Kevin Clark: Even for those that don't particularly care either way. I think the key point to put across is that "yes it's really shit" because it is. But mainly that it damages our wider reputation. Even in unrelated fields it's very damaging because Flinders research can be bought.

Jack Harrison: I was just wondering if someone from the executive could state what Andrew's points were.

Caleb Pattinson: So he came in and criticised our posters as having a poor design which he believed had blood and stuff depicted. He broke down the research grant and said that 1m would be on the construction of the project.

Simone Jowett: 'Construction of the project'. So, the Consensus Centre?

Caleb Pattinson: \$1 million would be put to PhDs – they reckon that there would be about 10 PhDs out of it. Then \$2 million would be on the other projects which would be the big research items. One of them would be humanitarian and Flinders might be able to pick one or two of the other ones.

He really emphasised that the consensus centre was not a thing. He said that he was open to consultation. There's a web page set up on the website and he also he was happy to receive emails. So feel free to email him.

As far as the way they've gone about it. The information I've received which was isolating the two schools then going to Biology then Environment was correct. He reckons that it was very transparent in the way Flinders went about it. But I think that was in comparison to UWA, not general transparency.

Amy Hueppauff: I agree that we should be using the terminology research grant instead of consensus centre.

Brodie May: It's sort of funny that Caleb referenced the transparency thing at UWA where they kept it secret for months. The other thing the research grant would be doing would be in regards to the UN centre goals. It's pretty clear that they're going to come to the same conclusion of every other consensus centre – it's going to conclude that we need to use more coal. Irrespective of what they say that it's not related to environment, they're going to come to conclusions about environmental science. That's the sort of misdirection we can expect. They are most definitely going to come to conclusions about environmental science.

James Vigus: So from my understanding within the university is that it's running about 905 academics against the proposal there've been deans of schools who have just refused to speak about it. There was an overwhelming majority to not even contemplate having a discussion because of the broad opposition to the centre.

James Vigus: This is really four older male academics, including Andrew Parkin in his role as an academic, who thought that this would be a good idea and have really gone about trying to start this process. There was a lot of angst amongst academics before it got public who thought it would be stopped before it became public. There's such anger amongst the academic staff here. Sometimes research grants are attached to bodies of researchers and not necessarily universities. There is some talks of some people saying 'we're just going to take our research centre away from Flinders' and are saying that 'we do not want to be associated with this'.

James Vigus: It's not just Ian Hunter in parliament who is opposed to this, it's pretty clear that right through the State Government that there's people who are opposed and embarrassed by this.

James Vigus: That's just some of the information I know. I really want people to keep the pressure up and getting people to sign the petitions floating around. The university supported us in putting up posters and then informed us that a number of them have been taken down. I understand on glass, but grey besser brick I don't understand.

James Vigus: The action on Thursday. Obviously we have the NAIDOC event happening tomorrow. Thursday 11:30 for a 12 O'clock start outside the registry building.

Jack Harrison: Would it be possible for the Student Council to direct the Environment Officer or President to write a letter to the relevant deans and the chancellor.

Simone Jowett: Rather than just hoping they see their motion?

Brodie May: Are you saying that we write a letter saying that Student Council opposes this?

Jack Harrison: Yeah, outlining everything we have discussed and focussing and outlining our main issues such as the academic integrity issues.

James Vigus: I personally just think we should just have everyone's names on the letter. I personally think that's stronger. It's not just the president or environment officer speaking. I don't mind if the people want to help and we can draft something up and we can get as many names on their as possible which we can present it to maybe Colin.

Caleb Pattinson: Can I move that we change consensus centre to research grant in the motions.

The proposed change is acceptable to all members.

6.1. Oppose the Bjorn Lomborg Research Grant

Motion: The Flinders University Student Association opposes Bjorn Lomborg and his research grant being hosted at Flinders University and any self-respecting university in Australia and abroad.

6.5. Bjorn Lomborg Protest

Motion: I move that Student Council endorses the upcoming protest against Lomborg and the research grant on Thursday the 6th at the Registry Building, and will use its social media to promote the event.

6.9. Motion to stop Flinders University from hosting Bjorn Lomborg

Motion: I move that Student Council condemn Flinders University's consideration to host Bjorn Lomborg and his research grant.



Motion: The Student Council accepts all of the Bjorn Lomborg related motions en bloc with the proposed change.

Moved: Caleb Pattinson

Seconded: Simone Jowett

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.2. Women's Officer Budget – Riana Cermak

Simone Jowett: Riana asked me to speak on her behalf as she can't be here tonight. This one is to replace the one we have approved completely as the events have changed. The plan we approved last time is null and void. She has also asked me to add an extra \$150 for gifts for guest speakers but stressed that she probably won't use it all but would rather be over than under. So the total funds requested from the Women's Officer's budget come to a total of \$756. So it's an extra \$150 for the first event.

Simone Jowett: The event on August 31st is non Blue-Stockings but is relating to women's issues as well. I can answer a couple of questions if anyone has them.

Caleb Pattinson: I don't have a big issue to raise, but I'm just curious as to why the U-turn.

Simone Jowett: From my understanding she put too much on her plate and it was far too difficult.

Mitchel Huffa: Do we know who the guest speakers are for August the 10th?

Catherine Wagg: This isn't about the budgets – but I haven't seen any advertisements go out for Blue-Stockings week. It's actually really sad that I haven't seen anything. I think we really need to push that as well.

Simone Jowett: I'll pass that on.

Latoya Rule: Do you know if any of the speakers are aboriginal?

Simone Jowett: I'm not sure; you may need to ask Riana that.

Motion: The Student Council accepts the proposed budget.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.3. Confidential Item.

Procedural Motion: Move item 6.3 to the end of the agenda to be discussed in-camera.

Moved: James Vigus

All in favour.



Motion carried.

6.4. R U OK Day – Ella Keegan.

Mitchel Huffa: There's no discussion about what the event would be or what it's being spent on. Is there an actual budget for this?

Rosalie Dow: Part of what the funding went to last year was a whole bunch of R U OK day merchandise and ways to ask people that and t-shirts for the volunteers and all of that.

Caleb Pattinson: As a question to Chris as to whether or not we have that in the budget?

Chris O'Grady: Yes.

Grace Hill: I have not received anything else from Ella – it's just what was in the agenda. We may just have to rely on the information from Rosalie. But the event itself is in September so we could get information later.

Motion: That Student Council endorses the use of \$1,500 from the Events Budget to contribute to the R U OK Day.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Kevin Clark

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7. Matters for Discussion

Procedural Motion: Insert Empire Times as a Matter for Discussion.

Moved: Jack Harrison

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7.0. Empire Times – Jack Harrison

Jack Harrison: Sorry for not submitting this to the agenda. I did not have internet all weekend. Just regarding the pages we have in ET. What I propose is that if you want something between now and the end of the year I suggest you come see me and we can figure out when you can submit it and we can approach our lovely editors with it.

Amy Hueppauff: Can I just ask; when is the next deadline?

Jess Nicole: The 17th. It will come out in September. We do have the deadlines on the website too. If you have any questions just email us.

Caleb Pattinson: I think we are just over politicising that. If you have an article to submit to Empire Times for Student Council, just email it to Empire Times and CC Jack so he knows it's happening.

Jack Harrison: The problem is if we have too many things there.

Caleb Pattinson: But isn't that an editor's role though. It should be their onus.

Jess Nicole: We would be happy with that. So far the lack of contributions has been kind of disappointing. It screws us over as well as we are waiting on content from you. We're here to help you though. I don't know if you guys received a big pdf document with the guidelines, deadlines and suggestions for topics which we sent out. If not, we can send it again to help you. We are here to help you use your pages; it's as simple as that. Just let us know.

It is just a minimum of 4 pages. ET is probably happy to have more than 4 pages. Then I think it should be up to Jack to work out what should be cut out. I can't see it being the case in the near future, but I think it is important that it's a member of Student Council that chooses.

Catherine Wagg: I'd be in support of the editors choosing what goes in. Then if there's a discrepancy then they can liaise with Jack.

Jack Harrison: I'd like to move a motion that we utilise one of the pages for the NUS Wellbeing survey which we have endorsed en-bloc.

Caleb Pattinson: Can I just suggest that if you receive over 4 pages of content then can you liaise with Jack and then Jack can you email out if they have received too much?

Motion: That Student Council uses one of their allocated pages for the NUS Wellbeing survey.

Moved: Jack Harrison
All in favour.

Seconded: Amy Hueppauff

Motion carried.

7.1. Attendance at FUSA Events – Catherine Wagg

Catherine Wagg: I go to a lot of FUSA events and it's disappointing that a number of Student Council members are not attending for whatever reason. So I just wanted to know what events would interest them? If you guys have any events ideas then I'm sure Simone would be happy to have them.

Grace Hill: I think another issue was like the promotion of these things. Another issue is; how are people supposed to know that it's on? I think that there's a whole number of our events that could be a lot better posted for and there could be leaflets for at our regular events table. Even if it's just a leaflet for a film that we're showing, or a club is showing.

Simone Jowett: I just want to make the statement as well. Attending an event doesn't mean volunteering.

Shannon Abeywardena: Have you tried having them at Uni hall or DJ village?

Simone Jowett: Yes. For example we had the construction party over there. I've been talking with some of the tutors and our new events assistant is also employed with the village.

7.1. Naming of Spaces in the Student Hub – Chris O'Grady

Latoya Rule: I'd like some indigenous names to dual names. This is a great trend that heaps of other Universities have been doing as well. I think that this could be a really good time to implement some dual naming here. If I could have some time to find some aboriginal names that would work well in the hub.

Chris O'Grady: So you're suggesting having dual names for every space?

Latoya Rule: Yes, that's right.

Simone Jowett: Can we please agree that we don't call it the hub? Because that's what Adelaide's space is called.

Rosalie Dow: Unfortunately it's been called the hub now for so long I don't think anything else is going to catch on.

Grace Hill: I think one of the things people like about Flinders is that the buildings are very clearly named. I think that it's fine because 'the hub' is what it is. Unlike a building such as the Napier, it doesn't really explain what it is. What even is a Napier? That's why I don't mind it being named the hub.

Mitchel Huffa: Even if we name it something else, everyone's going to call it the hub

Caleb Pattinson: I'd just like to mention how absolutely appalling student consultation process has been for a hundred and fifty million dollar investment. Actually, come back to me in a second.

Jack Harrison: Do we want to come to a recommended suggestion for each one of these rooms. What do we want to get out of this discussion?

James Vigus: Have a bit of a general discussions and then pick the top three or so names.

Caleb Pattinson: So it's been absolutely appalling. They did this big student consultative process last year which was great. One of the really emphasised features in the report was students' wants and desire for inexpensive food. I then attended a food and budget consultative committee, which was scheduled during exams, and it was just about them wanting to charge \$15 for a salad. We should be receiving frequent updates about the

progress of this. We should have been proactively approached during the entire process by the University.

Simone Jowett: Two things – what is our timeline for getting feedback back to MACO?

Chris O’Grady: I spoke to MACO today they’re planning to have a forum for all students mid-august. So they want to move quickly with this. So you might have ten days or so.

Simone Jowett: The other question is: How much of it is in-line with the student proposal that won last year? How much of that did they actually use?

Chris O’Grady: The Fuller proposal was very broad in its actual objectives. Cheap food, spaces to study, spaces to connect. You could say they are broadly reaching those objectives. It was a very very broad report.

Chris O’Grady: If you guys have serious concerns about the hub. The hub proposal team would definitely be happy to attend a meeting and answer your questions completely.

Grace Hill: It’s so illustrative of the fact that student consultation is always that ten of you can sit in a room make some sounds and we’ll do what we want. One of the major things students want was some place to eat on campus which was inexpensive and not subway. And their idea of this was \$15 for some leaves in a cup. I have a feeling any consultation around this will be the same. We can come up with names and have our preference, and I think we should do so strongly, but I think ultimately it will go the way they want it to. Half of these things are named after themselves.

Latoya Rule: They’re offensive as well.

Rosalie Dow: Two things, one is that they basically sucked at the whole student consultation thing. I went to so many meetings and had so many people saying they’ll have gender neutral bathrooms and then after months they just turned around and said “that got too hard, we’re not going to do that, they can use the disabled bathrooms”. It was just last minute, three days to go. There was no option for campaigning about it, no option for anything.

Rosalie Dow: Second thing is that the nautical stuff, I don’t know for sure but, I think it is really offensive and is just evocative of our nautical history of invasion. And I know that we go to Flinders University, but I don’t think we need to continue to name things after this.

Shannon Abeywardena: Just thinking, some of the ones seem to have an ethnic theme – would it be a good idea to name after sort of world themes like capitals of countries.

Latoya Rule: That’s one of the reasons why I’ve suggested that we suggest Kuarna names. There’s the one ‘the Deck’, the deck is a subtle nautical reference to the University’s namesake Mathew Flinders simultaneously referencing Australian culture of alfresco living and indicating a heightened location of panoramic views. It’s really sad.



Caleb Pattinson: Can I please move a motion to direct MSE to contact hub project team to organise a consultative meeting with student council? I'm happy with the next meeting or in between these two meetings. Not so much about the names, but generally for the hub. To direct the Manager, Student Engagement to contact the hub project team to attend the next Student Council meeting. I'm conscious of their work schedule – so we could do it at four o'clock or something.

Chris O'Grady: There will be an invitation to attend a meeting sent to other students to discuss the naming – you guys can come along to that as well.

Motion: Student Council directs the Manager, Student engagement to contact the hub project team to attend the next Student Council meeting.

Moved: Caleb Pattinson

Seconded: Simone Jowett

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Simone Jowett: Can I just quickly say that when I looked through this list that I was very ignorant of the offensiveness of the names. So thank you for pointing that out Latoya.

Amy Hueppauff: Are we just picking one or offering our own suggestions?

Kevin Clarke: Can I suggest in terms of the naming stuff that everyone on student council over the next week to have a look at the precincts and buildings and come up with names you like and even new names that you like.

Latoya Rule: Just quickly, there's no reason why it can't be named a Kuarna name as well.

Chris O'Grady: Just to say – the idea behind is that MACO want to take two naming options for each space for senior executive to decide on the final name for the space.

Meeting moved to in-camera discussion.

Motion: That Student Council endorse the 2016 draft FUSA/SE Budget for 2016, allowing for minor changes to be made by the Manager, Student Engagement in consultation with the Student President and General Secretary.

Motion Carried.

Meeting entered in-camera discussion: 7:34pm.

8. Matters for Noting

9. Meeting Close

Meeting left in-camera discussion.



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Meeting closed: 8:23pm.

