



**Flinders University Student Council Meeting
Provisional Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 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), Simone Jowett (Social Activities Officer), Kevin Clark, Jack Harrison, Mitchel Huffa, Catherine Wagg (Ordinary Council Members), Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement), Kate Walsh (Student Representation and Development Officer), Jessica Nicole (Empire Times Editor), Laura Telford (Empire Times Editor), Anthea Stanton (Minutes).

Meeting opened: 1800

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

Shannon Abeywardena (Post-Graduate Officer), Michael Bezuidenhout (Ordinary Council Member), Rosalie Dow (Queer Officer), Latoya Rule (Indigenous Officer) are all absent for this meeting.

3. Welcome Guests

New members of the Student Council, but officially Kate Walsh and the Empire Times Editors

4. Accept Minutes from previous meetings

Motion: Student Council accepts the September and October Student Council minutes

Moved: James Vigus

All in favour.

Motion carried.

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

5. Reports

Motion: Student Council accepts the submitted reports including the reports of the Ordinary Council Member and Accessibility Officer.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Jack Harrison

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6. Matters for Decision

Procedural Motion: Add the following matters for decision to the agenda:

- 6.16: Accessibility Officer Conference Budget - Amy Hueppauff
- 6.17: Fridges and Freezers – Amy Hueppauff
- 6.18: Stress Less Exams – Amy Hueppauff
- 6.19: Recognition Topics – Jack Harrison
- 6.20: Student Council 2015 – Caleb Pattison
- 6.21: SSAF Funding – Caleb Pattison
- 6.22: Board Games in Hub – Mitchell Huffa

Moved: James Vigus

All in favour.

Motion carried.

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

Motions left un-starred:

6.1. Oppose staff, wage, and course cuts – Student President

Motion: The student council does not support any staff cuts or attacks on wages and conditions in response to any budget shortfall.

6.2. Reaffirm opposition to use of SSSAF for the Hub – General Secretary

Motion: Student Council strongly condemns the Vice Chancellor's unfair and clandestine confiscation of over \$100,000 of SSSAF funds to use for the Hub.

6.3. Student Council support for anti-Reclaim rally – General Secretary

Motion: Student Council recognizes that the Reclaim Australia rallies must be vocally opposed and outnumbered wherever and whenever they occur. Student Council members commit to sharing the Facebook event for



the counter-rally, coming to the rally if they can, and putting up some posters.

6.4. #FeesMustFall – General Secretary

Motion: FUSA supports the occupations and protests by the South African students on all major campuses. FUSA supports student struggle on issues of accessible and affordable education, and acknowledges the connection of our own ongoing campaign against fee hikes to the campaigns of students worldwide. We congratulate the students on their victory!

6.5. Environment Officer budget spending – Environment Officer

Motion: That \$380 of the Environment Officer budget be approved to be spent on a megaphone for use in the future by FUSA, and clubs and societies, at student protests and other suitable events.

6.6. Support the Masters of Physiotherapy students– General Secretary

Motion: That \$500 of the General Secretary budget go toward venue hire for the Masters of Physiotherapy 2015 graduating class Ball.

6.10. Staff and Student Representatives on University Boards – Jack Harrison

Motion: FUSA applauds the recent decision by the Victorian Government to restore staff and student representation to university and TAFE boards. FUSA believes that staff and students have the university's best interests at heart and that their representation should be increased.

6.11. Queer Space Resources – Queer Officer

Motion: I move that up to \$1500 from the 2015 Queer Officer's budget be spent on items for the Queer Space.

6.12. End of year Women's Collective Celebration – Women's Officer

Motion: That Student Council approve this budget proposal of 25 tickets at \$17.70 per person = \$442.50 for a movie screening of *He Named Me Malala* on the 17th of November (TBC).

6.13. Placements – Kevin Clark

Motion: Motion: I motion that the President and Education Officer formally request the university council develop policy to only enrol as many students as they can reasonably assume they will find placements for.



6.14. Enrolment Numbers – Kevin Clark

Motion: I motion that the Student Council write an open letter addressed to state parliamentarians that requires publically funded institutions provide a minimum number of places for university students on placements on an annual basis.

6.15. Club Affiliations – General Secretar

Motion: Student Council approves the financial affiliation of the Bachelor of Health Sciences Student Association, and the non-financial affiliation of the Flinders Sociology Students Association.

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

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.8. ET Regulation Changes – Jack Harrison

Jack Harrison: I'll begin, this may take some time. I understand there has been technical issues and the comments I put on the PDF on the current Empire Times Regulations did not come through, so instead I'll go through them.

I understand there has been some controversy around the proposed changes to the Empire Times Regulations. Since the draft was created I have consulted two of the incoming Empire Times Editors and a large number of Student Council Members.

Chris O'Grady: Can I just suggest something Jack? Steph Walker (Social Media Officer) has submitted a document

Jack Harrison: Yes she has, however a large part of Steph's document will not apply for what I am about to read out.

Kevin Clark: Because a lot of what she has suggested was also suggest by the people Jack approached.

Jack Harrison: The justification of these changes is the shared ideology of "Student run, Student union" which I support. Therefore the proposed changes to the Empire Times Constitution would make the publication independent from FUSA.

So let's begin at 4.1. (c) which states:

4.1. (c) Provide access to appropriate training and facilities throughout the year required for the Empire Times Editorial Team to fulfil their roles, as determined in consultation with the Manager, Student Engagement (or their nominee).

I am moving to emend it to: “The FUSA Executive may delegate to the Manager of Student Engagement (or their nominee).”

I might ask the chair if it is best to go through it one by one, or read the whole thing?

James Vigus: So what you’re saying there has been changes to the document in front of us?

Jack Harrison: Yes

James Vigus: So maybe it would be best to go through it in order and you can say whether you are going forth or adding to proposed changes of the Empire Times Constitution. Is that possible?

Jack Harrison: If I read through the document it will reduce time.

James Vigus: Do that then.

Caleb Pattison: I’d just like to state that I am very disappointed that the Media Officer is defined as an employee of Flinders University. This undermines the Student Association.

Kevin Clark: My comment is that until we are incorporated then we can’t employ people.

Caleb Pattison: My point still stands. I understand that it is a financial arrangement, but we are a Student Association and the Media Officer should be an employee of FUSA. Whether it is the FUSA department or FUSA Incorporated it should imply that all staff are employed by FUSA not the University.

Grace Hill: Factually Steph is employed by the University and seconded to FUSA, therefore she is a staff member of the University. It is important to note that it would take more than just editing the Empire Times Regulations for her employer to change.

Chris O’Grady: Yes, it is factual that Steph is employed by the University but she works on behalf of FUSA. It is possible that the language could be changed to reflect that.

Jack Harrison: I might take a moment to say that the changes do not reflect on the current work of the Editors or Steph. Both Steph and the current Editors are very competent. However the current regulations can be read in a certain way, giving certain staff members certain veto powers. I am not speaking ill of the current Media Officer, however we may not be so lucky with future employed Manager of Student Engagement or Media Officer.

I will now continue with the proposed changes, 5.1. (b) which states:

5.1.(b) Provide the Media Officer (or their nominee) with an electronic copy of each issue to be uploaded online on the date the physical publication is delivered.

Instead the amendment will state: “Provide the Media Officer (or their nominee) and the Empire Times Liaison with an electronic copy.”

5.1. (c) Allocate four (4) pages to the FUSA Student Council each issue. These pages may be used for any purpose the FUSA Student Council deems appropriate. Student Council must work in consultation with the editors in exercising this right through an Empire Times Liaison Officer, appointed by Student Council. The Student Council may use fewer pages if it sees fit. Empire Times Editors may grant extra pages at their discretion. Allocate two (2) pages to FUSA operations each issue to promote the official activities and campaigns of FUSA. These pages may be used for any purpose the FUSA Media Officer deems appropriate. The Media Officer must work in consultation with the editors in exercising this right. The Media Officer may use fewer pages if it sees fit. Empire Times Editors may grant extra pages at their discretion.

Instead this will read: “for any purpose the Media Officer and Empire Times Liaison agree on, are appropriate. The Media Officer and Empire Times Liaison must work in consultation with the Editors in exercising this right, this right being that two (2) pages for FUSA operations. The Media Officer and Empire Times Liaison may use fewer pages that they agree fit.

5.1. (e) With the Media Officer, negotiate the publication schedule for their term of office at the beginning of each year. However, it may be updated throughout the year.

Instead it will say: “Consult with the Media Officer on the publication schedule for the term of office at beginning of each year.”

Is everybody keeping up? I do not want to disenfranchise anyone from this meeting. Shout out if you have any questions

5.1. (f) Consult the Media Officer about any proposed changes to the publication schedule and Student Council must be advised of any such changes at its next meeting.

Instead it will say: “Advise the Media Officer and Empire Times Liaison Officer.”

7.8. In the event of an Empire Times Editor ceasing to hold office the committee to appoint an Empire Times editor will consist of the Media Officer, a representative from Flinders Marketing and Communications Office and three (3) members of student council including the Empire Times Liaison Officer, whom will chair the appointment committee.

Instead it will read: “In the event of an Empire Times Editor ceasing to hold office the committee to appoint an Empire Times editor will consist of the Media Officer, the current Empire Time Editors and two (2) members of student council including the Empire Times Liaison Officer, whom will chair the appointment committee and in the event of a tie the Empire Times Liaison Officer will have the casting vote.”

8.1. (b) Upon the receipt by Empire Times Liaison Officer or Manager, Student Engagement of a written letter of resignation.

Instead it will read: “Upon the receipt by Empire Times Liaison Officer of a written letter of resignation.”

10.1. The Manager, Student Engagement (or nominee) shall be responsible for:

- (a) Approving all advertising in Empire Times pursuant with Section 15;
- (b) Overseeing the Empire Times budget;
- (c) Approving the publication schedule for all issues of Empire Times. Changes to the publication schedule may be negotiated as per clause 5.1(f).;
- (d) Approving the pre-press document of each issue of Empire Times;
- (e) Approving final payment for the publication of each issue of Empire Times.

Instead it shall read “The Student Council Executive shall be responsible for:”

I propose a new section 12.7 Empire Times Content which will read: “The Media Officer will read all published Empire Times content and notify the Empire Times Liaison Officer and executive if they suspect a breach of regulations as soon as possible.”

14.2. In the event of one issue being more than twelve (12) days late or three issues being less than twelve (12) days late, the student council may withhold for a period, the Empire Times Editors honoraria payment pending advice from the Media Officer to withhold the Empire Times Editors’ honorariums.

Instead reading: “In the event of one issue being more than twelve (12) days late or three issues being less than twelve (12) days late, the student council may withhold for a period, the Empire Times Editors honoraria payment in consultation with the Media Officer to withhold the Empire Times Editors’ honorariums.

15.1. The FUSA Media Officer may solicit advertising material on behalf of FUSA and under the direction of the Manager of Student Engagement. Editors may work in conjunction with the FUSA Media Officer.

15.1 will now read: “The FUSA Media Officer may solicit advertising material on behalf of FUSA and under the direction of the Student Council Executive. Editors may work in conjunction with the FUSA Media Officer.

15.2. The FUSA Media Officer in conjunction with the Manager of Student Engagement may set the fees for placing advertising material in Empire Times.

15.2 will now read: “The FUSA Media Officer will now advise the Student Council Executive on the fees for placing advertising material in Empire Times.”

15.3. In-kind payment may also be accepted, provided that it is approved by the FUSA Media Officer and does not compromise the independence of Empire Times.

15.3. will now read: “ In-kind payment may also be accepted, provided that it is approved by the Student Council Executive and does not compromise the independence of Empire Times.

I am done.

Catherine Wagg: Just going back to 8.1. (b), what processes does the Empire Times Liaison Officer have in place to make sure the correct people are notified if the Empire Times Editors resign?

Jack Harrison: There is currently no stipulations for the Manager of Student Engagement to provide notification.

Catherine Wagg: So instead of deleting Manger of Student Engagement changed the “or” to an “and” so both people are notified?

Jack Harrison: Yes, I am amenable to that.

Grace Hill: Just to draw people’s attention to Steph’s document. It reflects her opinion on the changes to the Empire Times Regulations.

Amy Hueppauff: Perhaps we should go through her comments and compare to the changes proposed?

Caleb Pattison: Catherine maybe this will help 8.1. (b). My understanding of the Empire Times Liaison role is a communicative position between Student Council and the Editors of Empire Times.

Catherine Wagg: My understanding is that a resignation can be pretty detrimental, if not all parties are aware. It can hold up a lot of processes.

Chris O’Grady: Can I just suggest that these regulations are put on hold, only because it’s not the best way to make severe changes. The Media Officer has a lot of experience with student magazines and student media, who has reservations outlined in her document. It will take a lot of time to go through every single change proposed. My suggestion would be that Jack, current Empire Times Editors and future Empire Times Editors sit down with Steph and everyone else involved and work through this one by one outside of Student Council.

Amy Hueppauff: In regards to Catherine's comment, if you look at regulation 6.8. It says when you elect a new Editor there has to be two (2) members of Student Council. It would have had to been brought to Student Council by the Empire Times Liaison Officer to elect a new Empire Times Editor.

Catherine Wagg: My point is if it takes two weeks to get that notice to the Manager of Student Engagement, then that is two weeks or more that Empire Times is without an Editor. The Manager has more responsibility to pass that information on quickly, than a Student Council Member.

Simone Jowett: Oh, I can't remember what I was going to say?

Jessica Nicole: I'd just like to say that I agree with Chris in terms of putting the Regulation changes on hold. The changes you have proposed to the Empire Times Regulations is not well set out. I think it is convoluted to read them out and not allowing full understanding of the consequences of these changes.

Kevin Clark: My initial reservations are similar to Steph's. The whole point of Empire Times is that it should be able to criticise Student Council without reservations. Some of the changes, whilst not intended to, could put student voice at risk. I would like to motion to table this. This will allow consultation with the current Media Officer who has good opinions.

Jack Harrison: I was going to comment to Catherine that the purpose of Empire Times Liaison Officer is to communicate. Also I imagine that the resignation of Empire Times Editor would not be kept a secret for very long time.

I've talked to a number of Student Council, and whilst the regulations do not drastically change anything, I think if there is something horrendous that needs to be changed, I believe the next Student Council will address this when they meet on the 1st of December.

Jessica Nicole: While the new Editors were approached about the proposed changes, the current Empire Times Editors weren't. As important as it is to inform them, it is just as important to inform us as we have experienced the role of Empire Times Editor from December 2014.

Provisional Motion: Table proposed ET Regulation Changes until next the Student Council meeting.

Moved: Kevin Clark

Seconded: Catherine Wagg

6 For, 3 Against, 1 Abstention

Motion carried.

Simone Jowett: I know the vote is over, but I remember what I was going to say. Student Council was not informed of the Empire Times Editor resignation earlier this year. We did not receive an email. It was only through a Facebook job advertisement that we become



aware. Student Council deserve to be inform. I cannot confirm whether the Empire Times Liaison was notified.

Chris O’Grady: I encourage Jack and everybody else to discuss the proposed regulation changes with the current Media Officer and Empire Times Editors. It will be very helpful in improving the regulations.

Jack Harrison: I will take that on board.

Chris O’Grady: Thank you.

6.9. Constitutional Changes – Jack Harrison

Jack Harrison: Round two, hopefully this will be far clearer and less notes. I will go through my proposed changes and then Amy would you like to announce yours? Or maybe yours are they are quicker.

Amy Hueppauff: I am proposing that the name of my position “Accessibility Officer” be change to the Disabilities Officer 10.5 (i). Very few students understand what the Accessibility Officer role entails. Titling the role Disability Officer will clear up what I do.

Grace Hill: Just to note this kind of change requires 2/3 of the majority of the Student Council and then goes to the AGM and then Referendum. Finally University Council have to approve it before it actually comes into effect.

Jack Harrison: I think it is absolute majority, and then it goes to Referendum. I move for 10.5 (i) to go to a Referendum, however I’d like to justify my proposed changes.

First, I would like to delete:

3. Approval by University Council

3.1. The establishment of the Association and this Constitution are subject to approval by University Council.

There are 18 of us that have been democratically elected by the student body and we don’t need the big kids upstairs (University Council) to approve alterations to the FUSA Constitution. The threshold for constructional change is quite high, as well have to experience if we go to referendum so I moving that we scrap that out.

4. Functions and purpose

4.1. (e) oversee the delivery of student services, which are funded from the Student Services and Amenities Fee and are the responsibility of the Manager, Student Engagement;



I propose to delete: “which are funded from the Student Services and Amenities Fee and are the responsibility of the Manager, Student Engagement;”

And I propose that we add the section, 4.1. (g): “All funding from SSSAF, the University and all revenue sources is the responsibility of the Executive which they may delegate to Manager of Student Engagement.”

Grace Hill: Just a quick question, why just the Executive opposed to the whole of Student Council? As the Executive is not a higher authority than the Student Council.

Jack Harrison: If you would like to change it to Student Council then I am amendable to that. Now the added 4.1. (g) will read: “All funding from SSSAF, the University and all revenue sources is the responsibility of the Student Council which they may delegate to Manager of Student Engagement.”

Moving along to 6.4. :

6. Membership

6.4. University Council, on the recommendation of the Student Council, may approve an amendment to the membership fee to provide for a fee greater than zero (0) dollars.

I propose to delete: “University Council, on the recommendation of the”

10. Student Council

10.2. Without limiting Clause 10.1, the Student Council is responsible for:

(f) overseeing the management of services which are the responsibility of the Manager, Student Engagement.

I propose to remove: “of the Manager, Student Engagement”

Oh and 10.5. (i) was Amy’s proposal.

Chris O’Grady: Can I ask a question Jack or do I wait until the end?

Jack Harrison: I think I just have one more

23. Alteration of the Constitution

23. Alteration of the Constitution 23.1. Subject to the approval of the University Council, this Constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by at least two thirds of members voting at a General Meeting of members or by a binding decision of a referendum in accordance with Clause 19.6.

I propose to delete: “Subject to the approval of the University Council.”

Finally I ask that we delete 25.2.:

25. Dissolution of the Association

25.2. University Council may, on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor, dissolve the Association if the Association fails to discharge its responsibilities in accordance with this Constitution.

And that is all my proposed changes.

Mitchell Huffa: Can we remove all of 26, as that no longer applies to future Councils?

Jack Harrison: I suppose so as it is a relic of a former time, but I’ll have to ask Chris?

Chris O’Grady: (Audio distorted, unable to accurately record comment 37:12)

Jack Harrison: I will explain why I propose these Constitutional change go to a Referendum rather than the AGM. University Council will feel pressure not to vote down on a Referendum of students. A referendum would be more likely passed, as it has the majority of students support it. I believe the 6% of students have to vote yes. Our current turn out, during Elections was 9%. Most importantly the Regulations does not stipulate a maximum amount of time a Referendum can go for. Would the Student Council be interested in endorsing these changes?

Caleb Pattison: I don’t believe you could just leave it open ended. You most likely have inform students of when their opportunity to vote ends.

Grace Hill: I would also encourage people to think about the timing of this as well. When asking students to vote ensure that it is not holidays or SWOTVAC. If we were to fail at this Referendum it would undermine what you are trying to do.

Jack Harrison: Just in a quick response to that, obviously this would be a decision for a future Student Council. However my ideal time would be late February/March.

Chris O’Grady: I have a couple of questions. One is 10.2. (f) so you are proposing here that the management of all services and staff of FUSA is the responsibility of Student Council? Does this mean Student Council will manage every staff member?

Jack Harrison: In all practicality I think future direction of Student Council will delegate that to Manager of Student Engagement.

Chris O’Grady: So there is a possibility that other or future Student Councils will manage staff and services? That is a possibility?



Jack Harrison: The Student Council could choose to delegate management of staff to the Manger of Student Engagement, which I imagine they would, but the wording is as it is.

I might add that there is a lot of thresholds for these proposed constitutional changes to pass. I thought I would get the ball rolling now.

Caleb Pattison: I will fill the empty silence. I think it is important to note that I worked closely with Jack on some of these changes notably the removal of the University Council from the FUSA Constitution. To use Andrew Parkin's words against him: "In the spirit of the legislation we are proposing" this is about a student run organisation. The University has been very cunning in the way FUSA has been set up, with a lot of criteria and mechanisms we need to meet in terms of the larger University structure and system. Everybody here wants the best for students, this is not some sort of power grab, we just want students running their own organisation and that is what the changes are intended to make happen.

Chris O'Grady: I am happy to support Student Council whichever way they want to go with this but I am just wondering if Student Council want to go about this in a different way? If you do establish a Referendum and go to all the effort to get votes and University Council just knock it back, will it not seem like waste of effort and resources? A discussion with Senior Executive could be held to see if these changes are amenable.

James Vigus: I believe that it's always good to have student power. You are stronger when dealing with power, and in this case the University Administration, you are stronger with the weight of numbers behind you. Hosting this Referendum will show that you have engaged with the students and campaigned.

Caleb Pattison: Yeah you stole my thunder mate. I want to resonate with what James is saying and given that "People and Culture" is one of the four pillars of what will be the strategic plan for the next "five years" I would be appalled if University Council went against this. If we could have 1000 students vote yes, and we have to be cautious about both sides are being represented equally, if you could get that many students to vote yes, then it would be very sad if University Council could not approve what the students want for themselves.

Jack Harrison: This will be lengthy process, so I thought it would be good to start now. It's definitely something future generations will have to deal with. I can't see why James, Leon and soon to be Simone and Caleb bring this to University Council.

Simone Jowett: Student power is very important and it would be sending a very poor message if University Council was to disapprove of this Referendum. And in regards to what Jack said, although there is some of on University Council in 2016 it is by no means the majority. So it is something we need to fight for.

Catherine Wagg: Do not ask for University Council approval for the Referendum, but at least inform them. If we were to surprise them we may lose support.

Grace Hill: Can we move this to a Procedural Vote?

Procedural Motion: That the tabled motion be put to a vote.

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6.8. NUS Conference Funding – General Secretary

Jack Harrison: I am just curious, as I understand Grace you have been elected NUS Delegate, so is that not covered by FUSA? I just wanted clarification.

Grace Hill: In terms of?

Jack Harrison: In terms of flights and stuff.

Grace Hill: No, in previous year's registration cannot be covered, according to the University, by SSAF Funding. Transport can and has been. I would suggest people to use their budget for transport.

Jack Harrison: In terms of Delegates what does FUSA pay for? Do they pay at all?

Grace Hill: Not the registration, in previous years it has been a huge fight. Once the University agreed to use some of their budget, but they put their foot down last year and said "you have to raise your own money!" I am all for trying again.

Chris O'Grady: In previous years we have used non-SSAF funding for both registration and travel. So I'll have to go back and look for that. But I did speak with the Director of Student Services today, and I am pretty confident that we will find funding for registration and travel, I just have to work it out. I'll let you know.

James Vigus: Well I think people should support this motion because "pretty confident" is not a grantee. Also people should be aware that the President also has a budget that don't need to be approved by Student Council. So I will see how much money is left to contribute to getting people over to NUS, in the case of this money not coming through.

Grace Hill: Obviously if other funding sources are found and we pass this motion and the University pulls through the extra money won't be spent on an extra seat etc.

Kevin Clark: So one motion unfortunately cannot, cover registration, so either way it's good that Chris is seeking what funding can support registration. So back to Jack's questions it's less about why we should pass this motion, I think we are all in agreement that NUS representation is important and I am not against this, but I think the initial question is: why is it coming from the General Secretary travel budget, when the General Secretary is a NUS Delegate. But I think that was answered.

Grace Hill: My NUS, what, sorry?

Kevin Clark: Sorry I am trying to clarify that you don't have an NUS Budget?

Grace Hill: Oh yes, sorry.

Kevin Clark: The question was not questioning your right to be an NUS Delegate it was questioning what budget you use as an NUS Delegate. This is why Brodie is not being questioned.

Grace Hill: Oh thanks for that I was a bit confused.

Jack Harrison: Oh sorry! Thank you for clearing that up Kevin.

Kevin Clark: So for clarification it is not against you going, it was about the NUS Delegate budget, or lack of NUS Delegate budget.

Simone Jowett: My only question is, I have conference budget left and I was lead to believe that it would be inappropriate for me to use that budget to travel to NUS given that I won't be in that position during the conference.

Grace Hill: I think it is appropriate as the time period in which we are officer bearers, did initially extend to December.

Simone Jowett: Yeah but we did change that down!

Grace Hill: Yeah, I am actually talking, so when the change was made it was on the understanding that this elected Council would not be effected. So I got elected this year on an understanding that ran during the period the NUS Conference was on and I would be using my travel budget to go on. I would like to amend it include accommodation as well.

Amy: When we changed our terms we actually had the option of making it so we had a month overlap of terms. So our terms went from December through to January, so that would be that month overlap of Student Council and Student Council elect. But that was turned down so it would not happen. I don't know who voted for what but there was that fact and that was turned down so our terms would not run into December, which would not run through to the NUS National Conference.

Caleb Pattison: I actually support the motion because if we don't spend the money it's probably going to spent by Colin to go NAT Con or something, and I agree with what Grace was saying, as I understand the term wasn't reduced because of the difficulties of the two councils working together, it wasn't reduced because people didn't want to be student representatives for an extra month. So I don't think the argument that you're not a student representatives in December carries much weight, because that wasn't why the changeover occurred. It's just that term of governance had to change at some time, and it was unfortunate

that it was this year as the position was advertise to the end of December you could have assumed you were going to NUS Conference as a Student Representative. So that is my view and I support the motion.

Simone Jowett: No it's alright.

Chris O'Grady: So there has been a change of Management the Senior Executive from last year, so I'll have to go back and check that we can use SSAF Funds. I said I am supportive of finding some funding for your registrations.

Motion: To amend the motion to read: Student Council motion that money for flights and accommodation to the NUS National Conference be approved from the travel budgets of the General Secretary and Environment Officer, to enable attendance to NUS National Conference.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded:

8 For, 2 Abstentions

Motion carried.

6.16. Accessibility Officer Conference Budget - Accessibility Officer

Amy Hueppauff: I am staying in my position as the Accessibility Officer in 2016. I am asking Student Council to approve that I go to the National Conference to represent students with a disability.

Motion: I move that Student Council allow me to go the National Conference as I am remaining in the position of Accessibility Officer in 2016.

Moved: Amy Hueppauff

Seconded: James Vigus

All in favour

Motion carried.

6.17. Fridges and Freezers – Accessibility Officer

Amy Hueppauff: I would like to purchase a chest freezer, a bar fridge, and large esky.

Caleb Pattinson: Here, here.

Amy Hueppauff: These items would be useful as I am planning on piggy backing off of the FUSA Stress Less/ Pop-up Survival Stall and I am hoping to hold a Sausage Sizzle meaning that I use the chest freezer to store the sausages and have cereal hence the bar fridge to store milk. I think this is a relevant purchase as in the past food for sausage sizzles had to be thrown out as we cannot store it throughout that event. Future Student Council and Clubs could utilize them on a booking basis. So I would appreciate if Student Council support this motion.

Catherine Wagg: Just a practical issue, where would you store the chest freezer and bar fridge as they are difficult to move.

Amy Hueppauff: Sorry, I forgot to mention, the purchase will only go forward on the proviso that we can store the Freezer in the University. I have spoken to Fay (Officer Coordinator) and we are looking for a place, possibly the Geoff Harrison Room. There is a lack of storage at the moment, but they will only purchase once we have place for them, preferably in FUSA.

Catherine Wagg: The only thing is you can't really transport them during an event, and the way you have written it, it makes it sound like you want to take the Chest Freezer to the event and you can't really transport that.

Amy Hueppauff: That is what the Esky is for, so we can transfer items from the freezer to the event. Next year we will be in the Hub, which is more central to where our events will be held. So they could be used for storage for Clubs. Obviously every few weeks it needs to be gone through, but the Esky will be used to transport food. But the freezer will stay in location.

Motion: I move that Student Council allow me use the Accessibility budget to purchase 1 Chest Freezer, 1 Bar Fridge and 1 Esky providing there is place to store them.

Moved: Amy Hueppauff

Seconded: James Vigus

All in Favour

Motion carried.

6.18. Stress Less Exams – Accessibility Officer

Amy Hueppauff: Me again. I would like to piggy-back off of FUSA Stress Less Exams Stalls. So my idea is to have food, coffee as a lot of students do live below the poverty line and can't always afford to eat before an exam, which is the most important time to eat. Increasing concentration and reducing anxiety. Jelly Beans for people with diabetes.

Caleb Pattison: Yeah, so it says breakfast, are you going to do afternoon exams?

Amy Hueppauff: So FUSA does one at 8:45am exams and at the 1:15 exams so I have done table of all the exams, locations, majority, etc. So the first week we'll be at the Registry Road Gym, second week will down at Sturt, because we can't be everywhere.

Caleb Pattison: Yeah that's great, but...

Amy Hueppauff: I'll be doing pancakes and cereal at the 8:45am one and sausage sizzle at the 1:45 one.

Catherine Wagg: what about the 5:45 exams, because I get really hungry!

Amy Hueppauff: Unfortunately FUSA only does the 8:45 and 1:45 ones, but I'd like to do it bigger next year, but you have to start somewhere.

Caleb Pattison: Some Student Council members have unspent funds, if they were willing to pledge money would it be possible to do some brunch style thing in the evening, which you could grab and go? Maybe you could hire a casual?

Amy Hueppauff: If I had the money, of course.

Simone Jowett: I'll pledge money!

Amy Hueppauff: If the motion gets approved there will be the remained of my budget, the Welfare Officer budget, Social Activities Budget the remained of Jack's budget and if anyone else has a remaining budgets they would love to share please do. I am more than happy to amend my motion so I can make it bigger and better.

Simone Jowett: I'll pledge money and time to help with sausage sizzle. I don't have exams so I need something to do in November

Catherine Wagg: So have you got causals working on this? It will be a problem with exams.

Amy Hueppauff: So FUSA already have two casuals on the stall and I would be looking at getting one more to cook the BBQ.

Catherine Wagg: So have you talked to Fay about these causals? Are they available?

Amy Hueppauff: Yes. Well I am assuming...

Catherine Wagg: Because people have exams and they don't necessarily want to work, so you have to factor that in.

Amy Hueppauff: Well they do have a very long list of casuals that they can dip into.

Simone Jowett: As we have had issues in recent weeks with casuals not being available anymore.

Amy Hueppauff: So this is obviously something I would talk to Fay about. If I can do it I will. If I can't it just means the money just won't get spent.

James Vigus: So there is an amendment that the Social Activities Officer will pledge her remaining budget?

Amy Hueppauff: No it's already there.

Simone Jowett: Oh that's right I've already spoken to you about it earlier.

Amy Hueppauff: Last question, does anybody have a budget they would be interested in contributing towards this?

Catherine Wagg: I have all of mine.

Amy Hueppauff: Can I include you in the amendment?

Catherine Wagg: Yes.

Caleb Pattison: I think I have \$1000 left?

Amy Hueppauff: Would you be amendable to contributing?

Caleb Pattison: I wouldn't have said it if I didn't mean it mate.

Amy Hueppauff: Is that everyone?

James Vigus: That's it.

Motion: To amend the motion to read: Student Council motion that the Accessibility Officer, Welfare Officer, Social Activities Officer, Jack Harrison (Ordinary Council Member), Catherin Wagg (Ordinary Council Member) and the Education Officer budget to be spent on enhancing FUSA Stress Less Exams Stall with bqq breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Moved: Amy Hueppauff

Seconded: James Vigus

All in Favour

Motion carried.

6.19. Recognition Topics – Jack Harrison

Jack Harrison: Whilst in Sydney it was brought to my attention that some Universities, I think specifically NUA, offer topics to their Student Council members that make you look like a full time student, when in fact you are not. It is quite significant the amount of time that members of the Student Council and Empire Times do give up, resulting in a drop of workload or topics, which then effects the student's Centrelink payments. I think personally I might add, that the Executive and Empire Times should receive two topics and all other members have one. For example the President could do one real topic of their Education degree, and for all intents and purposes it will appear to the government bureaucracy that they are doing three topics.

Amy Hueppauff: Is that per semester?

Jack Harrison: Yes, sorry.

Chris O'Grady: It is a great idea I am happy to follow it up. Did you mention in the motion that it will appear on your Academic Transcript?

Jack Harrison: I'm happy to amend that, I was not sure if it was needed. Just long as the Government and University are ensured you are full time student.

Simone Jowett: It would have to at least be on the Unofficial Transcript because Centrelink will ask for that.

Jack Harrison: Okay. I think this will take quite some time and it won't be finalised until quite later, so it's just good to get the ball rolling. It will require a conversation with the University and something next Council will have to deal with this.

Motion: Members of Student Council direct the Manger of Student Engagement to investigate and advocate for the introduction of units that will appear on members of Student Council and Empire Times' Academic Transcript to the relevant University personal.

Moved: Jack Harrison

Seconded: James Vigus

All in Favour

Motion carried.

6.20. 2015 Student Council – Education Officer

Caleb Pattinson: Sorry, I didn't get these into Grace but they are not very controversial.

James Vigus: Famous last words.

Caleb Pattison: Being a student representative is often hard and unrewarding yet it also takes a certain type of person who steps up to the plate and wants to make an active difference in the University that they study at and overtime serve. I move a statement of congratulations to the current Student Council members who have served diligently in 2015.

Simone Jowett: I'll second that.

Motion: That a statement of congratulations to the current Student Council members who have served diligently in 2015.

Moved: Caleb Pattinson

Seconded: James Vigus

All in Favour

Motion carried.

6.21. SSAF Funding – Education Officer

Caleb Pattison: This is about SSSAF Funding. The Student Services Amenities Fee is student money as such things like contributing SSAF money to a Hub is ridiculous and highlights the Universities commitment to abusing the financial set up. The fact that unspent FUSA funds go back into the large University coffers is upsetting.



Motion: Student Council takes a stand that unspent SSAF Funding should be rolled over into the 2016 SSAF budget of FUSA so they can be used for students and not for the senior administration! All unspent Student Council funds for each officer barer be omitted to the elected officer bearers instead of back into the Universities account.

Moved: Caleb Pattinson

Seconded: James Vigus

All in Favour

Motion carried.

6.22. Board Games in Hub – Mitchell Huffa

Mitchell Huffa: My \$199 will buy approximately 4-5 games. Basically the idea would be students in the Hub, maybe the food courts could hire out the board games, similar to Queer Space resources using an honesty system. Students could either sign a “borrows log book” or hand in their student card until the game is returned.

Simone Jowett: I know you were talking to me about this before, but have you included postage costs in that?

Mitchell Huffa: Yes

Simone Jowett: Amy, how much of my money do you need? Because I’d like to pledge \$100 or more so he can get a couple of games and cover postage more easily.

Amy Hueppauff: In motion it says remainder...

Simone Jowett: In that case I’d like to double Mitchell’s budget. So \$200 from me. And I happy to consult with you on the other board games you could purchase.

Mitchell Huffa. Thankyou!

Motion: To amend the motion to read: \$199 of Mitchell Huffa’s General Council Member and \$200 of the Social Activities Officer budget is to be spent on Board Games in the Hub for students borrowed out of FUSA on an honesty system and to be shared with Queer System if required.

Moved: Mitchell Huffa

Seconded: James Vigus

All in Favour

Motion carried.

7. Matters for discussion

7.1. Handover to 2016 Student Council – Kate Walsh (Student Representation and Development Officer)

Kate Walsh: So conversations have been had about the handover process, between current Student Council and incoming Student Council members and I hope you agree that this is important. So I have created a page with questions including: “what you have been doing this year”, “Things to pass on”, “Ideas you might have”, really anything you just want to share with the incoming Council. I ask that you document this on the sheet. It will be available electronically and will be emailed out to you all. I also thought to put it on the Shared Drive. Do all of you use that?

Caleb Pattison: No.

Simone Jowett: What even is a Shared Drive?

Chris O’Grady: I am sure we mentioned it at the start of the year. When you login on campus you should have access to the shared drive called Student Council.

Simone Jowett: So is that with our normal FAN or my Social Activities Officer FAN? Because that has never worked.

Grace Hill: Yeah it will only work with your Social Activities Officer FAN.

Simone Jowett: Oh I never got that to work.

Kate Walsh: Can I just say there is a few ways around it. If you bring in a USB with all the documents that you want to pass onto the new Officer, Fay, Chris or I can help you with that. There is a deadline, a couple of weeks from today, obviously before Induction.

Caleb Pattison: Why we’ve got you here what is your plan for current Student Council members in Induction?

Kate Walsh: Can I just clarify that everyone is okay with the answering the Handover questions and document dump? It will be good for Student Council to reflect in five years’ time, consider it an institutional memory.

For Induction what is required of the current Student Council members is to meet Wednesday the 25th of November at the Jade Monkey for lunch and an hour of your time. I will email you all tomorrow with the details. The information that you pass to the Elect is valuable for their learning, and it is important to come from another Student.

Simone Jowett: Given we will still be getting paid honorarium in December, barring any real serious reason why you can’t come to the Induction, consider this as what your honorarium should be based on. That is my personal opinion and not something we can vote on.

Kate Walsh: So this was just to flag the Handover notes, shared documents and Induction.

8. Matters for Noting



Grace Hill: So thank you to current Student Council and future Student Council for participating in some of the Facebook Stuff around the Anti-reclaim Australia Rally. So we have had a motion previously that Student Council will endorse the counter rally and we passed another one tonight. That is good but face to face conversation are more influential then Facebook activity alone. So if everybody could put their money where their mouth is and put up some posters and leaflets around your home and the university.

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