

Emergency FUSA Student Council Meeting Agenda

FUSA Meeting Room

25 March, 2014

6pm

- 1. Open and Welcome**
- 2. Apologies:** Haidarr Raiz-Jones, Justin Shaw and Ella Keegan-Treloar
- 3. Welcome Guests: Juan Smith**
- 4. Hub Consultation**
- 5. Matters for Decisions:**
 - 5.1 NAB Bank Signatories – Chris O’Grady
 - 5.2 Creating What apts group for student council’s member – Jaka Yusuf
 - 5.3 Joining the First Year Sub-Committee – Roxanna Henshaw
 - 5.4 Affiliating before the Website is up to date – Roxanna Henshaw
 - 5.5 NUS – Grace Hill’
 - 5.6 Annual Affiliation to Council of International Students of Australia (CISA) 2014 -
Yadollah Bahrami
- 6. Matters for noting**
 - 6.1 Executive Meeting
 - 6.2 Pub-crawl date
- 7. Adjournment**

STUDENT HUB – STUDENT CONSULTATION PLAN

Background

Ongoing consultation and engagement with students regarding the Student Hub will be essential moving forward. This is to continue the high level of consultation already achieved and the sense of ownership that the student community will have with regard to the Student Hub.

As confirmed by Shane Jennings from Buildings and Property, input from students would most likely be in relation to:

- Ratio of formal/informal student spaces
- Club Spaces
- Equity Spaces
- Internal fit out
- Theme of the bar

There will also need to be consultation with the Manager, Student Engagement with regards to FUSA/Office of Student Engagement space and how this interacts with the student space.

This document is proposing a ‘Student Consultation Plan’ to address the above.

Student Hub Consultation Group

After discussing with the Student President and the General Secretary of FUSA, we propose the following consultation method:

There is a ‘Student Hub Consultation Group’ (SHCG), which consists of all Office Bearers of the Student Council of FUSA, which includes:

POSITION	NAME	SUB-COMMITTEE
Student President	Grace Hill	n/a
General Secretary	Roxanna Henshaw	Clubs and Societies Sub-Committee
Education Officer	Timothy Mitchell	Student Representation Network
Welfare Officer	Ira Herbold	n/a
Postgraduate Officer	James Vigus	Post -Graduate Students Sub-

		Committee
Indigenous Officer	Haidarr Jones	n/a
International Officer	Yadollah Bahrami	International Students Sub-Committee
Women's Officer	Stef Rozitis	Women's Action Group
Queer Officer	Rosalie Dow	Queer Action Group
Environment Officer	William Menzies	Environment Sub-Committee
Accessibility Officer	Jaka Yusuf	Accessibility Sub-Committee
Social Activities Officer	Lauren Brice	n/a

Most of these Student Representatives chair sub-committee's or other interest groups, which provide the mechanism to enable them to gather the views of other students across the University. These views and ideas can then be brought to the SHCG, which will meet when required. The Manager, Student Engagement will also attend the SHCG meetings as well as key Building and Property Staff.

Buildings and Property are on a tight schedule with the Student Hub and want to establish the Hub Student Consultation Group as soon as possible.

The purpose of the HSCG is not to go out to various student groups with a 'blank page': what do you want in a Student Hub? This is because the main, student-wide consultation phase was completed last year. The purpose of HSCG will be to consult about an already established vision and principles of what students have already said through 'Your Hub Your Say' project.

Communication with Buildings and Property

I propose that the core group of: Student President, General Secretary and Manager, Student Engagement be the conduit between the SHCG and Buildings and Property regarding student ideas/requirements for the Hub.

To cater for the needs of Building and Property, I believe that this arrangement could be very flexible. For example, if B&P wanted the view of a certain student demographic about a particular component of the Hub, then we could arrange for that.

Matters for Decision:

5.1 Signatories NAB Bank Account – Chris O’Grady

The Bank did not accept the wording of the last motion.

Motion: I motion that Student Council endorse the following amendments to the signatories for the NAB bank account:

The list of signatories is to be as follows:

- Chris O’Grady
- Shaun Hobby
- Grace Hill
- Roxanna Henshaw

Any other signatories (including, but not limited to the following persons: Brodie McGee, Hannah Macleod, Dianne Wright and Paul Harrison) are to be removed from the account.

Signing authority and authoriser status for internet banking transfers is to be as follows:

Chris O’Grady and one of Grace Hill and Roxanna Henshaw

Or

Shaun Hobby and one of Grace Hill and Roxanna Henshaw

Or

Grace Hill and one of Shaun Hobby and Chris O’Grady

Or

Roxanna Henshaw and one of Shaun Hobby and Chris O’Grady

5.2 Creating What apts group for student council’s member – Jaka Yusuf

A What apts group would broadcast text messages to multiple receivers just like in chat room and support efficient and quicker communication for council member.

Motion: I motion that all council members download What apts and join the council member group.

5.3 Joining the First Year Sub-Committee – General Secretary

S 8.2(b)(ii) of the Student council Standing Committees Regulations states that members of the first year sub-committee must be “appointed by student council.” This is logistically impractical and makes it difficult to get the sub-committee off the ground.

Motion: I motion that student council remove s 8.2(b)(ii) from the Student council Standing Committees Regulations.

5.4 Affiliating before the Website is up to date –General Secretary

For a variety of reasons it has taken a while for the new regulations and constitution template to be put on the website. This means that clubs will and have been trying to affiliate with constitutions that are not fully in line with the requirements under the regulations. Most clubs and Societies are then required to hold an SGM in order to amend their constitutions before they can be affiliated.

Motion: I motion that any club that holds their IGM before the regulations and template are updated on the FUSA website may affiliate with FUSA using their existing Constitution, provided they hold an SGM to amend their constitution within three months of affiliation and; provided they agree that the Clubs and Societies Regulations prevails over their club’s constitution to the extent of any inconsistency.

5.5 NUS – Grace Hill

NUS is the peak representative body for students in Australia. At a time when students' rights and conditions are under threat is it more important than ever to practice the best traditions of unionism. As we are aware, the interests of the university do not always line up with the interests of students, and the interests of the federal and state governments definitely do not always line up with the interests of students. It is crucial for students to have a central body to represent their interests and coordinate a defence against things like the education cuts, and also to push for advancements.

The situation right now with the education cuts is that the startup scholarship portion of the legislation has been removed, leaving us with \$900 million in cuts. This is still massive, but it is also a big victory for the campaign, which has been as effective as it has due to the support and coordination of the national union.

The Liberal government potentially will remove SSAF, or make the regulations surrounding SSAF spending more restrictive to prevent student unions from functioning. The best hope to campaign against this successfully is the national union, and if we want to protect our

association and our rights at flinders it's vital that we give our full support to NUS at this time.

Last year FUSA paid a low affiliation amount. This is not good. We should aim to pay as much of the affiliation fee as we possibly can, especially in the context of current political situation.

There has been concern regarding SSAF spending on affiliation on the part of the university. Section 19-38 (1) of the SSAF legislation (the Commonwealth higher education support act) stipulates that revenue from the SSAF can not be spent to support political parties or candidates for parliamentary or local government office. It does not state that SSAF funding cannot be spent on student union affiliation.

NUS is not a politician or a political party. It is not running for any government office. It is clearly within the rules to spend SSAF funds on affiliation. NUS does run campaigns of a political nature, but not campaigns supporting political parties in their quests for election. Also NUS quarantines all SSAF funding it receives from universities, which means that SSAF funding is not spent on these campaigns anyway.

Motion:

I motion that student council approves paying affiliation fees of \$15,000 to the national union of students from the budget allocation for conference attendance of both student council and the student president (student engagement)."

5.6 Annual Affiliation to Council of International Students of Australia (CISA)

2014.

The Council of International Students Australia (CISA) is calling for membership re-affiliation as the new semester and new intake kick-starts for the year 2014.

- **CISA & Membership Eligibility**

As the national peak organisation, CISA is an association of associations.

That is to say, that CISA **only** accepts organisations that provide proof that they have been established through a democratic election and have international student representatives for that particular sector that they claim to represent (undergraduates, postgraduates, TAFE/VET, foundation/ELICOS).

- **Number of Votes**

Being a member of CISA provides opportunities for members to have a say and vote on a range of matters concerning international students on a national and state level.

- **Affiliation and Subscription Fees**

- \$250 for renewing the membership

- \$350 for new members and contribute to a certain percentage of funding.

- **Further Membership Benefits**

However, for further benefits and services CISA can provide, it needs to be negotiated further for more funding.

- Promotion of initiatives and activities to other members and the wider stakeholder groups
- CISA Executive campus visits and to conduct face-to-face leadership training
- CISA's network and support to run workshops and events
- Professional Development and Leadership Workshop
- Acknowledgement at the CISA National Conference 2014

Last year Student Council paid the affiliation fees and one of students was elected to as a National General Member.

Motion: I motion that Student Council approves paying affiliation fees of \$250 for renewing the CISA membership.

6. Matters for noting:

6.1 Exec Meeting Report

The following was approved at the last student council Executive meeting:

I motion that exec approve spending of up to \$1000 for the flinders NDA from FUSA's event budget for use to book a band and a BBQ, and a welcome to country speaker.

Move: Grace Hill

Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw

6.2 Pub-crawl date



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The date of the FUSA semester one pub-crawl has been changed to the 2nd of May.