

## **FUSA Student Council Meeting**

### **Meeting Agenda**

March 4, 2014

FUSA Meeting Room

6pm

#### **1. Welcome and Meeting Open**

#### **2. Apologies** Lauren Brice

#### **3. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

#### **4. Reports**

4.1 Student President's Report

4.2 General Secretary's Report

4.3 Education Officer's Report

4.4 Environment Officer's Report

4.5 Queer Officer's Report

4.6 Women's Officer's Report – None received

4.7 International Officer's Report

4.8 Welfare Officer's Report

4.9 Social Activities Officer's Report

4.10 Accessibility Officer's Report – None received

4.11 Post-Graduate Officer's Report

4.12 Indigenous Officer's Report - None received

4.13 MSE's Report

#### **5. Matters for Decision**

5.1 Diversity Committee – Women's Officer

5.2 Condemning mandatory detention, offshore processing, and Australia's inhumane treatment of refugees – Student President

- 5.3 Women's room facilities – Student President
- 5.4 Student Forums – Student President
- 5.5 ET Editors' Honorariums – General Secretary
- 5.6 Non-Financial Clubs and Societies – General Secretary
- 5.7 AGM – Student President
- 5.8 IDAHO Day – Queer Officer
- 5.9 Cleaning the Office – Education Officer
- 5.10 FUSA Shirts – Education Officer
- 5.11 March on Palm Sunday to bring justice to refugees – Post-Graduate Officer
- 5.12 Social Justice Day – Environment Officer
- 5.13 Club Affiliation – General Secretary
  - 5.13.1 Australia-China Youth Association – Flinders Chapter
  - 5.13.2 Costume Lovers of the Highest Enthusiasm
- 5.14 Executive Committee Recommendations
  - 5.14.1 Honorariums

## **6. Matters for Discussion:**

- 6.1 Stamp for Welfare Breakfasts – Ella Keegan-Treloar
- 6.2 Opening Hours for The Refectory/Coopers Bar - MSE
- 6.3 Market Day - MSE
- 6.4 The KPI Document and student Council Accountability – Women's Officer
- 6.5 IT services – Caleb Pattinson
- 6.6 Navigating Flinders – General Secretary
- 6.7 O'Week Participation – Education Officer



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## 6.8 The Bridge to Uni Hall – Ella Keegan-Treloar

### **7. Matters for Noting**

7.1 Market Day - MSE

7.2 Extra SSAF Funding -MSE

### **8. Meeting Close**

### **3. Approval of Minutes from last Meeting:**

#### **Flinders University Student Council**

#### **Minutes of the Meeting Held on Meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Location: FUSA meeting room.

*Opened: 6:00pm*

**Present:** Caleb Pattinson, Ella Keegan-Treloar, Grace Hill, Ira Herbold, James Vigus, Justin Shaw, Roxanna Henshaw, Stef Rozitis, Tim Mitchell, Will Menzies, Paul Harrison (Minutes) Michael Bezuidenhout (6:03pm), Yadollah Bahrami (6:04pm), Rosalie Grace Dow (6:33pm)

**Apologies:** Hairdarr Jones, Chris O'Grady, Tut Tut

#### **1. Welcome and Meeting Open**

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

#### **2. Apologies**

There was no dissent in the apologies.

#### **3. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Changes to minutes

Date of meeting was listed as Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of February, should be amended to read Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of February.

Item 6.2 (Education Cuts): The initial motion is listed as failed. The initial motion did not fail, instead the motion was amended.

**Motion: I motion to accept the minutes.**

**Moved: Grace Hill**

All in favour

**Motion Carried**

**Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw**

#### **4. Reports**

**Motion: I motion that we accept the reports.**

**Motioned: Grace Hill**

**Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw**

All in favour

**Motion Carried**

Michael Bezuidenhout has entered the room at 6:03pm.

Yadollah Bahrami has entered the room at 6:04pm.

## 5. Matters for Decision

### 5.1. Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee – General Secretary

The Student President called for nominations from the floor. Two nominations were received:

- Stef Rozitis (Women's Officer)
- Yadollah Bahrami (International Officer)

Student President amended the motion to specify Women's Officer and International Officer as the FUSA representatives

**Motion: I motion that Student Council nominate Women's Officer & International Officer as the two FUSA representatives on the Equal Opportunity & Diversity Committee**

**Moved: Grace Hill**

**Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw**

All in Favour

**Motion Carried**

### 5.2. Standing Orders – General Secretary

Michael Bezuidenhout raised issues with 15.1 requiring a two-thirds majority to suspend standing orders.

The Manager, Student Engagement submitted a proposal to change the meeting time limit from 5 hours to 3.5 hours. By a show of hands there was some opposition to the proposal.

Council discussed their beliefs regarding the limit changed.

Michael Bezuidenhout stated that he was happy with limiting it to three hours as long as it is easy to extend the meeting by suspending Standing Orders.

The General Secretary agreed to amend the hour limit to 3.5 hours.

**Motion: I motion that the proposed changes to the Standing Orders are accepted by Student Council.**

**Moved: Roxanna Henshaw**

**Seconded: Ira Herbold**

For: 11

Against: 1

**Motion Carried**

### **5.3. Election Regulations – General Secretary**

Michael Bezuidenhout raised that non-award students at Flinders University were unable to vote in Student Elections. He questioned whether or not SC would like to ensure that they are counted in voting.

Proposal to change student definition to read: “‘Student” means any enrolled student of the University, whether that person is enrolled as a full time, part time, non-award or external student;’

Michael Bezuidenhout also stated that the SC may want to amend eligibility the requirements of a Women's Officer from ‘women’ to a ‘women identifying student’.

The amendment was accepted.

**Motion: I motion that the proposed changes to the Election Regulations are accepted by Student Council.**

**Moved: Roxanna Henshaw**

**Seconded: Justin Shaw**

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstention: 1

**Motion Carried**

### **5.4. Standing Committees of Student Council Regulations – General Secretary**

Moved straight to a vote.

**Motion: I motion that the proposed changes to the Standing Committees of Student Council Regulations are accepted by Student Council.**

**Moved: Roxanna Henshaw**

**Seconded: Grace Hill**

All in favour

**Motion Carried**

## **5.5. Clubs and Societies Regulations – General Secretary**

Moved straight to a vote.

**Motion: I motion that the proposed changes to the Clubs and Society Regulations are accepted by Student Council.**

**Moved: Roxanna Henshaw**

**Seconded: Grace Hill**

All in favour

**Motion Carried**

## **5.6. FUSA Shirts – Student President**

Two options were submitted to the SC meeting for the design of the FUSA shirt for 2014. One shirt is white and one is orange.

By a show of hands, Orange shirts were the more popular choice.

Michael Bezuidenhout raised that the shirts should be printed on the front and back to increase exposure.

**Motion: I motion that student council approves the purchase of one shirt for each student council member, to be worn at FUSA events or events with a FUSA presence.**

**Moved: Grace Hill**

**Seconded: Will Menzies**

All in favour

**Motion Carried**

## **5.7. Leaves of Absence – Student President**

The Student President mentioned that there were a number of absences at the first meeting as a result of student council members not receiving emails. As this was due to no fault of their own, it would be unfair for their absence to count against them.

**Motion: I motion that a leave of absence retrospectively be granted to all student council members who have missed this SC meeting or the previous meeting due to inability to access their Office Bearer emails.**

**Moved: Grace Hill**

**Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw**

All in Favour

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: I motion that a leave of absence be granted to all student council members who have missed this SC meeting or the previous meeting due to being interstate or overseas.**

**Moved: Grace Hill**

**Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw**

All in Favour

**Motion Carried**

#### **5.8. Student Assist loans for parking permits – Welfare Officer**

Ira noted that many students cannot afford the lump sum for parking permits at the start of the year. Student assist have suggested that they could establish a permit repayment scheme at \$10 per week.

**Motion: I motion that Student Council adopt a position of support for this program as a way of beginning to relieve some of the financial tension placed upon students by the cost of parking at the university.**

**Moved: Ira**

**Seconded: Grace Hill**

All in Favour

**Motion Carried**

#### **5.9. Casual Budget – Student President**

The General Secretary notes that she is bringing forth the motion submitted by Chris O'Grady on his behalf due to his absence regarding the Casual Budget

**Motion: I motion that Student Council approve the proposed Casual Pool Budget, allowing for the Manager, Student Engagement to make minor modifications during the year, to allow for changes in focus or operations and in the case of unforeseen circumstances.**

**Moved: Roxanna Henshaw**

**Seconded: Tim Mitchell**

All in Favour

**Motion Carried**



## **5.10. Pub Crawl – Social Activities Officer**

The Social Activities Officer has suggested that work should begin on organising the first FUSA pubcrawl of 2014

SC approves the SA to begin working on the pubcrawl.

**Motion: I motion that student council approve that the social activities officer moves ahead with planning the pub crawl for semester 1, to be held on Friday the 11th of April.**

**Moved: Lauren Brice**

**Seconded: Stef Rozitis**

All in favour

**Motion Carried**

## **5.11. Honorariums – Student President**

Women's officer raised issues with honorariums being tied to the submission of a report. Some student council members agreed with the Women's Officer.

**Motion: I motion that student council approve the following honorariums:**

- **General Secretary**
- **Education Officer**
- **Environment Officer**
- **Welfare Officer**
- **Post-Graduate Officer**

**Moved: Grace Hill**

**Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw**

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

**Motion Carried**

## **6. Matters for Discussion**

### **6.1. Annual General Meeting**

The AGM last year, held in SWOT VAC was not successful

The Student President wants to know when SC would prefer to hold the AGM. The Student President stated that it should be held within Semester 1.

The date should be discussed and considered so that preparations for the AGM can begin.

Michael Bezuidenhout stated that it may be more sensible to have the AGM around the same time as SC elections - second semester.

Education Officer raised issues with the fact that there are many issues with the current Constitution and that there has not yet been an AGM. As a result, first semester would be beneficial.

## **6.2. O'Week Schedule**

SC needs to determine their availability to manage the FUSA stall during O'Week. Student President presented Student Council with a document to fill in their availability for O'Week.

## **6.3. Anti-bullying campaign**

Anne Hayes has brought it to the Student President that she is organising an anti-bullying campaign. The Student President shared some of the advertising materials for SC to view.

The Post-Graduate Officer suggested that it would be good to include the FUSA logo on the materials for the campaign to show FUSA's support.

**Action Point: Grace Hill will continue following up with Anne Hayes and bring the item back to Student Council.**

## **6.4. Events for Calendar**

The General Secretary requested that Student Council members should submit a number of events to be incorporated into a FUSA events calendar for Semester 1. The General Secretary requested that Student Council members consider this in the near future.

Meeting Closed: 6:55pm

## **4.1 Student President's Report:**

### **February Report**

Since the last meeting, I have been in the office every weekday except two, and have spent many more hours outside of this time promoting FUSA and FUSA events to students around the campus.

#### **NTEU meeting**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> I met with a representative from the NTEU to discuss the “Abbott and Pyne: Hands Off Our Education” campaign, and specifically the National Day of Action events at Parliament House and Flinders Main Campus. Through the month I have also met with Education activists from other campuses to discuss the cross-campus work and promotion, worked to have the NDA featured in student media, secured speakers for the events, and had thousands of leaflets printed and distributed across Flinders and the city. I have dedicated hours per day, sometimes including weekends, to this task with great success.

#### **Melinda Pike Meeting**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> I met with Melinda Pike, Secretary of the Academic Senate, to discuss the composition and workings of the Senate. We discussed previous Senate meetings, prepared for the first meeting of 2014, and I was provided with additional information on the hierarchies of Flinders.

#### **O'WAG Meeting**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting of O'WAG (Orientation Week Advisory Group), to discuss the organization of O'Week. Discussion included but was not limited to: the O'Week app, entertainment bookings, O'Week promotional material, O'Fiesta, and expected student numbers.

#### **Anne Hayes EOA meeting**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> I had a meeting with the Student Equal Opportunity Advisor, Anne Hayes, to discuss a planned anti-bullying campaign, the potential for FUSA involvement in this, and discrimination faced by students on campus. We discussed the areas covered by Flinders' Equal Opportunity Policy (bullying, discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment, and victimization), the frequency and severity of these things on campus, and the options for students in the grievance procedures.

#### **Rally to defend the Great Barrier Reef**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> I attended a rally in the city to protest the dredging activity near the Great Barrier Reef.

## **Market Day Meeting**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> I met with Chris O'Grady, Steph Walker, and Shaun Hobby to discuss the proposed Market Days to be held through the year. The intention is to have meetings on this topic through the year. We discussed potential activities and services which may be incorporated into the Market Days, a timeline for the year, and potential challenges which may arise.

## **Meeting with Jason L re uni council notes**

I met with IT on the 12<sup>th</sup> to learn to use Academic Senate's preferred annotation software.

## **No Fire Zone film screening**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> I also attended a film screening hosted by the Adelaide Refugee Action Group, featuring the film 'No Fire Zone'. This film deals with the genocide of Tamils in Sri Lanka. A discussion of Australian refugee policy followed. At this screening I took the opportunity to liaise with students from various campuses, the Adelaide Uni Social Justice Officer, and Aran Mylvaganam from the Tamil Refugee Council.

## **Mental Health Day Meeting**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> I met with Anne Hayes (Student Equal Opportunity Advisor) and Ben Smith (Counsellor) to discuss preliminary organization of a 2014 Mental Health Day. Items discussed included from which organizations we would seek involvement, food and beverage provision, club activity and faculty involvement.

## **Student Appeals Committee**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> I attended my first Student Appeals Committee Meeting, which involved a lot of time beforehand reading and researching. The meeting itself went for over 2 hours, the content of the meeting is confidential.

## **Meeting with Vanesa Duran**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> I met with Student Assist Team Leader Vanesa Duran to discuss template materials for FUSA promotional activity during O'Week. She supplied me with current and previous material for use and reference purposes.

## **Peter Goers on ABC891**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> Peter Goers was discussing Flinders and Empire Times on his radio show, and interviewed Andrew McHugh, former ET editor. I called in to the show to provide information on FUSA, our support for ET and it's current editors. I had a follow-up discussion with McHugh a few days later.

## **Clubs and Societies Planning Meeting**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> I attended a Clubs and Societies planning meeting with Shaun Hobby and Chris O'Grady. At the meeting we discussed club grant arrangements, organizing a simpler system for accessing and processing payments, and doing more promotion to make clubs and societies aware of the funding grants they are able to access.

## **Academic Senate**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> I attended my first meeting of Academic Senate, in the registry building.

## **Transition Experience**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> I also addressed students at a Transition Experience event, providing them with an overview of FUSA, Student Assist, and our upcoming events (The NDA and Welfare Breakfasts).

## **Meeting with Clare**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> I met with Clare McCarty, lecturer and director of first year studies in the school of education, to discuss a FUSA presentation at the education induction day event.

## **Meeting with Oasis**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> I also had a meeting with the head of Oasis and Andrew Parkin to discuss feedback given by students last year regarding Oasis, promotional issues, and a potential O'Week presence.

## **Foodbank Initiative**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> I also met with Helen and Vanesa from Student Assist, the Welfare Officer, Chris, and an Ordinary council member to discuss the proposed Foodbank initiative, including ensuring the students who need assistance can access the food, how this relates to the welfare breakfast, and potential food sources.

## **Refugee Protest Actions**

Earlier in the month I attended two protest actions against the proposed deportation of an elderly Hazara man to Afghanistan, a country in which he has not lived for almost 40 years. This man was to be dumped in Kabul with no family, friends or contacts. 11 people who have fled from the same location as him who had subsequently been deported back by the Australian government had been murdered. Two emergency protests were called to cancel his deportation, and I spoke at both rallies.

On the 21<sup>st</sup>, in close co-operation with the Adelaide University Social Justice Officer, I organized a protest against the murder of Reza Berati on Manus Island. Reza was a Kurdish refugee from Iran. I called an emergency action in Rundle Mall which was attended by approximately 300 people. To do this involved liaising with the Adelaide Refugee Action Group (of which I am a member), the Office of Sarah Hansen-Young, the Hills Circle of Friends, Welcome to Australia, and the Adelaide Uni SRC.

The Saturday after this I attended a candlelight vigil for Reza.

### **O'Week**

I worked on the FUSA O'Week stall through the week, using the time to sign students up for FUSA, promote the NDA, hand out freebies and give information about FUSA. During the week I also attended and spoke at several induction events, both postgraduate and undergraduate, including several social work sessions, education, and biology. I gave students information about FUSA, clubs and societies, and the upcoming NDA. During the week I had some discussion with the newly established Social Work Society regarding their planned events for the year. I also had discussions with the Young Greens regarding NDA promotion at their upcoming events.

### **Meeting with NUS President**

During O'Week I had a meeting with the NUS President Deanna Taylor to discuss current and upcoming campaigns including the NDA, the campaign to save Medicare, an Equal Pay campaign, and the continuing campaign against transphobia in bathrooms.

### **NDA Promotion**

A theme through my activity for the month has been the NDA. I at all times possible during my activities I have been producing and distributing NDA materials, having political discussions with students and arguing for them to attend and promote the event.

## 4.2 General Secretary's Report

This month I spent approximately 28 hours at O'week either in the office, talking to clubs or on the stall.

I spent approximately 5 hours corresponding with clubs in regards to O'week, Club's Day, Affiliation and club's getting Flinders email accounts.

I've spent approximately 5 hours working on the Clubs and Societies Handbook.

Created 'First Year sub-committee flyers' and sign up sheet.

I spent approximately 7 hours on meeting incidentals.

I've been corresponding frequently with the former General Secretary, Paul Harrison, about issues related to Clubs and Societies.

I organized the roster for O'week.

I went to Adelaide Uni's O'week, which gave me some good ideas on how to make Flinders more club friendly such as making a Flinders Clubs and Societies hard copy Guide book.

I've had several productive conversations with Chris O'Grady about issues including Club Grants and Contact people for club events.

### Flinders University Student Association

#### Receipts

Opening Bank Balance 01/01/14	\$14,099.97
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,099.97</b>
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#### Expenditure

Committed to FU General Ledger for FUSA Ball	\$11,723.00	Still physically in account awaiting transfer approval
Committed to transfer of Movember donations	\$23.35	Still physically in account awaiting transfer approval
Committed to FU General Ledger for Appreciation Dinner	\$968.00	Still physically in account awaiting transfer approval



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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,714.35</b>
Closing Bank Balance as at 31/01/2014	<b>\$14,099.97</b>
Register Float	\$200.00
Cash on Hand on 31/01/2014	\$41.00
Overall cash position	\$14,340.97



## 4.3 Education Officer's Report

### Office clearing

- Began tidying up the office. Organised the walls around the office and began a poster wall. I began removing materials from previous FUSA and NUS campaigns, contacted members of the previous council to come remove old materials. Spoke to Shaun about improving the current computer situation in the room. I was assisted by Will Menzies and Michael Bezuidenhout. Will continue to clean the office after o week and would greatly appreciate the organisation of a time.

**Total:** 5 hrs

### O week

- Monday : 3 hours
- Tuesday: 4.5 hours
- Wednesday: 4 hours
- Thursday : 0 hours
- Friday: 6 hours

**Total :** 17.5 hours

### Student Representative Network

- Began emailing the different faculties and determining

### Counter Guide- Miscellaneous email

I would like to thank Roxanna Henshaw for collecting an Adelaide Uni Counter Guide and will continue with my research towards this is

**Total:** 1 hours

## **4.4 Environment Officer's Report – February 2014**

### **Food and Beverage Subcommittee**

As a SC rep to the Food and Beverage Subcommittee I raised the issue of the \$10 minimum for Flinders One outlets and the impact this has on students. Student Council had previously passed a motion calling for a change to this minimum. Flinders One were reasonable and we negotiated the minimum down to a \$3, allowing students to buy coffee and the vast majority of food items unimpeded by burdensome minimum spend limits.

### **O week**

I was at O week every day and spent time on the FUSA stall, helped with the BBQ, assisted on the PA, helped AYCC to book a stall at the last minute and assisted FEAG with some stall issues. I have also been coordinating Flinders Fair Trade Society's stall and trying to get around to as many enviro and social justice clubs as possible.

### **Global Justice Fair**

While speaking to members of various clubs, I discovered that Fairtrade Fortnight, Oaktree's Live Below The Line fundraiser and World Red Cross Day overlap this year. As such, we came up with the idea for a Global Justice Day on May 8, for which I have made a motion. All social justice clubs will be invited, as well as other clubs with an international focus.

### **EnviroSpace renovations**

I met with the Manager Student Engagement this month to discuss the progress in the renovations of the EnviroSpace. While things are moving slowly, I have been cc'd in on emails with Buildings and Property to better monitor developments and speed things along where possible.

### **Food Bank**

I attended the Foodbank tour on February 17 organised by the Welfare Officer and Student Assist, as well as the subsequent meeting held on the following Tuesday. I am very supportive of this great initiative by the Welfare Officer.

### **Flinders Fair Trade Society**

In my usual duties as President of Flinders Fair Trade Society, I spent much of O week talking to new members. A few hundred people joined the Fair Trade campaign, which was a great result. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the Flinders Fair Trade stall this week. We have also started planning our actions for the upcoming Clubs Day, Social Justice Day and other events.

### **Health and Human Rights Group**

At O Week I followed up my emails and introduced myself to a few members of HHRG in person, including their Co-President for 2014. I have offered to help them with promotions in the future to support their excellent work.



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### **Oaktree Foundation**

I spoke to the Assistant State Director and the head of university engagement of Oaktree SA at O Week and offered to assist them in setting up an affiliated club at Flinders, something they have thought about for a while and which I think would be beneficial to the campus culture at Flinders. I will continue talking to this group.



#### **4.5 Queer Officer Report:**

5 hours informal conversations with queer students at flinders collecting suggestions and laying the groundwork for the revamping of the queer collective.

1 hour assessing resources in the queer room.

5 hours of O Week queer activities.

1 hour meeting with NUS Queer Officer.

2 hours researching gender neutral bathroom options.

2 hours researching trans\* experiences in Australian education.

## **4.7 International student's officer**

### **January Report**

- I attended to the FUSA induction day to be more familiar with the FUSA, meeting policies and rules 6 hours
- I spent at least one hour to respond and advise the international students' through emails regarding different issues 1 hour
- I have been communicating to form an International sub-committee with other international students and as results three students are expressed their interests to be member of sub-committee 3 hours.
- Communicate to be a member of the International committee at the Faculty of Health sciences
- Communicate with other students to get their ideas about the international students' interests and which kind of assistance FUSA can provide for them 2hours
- Attended to the first Council Meeting,. 3.5 hours

### **February report**

#### **International Sub-committee**

I am working on forming a subcommittee. I have send out several emails to number of international students. I will send out an invitation email to all international students soon. 2 hours

#### **International student's officers at Adelaide**

I have been contacting Uni SA and Adelaide university International student officers'.

I have been in touch with CISA's president and Secretary.

#### **O'Week**

I worked on the FUSA O'Week stall approximately 7.5 hours, encourage students to sign up for FUSA, promote FUSA and give information about FUSA.

## **New International Students**

I have spent more than 3 hours with new International students and provided them with information about campus, FUSA, Village, off campus accommodation and ISSU and other facilities and services at the University.

## **Multi-cultural Festival**

I have also started planning the multi –culture festival for 2014. 1 hour

## **ISSU**

I am arranging a meeting with Jane from ISSU to see which kind of assistance the FUSA and ISSU can provide for international students collaboratively.

I will also discuss the possibility of providing a pamphlet or a service regarding the Australian's idioms and slangs and proverbs for the International student especially for new students. I have already sent an email to Roxy to put this part as a discussion matter in the agenda.

## **ISSU morning tea**

I will join ISSU for MORNING tea to meet other international students and get their idea and interests, which will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of March at Oasis Common Room, Union Building at 10am-1:30

## **4.8 Welfare Officer's Report – February 2014**

### **Food Bank**

Helen Laity and I met to discuss the idea of a food bank for Flinders students. Helen, Will, Chris O'Grady, and I toured the Foodbank SA warehouse on 17 Feb. A number of FUSA staff, several SC members, and I met on 20 Feb to discuss the logistics of the idea and some potential problems. Helen and I will be working up a detailed proposal to present to the university administration and Student Council.

### **Welfare Breakfasts**

There was a meeting on 20 Feb to discuss the budgeting and logistics of the welfare breakfasts. Casuals to staff the tables have been budgeted for, and hopefully we will be able to use Foodbank SA services to provide supplies.

### **Mental Health Day**

I attended a meeting with Anne Hayes (Student Equal Opportunity Adviser) and Ben Smith (Counsellor) to discuss the organisation of Mental Health Day, to take place on 14 April.

### **Uni Hall Laundry**

I emailed Dr Paul Tosch, Acting Dean of Flinders Living, to discuss the charging of Hall residents to use the on-site washing machines as per the motion passed by SC. I then spoke with Dr Tosch over the phone, and he is amenable to SC's position. I am waiting on an official response from him regarding the issue.

### **Save Our Medicare Campaign**

I met briefly with Deanna Taylor, NUS National President, to discuss materials for the NUS Save Our Medicare campaign. I spent several hours during O'Week distributing campaign materials and gathering signatures for the petition.

### **O'Week**

I spent numerous hours during O'Week on the FUSA stall and assisting with some administrative duties.

## **4.11 Post Graduate Officer Report.**

Organising for the O'day for Grown Up event is well under way. I would like to thank Steph Walker for her assistance in designing the poster/leaflet and Chris O'Grady for organising a mass email to all Flinders Post graduate students with an electronic version of the leaflet.

I have had meetings with the following clubs/people to discuss a wide range of issues.

The Indonesian student club.

The new social work society who have asked for assistance in relating to Post Graduate Social Work students and other general advice.

I have had meetings with the Post Graduate Medical students association, a number of staff members in a range of schools who have postgraduate students. I have had extensive contact with a number of postgraduate representatives across the university and hope to further develop communication not just between me and them, but hopefully between each other as well.

Last year there was an issue involving Masters of Social Work students and use of a common room. I have been updated on this ongoing situation, through a number of meetings and communication with those concerned.

I have also had discussions with Mature age students at Flinders to hopefully organise closer relations between them and myself, as I believe there is a great opportunity to work closer on a range of issues, as there is a natural convergence and cross over between mature age and Post Graduate students.

I have had meetings with former Post Graduate Officer bearers from Graduate Student Association (GSA) at Melbourne University and SUPRA at Sydney University.

On a recent trip to Melbourne I had meetings with the National Education Officer from NUS to have an update on the education campaign, the National Environment Officer to discuss a range of issues particularly in relation to public transport issues at Flinders and the upcoming State election.

The National Queer Officer in particular to events to mark the ten year anniversary of the homophobia Same-sex marriage ban.

I had face to face meetings with Mature Age reps from a number of universities from across Australia including Curtin, Melbourne, Sydney.

IN relation to student issues, including the education cuts I have had meetings with a number of current and former politicians at a state and federal level including Sarah Hanson-Young.

I have had discussions with the NTEU at Flinders about the current IR situation on campus





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and have been briefed on the national situation from NTEU Officials on a recent trip to Melbourne.

During O'week, i have been out and about talking to many hundreds of students about FUSA, the education campaign and i have tried to focus on older students and postgraduates to ensure they know we are for them as well.

## 4.9 Social Activities Officer Report February

A great deal of my hours this month were spent manning the FUSA stall at O week and organising the market day with Jessi. At this point in time I have 2 brands holding stalls (Lemon Frankie and Estivle Lane), I also have a student stall booked where 2 students will be selling 'pre-loved' clothing. We are trying to get an op shop stall, perhaps Red Cross and I will contact the Flinders Co-op also.

Writing proposal for pub crawl and January report - .5 hrs

2 x meetings with Jessi about upcoming market day – 1.75 hrs

Creating 'mood board' for market day poster, compiling images to give to Steph when she designs the poster – 1 hr

Pub Crawl brainstorming, themes, t-shirts, etc. – 0.65 hrs

FUSA stall during O week – 10.25 hrs

Attending Adelaide O week with Chris, Roxy and Andrew – 2 hrs

Compiling list of stationery and varied prices for the market day 'show bags' – 1.5 hrs

Compiling list of potential stall holders for the market days, creating a template email to send to stall holders and contacting various stall holders for the launch – 3 hrs

Total hours: 20.65 hours

## **4.13 Manager Student Engagement – Update – MARCH 2014**

### **FUSA Website**

The new FUSA Website is now live. It will provide increased functionality for both the user and the Media Officer. I have given notice to Code 360 (the previous web provider) that our current contract will not be renewed.

### **Flinders One/FUSA Student Consultation Groups**

The first quarterly meeting was held last week and was very successful. All groups are full except for Food and Beverage. Flinders One management were open to students suggestions and immediately agreed to make changes that were suggested. Minutes of these meetings will be circulated

### **Student Council By-Election**

The Election will be held from the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> of March.

### **FUSA Staff**

I am currently in the process of completing the Position Description for the Clubs and Events Officer and hope to advertise for this position in the next fortnight.

### **Club Grants**

Myself, the General Secretary and the FUSA Office Coordinator will be meeting next week to discuss simplifying grant procedures in readiness for applications in 2014.

## 5.1 Diversity Committee

**Motion:** I motion that the association approves Rosalie taking Stef's position on the diversity committee.

## 5.2 Condemning mandatory detention, offshore processing, and Australia's inhumane treatment of refugees

Last fortnight, PNG police, G4S security forces, and local armed groups broke into the Manus Island detention centre. They attacked the refugees with knives, rocks, and guns, shooting at least one man, injuring over 70 others, and murdering Reza Berati, a Kurdish refugee from Iran. This attack was not a freak accident, it was the end result of the refugee policies of the former Labor and current Liberal governments. It was the end result of a policy of dumping refugees in one of the poorest regions of the poorest countries in the world indefinitely, and the end result of having the Immigration Department pay violent paramilitary forces to "secure" the detention centre. The student council must take up a formal position against policies of racism, discrimination, and detention, and against the murder of Reza.

### **I motion:**

1. That the student council takes the position that the Australian government's treatment of refugees is both inhumane and racist.
2. That the student council condemns the racist policies of mandatory detention, offshore processing, and deportations, and calls for their immediate abolition.
3. That the student council takes a position of support for refugees protesting in detention centres against their continued imprisonment.

## 5.3 Women's room facilities

The Women's room is an important space on campus for women identifying students to access and enjoy. Unfortunately our Women's room is currently lacking in several areas. One major issue is the lack of adequate computing facilities. This must be rectified immediately.

**I motion:** That the student council approve funds for the purchase of a new computer for the Women's room.

## 5.4 Student Forums

Last year several student forums were held to receive feedback from students on various issues and events. This year we are yet to have any forums, and as we've just finished O'Week it seems like an apt time to hold one.

**I motion:** That student council members organize the first student forum, to be held in first semester.

## 5.5 ET Editors Honorariums

Last year the ET editors' honorariums had to be approved monthly by student council. This was inefficient and meant that sometimes the editors weren't paid till well after the release date of the magazine.

**Motion:** I motion that student council automatically approve the payment of ET editors' honorariums upon each edition's arrival, once signed off by the media officer. If an edition is more than one week late council must formally approve or deny the editors' honorariums for that edition in the next meeting.

## 5.6 Non-Financial Clubs and Societies

At present the s 2.2 of the Clubs and Societies Regulations states that "[t]he definition of a Non-Financial Affiliated club will be a club that has access to services and resources that are provided through the Association, and is not eligible to apply for grants from the Association."

There has been some confusion among non-affiliated clubs as to whether they are able to use the photocopier and/or PA system. Without access to these resources the only incentive for clubs and societies to affiliate non-financially is the publicity provided on the website.

**Motion:** I motion that student council interprets 'services and resources' in s 2.2 of the Clubs and Societies regulations to mean the photocopier and PA system.

## 5.7 AGM

**Motion:** I motion that we set the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April as the date for our first AGM, work with the media officer for promotion, and organize a BBQ and small raffle to incentivize attendance.

## 5.8 IDAHO (International Day Against Homophobia)

IDAHO takes place on the 17th of May each year, and is one way that groups (such as universities) can demonstrate their intolerance of homophobic attitudes and actions. This year the 17th of May falls on a Saturday, so the event will happen one day of the week preceding.

**Motion:** I motion that council backs an IDAHO event in 2014.

## 5.9 Cleaning the Office

The office cleaning has already started however there is still some work to do, I would therefore like to ask for volunteers for a day next week to completely remove some boxes and other miscellaneous objects.

**I motion that a student council day cleaning day be created on the \_\_\_\_\_**

### **5.10 FUSA shirts**

After O Week it has become evident that there is a need for student council to have rules for the use of FUSA clothing e.g. the removal of FUSA shirts when participating in club activities especially politically motivated clubs. This is to bring it into line with FUSA's unbiased political stance. I encourage participation in all clubs however the use of FUSA's branding should be avoided, to avoid confusing the student population.

**I motion that student council only wear FUSA shirt when on official FUSA duties determined by student council.**

**5.11 March on Palm Sunday to bring justice to refugees! 1pm, Sunday 13 April, starting at Parliament House, North Terrace.**

### EVENT INFORMATION

Come along, bring your family and friends and stand in solidarity with asylum seekers and refugees, supporting their right to live a safe, dignified and meaningful existence while their claims are being processed.

Thousands of people turned out around Australia at vigils for Reza Berati. Tragically asylum seekers on Manus Island are still in the hands of those who attacked them, they are ...still not safe. We have a real opportunity to shut the Manus Island detention centre and welcome them to safety in Australia. Please invite your friends and share this event on Facebook, we need to make this event huge, to keep up the pressure to bring Justice for Reza Berati, and Justice for all Refugees.

More information about this event will be available after the planning meeting this Thursday 6 March.

This march is (so far) supported by the following groups (in alphabetical order), but please message us (or post on the event page) if your group would like to add its name to the list!:

Adelaide Refugee Action Group  
Adelaide University Student Representative Council  
Australian Refugee Association  
Baptist Care  
Anglicare

Churches of Christ SA&NT  
Hills Circle of Friends  
The Greens  
Lutheran Care  
SA Council of Churches  
Socialist Alternative  
Tear Australia  
Uniting Church  
Uniting Communities  
Unions SA  
Welcome to Australia  
World Vision

I MOTION THAT STUDENT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE March on Palm Sunday to bring justice to refugees and FUSA should be added to the list of endorsing organisations.

### **5.12 Social Justice Day**

This year Fairtrade Fortnight, Oaktree Foundation's Live Below the Line fundraiser and International Red Cross Day overlap. A number of social justice clubs were planning to run events during this period, so to support them I propose we run an event for all clubs that have a social justice/environment/human rights component to showcase their work. Examples of groups/clubs to participate include VGen, Oaktree Foundation, Envirospace clubs, Health and Human Rights Group, FUSA

Entertainment will be one band and one slam poet. Also an interactive art piece to depict the global struggle for social justice.

Promotion: FUSA/clubs Social media, posters and fliers from Media Officer, lecture bashing.

Council Members responsible: Will Menzies (Environment Officer) + seeking one other member (potentially a general council member)

Council involvement: Attendance, FUSA/Student Assist/Welfare stall, opportunity for equity portfolio stalls, help with setup/packup. Spreading the word beforehand, postering.

Budget:

Band - \$300

Food- TBA? Possible extension of Welfare breakfast?

Casuals:

1 person, 2 hours for PA,

2Extended Welfare ‘meal’

People	Task	Hours
1	PA operator	3
2	Extended welfare breakfast/sausage sizzle/other food.	2

I motion that FUSA run an event named Social Justice Day on May 8.

### **5.13 Club Affiliations:**

#### **5.13.1 Australia-China Youth Association – Flinders Chapter**

**Motion:** I motion that FUSA approves Australia-China Youth Association – Flinders Chapter for financial affiliation provided they amend their Constitution slightly in accordance with FUSA’s new Clubs and Societies regulations.

#### **5.13.2 Costume Lovers of the Highest Enthusiasm**

**Motion:** I motion that FUSA approves Costume Lovers of the Highest Enthusiasm for financial affiliation provided they amend their Constitution slightly in accordance with FUSA’s new Clubs and Societies regulations and open a bank account.

### **5.14 Executive Committee Recommendations**

#### **5.14.1 Honorariums**

#### **6.1 Stamp for Welfare Breakfasts**

Last year some people came to the Welfare breakfasts and look piles of food. It would be good to prevent people from taking more than their fair share so more people can have access to it. Perhaps this could be done with some sort of stamp to put on people once they have taken food?

#### **6.2 Opening Hours for Refectory/Coopers Bar**

At the Flinders One Student Consultation Group for Campus Engagement, opening Hours of the Refectory/Coopers Bar was discussed. It was agreed that Flinders One would open



Coopers Bar until 6pm during the week and 9pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I would like to receive feedback from SC on this.

### **6.3 Market Day**

As per summary in Matters for Noting, Market Day is pushing ahead and will be fortnightly beginning on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March. The Social Activities Officer and Jessi Tilbrook (FUSA Admin Assistant) have been working collaboratively on this. It would be great to have as much Student Council involvement as possible- perhaps the Marquee with a stall and SC members giving away free stationery, discussing upcoming events/services etc.

### **6.4 KPI document and Student Council Accountability**

#### **6.5. IT Services**

Perhaps the university could start providing personal IT services, such as, help with virus removal and computer checks etc, at a student friendly price

### **6.6 Navigating Flinders**

During O'week a student came in to the office and suggested that perhaps the pillars in Flinders precincts or schools could be painted different colours, as they are presented in the diary, to make it easier for students to find their way around. She also suggested creating mascots or landmarks for different areas.

### **6.7 O'Week Participation**

The aftermath of O week has demonstrated that student council participation at events needs to be improved. The lack of council members manning the stall was evident given that a small proportion of council was at the stall for the majority of the time. This was usually portfolios as opposed to Ordinary Council members, who would have benefited from the hours and been introduced to quite a fun experience. I understand that most council members wanted to help out with their respective club stalls, however I believe that this must be done in moderation given that we were elected for the purpose of representing students. I found this to be disappointing given the prior warning to all council members. I believe that it's a responsibility of council members to participate to their fullest and be proactive in their responsibilities for council.

### **6.8 Bridge to Uni Hall**

I have been told it is really unsafe to walk across at night as people can trap you in the middle and steal your stuff/assault you.

### **7.1 Market Day**

## Summary of progress for Student Council meeting, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014

*Prepared by Jessi Tilbrook*

- Market Day will be fortnightly alternating between Tuesdays and Thursdays. Schedule has been confirmed and the Plaza has been booked for each date in S1 and S2 – the first being Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March.
- Revised budget has been completed with some expenses still pending (please see spreadsheet attached)
- Lauren Brice has been delegated the task of managing which stalls will come on site to trade at the launch event. She is compiling a database in the meantime, including contact details of external businesses and stall holders (students and non-students) who are interested in participating during the year. She is still in the process of confirming the stalls for the launch but at this stage there will be a minimum of three. Jessi intends on speaking with Roxy about getting clubs involved too with stalls.
- Lauren Brice is also looking after the stationary show bags that will be given to students at the launch. We have decided on 150 bags for the launch, and 75 bags for every event after. She has compiled a list of items that are available for purchase and are believed to be the most beneficial to students. Each bag will cost just under \$10. FUSA tote bags will be used. We would like the FUSA gazebo to be set up with members of student council handing out the stationary bags to students at the launch. Jessi intends on discussing this further with Grace.
- Jessi is in the process of confirming 3 minute angels as the business that will provide massages to students. They will operate for the duration of the event with two angels at the launch and then 1-2 for every event after that.
- Jessi is also in the process of sourcing and organising self-employed hairdressers, a band, BBQ (through flinders one), sound technician (must be used for a full band). As discussed with Chris O Grady, the band will have at least one flinders uni student so that they band will be covered under the universities public liability.
- Jessi will meet with Steph after the O'Week madness to discuss marketing and promotional material for the event. Lauren and Jessi have already done some groundwork and retrieved reference images and a list of info that would be good to go on promo.

## 7.2 Extra SSAF Funding

At the final meeting of the SSSAF Budget Advisory Committee in 2013, attended by myself, the Student President and the DVC(A), the following was agreed to, based on feedback from students as a result of the SSAF Budget Consultation:

- **Postgraduate Support.** There was concern from students about the lack of SSAF funds that had been allocated specifically to postgraduate students. The Committee agreed to recommend an extra allocation of \$25,000 to be set aside in 2014 for activities and support for postgraduate students. The Manager, Student Engagement will initiate a consultation process in 2014 with postgraduate students regarding this.
- **School Based Clubs.** The SSAF Budget Advisory Committee endorsed the allocation of an extra \$35,000 to support School-based student clubs and societies. This allocation would allow such clubs and societies, which have been formally recognised by the relevant Dean of School, to access grants of up to \$2,500 per annum, when they are affiliated to FUSA. The relevant school will be encouraged to match this funding with the aim of increasing student engagement within schools.

Over the next few weeks, I intend on talking with the Postgraduate Officer and General Secretary about moving forward with these initiatives.