

Flinders University Student Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Meeting Tuesday 4th March 2014

Location: FUSA meeting room.

Present: Grace Hill, Roxanna Henshaw, Timothy Mitchell, Ira Herbold, Rosalie Dow, Haidarr Jones, James Vigus, Yaddollah Bahrami, Jaka Yusuf, Ella Keegan-Treloar, Michael Bezuidenhout, Justin Shaw, Caleb Pattinson, Chris O'Grady, Stef Rozitis (6:10pm), Will Menzies (6:27pm), Tut Tut (6:52pm), Paul Harrison (Minutes)

Apologies: Lauren Brice

Meeting Opened 6:03pm.

1. Welcome and Meeting Open

2. Apologies

There was no dissent in the apologies.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion: Motion to accept minutes of last meeting

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw

All in favour

Motion Carried

4. Reports

Education Officer - amend the Education Officer's report to remove "and determining" from the end of the "Student Representative Network" section of the report.

Motion to accept all reports

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw

All in favour

Motion Carried

5. Matters for Decision

5.1. Diversity Committee – Womens Officer

Student Council let the motion lie until the Women's Officer is present.

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

The Student President stressed the importance of standing up for all issues.

The Accessibility Officer requested that Student Council do introductions for new members to be acquainted with all of Student Council.

Student Council let the motion lie in order to do introductions (6:08pm)

Student Council raised the motion once introductions were finished (6:10pm)

Stef entered the room 6:10pm.

Chris O'Grady left the room 6:11pm

The Postgraduate Officer continued discussions around the treatment of people within detention centers. The post-graduate officer stressed that it is a matter at Flinders as upholding key values and human rights is a role of the Student Association.

The Queer Officer supports the discussion, but raised concerns with only doing a motion. The Queer Officer suggested possibly making a post on Facebook to publicise the issue and FUSA's support.

The Education Officer, suggested that he supports the motions. However, whilst the issue has not yet been finalised, it has not been proven to be a murder as of yet. It appears to obviously be a murder, but it should not be stated as such until it is proven.

Student President stated that it is undeniable that it was murder.

The Education Officer stated that without doubt it is murder. But it is incorrect to call it as murder until it is proven in a court of law.

Michael Bezuidenhout - does not actually say murder in the motion, only the description
General Secretary - Council is only approving the motion, not the description.

Queer Officer - Would like to recommend that an addition that the Student Council as an addition publicises its opinion to the student body through use of social media.

Chris O'Grady has reentered the room 6:21pm

Michael Bezuidenhout – I don't know if it's our role to recommend whether or not we have mandatory detention as we do not have the expertise or knowledge as to what should happen in its place.

Student President agrees that the Student Council publicise this position to students via Social Media.

Motions: 1. I motion that the student council takes the position that the Australian government's treatment of refugees is both inhumane and racist.

2. I motion that the student council condemns the racist policies of mandatory detention, offshore processing, and deportations, and calls for their immediate abolition.

3. I motion that the student council takes a position of support for refugees protesting in detention centres against their continued imprisonment.

Motion: Motion to move motions on block

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: James Vigus

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: Caleb Pattinson, Michael Bezuidenhout, Tim Mitchell

Majority in favour

Motion Carried

Student Council raised item 5.1

Diversity Committee – Women's Officer

Chris O'Grady - Change the motion to read Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee

Change is acceptable to the move

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

Moved: Stef Rozitsis

Seconded: Tim Mitchell

All in favour

Motion Carried

Women's room facilities – Student President

Women's Officer – The women's room at the moment isn't a very friendly place. I was wondering if a computer could be installed for people to use for study. It would also be good to move stuff out of the women's room to free space in the room.

Will Menzies has entered the room 6:27pm

Justin Shaw – It is a good idea, but is one computer enough?

Women's Officer – We would prefer more than one.

Michael Bezuidenhout – Can we investigate other options rather than just buying them?

Chris O'Grady – There is \$20,000 in FUSA budget for refurbishing student spaces. The money for computers could come out of that. If we're looking at the Women's Room should look at the queer space as well. Maybe a broad proposal should be drawn up for all student spaces.

Education Officer - Only actually 2 working computers in the Student Council office.

Maybe Student Council needs to purchase new computers.

Student President - Definitely need some new computers here, but it is off topic.

Environment Officer - Enviro space people are also keen to get a computer.

Queer Officer – The queer room could also do with a computer. Perhaps it would be best to bring a proposal at the next meeting for all of the groups.

Motion postponed until next meeting

Student Forums – Student President

Queer Officer stated that FUSA should make sure that there are other ways that students can contribute. For example, via Facebook or a survey box.

Welfare Officer – We should make sure that both a physical and online forum are advertised.

Environment Officer - FlindersOne are doing similar things, so it would be a good idea to discuss with FlindersOne to place suggestion boxes next to each other etcetera.

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

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Yaddollah Bahrami

All in Favour

Motion Carried

ET Editors' Honorariums – General Secretary

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.

Moved: Roxanna Henshaw

Seconded: Justin Shaw

All in favour

Motion Carried

Non-Financial Clubs and Societies – General Secretary

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.

Moved: Roxanna Henshaw

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

All in favour

Motion Carried

AGM – Student President

The Student President stated that the AGM will be held on the Thursday as it is one of the busiest days at Flinders and will probably be sometime in the middle of the day.

The Post-Graduate Officer stated that Monash used to have AGMs outside which was very successful. Perhaps they should be moved out onto the plaza. More friendly and easy to find.

The General Secretary stated that discussion of the AGM specifics could be done at a later date.

The Queer Officer suggested that "incentivize" in the motion should be changed to "incentivize".

Change is acceptable to the mover.

Motion: I motion that we set the 3rd 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.

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Rosalie Dow

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Majority in favour

Motion Carried

IDAHO Day – Queer Officer

Change motion to read "for Tuesday the 13th of May 2014".

Motion: I motion that council backs an IDAHO event for Tuesday the 13th of May 2014.

Moved: Rosalie Dow

Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw

All in Favour

Motion Carried

Cleaning the Office – Education Officer

Education Officer – Thursday might be the best day.

Women's Officer - Would like to motion to thank the people who have already done some cleaning of the Student Council room.

Motion: To thank the three student council members who have done some cleaning of the student council room.

Moved: Stef Rozitis

Seconded: Grace Hill

All in favour

Motion Carried

Education Officer – There will be no time set whenever you are free to help out you should.

Environment Officer – Everyone should go through the materials before Thursday to get any old campaign materials out which may be useful.

Accessibility Officer – could scan important materials before throwing out so that a digital copy is kept.

Motion: I motion that a student council cleaning day be created on Thursday.

Moved: Tim Mitchell

Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw

All in favour

Motion Carried

FUSA Shirts – Education Officer

Education Officer - FUSA is meant to be an A-Political organisation. FUSA's brand may be damaged if you are not doing FUSA duties.

Student President - Student Council has decided before that FUSA is a political body.

Representing students is political. I believe that the motion is maybe petty or laughable, no offence.

Education Officer – Offence Taken

Environment Officer stated that FUSA is a political organisation. The Environment Officer suggested that it is okay for shirts to be worn for things that FUSA is in favour of or has voted in favour of. The shirts should not be worn when undertaking activities or advocating for actual political parties.

Tut entered the room 6:52pm

Queer Officer - I agree with the motion. I believe it is disrespectful for any member of student council to state that another member's motion is petty or laughable.

General Secretary stated that the use of shirts in any other manner than manners which are deemed acceptable by FUSA may effect public perception and damage the FUSA branding. If public perception is effected it may reduce the likelihood of students seeking out FUSA for help.

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

Moved: Tim Mitchell

Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw

For: 11

Against: Ira Herbold, James Vigus, Grace Hill

Abstentions: Jaka Yusuf, Tut Tut

Majority in favour

Motion Carried

March on Palm Sunday to bring justice to refugees – Post-Graduate Officer

Post-Graduate Officer – amend motion to add "and raise student awareness about the event."

Motion: 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 and raise

student awareness about the event.

Moved: James Vigus

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

All in favour

Motion Carried

Social Justice Day – Environment Officer

Amend motion from "seeking one other member" to "Caleb and Stef"

Chris O’Grady – Is this coming out of your portfolio budget?

Environment Officer – Thinking general budget, maybe supplemented by Enviro budget

General Secretary stated that at this point the planning should be approved and the budget should be looked at in a future meeting.

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

Moved: Will Menzies

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

James Vigus absent from vote.

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstention: Tut Tut

Majority in favour

Motion Carried

Club Affiliation – General Secretary

Australia-China Youth Association – Flinders Chapter

Costume Lovers of the Highest Enthusiasm

Motion: Motion to accept club affiliations on block

Moved: Roxanna Henshaw

Seconded: Caleb Pattinson

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstentions: Tut Tut

Majority in favour

Motion Carried

Executive Committee Recommendations

Honorariums

Motion: I motion that Student Council approve the following honorariums:

- General Secretary for February
- Education Officer for February
- Environment Officer for February
- Queer Officer for February
- International Officer for January and February
- Welfare Officer for February
- Post-Graduate Officer for February
- Social Activities Officer for January and February
- Justin for February
- Caleb for February
- Michael for January and February
- Ella for January and February

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstention: Stef Rozitis, Tut Tut

Majority in favour

Motion Carried

Meeting paused - 7:04pm.

Meeting resumed - 7:22pm.

Matters for Discussion:

Stamp for Welfare Breakfasts – Ella Keegan-Treloar

Ella Keegan-Treloar stated that she had discussed the welfare breakfasts with Nick Smith, who ran previous welfare breakfasts. At the breakfasts there were people who turned up with bags to collect lots of food.

Queer Officer - Perhaps rather than stop people taking more food, invite them back at the end of the welfare breakfast to collect left-over food.

Michael Bezuidenhout - I do not believe it is a good idea to mark people who use the welfare breakfast. Particularly because it might be seen as a 'poor person stamp'.

Environment Officer – I believe that at university students from all background will utilise the breakfast.

Caleb Pattinson – Occasionally food was forced upon him when there was too much food at welfare breakfasts. But it may be a good idea to regulate it as the brand becomes stronger and more people go and there will be less food to go around.

Welfare Officer – Should probably start off with allowing people to take a basket full if they want. If they need to take a basket full, they should be able to come get this food.

Education Officer – Potentially a solution to both problems is limit food before the last half hour, then unlimit it towards then end so that people may take as much as they like.

Queer Officer – It may be hearsay as it is right now, perhaps should make a note for the next few breakfasts or so to determine whether or not this is even a problem that needs to be considered.

Michael Bezuidenhout - Probably best at the casual's discretion on the day.

Environment Officer - Having a half hour frenzy might not be a good idea because people may have lectures etc.

Justin Shaw - idea of a food stamp is discouraging.

Opening Hours for The Refectory/Coopers Bar - MSE

Queer Officer –The FlindersOne student engagement group talked a lot about advertising the opening hours. Does not seem fair to gauge extended opening hours if there was not enough advertising. There was a bit of a feeling that advertising alcohol was unwelcome.

Michael Bezuidenhout - Did not like the idea of discounts on FUSA app.

Caleb Pattinson – Opening hours has to really do with the successfulness of the bar.

Needs to be attractive to get the students in there to have the opening hours.

Environment Officer - University is very paranoid about alcohol after the engineering pubcrawl. Worried about negative public images.

Queer Officer - Do not believe that the student body should have to suffer due to the Advertiser's sub-standard journalism.

Michael Bezuidenhout - Access to campus is an issue if it is open later.

Education officer – Bars and pubcrawls are entirely different things. I do not see how it is economically viable when beer prices are expensive and in the middle of nowhere.

Justin Shaw - Maybe keep one of the food stalls open - pub meals etc. You should be eating if you're consuming alcohol. This would help to encourage students to come to Flinders.

Market Day - MSE

Queer Officer - Giving out bags of stationary might not be the best approach. Not all students will use all items of stationary. It might be a better use of finances to allow students to pick and choose.

Student President - Having items all over the table worked well for O'Week.

Queer Officer - It might be something to consider for the future if it is too much work now.

Student council will have a marquee at the market day if possible.

General Secretary - Depending on weather, SC should consider where they set up the stall.

Environment Officer – A stall every week is a very big time commitment. If there was a stall every week, everyone will need to commit a few weeks a semester.

The KPI Document and student Council Accountability – Women's Officer

Women's Officer – Still don't think that SC members should have to put in an account of what they have done. If it is thought someone is not doing their job and maybe an action should be taken. SC members should not have to justify what they have done.

General Secretary – Traditionally just to keep SC in the loop, not tied to KPIs. Also allowed students to know what was happening as well. The reason is not that they don't trust people, but to let people know what is happening.

Women's Officer – Not happy to put in an account of how much time is spent on what.

Welfare Officer – Happy to do reports to keep people informed and let the student body know what they are up to. I do not believe that we should be accounting for time

Education Officer – Think that adding hours is helpful not simply as an oversight but to show the student body, which pays for everything we do as FUSA. Just to keep the student body informed that their money is not going to waste. It is simple accountable.

Tut Tut – The General Secretary should have a very clear cut criteria as to what everyone should do and what is expected. Students elected on a conservative mandate should only be held accountable to that.

Michael Bezuidenhout – Obviously we are all elected by students on a mandate. KPI's can't kick you out of your position straight away. They're really for honorariums. No one should be paid for work they are not doing. From a governance perspective it is done widely by governments, universities, unions and other organisations. Reports and break downs do not take much work to do it. It took me about 5 minutes to do it, it's not a large commitment.

Women's Officer – It is a big deal, not because it will take some of my time. I do not believe it is fair to be able to be paired off against past and future council members. Already elected, therefore trusted by students. If they do a bad job, will be voted out next time.

I don't think it's right for FUSA to allow this.

International Officer – Should trust each other.

General Secretary – KPI document - says they have to submit an OB report. Do not have to say how long you spent on anything. Some people choose to do that because it makes it easier by Exec to approve honorariums

Tut Tut – If students are happy with what I'm doing then why should I have to be held accountable to others?

Procedural to move on to next topic.

Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: James Vigus

Majority in favour

Motion carried

IT services – Caleb Pattinson

Womens Officer – Supports

Accessibility Officer – Accessibility feature on Flinders Website. Staff email is not fully accessible for the blind.

Education Officer – Could be vastly expensive and time consuming for the University.

Caleb Pattinson – would be good if they could do it at cost.

Justin Shaw – Any way to integrate with FLO helpdesk?

Student President – Agree in general. Not sure about cost, but we should ask anyway.

Environment Officer – Bunch of programs, antivirus etc. that are on the website. Would be good to publicise these aspects better.

Caleb Pattinson – Okay to follow up on that

Accessibility Officer – Would be good to ensure IT support is available for students.

Caleb to follow up and research the issue.

Navigating Flinders – General Secretary

Chris O’Grady – can assist in forwarding this proposal to the relevant people.

Michael Bezuidenhout – a lot of other campuses advertise lost on campus heavily. It is a really useful application.

Environment Officer – Is it possible to link to the lost in campus app on the FUSA app?

O’Week Participation – Education Officer

Education Officer – I felt that a lot of the work was put on a few SC members to operate the stall. Obviously everyone has outside commitments. It was very much expected that members should be on the stall. SC members committed to hours and did not turn up.

Women’s Officer – Maybe also need to look at streamlining these things to have the least amount of labor.

Post-Graduate Officer – it was an overwhelming positive week. Was better compared to past years and well done.

The Bridge to Uni Hall – Ella Keegan-Treloar

Queer Officer – Security can walk you back to your car, university hall etcetera. More advertising could solve this problem.

Accessibility Officer stated that he has used the service before. The service can be used mainly in two different ways. One is being walked to the hall and the other is to call security before walking and call security when reaching the hall.

Environment Officer – Anything else we could do, lighting or a button?

Michael Bezuidenhout - Does have a lot of lighting and cameras. However, they are not very prominent so may not act as a deterrent.

Environment Officer - should be trying to deter the criminals. Should make signs to state that there are cameras and it is monitored by security.

Motion: I motion that SC recommends to B&P come up with solutions to the problem – lighting, emergency button, advertising of security and signage about the CCTV.

Moved: Ella Keegan-Treloar

Seconded: Rosalie Dow

All in favour

Motion Carried

6. Matters for Noting

6.1. Market Day - MSE

6.2. Extra SSAF Funding -MSE

7. Meeting Close