

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting Number 7/12
Board Room
13th August 2012
5.31pm

Present: Hannah MacLeod (Student President), Dale Colbeck, Brodie McGee, Rose Pullen, Rebekah Huppatz, Paul Harrison, Angas Oehme, Cristel Chambers, Luke Marshall, Leon Cermak, James Findlay

Apologies: Robert Houghton, Ajsa Bajraktarevic, Shannon Spaulding

In Attendance: Observers

AGENDA MATTERS

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

The SP opened the meeting and acknowledged that the Student Council meeting was taking place on Kurna land and thanked the elders past and present for the use of this land.

2. Apologies

The SP notified the Student Council of the apologies received as listed above.

3. Matters for Discussion

Nursing Student Complaint – Gabriel Evangelista

A lecture that was scheduled as 'live' at the start of the semester is now only available online. The student went through the policies and procedures with Neil Garry. He has spoken to Steve Parker who advised to contact the Topic Co-ordinator. The student would like lectures to resume, as it is a core subject. EO will get back to student within the next couple of days. SP and EO will work on getting problem resolved.

4. Office Bearer Reports

a. President Report

Education Conference

SP attended NUS Education Conference in July. Attended a workshop about engaging International students. SP will talk to IO about some of the suggestions given.

First Year Teaching & Transition Advisory Group

Students with an ATAR of 70 or below will be required to undertake a literacy subject. SP doesn't believe this is the best gage; students with ATAR 90 may still not be literate.

O'Week Advisory

AO attended as SP proxy for the working group. SP attended a subsequent meeting explaining the role of FUSA.

University Council

SP attended University Council on 9th August as an observer. Council suggested that FUSA add something about the budget in the constitution. SP is unsure of exacts of request and does not believe it is common for budget to go into a constitution. Will get clarity from Uni Council.

Council also questioned, 11.2 of the constitution:

'At the request of three or more voting members of the Student Council, the General Secretary must call a meeting of the Student Council at a place and time convenient to the voting members of Student Council'

It was suggested that three is too small and may cause instability.

At this stage no indication that an amendment is necessary.

Meeting with Vice-President (Strategy and Planning)

SP met with Gill Troup. She is very supportive of the student voice. She has offered to assist and is a good advocate for FUSA.

Meeting with Student Equity Officer

SP is to meet with Chris O'Grady to discuss the Welfare Officer position and how we can interact effectively with the University and Health & Counselling.

Motion to accept Report: Rose Moved, Paul Seconded

Motion upheld unanimously.

b. Womens Officer

Equal Pay Day

To be held on September 4th. WO organising food giveaway for the event.

WO attended the Queer Conference, congratulations to Brodie for a great event.

Motion to accept Report: Hannah Moved, James Seconded

Motion upheld unanimously.

c. Environment Officer

Road Trip for Change

Successful trip. Visited communities affected by mining. Attended Students of Sustainability Conference at La Trobe University. Completed the journey by joining the protest at Olympic Dam mine.

Flinders Wilderness Club

The Wilderness Club will be holding its first event on the weekend. The idea of this group is to engage Flinders Students in experiencing the outdoor environment.

Organic Food Co-Op

Food Co-Op returned week 3. There were a few issues with Flinders One allowing the Food Co-op being on the Plaza.

Sustainability Officer

EO is having regular meetings with the Sustainability Officer to discuss ways that the University can become more environmentally sustainable and engage with students.

**Motion to accept Report: Brodie Moved, James Seconded
Motion upheld unanimously.**

d. Queer Officer

Friday night drop in space

Evolve & Inside Out lost funding. We have teamed up with Adelaide Pride and UniSa Pride to continue to support groups. The drop in space will alternate between Flinders and the City.

Queer Conference

162 came to the Queer Conference, ran over 8 days. The conference was very successful. They established the Australian Queer Student's Network.

UK Conference

QO has been asked to speak at the NUS LGBT Conference in the UK, in early 2013

Queer Uni Radio Show

QO will be hosting a radio show on Radio Adelaide centred around queer Uni topics, along with 2 other students.

**Motion to accept Report: Hannah Moved, Bek Seconded
Motion upheld unanimously.**

e. International Officer

IO not available to attend meeting. IO has met with Jane Horgan from ISSU regarding a Student Wellbeing event, to be held on 12th September.

f. Education Officer

ETAG

EO went to the ETAG (Education Technology Advisory Group) meeting.

Flinders has rolled out a new mobile device technology in relation to FLO. 95% of students have mobile devices which they have internet access, ETAG believes a better integration is required.

Online submission of electronically generated assignments is still in the trial phase. Online submission will be mandatory and due to be implemented in 2013.

EO would like to formally campaign for mandatory recorded lectures. It would be beneficial to have all lectures recorded and available on FLO. EO has full support of non-academic members of ETAG. EO to come back with a strategy.

Motion to accept Report: Hannah Moved, Leon Seconded

Motion upheld unanimously.

g. Activities Officer

Pub Crawl

100 on Facebook have said they are attending but no final sales. Need to attend lectures to promote. Will need to merge into one group if sales are low.

Logo Competition

No submissions as yet, but there is a lot of interest.

Motion to accept Report: Hannah Moved, James Seconded

Motion upheld unanimously.

h. Clubs & Recreation Officer

Grants

\$10,000 is now available to affiliated clubs for second semester grants.

Club Hub

Computers in the Club Hub are extremely slow. CRO has organised 3 computers as a stop-gap measure. Two are from Flinders One and one is from an external company. These will allow clubs to make better use of the space.

Motion to accept Report: Hannah Moved, Rose Seconded

Motion upheld unanimously.

5. Student Association Website

Estimated \$20,000 to set up website for FUSA.

Recommended by Student Council that FUSA use an external provider.

Interim MSE Robert Houghton has had preliminary discussions about the process with an external provider 'Code 360'.

Brodie to source other companies.

Student Council has appointed a working party. The members are Brodie, Hannah, Angus and Paul.

Motion to accept Report: Hannah Moved, Rose Seconded

Motion upheld unanimously.

6. Election Matters

Election Procedures

**Motion to accept Draft regulations for the Conduct of elections: Hannah Moved.
Motion upheld unanimously.**

Referendum Question

**Motion to accept that a referendum be held to coincide with the election to provide students with the opportunity to ratify the Association's Constitution: Hannah Moved.
Motion upheld unanimously.**

7. Regulations

Regulation 3: Office Bearers of the Association

**Motion that FUSA adopt the regulations of Office Bearers: Hannah Moved.
Motion upheld unanimously.**

Regulation 4: Duties of Ordinary Members of the Student Council

Point D) agreed to change to participate in Sub-committee, remove action group/collective.

**Motion that FUSA adopt the regulations of Duties of Ordinary members: Hannah Moved.
Motion upheld unanimously.**

Regulation 5: Standing Committees of the Student Council

**Motion that FUSA adopt the regulations of Standing Committees of the Student Council:
Hannah Moved.
9 in favour. 2 against. Motion upheld.**

8. NUS Affiliation

Motion "That Flinders University Student Association become a member of the National Union of Students Incorporated." Hannah Moved.

9 in favour. 2 against. Motion upheld.

9. Interim Manager Student Engagement

DVD & Employment to be retained by FUSA
Lockers have been returned to Flinders One

Manager of Student Engagement has been advertised – short listed

Advocacy position will be advertised when the Manager is on board.

10. Meeting Close

The meeting officially closed at 8.15pm

Minuted by : Di Wright
Vetted by : Hannah MacLeod