

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting Number 1/12
Board Room
6th February 2012
5.50pm

Present: Hannah MacLeod (Student President), Luke Marshall,
James Findlay, Dale Colbeck, Rebekah Huppatz, Rose Pullen, Shannon
Spaulding, Nathan Higginson, Justin Stone, Ajsa Bajraktarevic

Apologies: Brodie McGee, Milo Kuga, Aydan Simmons

In Attendance: Di Wright , Andrew Nairn

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. Housekeeping

- a. Student President acknowledged Di Wright as secretary.

General Manager's Report

The General Manager, Andrew Nairn addressed the Student Council.

2011 results for Flinders One finished with a Deficit \$22700 with a Budget \$53600.

Thanks to students supporting Flinders One .

O'Week coming up which will be an exciting week with giveaways, students bands, Dj and many stall holders. Looking forward to a fun week.

SSF – GM is pushing the University to get together on what is happening. The University doesn't have an answer on what they are using SSF for. The University has approached GM on costing for food discounts. GM has also advised the University where money could be spent.

Review of Flinders One- there has been clear statements about the Student Association but not Flinders One as yet. The VC sent a letter stating staff have a future. VC put forward some questions requesting a response from the GM.

The questions were :

- Identification commercial/non commercial services
- FCCS staff impacted by the split
- Ideas for new services

Correspondance of the changes have only been via email. GM has not had a meeting with the University. Flinders One constitution will change very quickly, there will be legal implications with this.

'SRC' will replace Student Council.

Student Council members are unhappy with this, advised by GM to take things professionally at this stage.

4. Office Bearer Reports

a. President Report

Nus National Conference

SP attended in December 2011. Spoke to other SP's from other Universities across Australia, seeking advice about the restructuring of Flinders One and the student council. It was strongly advised that the student body be incorporated and that it must be student run in order to be eligible to affiliate to NUS.

Flinders One Review

SP along with the Flinders One board are in ongoing discussions regarding the structure of the new Student Representative body and the restructuring of Flinders One.

Flinders Living 'Speed Dating'

SP will be attending a session with staff and students from student housing. SP wants a better connection with students who live on campus and promote events with Coopers Bar to energise campus life.

NUS Office Bearers

SP will be meeting with the NUS General Secretary, the NUS Welfare Officer and the Nus Indigenous Officer to get assistance and compare flinders to universities nationally.

Motion to accept Report: Luke Moved, James Seconded.

b. Womens Officer Report

Women's Collective

WO was invited to attend the Adelaide Uni Collective's first meeting to create ties.

O'Week

Women's collective will be holding a stall, this stall will also have information regarding sexual harassment, breast feeding, health services and the Women's room.

Motion to accept Report: Hannah Moved, James Seconded.

c. Queer Officer

Brodie absent from meeting, please read his report, no action will be taken tonight without Brodie to discuss the issues listed

Ally Training

Working with Lisa O'Neill, there will be a training session soon to which would induct people as an Ally on network. QO asks that the Student Council members attend an ally training session and become Allies. QO would like Student Council to take it to Flinders One and that staff also attend.

Renaming both QO and QS

QO requesting that Student Council consider changing the name of the Queer Officer to the Sexuality Officer. Sexuality is diverse, non confrontational term that is inter-usable between issues of sex, gender and attracted-ness. Also Queer space to be renamed the Diversity Space.

Motion to accept Report: Hannah Moved, James Seconded.

d. Clubs/Recreation Officer

RO has been going through the affiliation of clubs and getting a background on grants. In the break RO sourced other clubs at Universities to compare campus culture. Flinders campus culture is dead in comparison to other Universities.

RO wanting to create a club collective- work together to improve clubs at Flinders University, it will help clubs if they work together.

Motion to accept Report: Hannah Moved, Nathan Seconded.

e. Activities Officer

A lack of student culture at Flinders University, AO wants to improve this. Would like everyone to consult what they would like to see. AO has a list of ideas

- Themed events at bars
- Music competitions
- Live bands
- Cultural event

RO advised to include clubs, womens, queer collectives.

Pub crawl to be held March 30th

Motion to accept Report: Hannah Moved, Cristel Seconded.

f. International Officer

IO currently in the process of writing a welcome guide for new internationals.

IO has contacted ISSU and Health and Counselling with regards to holding international student mental wellbeing seminars. This would help those suffering from homesickness and depression.

Motion to accept Report: Hannah Moved, Cristel Seconded.

g. Indigenous Officer

Aydan absent from meeting. Please read report attached.

IO position has not been filled for several years. IO's aim this year is to create a solid foundation for the position in hope that it will continue to prosper. The role this year will be developmental. Focus points this year will be

- 1 Engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- 2 Form an indigenous sub-committee
- 3 Increase student utilisation of Yunggorendi
- 4 Aboriginal culture awareness training for Student council members
- 5 Engage Indigenous high school students with aspirations of entering into tertiary education.

Motion to accept Report: Hannah Moved, Nathan Seconded.

h. Undergraduate Officer

Nathan and Rose have spoken to Lisa O'Neill regarding more students having available to them, online submission. It is needed for students such as disabled and women parenting, not just international students.

Drop off box still a problem with the Education.

i. Environment Officer

EO having a strategy day 15th February, discussions will be on the directions taking for this year. EO wants to represent the Enviro collective, rather than just what she would like. Looking at having film nights in the permaculture garden, at Sturt.

Enviro Collective is interested in working with the Indigenous.

Australian Student Environment campaign will be discussing working with renewables, working with Adelaide University.

Motion to accept Report: Hannah Moved, James Seconded.

5. Matters for Decision

Amendment to Student Council by-laws

SP would like to propose the following amendment to Student Council by-laws to ensure operation of the Student Council.

12. Ceasing to be a member of Student Council

A elected member ceases to be a member of the Student Council:

12.1 upon receipt by the President of a letter of resignation

12.2 upon being absent without Leave of Absence from three Ordinary Meetings of the Student Council

12.3 upon expiration of their term

To be passed during the next meeting as we have not met quorum.

7. Meeting CloseThe meeting officially closed at 7.22pm

Minuted by : Di Wright

Vetted by : Hannah MacLeod