



Flinders University Student Association Annual General Meeting

Agenda

03/05/2016

- 1) Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Meeting open
- 2) Accept minutes from previous AGM

President's Report

President's Report – Annual General Meeting

Over the past few years we have seen the Flinders University Students' Association (FUSA) grow rapidly. FUSA are currently looking at strategies to increase our membership base from our current figure of just over 6000. This year has seen FUSA relocate to a brand new set of offices in the Student Hub and Plaza, a central location for all Flinders students to access our support and services. We have also launched a new website to make it easier than ever for students to access their association.

O'Week and O'Fiesta

In 2016, FUSA was given autonomy by the University to run the Orientation Week of the University. This was a huge success and showed how important student direction and feedback into events is to campus culture. In 2016, we saw 110 unique stalls participate in Orientation Week, peaking at 87 stalls on the Wednesday.

A successful comedy night saw over 200 students attend the new function space on level 3 on the Monday, an outdoor cinema with a few hundred students highlighted day two on Tuesday and the Wednesday saw Clubs Day with games and activities to engage students. Review and critique of the week has highlighted a need for more events targeting postgraduate and mature age students. It has also been suggested that FUSA run more activities for students to create networks and friendship groups in their first week at University. This feedback will be incorporated into the new group of O'Week directors.

The week was capped off with 2,500 people attending the O'Fiesta – a concert featuring Hottest 100 winners, The Rubens amongst a talented line-up of artists.

FUSA Campaigns

The student association have again run multiple campaigns to better the lives of Flinders University students. We launched a *Park the Fees* campaign this year to target better car parking conditions for



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Flinders students. This has been met with enormous success with over a thousand students already on board. This campaign was launched after data from 2015 was used to identify the major problems with car parking at Flinders University.

The Student Council have again taken a stance against deregulation of University fees and any cuts to the funding of higher education. We have maintained our relationship with the National Union to continue fighting the nationwide battle for fair and accessible education. We are calling on Flinders University Vice-Chancellor to denounce these horrible higher education policies of the current Coalition Government.

A campaign for better representation at a School level around the University has been ongoing since the last Annual General Meeting. We are extensively improving grassroots representation and are expecting a review of representation to be conducted around the University this year. The current Education Officer, Jordon O'Reilly will continue this project. Also from the Education department, we have seen a campaign launched late last on where your Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) goes. A misconception is that FUSA receives of this pool of money, when the reality is we receive less than half for all our student activities. At the end of 2015, Flinders University decided to spend \$125,000 dollars on the Hub instead of vital student services.

This year the association was able to expand our welfare events and initiatives. It is no secret that thousands of students are going hungry on a weekly basis, a sign of the current political climate towards higher education. Led by our Welfare Officer, Jason Byrne, we have expanded our free, weekly brunches from 2 to 3 a week with plans of further expansion in the near future. The association will be looking to build further relationships with community groups to further relieve the student poverty at Flinders University as well as campaigns around the disgusting wait times for students of Youth Allowance and Newstart.

FUSA were successful in some areas of the new Hub and Plaza development, including the new student kitchen being implemented thanks to the association's feedback.

Reforming FUSA

The Council have decided that the association need to be reviewed and improved. In 2016 we have seen an official standing committee of council form to review and decide upon constitutional reform. These reforms are likely to be brought to another special general meeting later in the year.

Since the last AGM we have been reviewing strategies around channelling more student voice into the way the association runs. We have recently seen eight FUSA Forums to engage at a grassroots level with what you have to say about FUSA and what we are doing. The feedback from these forums will be circulated back to all members in the coming weeks.

We are working on incorporating a volunteering program into FUSA. This we believe will provide more student feedback into the association and assist the growth and brand of FUSA. The



association is so vital to University life and culture and it is essential as many students as possible know about what we are doing and who we are.

The council have identified that an alternative source of income other than the Student Services and Amenities fee should be sourced for campaigns that are not compliant with the SSAF legislation. This has been an ongoing situation since the last AGM and the association will continue to work towards implementing financial strategies as a solution.

I will take this opportunity to remind all members that Student Council meetings are open to members of the association and details are on our website.

3) Unaudited Flinders University Student Association NAB bank account 2015

Bank Account Statement: January 2015

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	14538.21
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	0
As at		
01/01/2015	Total Credits	0
	Closing Balance	14538.21

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1/01/2015	Balance (c/d)			14538.21
31/01/2015	Closing Balance			14538.21

Bank Account Statement: February 2015

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	14538.21
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	0
As at		
28/02/2015	Total Credits	0
	Closing Balance	14538.21

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
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Date				
1/02/2015	Balance (c/d)			14538.21
28/02/2015	Closing Balance			14538.21

Bank Account Statement: March 2015

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	14538.21
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	7197.88
As at	Total Credits	0
31/03/2015	Closing Balance	21736.09

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1/03/2015	Balance (c/d)			14538.21
25/03/2015	Transfer from PayPal (Pubcrawl sales (6840.04), Job Listings (2921.62) and Paypal Balance at 1/1/2015 (66.22))	7197.88		21736.09
31/03/2015	Closing Balance			21736.09

Bank Account Statement: April 2015

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	21736.09
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	0
As at	Total Credits	0
30/04/2015	Closing Balance	21736.09

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1/04/2015	Balance (c/d)			21736.09
30/04/2015	Closing Balance			21736.09



Bank Account Statement: May 2015

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	21736.09
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	-5200
As at		
31/05/2015	Total Credits	1331
	Closing Balance	17867.09

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1/05/2015	Opening Balance (c/d)			21736.09
4/05/2015	Transfer to A1 Apparel (Purchase of pubcrawl T-Shirts)		-5200	16536.09
5/05/2015	Paypal Balance (Pubcrawl Sales (740.00) and Job Listings (112.46))	852.46		17388.55
29/05/2015	Paypal Balance (Job Listings (103.54))	103.54		17492.09
29/05/2015	Adelaide Symphony Advertising in ET	375		17867.09
31/05/2015	Closing Balance			17867.09

Bank Account Statement: June 2015

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	17867.09
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	
As at		
30/06/2015	Total Credits	0
	Closing Balance	17134.35

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1/06/2015	Balance (c/d)			17867.09
30/06/2015	Closing Balance			17867.09

Bank Account Statement: July 2015

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	17867.09
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	769
As at	Total Credits	



31/07/2015

Closing Balance 18636.09

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1/07/2015	Balance (c/d)			17867.09
3/07/2015	Paypal Balance (End of Semester Party Sales (694.68) and Job Listings (75.36))	769		18636.09
31/07/2015	Closing Balance			18636.09

Bank Account Statement: August 2015

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	18636.09
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	
As at	Total Credits	
30/08/2015	Closing Balance	18636.09

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1/08/2015	Balance (c/d)			18636.09
27/08/2015	Paypal Balance (Job Listings)	103.24		18739.33
30/08/2015	Closing Balance			18739.33

Bank Account Statement: September 2015

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	18739.33
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	110
As at	Total Credits	-15000
30/09/2015	Closing Balance	3849.33

Inflow/Outflow transactions



Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1/09/2015	Balance (c/d)			18739.33
3/09/2015	Village R'Show Leisure P/L - Intensity O'Week Stall Payment	110		18849.33
28/09/2015	Transfer to NUS - 2015 Affiliation Fees		-15000	3849.33
30/09/2015	Closing Balance			3849.33

Bank Account Statement: October 2015

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	3849.33
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	16761
As at	Total Credits	0
31/10/2015	Closing Balance	20610.33

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1/10/2015	Balance (c/d)			3849.33
29/10/2015	Paypal Balance (Job Listings)	141		3990.33
29/10/2015	FUSA Eventbrite (Ball Tickets) (Needs to be returned to SSAF Account)	16620		20610.33
31/10/2015	Closing Balance			20610.33

Bank Account Statement: November 2015

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	20610.33
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	0
As at	Total Credits	0
30/11/2015	Closing Balance	20610.33

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1/11/2015	Balance (c/d)			20610.33
30/11/2015	Closing Balance			20610.33



Bank Account Statement: December 2015

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	20610.33
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	
As at	Total Credits	
31/12/2015	Closing Balance	14538.21

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1/12/2015	Balance (c/d)			20319.81
17/12/2015	Paypal Balance (Job Listings)	84.66		20404.47
17/12/2015	Flinders University Payment	375		20779.47
17/12/2015	Paypal Purchase for O'Week		-287.87	20491.60
31/12/2015	Closing Balance			20491.60

4) General Secretary's Financial Report

In 2015 FUSA saw itself finally beginning to receive some small amounts of revenue from social events, job listings and commercial o-week stalls. However these small amounts are only ever enough for us to pay our bills, most notably affiliations to various other student governing bodies. The large expenditure of the bank account is through affiliation to the National Union of Students. Members of the association should note that approximately \$16,000 is still required to come out of the bank account's current position to cover expenditure for the FUSA ball late last year.

For the bank balance and finances of FUSA to continue to grow, we need the University to allow us the freedom to make money, not necessarily just from students, but also from external bodies that wish to engage our members. Without this freedom, FUSA will not be able to grow and change with the needs of the changing student body.

5) Constitutional Changes

a. Accessibilities Officer name change

Preamble: Very few students understand what the term 'Accessibility' means. This presents a barrier for students who would like to contact a student representative of disability as they don't know that the Accessibility Officer is that representative. The term Accessibility also creates a barrier towards students with mental disability as it's not an inclusive term.

Motion: That the title of 'Accessibility Officer' be changed at the 2016 FUSA AGM to



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'Disabilities Officer'.

6) Chinese Students and Scholars Association Report

7) Meeting Close