



**Flinders University Student Council Meeting  
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Alere Function Room**

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6. Matters For Decision

6.1: Council Travel and Conference Budget

*Preamble: Every member of Student Council should be aware of the internal FUSA budget and the SSAF compliance we are required to adhere to. Every member of Council is also elected on a mandate by students and the Council has passed an annual operational budget. As such, rather than passing bureaucratic and excessive budget measure, Council should set a mandate to depoliticise conference and travel budgets.*



**Motion:** Student Council endorse giving autonomy to all Office Bearers, Student Council Officers and General Councillors to access their conference and travel budgets.

6.2: **Clubs Regulation Changes**

**PART ONE:** Preamble: Some clubs have raised concerns over the ability of FUSA to call a General Meeting via the General Secretary of the club. While this provision is essential in some circumstances, I also echo the concerns raised at the broad nature of the regulation. As such, I have proposed to streamline our regulations with the following amendments.

13.6. *The General Secretary may call a General Meeting of the club, if:*

- (a) *Office Bearer/s, committee members or the club are suspected with reasonable evidence of:*
- i. *breaching their constitution or not meeting their club or School Association's objectives;*
  - ii. *not complying with university policies and procedures;*
  - iii. *not complying with the Association's constitution or clubs and societies regulations;*
  - iv. *failing to meet FUSA requirements for affiliation;*
  - v. *serious misconduct or maladministration;*

(b) *the club is deemed to be winding up due to inactivity, in accordance with section 22*

13.7 *FUSA has the discretion to investigate an allegation about, or information or matter involving, serious misconduct or maladministration before a General Meeting is called*

**Motion:** Student Council endorse the proposed changes to clubs and societies regulations.

**PART TWO:**

**Preamble:** Many new clubs and societies use the name Flinders or Flinders University as part of their name. However a huge amount of these clubs currently unwittingly are in violation of the FUSA Clubs and Societies Regulations, specifically S2.4 which reads:

*"Any applications for registration from clubs that include the use of the name 'Flinders' or 'Flinders University' need to be approved by the University, through the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) or delegate."*

Whilst it is understood that the University would like to make sure that the names of any clubs or societies would not bring the university into disrepute it should be up to the Student Council as the body that approves club registration and affiliation to make the determination as to whether or not a Club or Society's name is appropriate.



**Motion:**

Remove Section 2.4 from the FUSA Clubs and Society Regulations (renumbering S2 as required) and retrospectively approve any currently affiliated or registered club that already uses the Flinders name that has not complied with S2.4 in the past.

6.3: **Purchase of Council Equipment**

**Purchase of Council equipment**

A trestle table for Council use would be fantastic to alleviate the concern of having no table to use for ad hoc events, or relying on club's resources.

**Motion:** Student Council approve \$100 from Josh Sunman's budget line to purchase a trestle table.

6.4: **Mature Age Student Officer**

Overview: Flinders University has an older demographic than many other Universities. This has been highlighted through internal survey and reporting from University Council. The representation and needs of a mature age student are vastly different from a traditional undergraduate, recently finishing high school. The addition of this position to the FUSA Student Council will make us more representative, inclusive and supportive of every Flinders University student. Our constitution states we can create any position by regulation, however for the position to become a voting member of Council, it will require a constitutional change. As such, I propose we have a paid position for a Mature Age Officer to initiative the structures and support networks it would require until the position can be ratified by a Special General Meeting.

The roles and duties of the Mature Officer are as follows.

Mature Age Officer shall:

- a) identify as a mature age student;
- b) act as an advocate on behalf of mature age students;
- c) be the spokesperson of mature age students;



- d) ensure that mature age students are referred to relevant campus or non-campus services in relation to personal and academic matters;
- e) liaise and network with other mature age's organisations and bodies on campus and outside of the University;
- f) be responsible for the coordination and implementation of campaigns on issues of importance to mature age students;
- g) provide the Student Council with a written report of their activities as Mature Age Officer at each meeting of the Student Council;
- j) Spend the equivalent of at least six (6) hours a week performing these duties.

**Motion:** Student Council support the creation of a Mature Age Officer and the proposed roles and duties.

#### 6.5: **NAIDOC Week**

A proposal is attached outlining the event and budget.

**Motion:** Student Council endorse the NAIDOC Week proposal as prepared by the Indigenous Officer.

#### 6.6: **1800 RESPECT Changes**

Preamble:

1800 RESPECT currently provides key services and referrals in the domestic violence sector, and is a key part of Australia's response to Men's Violence Against Women. The Federal Government has announced changes to the service which will see calls triaged, meaning callers will no longer necessarily speak to trained and specialised counsellors. For a service that is used by 30,000 Australians per year, undoubtedly many of which are students, including those of Flinders University, these changes are outrageous and dangerous.

**Motion:**

1. Student Council condemns the restructure of 1800 RESPECT and calls on Governments for more funding to similar services, not less.
2. That Student Council authorises the printing and posting of materials promoting 1800 RESPECT and other similar resources, to be placed around the University.



6.7: **“Halfway There” Band Night**

Preamble: Please see attached proposal outlining this event.

**Motion:** Student Council approve the attached proposal of the Band Night ('Halfway There') and Student Council agree to support and promote the event in the lead up and attend the event if possible.

6.8: **Ad Hoc Meetings**

**Preamble:** On May 10<sup>th</sup> the President called a meeting to discuss SC hours. This was set to occur and did occur during two Student Council run events, the Flinders NDA and the Enrol to Vote Stall. Both Events were scheduled to run from 12:00pm to 2:00pm and the aforementioned meeting was scheduled for 12:00pm to 12:30pm.

A comment was made that the conversation needed to happen on that day while most of Student council was around, which is fair. However what is not fair is that two SC run events which were expected to have support the broader Student Council were left with a single person running both of them (with only the help of the casuals hired to run the BBQ) for the first 45 minutes, which ended up being the time with the most student engagement but due to the lack of Student Councillors on the ground meant that a lot of the message behind both Events were lost.

It is appropriate for meetings to be held on days when the majority of those people involved in the meetings are able to attend and quite often this will coincide with SC run events, however an effort should be made to have these meetings occur either before or after the SC run event so that people who were going to help with the event can do so and those running the events can attend the meeting.

**Motion:**

Student council will make an effort not to schedule ad hoc meetings at the same time as SC run events and if they must occur at that time an effort should be made to ensure that the meeting does not have any adverse effect on the Event.

6.9: **Standing Committee Regulations Change**

**Preamble:** The first year of university can often be an overwhelming experience for students, which could easily be changed if students feel included in the student community. It is extremely important that the voices of first year students are heard and that action takes place to address the issues they



face. An excellent avenue for students to get involved in shaping their university experience from an early stage, and to help smooth the transition into university study is the First Year Collective.

As a result of many factors, the First Year Collective has unfortunately been somewhat abandoned by Student Council this year, resulting in a significantly low membership. By shifting the responsibility of chairing this Sub-Committee, hopefully this can take away an extra task of the General-Secretary and allow true and active first year representation within FUSA.

### **Student Council Standing Committees Regulations: Clause 8.2**

#### **Original**

8.2. The members of the First Year Sub-committee are:

- (a) the General Secretary (Chair);
- (b) at least five (5) students within their first year of studies at Flinders University.

#### **Amended**

8.2. The members of the First Year Sub-committee are:

- (a) a General Council Member elected by Student Council (Chair);
  - (i) if at close of nominations, no General Council Member has been nominated, the position of chair will default to the General Secretary.
- (b) at least five (5) students within their first year of studies at Flinders University.

**Motion:** Student Council approve the proposed changes to the Student Council Standing Committees Regulations with the suggested amendments, and subsequently amend the Student Council Members Roles and Duties Regulations to reflect this amendment.

### 6.10: Real Australians Say Welcome

**Preamble:** In previous years the student council have passed motions in support of welcoming refugees to the Australian community, and I think it is important that this message is shown proudly on our campus.

Peter Drew, an Adelaide artist has created posters sharing this message reading 'Real Australians Say Welcome.' An example of the poster can be found here: <http://www.peterdrewarts.com/store/full-size-real-australians-say-welcome>



As the artist noted, “When confronted with an unfamiliar culture it’s natural to feel fear. How we choose to respond to that fear is where people, and nations, find their character.” It is so important that we promote the character of this University community and student body as a welcoming, accepting and progressive one. That is why I am proposing the installation of 2 of these posters in prominent positions around our campus.

**Motion:** Student Council approve the consultation with relevant staff about placement and installation of two Peter Drew: ‘Real Australians Say Welcome’ posters. Upon staff authorisation, the Student Council approves a sum of up to \$150 of General Council Member, Hilary Wigg’s budget for the purchase and installation costs.

#### 6.11: Student Council Election Dates and Nomination of Returning Officer

##### **Student Council Election Dates and Nomination of Returning Officer**

##### **Background:**

The SRDO has determined that week 8 (September 12-16 of Semester 2) are the most viable dates for the FUSA annual elections to take place. In accordance with the FUSA Constitution, the annual election must take place between August 1 - October 15.

##### **Why not other weeks?**

In week 7 (September 5-9) FUSA Development Grants are assessed and take up substantial time for staff & students involved (SRDO, Admin & Student Council member). There is also an important workshop on Student Engagement in University Decision Making and Governance that Chris O’Grady, Kate Walsh & 2-3 student council members will attend in Sydney on September 5. This is not ideal in an election week when so much needs to be organised.

In week 9 (October 3 – 7) there is a Monday public holiday directly following mid-term break. There is also another important workshop taking place in Brisbane on October 4 & 5 which will be attended by Chris O’Grady, Kate Walsh and up to 3 student council members. This workshop will focus on Students as Partners in Learning and Teaching.

**Strong preference is given to week 8 (September 12-16)** as Cassandra Star is available to take up the role of Returning Officer (RO) in week 8, however, she is **unavailable during the month of**





**October.** We currently do not have a candidate for RO in October and anticipate it will be difficult to fill this role from the faculty at Flinders University.

Holding the elections in September before mid-term break also gives provides a greater gap between elections and end of year exams & exam preparation which weighs heavy on the student population.

**Motion:**

That the Student Council endorse the FUSA annual election to be held on the week of September 12 2016.

**6.12: Club Affiliations**

1:

Club Name: FUCA – Flinders University Cultural Association of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan

Affiliation Level: Financial

Club Purpose: Introducing cultures of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan for students in Flinders University. Gathering students from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan to include in Australian life and Uni-life.

2:

Club Name: Flinders Meditation and Mindfulness Group

Affiliation Level: Non-Financial

Club Purpose: To provide a space and time for people to practice contemplative practices as part of a group in Flinders University.

3:

Club Name: FAST (Flinders Automotive Solar Team) Social and Support Club

Affiliation Level: Financial

Club Purpose: To organise social events and provide support for the Flinders Automotive Solar Team whilst preparing for entry to the World Solar Challenge.

4:

Club Name: SOBA – School of Biology Association

Affiliation Level: Financial (School Association)

Club Purpose: To be the association for the School of biological sciences. Represent students, feedback to the school, organise and run social events for undergrads and postgrad students. Provide professional development and volunteer opportunities.



5:

Club Name: FUBE – Flinders University Beverage Enthusiasts

Affiliation Level: Financial

Club Purpose: To create a social and networking environment for people studying at Flinders University

To promote safe and responsible drinking on/off campus

To promote and discover a range of different tasting alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, as well as food and social events for members to attend.

**Motion:** That Student Council approve the above club affiliations.

6.13: **First Nations Collective Pizza Night**

Pizza night for the First Nations Collective so we can come together and relax during the exam period.

When: 24<sup>th</sup> June 4-9pm

Where: Arrernte room

Budget:

Pizza from Godzilla pizzas

6 x Party Size Pizzas = \$120

**Motion:** Student Council to approve the above budget from the Indigenous Officers budget line.

6.14: **NAB Bank Account Signatories**

**Motion:** Student Council endorse the following:

Current Signatories:

Chris O’Grady (Manager, Student Engagement) or Fay Hart (Office Coordinator)

And

James Vigus (Student President) or Grace Hill (General Secretary)



As of June 1st, 2016, the new signatories on the FUSA NAB Bank Account will be:

Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement) or Fay Hart (Office Coordinator)

And

Caleb Pattinson (Student President) or Simone Jowett (General Secretary)

6.15: **ET Regulation Change**

Preamble: The Media Officer contacted me on the 6th of June raising concern about the current size of the ET Editor Appointment Panel. For those who are not aware, this process has advanced well, with interviews with shortlisted candidates set to occur on the afternoon of Friday the 10th of June. With Council previously having amended the panel to include 7 members, the media officer raised the concern that the panel may be somewhat large and recommended the removal of the Marketing and Communication Representative, as reflected in the proposed regulation below.

Current Regulation

7.8: In the event of an Empire Times Editor ceasing to hold office the committee to appoint an Empire Times editor will consist of the Media Officer, a representative from Flinders Marketing and Communications Office, the remaining Editors of Empire Times Magazine and three (3) members of student council including the Empire Times Liaison Officer whom will chair the appointment committee and whom will have the casting vote.

Proposed Regulation

7.8: In the event of an Empire Times Editor ceasing to hold office the committee to appoint an Empire Times editor will consist of the Media Officer, the remaining Editors of Empire Times Magazine, and three (3) members of student council including; the Empire Times Liaison Officer whom will chair the appointment committee, and have the casting vote.

**Motion:** Student Council approves the above proposed change to the Empire Times Regulations.

6.16: **Education Conference Travel**

Preamble: Sarah, Hilary and Myself will be travelling by car to Education Conference in Sydney together in order to minimise travel costs. It will be difficult to cover petrol costs upfront, though the cost estimates (in total) come to less than the total for all of us to fly. A fuel card will allow fuel to be purchased on the way without upfront cost to councillors, and will cost FUSA no more than fuel actually used for the journey.



Motion: That travel allowances to Education Conference for Hamish Richardson, Sarah Polanco and Hilary Wigg be pooled towards a fuel card for travel purposes.

6.17: **Semester 2 Pub Crawl**

Preamble: Please see attached proposal outlining this event.

**Motion:** Student Council approve the attached proposal of Semester 2 Pub crawl and Student Council agree to support and promote the event while shirts are on sale and attend the event if possible.

7. Matters for Discussion

7.1. **Campus Counters**

Flinders University has many satellite campuses with students that are often unable to access the central services FUSA provides. At the University of South Australia, the student association, USASA, operate a counter service that extends their reach to other campuses. This service can be expensive and require staffing and equipment, but could be a useful way to expand the reach of FUSA.

7.2. **Smoking on Campus**

A request has been put forward to cater for the smokers of Flinders University – currently transitioning into a smoke-free campus. Currently the majority of the smoking zones are unsheltered and quite a distance away from central services. Do Student Council support advocating for sheltered smoking areas?

7.3. **SSAF Budget Consultation**

The SSAF committee is a working group of the University who meet up to debate allocation of SSAF funds for the following year. This year, the committee has expanded from 4 representatives to 7, including an addition 1 student representative appointed by Student Council. Other members of the committee include DVC(S), Chief Financial Officer, Director of Student Services and a staff representative from a Faculty. The Student President and General Secretary are already included on the committee. We would like to find an easy way to appoint this extra student at a faculty or school level.