



Flinders University Student Council Meeting
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Alere Function Room

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6. Matters for Decision

6.1. Ratification of Executive Decisions

Preamble: Find attached as Appendix 3 the minutes of the Executive meeting dated September 27th, as well as items that were passed through executive via email due to urgency.

Motion: Student Council ratifies the decisions made by the Student Council Executive Committee.

6.2. “Wine Down” Event Proposal – Pauline Bullock

Preamble: Find attached within Appendix 4 the proposal prepared by Pauline Bullock and the Events team regarding this event.

Motion: Student Council approves the “Wine Down” Event proposal.

6.3. Post-Grad End of Year Dinner Proposal – Christine Bennetts-Roberts

Preamble: Find attached within Appendix 4 the proposal prepared by Christine Bennetts-Roberts and the Events team regarding this event.

Motion: Student Council approves the Post-Grad End of Year Dinner Proposal.

6.4. Semester 2 Pub Crawl – Sarah Polanco

Preamble: Find attached within Appendix 4 the proposal prepared by Sarah Polanco regarding this event.

Motion: Student council approve, endorse and support the Social Activities officer, the FUSA events and media team in creating and promoting the FUSA 2nd Semester Pub Crawl.

6.5. Black Lives Matter Campaign – Alfred Lowe

Preamble: Across Australia this year we have seen a massive #BlackLivesMatter movement supporting black lives in America. We want to use this momentum and shift it towards the standing up for black lives in Australia.

We are holding a rally on the 21st October both in response to the recent death of Wayne Morrison caused by South Australian Corrections and also in response to the large number of attacks on Indigenous people by police.



I am also holding a Flinders central action to raise awareness for the campaign and the upcoming rally. This will include having a BBQ.

Motion: Student Council supports the BlackLivesMatter movement in its entirety and will always support the victims and their families who are treated unfairly by police and corrections.

Student Council approves the use of up to \$500 from the Indigenous Officers budget, to use in organising the rally.

Student Council approves up to \$200 for a BBQ at Flinders to promote the BlackLivesMatter movement.

6.6. Nuclear Waste Dump – Grace Hill

Preamble: The state government is proposing an international dump for high level nuclear waste in South Australia. The federal government is proposing a national nuclear waste dump in the Flinders Ranges. Nuclear waste dumps threaten our environment, and the health of current and future generations.

This waste will remain extremely harmful for, on most scientific estimates, hundreds of thousands of years. The potential for waste to be securely stored over such an immense time is questionable, to say the least.

If the record of leaks at existing storage sites is anything to go by, we have ample reason for concern. In 2008 a German nuclear waste disposal facility buried deep in a disused salt mine in Lower Saxony was found to have been leaking radioactive waste for more than two decades. The 126,000 barrels of waste at the facility currently lie jumbled in piles under now radioactive water. The German government is currently exploring options for the removal of the waste and decontamination of the site. Findings are not expected until 2020 at the earliest.

More recently, in February 2014, one of the world's three so-called "deep nuclear repositories", in the US state of New Mexico, had to be shut down after a drum containing radioactive material burst open – contaminating not only the underground tunnel in which it was stored, but, via the ventilation system, the air outside the facility. Thirteen workers subsequently tested positive for radiation exposure.

The decision to import high level nuclear waste is a forever decision. Once we make it, there's no going back. This is not a decision that a Government with any morals can make for thousands of generations of future South Australians. It would only take ONE human error or ONE natural disaster over this vast timeframe to destroy lives and the environment.



Voluntarily importing tens of thousands of tonnes of highly toxic nuclear waste is something that no other country has ever done. Yet the SA government is proposing to import no less than 138,000 tonnes of high-level nuclear waste – one third of the world's total.

No one can guarantee that a nuclear waste dump would be safe; and there is no consent from Traditional Owners. Adnyamathanha Traditional Owners have made clear their fierce opposition to a dump in the Flinders Ranges.

On the 15th of October, the 63rd anniversary of the Emu Field atomic bomb tests, South Australians will be taking a stand at Parliament House to say "NO!" to nuclear waste dumps in SA.

Motion: The FUSA student council opposes the planned international nuclear waste dump in South Australia, and endorses the October 15th rally.

6.7. School of Health Science – Caleb Pattinson

Preamble: Flinders University shamefully asked the School of Health Sciences to cut 2.8 million dollars in salary before the end of the year. This will continue to burden staff who are already overworked in the school. This will impact the quality of education and courses for students. The cut in funding is likely to see courses cut and poses a risk to the accreditation of others.

The NTEU have lodged an official dispute to the University which was circulated through Council. The dispute is also publicly available online.

Motion: Student Council support the NTEU dispute and stands in solidarity with the staff in Health Sciences.

Student Council oppose the slashing and burning of staff from the current Vice-Chancellor and note he is incredibly overpaid.

Student Council continue to oppose any restructure that will reduce the quality of education at Flinders and will result in a reduction of staff numbers.

Student Council oppose the current Voluntary Redundancy Scheme (VRS), a scheme that is from an anti-student Vice-Chancellor who is more interested in the publicity of the position than actually improving the quality of education. The scheme rewards the staff who perform poorly and punishes the staff who perform highly.

6.8. Swotvac Sizzle – Caleb Pattinson



Preamble: Following on the success of semester 1's soup giveaway, this is a similar proposal tailored to the summer months. A classic BBQ for evening time students studying will fill their bellies and improve their grades (maybe).

Motion: Student Council approve the attached budget from the welfare officer's budget line.

6.9. Technology for our Fearless Leaders – Caleb Pattinson

Preamble: A large proportion of the President's role is to attend meetings. I struggled this year without a decent computer and didn't have enough funds to buy one. FUSA staff receive technological support through the University so I don't know why Council wouldn't be similar. Having a decent computer at meetings will be beneficial to take notes, write projects and respond to emails. It's also a positive to have continuity of files on a FUSA based computer opposed to use of personal devices.

The laptop can be loaned out to the President for the duration of their term.

Motion: Student Council approve up to \$1700 to purchase a laptop for use by the FUSA President from the Council administration budget line.

Funds permitting, Student Council approve a similar amount to purchase a laptop for use by the FUSA General Secretary and FUSA Education Officer who are also required to attend many meetings and have extensive workloads.

6.10. Leave of Absence – Caleb Pattinson

Preamble: I will be overseas for 5 weeks from October 19th – November 23rd. Given the amount of hours 'worked' overtime and the fact no annual leave is factored into the role of President, I am comfortable this is appropriate. I will also be still contactable while travelling.

Motion: Student Council approve a leave of absence for the FUSA President from October 19th – November 23rd.

6.11. Leave of Absence – Angela Tomarelli

Preamble: I would like propose a motion to request a leave of absence starting from Sept. 29th to the end of my elected term.

I am hoping this motion will save the need to have another election.

I have accepted a teaching position in France and will be away for 7 months and will be unable to attend the final two SC meetings.



I will still be available by email and able to oversee the Women's Collective Facebook page. I have begun to organize a final event (already approved by council) which will need to happen in my absence and I am in the process of recruiting some assistance with that.

I also give permission to Ali Roush, Environment Officer, to take over my budget, as she has requested additional funds.

The final event, "Embrace" screening, should use the remainder of my budget line, however if there is some remaining or the screening does not eventuate, Ali Roush may have access to my remaining funds.

Motion: Student Council approve a leave of absence for the FUSA Women's Officer from September 29th – November 30th.

Student Council approve the use of any remaining funds within the Women's Officer Initiatives budget line to be accessed by Environment Officer Ali Roush to use.

6.12. NUS LGBTI Officer visit – Grace Hill

Preamble: I am proposing that the NUS National LGBTI Officer April Holcombe come to Adelaide, and that she visit the Flinders campus to talk to students, raise awareness among Flinders students of NUS and its role in the fight for LGBTI+ rights, and discuss the issue of the plebiscite with students. There ought to be a stronger relationship between our campus and NUS, especially in relation to activism and social justice. This year the NUS LGBTI Officers have been involved in organizing great demonstrations around the issues of marriage equality, the plebiscite, and the safe schools coalition, issues highly relevant to students, and having a campus visit can improve students' awareness of and confidence in NUS and FUSA.

Motion: That up to \$500 funding be approved from the general budget of general council member Grace Hill to purchase flights from Sydney to Adelaide to facilitate the NUS LGBTI Officer visiting our campus in November.

6.13. National Conference Travel – Grace Hill

Motion: That money for flights to the NUS National Conference be approved from the travel budget of general council member Grace Hill to enable attendance to NUS National Conference.

6.14. Queer Space Purchases – Nardy Zanos Jardine

Preamble: Request to use \$200 to buy books (queer related and positive) and board games for the queer space.



Motion: Student Council approve the purchase of \$200 worth of materials for the queer space from the Queer Officers budget.

6.15. Election Regulation Change – Chris O’Grady

Preamble:

Polling Place for By-Election

This change to the Election Regulations is recommended as operating a physical polling place is resource intensive, particularly on the time required to set up and operate the polling place by the Student Representation and Development Officer and the Office Coordinator. As there is no budget line allocated to operating a Polling Place during a By-Election doing so is also cost prohibitive. A Polling Place is not recommended to operate for any by-election outside of the annual FUSA election, except in the by-election of Student President. Students are still free to campaign and direct voters to online voting available from any computer or smart device.

Recommended addition to Election Regulation **Section 11: Conduct of the Ballot**

11.15. In the case of a by-election there is no requirement to establish a polling place unless the by-election is to fill the position of Student President.

Motion: Student Council approve the above change to Section 11.15 of the FUSA Election Regulations.

6.16. Environment Officer Fund Request – Ali Roush

Motion: If General Council members have not spent their budget by the 10th of November (or have plans to spend it), it gets transferred to the Environment Officer to spend buying resources and supplies for next year (e.g. more Keep-cups, film screening rights, 10c charity bins, etc.).

6.17 ET Editor Appointment Panel – Josh Sunman

Preamble: As an ET editor for next year has resigned for personal reasons. it is necessary to fill the vacancy by appointment. It is important to resolve this process as quickly as possible so the new editor can take part in training and induction. As such, it is necessary to appoint two student council members to sit on the appointment panel. It is foreseeable that this process will require two full days of time commitment in late October/Early November.



Here is the proposed timeframe:

Advertise position: Thurs 13th Oct 9am – Wed 26th Oct 5pm

Meeting with panel to decide on shortlist: Mon 31st Oct, time TBD

Interview shortlisted applicants: Fri 4th Nov

Motion: That Council appoint two members of Student Council to sit on the Empire Times appointment Committee.

6.18 International Students Movie Tickets

Preamble: During these assignments and exam period, providing them free tickets to movies will not only allowed them to take a break from studies, it will also encourage them to build new friendship and get to experience the culture of watching movies at the theatre. Only English movies will be allowed.

Motion: I move that the Council grant \$200 from the International Student Officer account for reimbursement and/or advance purchase for movie tickets in till the 30th of November.

6.19 International Students English Resources

Preamble: English textbooks and books are expensive. These books can assist students in terms of practising for their English test or/and acquiring a better command of the English language.

Motion: I move that the Council grant \$200 from the International Student Officer account for reimbursement and/or advance purchase for books/textbooks regarding English language.

6.20 International Students Soccer Tickets

Preamble: The tickets will be for 10 international students. This soccer match will take place at the Coopers Stadium on the 22nd of October. The match starts at 7.20pm. This will allow the students to experience the soccer culture that the Cooper Stadium has to offer.

Motion: I move that the Council grant \$200 from the International Student Officer account for the purchase of 10 tickets to the Adelaide United vs Melbourne Victory soccer match.

6.21 Club Affiliations



6.21.1 **Club Name:** Flinders University Labor Students

Affiliation Type: Political Club, Non-Financial

Club Purpose: The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a. to promote discussion, debate and understanding of the principles and policies of the Australian Labor Party;
- b. to promote discussion, debate and understanding of issues of interest to the Club;
- c. to promote social democracy and the principles of the Australian Labor Party and other parties world-wide;
- d. to encourage and work to elect State and Federal Labor governments;
- e. to play a progressive role in student affairs;
- f. to liaise with, and support where appropriate, other groups and organisations with similar policies and interests;
- g. to do other things incidental to such objectives

Proposed Activities: Pub Crawls, Q&A with MPs and Unionists, engaging in political and union campaigns

Motion: Student Council move to non-financially affiliate the Flinders University Labor Students.

6.21.2 Club Name: Flinders Rotaract Club

Affiliation Type: Financial

Club Purpose: Rotaract is a global organisation that empowers students and young professionals to create positive change in their local communities and around the world.

Proposed Activities: Barbeques to raise funds and awareness of the clubs chosen charity organisations, as well as personal development for club members. We aim to make all fundraisers and awareness campaigns fun and interactive - asking for a small effort instead of cash directly.

Motion: Student Council move to financially affiliate the Flinders Rotaract Club.

7. Matters for Discussion

7.1 Student Council Professionalism

No information regarding discussion given.

7.2 Mental Health Week



We have a stall booked during the Mental Health Week expo tomorrow from 11-3. On this stall we will have information about FUSA and Student Assist and how we can assist with the wellbeing and welfare of students.

We also have NUS Welfare Officer Robby Magyar here for the day, so that we can also get some hype out around the NUS/Headspace Student Wellbeing Survey. The two FUSA tablets will also be there for students who are willing to fill out the survey on the spot.

I need to know if and when people are available between 10:30-3:30 to help man the stall, as I have many things to do during this time as a main organiser of the whole event.

Pauline is also running an event down at Sturt on Thursday, if anyone is able to get down to that to help out it would be great. Let Pauline know if you are available.