



Clubs, Societies & School Association Regulations – Recent Changes

The Clubs & Events Officer, General Secretary and Manager of Student Engagement recently completed an extensive review of the Clubs, Societies & School Associations Regulations. The objective was to remove inconsistencies, remove redundant processes and improve on processes in line with recent changes to the FUSA clubs program.

On the 8th of May 2017, Student Council passed several proposed changes to the Clubs & Societies Regulations. A summary of these changes can be found below, however it is strongly recommended that Club Executives read through the Regulations to ensure they understand their obligations. A copy of these Regulations can be found under the 'Information' section of <http://fusa.edu.au/manage-your-club/>

Summary of Changes:

- Clubs applying for affiliation will be considered “registered” upon approval. Clubs no longer need to register first if they intend to submit an immediate application for affiliation.
- To reduce delays in approving applications for registration and affiliation, the General Secretary, Clubs & Events Officer and Manager of Student Engagement may now assign delegates to fulfil their duties as required.
- Club membership lists now require the member’s full name, email address, Flinders Student ID Number (if applicable) and the date of registration. Clubs are no longer required to record FANs.
- Club members will only be considered ‘current’ if their registration is dated, and the member has registered within the last 18 months.
- Clubs that have operated for more than 12 months prior to affiliating with FUSA must supply a Financial Report in their application for affiliation.
- To ensure compliance with the Higher Education Support Act 2003 and guidelines for use of SSAF funding, academic clubs and school associations are no longer permitted to count Flinders alumni in the 66% Flinders student composition.
- Non-Financially Affiliated clubs now require at least 10 current Flinders students as members.
- Vacancies of office bearer/executive positions prior to an Annual General Meeting may now be filled in line with a club’s approved constitution. While all executive/office bearer positions must be re-elected in Annual General Meeting, temporary/unexpected vacancies may now be filled via a process the club membership has approved.
- The process to disaffiliate with FUSA has been explained in more detail. To disaffiliate with FUSA, the club must provide the minutes of the General Meeting where the membership voted to disaffiliate with FUSA, and return all funding and assets provided or funded by FUSA.
- Clubs who have affiliated between the 1st of December of the previous year and 1st of May of the current year are not required to submit an application for Re-Affiliation.



- Due to redundant processes, School Associations and other clubs are now all required to complete the Re-Affiliation process by the 1st of May each year.
- Executive/General/Committee meetings are not considered “Events” for the purpose of Re-Affiliation.
- While listed in the Funding & Finance Guidelines, a register of club assets is now formally required in the Club Regulations.
- FUSA may now elect to withhold the benefits of affiliation until Re-Affiliation has been approved. Previously, the benefits of affiliation were required to be withheld from the club until approval.
- It is now explicitly stated that the club will continue to receive the benefits of affiliation until receiving the outcome of their Re-Affiliation application.
- All affiliated clubs (whether financial or non-financial) must now contain the provisions listed in section 11.
- Alterations to constitutions must be submitted to the General Secretary no later than one week after approval (preferably before approval to ensure changes are permitted).
- The number of members required to direct the executive to call a General Meeting has been raised to ten members or 30% of the total membership (whichever is the lower).
- Clubs are no longer forced to cancel a General Meeting if quorum has not been reached within 30 minutes of the scheduled start. Clubs should follow their Constitution to determine when a meeting must be cancelled/rescheduled.
- Quorum at Annual General Meetings is now 30% of the total membership (to a minimum of 5 members) or 10 members, whichever is the lesser.
- Clubs may only use the club bank account for access to FUSA funding through reimbursement/transfer/etc.

For queries regarding the recent changes, please email the Clubs & Events Officer at adam.rau@flinders.edu.au or the General Secretary at general.secretary@flinders.edu.au .