

Meeting: Tuesday 7th May 6pm

1. Open & Welcome
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 - 3.1. Update and discussion with John Pezy.
4. Accept minutes from previous meeting
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 - 8.3. Printing Quota - Chris
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 - 8.6. Access to Victoria Square Campus - Abdul
 - 8.7. Changes to Election Regulations - Christopher
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 - 8.9. Conflict Free Campus - Adriana
9. Matters for Discussion
 - 9.1. MSE extended absences - Christopher
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 - 9.3. Student Sustainability Leadership Network - Adriana
 - 9.4. Refurbishment of the Enviro Space - Adriana
 - 9.5. Coffee on Campus - Will
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 - 9.7. Confidential Item - Jake
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 - 9.10. *University Council
10. Matters for Noting
 - 10.1. Environment Sub-Committee meeting
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11. Club Affiliations
12. Any Other Business
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This meeting uses the starring system.

Agenda items without stars will be taken as accepted and will not be discussed. If you wish to discuss an item please star it at or before the meeting.

6.1 General Secretary's Report

Empire Times

I have met with Empire Times once formally and a couple of times informally.

They have made an over to change from 8 colour to single colour black and white. This means that they should be able to get approximately double the amount of copies per edition.

The access to internet in the media office is substantially limited, and there is virtually no wireless connection. As a result, I have asked that a wireless hub be placed in or near the media office. This should also improve wireless connection for the other rooms in the area.

Steph has been looking in to the purchase of stands for ET and the design of the stands.

Empire Times Editor Selection

Myself, Steph and Peter Gill conducted interviews of the applicants for the position of Editor of Empire Times. At the end of the process Preesan Pillay was appointed as the Editor of Empire Times.

Equal Opportunities Committee

Abdul and myself attended the Equal Opportunities Committee on 17 April 2013.

Meeting with Minister Portolesi

Background: The University proposed last year to reduce University Council from 21 to as little as 12 members. Worse than that, they appear to be looking at reducing staff and student representation foremost. Potentially reducing student numbers down from 3 to 1 and staff 4 to 1. This would result in, at least, either post-graduate and under-graduate students not being represented at all.

On Thursday May 2nd I met with Minister Portolesi, Ron Slee (Representing the NTEU), Clare McCarty and Leon Lack (Elected members of University Council). The meeting was to discuss the proposed changes by the University regarding the reduction of the size and changes in composition of University Council.

I will be in further correspondence with the NTEU regarding the next steps to take in respect of this issue.

Empire Times Articles

I have submitted articles for both Issue 3 and Issue 4 of Empire Times.

FUSA Bank Reconciliation 31/3/13 to 30/4/13

Flinders University Student Association					
Receipts					
Opening Bank Balance 31/3/13					4716.63

Expenditure					
Cheque for T-shirts Pub Crawl					2275.00
Closing Bank Balance as at 30/4/13					2441.63

6.2 Queer Officer Report

Jake Lane

O'Week (pre-election)

Although this was a while ago, in the lead up to O'Week, the exiting QO, Sam Greer, and myself decided to organise information packs for distributions, which contained queer-oriented or queer-friendly content, and could be distributed to those students on campus within the LGBTIQ community.

By O'Week, the packs (100 of which) were filled with information and merchandise from over 35 different organisations, all of which was kindly donated. The promotion of the packs wasn't as successful, and thus the distribution of them didn't run as smoothly either. I am in the process of devising ways in which to engage with the current LGBTIQ student body on campus, both pre-existing and new. This has its limitations, of course.

There was also suggestion of looking at rebranding the Queer Society too.

Induction

I am still awaiting induction, especially in regards to bank account details, and access too, as well as admin rights for the FUQS Facebook Page. Apart from these limitations however, I feel as though I have been able to work around this and come up with some productive activities.

FUQS

I have contacted all parties who have left details or relatively recent notes in the Queer Space, or who have emailed the Queer Officer email, in order to find out interested parties for the reformation of the FUQS in 2013/Queer Subcommittee. I have had a few responses (eight so far) and am awaiting others (there are twenty-two all up at this stage). Once I have received more responses, I will be organising a social event and all parties so far have expressed interest. I am keen to get the FUQS Movie nights back up and running, so this may be an option.

I am reluctant to start with a meeting, but one will follow soon after this event.

I will also be looking to devise an updated version of the FUQS constitution/regulations in the next few weeks.

NUS Queer Officer

I have been in contact with one of the NUS Queer Officers, Hiba Casablanca, who was planned to visit SA on Thursday 2/5/13 however due to complications, she will be unable to travel to SA until second semester. In the interim, we have devised a plan to Skype instead, and she is willing to inform me about some areas of expertise for my benefit, and the FUQS benefit too, once it has been established.

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Harvey Milk/IDAHO

I have been in talks with Lisa O'Neill from the Ally Network on campus, in regards to the planning of IDAHO day. Lots of ideas have been thrown around, and unfortunately, the Adelaide Qwire won't be able to perform, however I will be planning a few activities to combat this on the day, including a hands-on art piece to go in the Queer Space upon it's completion, a BBQ, merchandise stall, as well as a possible plaza picnic and possible outside screening of Perks of Being a Wallflower or something within the Genre. The Ally Network have also agreed to part-fund the BBQ and some of the day's activities.

I have been in contact with all parties who have expressed interest or signed up on the sign up sheet left in the Queer Space, and most are willing to help out/volunteer their time on the day/help organise ideas etc. in the future.

Ideas for Harvey Milk Day have yet to be worked out, however I have a feeling this day will be purely promotional, and less event/activity heavy; more of an awareness day/campaign.

Queer Collaborations (QC) – July 2013

The National Queer Collaborations Conference will be held again this year in Sydney, from July 8th-14th. Along with a number of other council members, I intend to participate in this year's conference (my first) and in doing so, enhance my knowledge of general and campus-oriented LGBTIQ communities and issues etc.

Ideally, being able to provide funding/subsidised prices for delegates to attend this conference would be the main aim which would require fundraising efforts. Those I have contacted already have noted they won't be able to attend QC for one reason or another, which helps the financial situation, however I am still awaiting numerous other replies.

Fundraising ideas are top of the agenda and potentially IDAHO and Harvey Milk events could be opportunities for this.

The organisers for this year's conference release the information reasonably late, which timed well with my election, however didn't leave a lot of time before prices went up.

I have included the table provided by the organisers in regards to delegate costs, and I have information regarding QC for those who wish to read it – just contact me for it.

	<u>Accommodation & Registration</u>	<u>Registration Only</u>	<u>Registration Only</u>
	Interstate/Local	Interstate	Local
Up until May 3 rd (payment deadline)	\$300	\$60	\$70
May 3 rd – June 2 nd (registration deadline)	\$360	\$60	\$70
June 3 rd – June 9 th (registration deadline)	\$390	\$70	\$80
June 10 th – July 7 th (registration deadline)	N/A	\$70	\$80
Day of conference	N/A	\$80	\$90

Queer Space Update

The existing Queer Space is in need of a dire update, as the current room is unappealing, dated, and contains a lot of old stock, leftover merchandise etc.

Obviously, this doesn't help when trying to establish a diverse culture on campus, so renovation plans, designs and prices need to be created. A new look for his space is also top of the agenda, however funding for this and delegate fees for QCon may conflict, depending on the number of applicants and to what extent renovations need to occur in the Queer Space.

I have been in on a few occasions to clean out old paperwork etc. of the room and I'm looking for methods of disposal, as there's quite a lot to be thrown out. I'm also looking at getting some new furniture, and painting the space. A working party will be organised in the coming weeks once a group has been established

Queer Officer Documents in the FUSA Hub

I have removed all existing folders in the FUSA Hub filing cabinets and cleared out any old or dated content. Older documents will be used for archiving purposes, however new documents will be created in the coming weeks, including a constitution for the Flinders University Queer Society.

6.3 Womens Officer Report

Dominiek Neall 7th of May

Write like a Woman Night (Debrief)

'Write like a Woman 2013' raised \$200 for UnWomen Australia. Around 40 or so people attended the event, and if you weren't present on the night, this \$200 has gone towards a campaign in Papua New Guinea which aims to fight against domestic violence in central and rural areas. Special thanks to Kat Sibly (Director of the Flinders University Women's Collective) Adriana (for help setting up and for being an amazing performer) ☺ and the rest of our readers, Kalinda Ashton our judge, Kate Lamb our UnWomen representative, all those who came on the night and especially our venue provider, The Wheatsheaf Hotel.

Flinders University Women's Collective Merchandise/ Red Bubble Account

Thanks to the genius work of our Director, Kat, the Flinders University Women's Collective now has its own merchandise! You can pick and choose any colour t-shirt you like, and any type of t-shirt you like with our very cool Flinders University Women's Collective logo on the front. In a couple of months, we'll be running a competition and asking Flinders University Women's Collective members to submit their best t-shirt designs. The winning entries will be proudly displayed and available on our RedBubble account. More on that to come! Also, just to let you know, with every t-shirt/jumper we sell, the collective receives a small sum of money which goes back into the collective. We put these funds into fundraising events, awareness campaigns and general other cool things for all members of our collective.

Flinders University Women's Room (Update)

The tables, chairs, lounge & lounge chair have arrived in the Women's room, floor cushions will arrive in a few weeks and joinery is also a few weeks away. Currently, Buildings and Properties are looking for a graphic designer to come up with a contemporary graphic for the front of the Women's room.

Blue Stockings Celebration @ Flinders University – Wednesday, May 15

We've had to move the proposed date of our event to May 15th due to scheduling conflicts with musical artists performing on the day. Please see attached proposal for more information.

PEOPLE TO HELP OUT:

We are definitely going to need people to help out during the day. When we have our design for the day locked down, I will be in contact with everyone regarding their availability to help out on the day.

6.4 Welfare Officers Report

Thank you to my peers that voted for me to get me elected as Welfare Officer this month. I look forward to completing the year as Welfare Officer on Student Council.

May 1st was Mental Health Day, there was a really good turnout of students. We had stalls from many different youth health organisations. The smoothie bicycle was a big hit with everybody and could be worth booking for O-Weeks/plaza events. Student Council had fantastic participation, good numbers and everybody on the roster completed at least their assigned times. Food was cooked by FlindersOne and served by FUSA and Health, Counselling and Disability Services. I didn't previously know that this could happen and I advise we do this during the summer, especially during wasp season. This also ensures people aren't lining up whilst we are trying to cook on BBQs that are likely to catch fire any moment.

I wrote a last minute article for Empire Times so we didn't fail on our obligations to fill the pages that we've asked for.

I'm currently looking into trying to lower the price of Academic Transcripts. They are currently \$10 + \$5 for copies or \$30 + \$10 for copies (or \$5 I'm not 100% sure) if you want same-day service. Students shouldn't have to pay for these. All Flinders students on graduating receive a free official copy of their transcript but currently when applying for overseas exchanges they have to purchase an official copy from Flinders for Flinders.

There are currently two NAB ATMs on the main campus and I'm looking into the possibility of the \$2 free being removed as many students have to withdraw cash for the FlindersOne food outlets on campus as they do not currently have EFTPOS facilities for all their locations. We can't expect students to have an account with NAB (or a redicard) just so their lunch costs \$2 less.

Viva La FUSA

6.5 Postgraduate Officer Report

1. FUSA **Postgraduate Students Reference Committee**

Six Flinders University postgraduate students who attended an open meeting on campus on April 30 agreed to become members of FUSA and members of a Postgraduate subcommittee reporting to Student Council via the Postgraduate Officer, as required by the subcommittee regulations.

A separate report on the meeting is attached.

The subcommittee nominees include;

Georgia Allan

Holi Catton

Claudia Gottwald

Marcus Dilena

Kevin Sarlow

John Clancy

The postgraduate representative of the former PGSA at Flinders University, Joe Provenzano, was unable to attend the meeting, but indicated that he would also join FUSA and the Postgraduate subcommittee.

The first meeting of the PG Students Reference Committee will be on Thursday 29 May, 12.30-1.30pm at a venue on Central campus to be announced.

2. **Post graduate article for Empire Times**

An interview with Joe Provenzano has been delayed due to illness in Joe's family, and the submission deadline for the current issue was not met. The article should be ready for submission to the editors for inclusion in the following issue of ET.

3. **CAPA Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations**

I have joined CAPA as the Flinders University representative, and signed a petition of protest to the VC of Macquarie University who has attempted to establish a student reference committee on that campus outside of the SSAF funded democratic student-led process.

Kingsley Whittenbury

Postgraduate Officer

03.05.13

6.6 Environment Officer Report

It has been a busy month where I have been doing a lot of correspondence with enviro groups, where projects are now starting to take off and new amazing ideas are coming to fruition. This month I have decided to figure out what I will focus on campaign-wise for the rest of the year in my OB role:

- Student Leadership Initiative
- Gazebo- Permaculture Garden Society
- Recycling bins for bottles and cans on campus
- Sustainafair
- Organic Food Co-Op
- Trees for Life- Bush for Life
- Getting the Enviro Space into a functioning space
- Conflict Free Campus Initiative

FUSA Working Groups and events participation for past month

- FUSA Ball working group meeting
- FUSA campaign BBQ (12/04/2013)
- Mental Health Day
- Flinders University Women's Collective- *Write Like a Woman*
Not specifically OB related, but I did my piece on ecofeminism and how the environment has been affected by the results of patriarchy.

Flinders Permaculture Community Garden Group – Thursday 04/04/2013 (total 3 hours)

In the arvo went down to check out the weekly workshops they do in the garden and had a chat to some of the people there and who is involved in the garden. A couple of weeks later (18/04) I was invited to attend their meeting about affiliating with FUSA. I was there to answer any questions and queries they had and to listen to the great ideas they had. They are keen to get a project going of building a strawbale gazebo [I'll provide info at a later date] which I would love to see happen. It has been on the backburner for a while because they need extra funding and have to go through the processes with the university.

Trees for Life (Bush for Life) workshop- Saturday 06/04/2013 (8 hours)

This was for the people that signed up during Clubs Day to attend the workshop. We learnt about bush revegetation techniques, completed worksheets about how to use the chemicals for weeds, and went out into the field to see the site and to get a better understanding about what is required. I am now going to be adopting the site at Flinders, where I will be required to do around 4 hours work a month.

Environment Sub-Committee Meeting Monday- Monday 08/04/2013 (3 hours)

Not a lot of people attended, however there were a lot of great ideas generated and some concerns that were floating around. [document of meeting attached]

Organic Food Co-Op- Friday 26/04/2013 (0.5 hours)

Met with Amy who is part of the Organic food co-op and had a chat about the fate of the co-op. they feel that more needs to be done to make it more successful. I have been working on a briefing report that will be given to them at the next meeting to discuss potential methods.

Other OB duties completed:

- **Enviro Space**
Over the holidays emptied out the rest of the enviro space office so that extension of the Women's Space could begin.
- **FEAG meeting**
- **Seeking more info about recycling bins on campus:** After receiving an email from a student saying this needs to be looked at (more info at later date)
- **Liaising with Barney about Student Leadership initiative and the logistics** [document attached which is a *rough* copy of what the program is and is yet to be discussed and finalised]

6.7 Education Officer's Report

Education Officer Report

Electronic assignment management:

At the start of next year anything created by a student in electronic format should be able to be accepted by staff in electronic format and returned to the student in electronic format.

How is it going?

Within the schools and faculties student groups and reference groups have been set up with reps from every school. The feedback from the reference groups is good, but I have enquired as to whether I am able to get copies of their reports.

School of Nursing and Midwifery have mandated online marking! Currently many staff members print off bulk copies of student essays etc and then mark them manually before scanning and reuploading them. This is an incredibly wasteful procedure that burns through paper and, presumably, the time of academic and admin staff.

Education Blended Learning:

Flinders University is on the verge of signing an agreement to sign an agreement with Open Universities Australia. Flinders will have a subject on opentostudy.com.au Currently the university is unsure what that topic will be, but it might end up being a few different topics from each faculty.

I will have more discussion on this *in camera* as there is some confidential information to discuss.

Educating into the future conference:

Brodie, Paul and I will be invited to the Flinders University *Educating into the future* conference. I will provide more details when I know exactly what this conference is! But from what I have been told it is a forum where various presentations are given by academics, professionals, student groups, and other groups, discussing the future trajectory of Higher Education.

This will be on the 26th of July.

Possible Grant Source for FUSA:

At the April ETAG meeting (Electronic Technology Advisory Group) there was a discussion about a \$150,000 funding pool that Flinders University is making available for creative technology expenditure. At this stage it is likely that FUSA would be able to make bids for funding for projects. I floated the idea of the development of funding for FUSA to improve our proposed teleconferencing system to a HD videoconferencing system and there seemed to be general support from ETAG. I will need to get more information about this grant, and will copy Paul and Brodie in on any correspondence.

NDA #2:

There will be a discussion in the in-camera part of this meeting. I have met with various groups on campus what have voiced some pretty interesting, sometimes

revolutionary, ideas for the NDA #2 on the 14th May.

NTEU Correspondence:

The NTEU are currently running a campaign against the proposed Higher Education Efficiency Dividend. I have offered my support to the NTEU and will be assisting them with their campaign. Any cuts to Flinders University funding will impact on students.

I will be having further discussions on Tuesday the 7th of May with John at the NTEU about other NTEU campaigns and might make a verbal addition to this report.

Education Officer Article:

I wrote a small article for Empire Times. It is quite boring, and I was tired when I wrote it so my apologies.

Online submission form:

I will begin investigating the possibility of a confidential online submission form for students to ask me questions regarding the Education Officer portfolio etc. I will be discussing this with our Welfare Officer, the Hon Christopher Sellwood MSC, as he might like to be included!

Till we meet again,

Leon Cermak
Education Officer
FUSA

6.8 International Officer's Report

International Officer Report

Abdullah Alajlan 7th of May 2013

Multicultural festival

Nadira, who is the festival convenor, and I had two meetings with international clubs' presidents to inform them about the festival. Some of them confirmed their participation already, some of them yet to confirm. In regards of funding the event, I spoke with some offices and came up with:

ISSU: Will contribute \$1000.

DVCI: On 8th of May at 9.00 am I'll meet acting DVCI Ms Gill Troup to discuss the potential support from DVCI office.

DVCA: I emailed DVCA. His executive officer Mr Anthony Hails sent an email to MSE seeking an advice on the sponsorship request. MSE gave his support to this intuitive. However, I have not heard from DVCA office yet. MSE has told me that DVCA suggested that FUSA should contribute 50% of the budget and DVCI should contribute 50%.

Oasis: I emailed Geoff Boyce and I am still waiting for his response

International Office: I emailed international office and I am still waiting for his response

Transition Office: I emailed and met transition office's director, but he asked me to contact DVCA directly then DVCA will transfer that to transition office

So, that means so far we only have \$3000 (\$2000 from FUSA + \$1000 from ISSU).

CISA's conference

FUSA has agreed that me and one member from international students sub-committee will represent Flinders University in CISA's national conference, which will be held at Sydney University from 8th of July to 12th July. On 6th of May, the sub-committee will elect the person. The budget for each person is \$661.40 and MSE agreed that OSE would cover the other person's expenses whereas I'll use my conference budget.

South Australia Multicultural Debate Competition (SAMD)

The SAMD conducted four meetings so far and the chance to hold it at Flinders University Victoria Square is high. The committee has decided to conduct the compition on 31st of August and 1st of September. The committee decided to invite all V.Cs to the competition as gust speakers, Flinders University's V.C will be the guest speaker on Saturday 31st of August. Two teams from Flinders University already formed and Flinders University Debating Society will conduct its IGM on 7th of May. I'm the chief Adjudicator in the committee so I'll be in charge of debating training materials, training sessions and adjudication guides. I am in touch with Monash Association of Debaters (MAD) to benefit from their experience.

CISA's 2013 International Student of the Year Award

An email has been sent to all international students by ISSU to inform them about the CISA's award, I received good feedback from international students and I hope one of them will win this award.

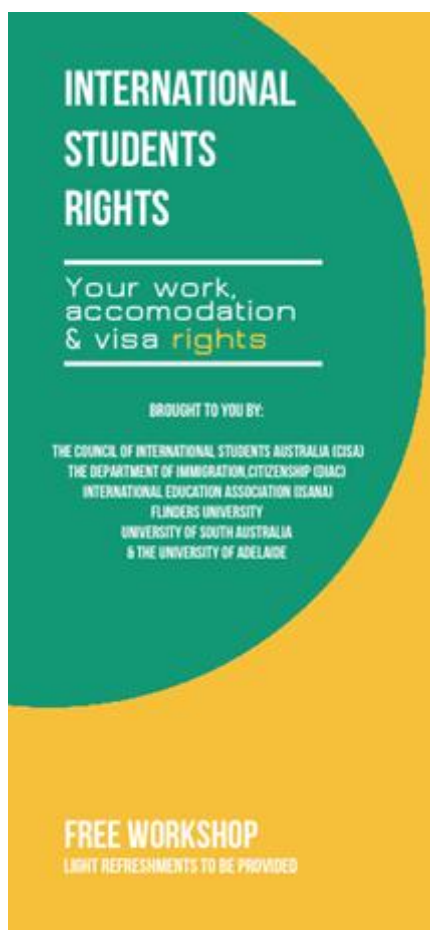
First year international students welcome dinner

I spoke with transition office director and found out that the request to conduct a welcoming party for non-AusAid international students has been sent to DVCI and VC but nothing happened yet. The transition office director advised me to send a request to DVCI and VC to revive the idea and see how it goes. Meanwhile, the Multi-culture festival's profit will be used for the non-AusAid international students welcoming party next semester.

CISA's workshop and clubs' leaders training session

Next week CISA's president and vice-president will visit Adelaide to conduct two events:

- 1- A training session for all international clubs' leaders in all three universities about leadership skills and event management skills. This session will be held at Flinders University Victoria Square campus on Sunday 5th of May from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Most of leaders are from Flinders University (I received 33 emails from various clubs). The person who will talk about event management skills is a PhD candidate at Flinders Tourism School. CISA's agreed to provide certificate for all participants.
- 2- A workshop for all international students about their work, accommodation and visa rights. This workshop is organised by seven organisations, which are CISA, DIAC, ISANA, Flinders University, UniSA, Adelaide University, Fair Work Ombudsman. Stephanie Walker did a fantastic job of designing the flyer



SPEAKER 1: KERRY CHUNG

VICE-PRESIDENT/COUNCIL OF
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AUSTRALIA (CISA)

SPEAKER 2: MARY ANN
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
(ISANA).

SPEAKER 3: DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION
AND CITIZENSHIP (DIAC)

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MONDAY MAY 6TH 6PM - 8.30PM

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HORACE LAMB BUILDING) UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE



ISSU has sent an email to all international students to inform them about the workshop and so far more than 150 students already registered in this workshop most of them are from Flinders University. Above of that, I arranged two meetings on Monday 6th of May:

First meeting is at 9.30 am between CISA's president and vice-president and Flinders University MSE, ISSU coordinator to see how can Flinders University and CISA work together for international students' sake.

Second meeting is at 11.00 am with acting DVCI Ms Gill Troup.

Tourism guide for international students

Welfare officer suggested that international students need a guide for nice places, sceneries in SA. The idea is brilliant and I talked to the sub-committee members about it. One sub-committee member will provide suggested places and then we will take from there.

EODC 1st meeting

I have attended the EODC first meeting and I found it irrelevant to international students, I'll discuss with MSE about international students equality issues and I may bring them in the next meeting.

6.9 Indigenous Officer's Report



Jordan Box
Indigenous Student Officer
Flinders University Student Association

Report: 07/05/2013

This month has been full-on for Indigenous students at Flinders. I've been very busy getting several initiatives going, as well as being generally involved in SC matters.

Nunga Room

After the last meeting, I spoke to some key members of Yungorrendi Mande, namely Fay Blanche (Director), and Chris Wilson (Academic Advisor) about the possibility of having a Nunga Room at Sturt Campus. This matter was raised at the Health Sciences Faculty Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (on which I am the Student Representative) because Indigenous students at Sturt are separated from Yungorendi Mande, and alienated from the larger university Indigenous population and the support offered at main campus. This can have several negative effects, the most dire being a catalyst for dropping out. I raised this issue at the last meeting.

I understand that discussions have taken place between those parties and Chris O'Grady regarding the space at Sturt which was to be used as a FUSA satellite space. The suggestion has been made that this would be a share space, being used by one group on certain days and the other group for the rest, or having a Yunggorendi Mande representative at the FUSA satellite.

This is still in the preliminary planning stages, but when it comes to fruition, the benefits will be manifold. Besides the obvious academic and social benefits, students are already excited at the possibility of performing a smoke ceremony and showcasing Indigenous culture when the space opens.

Indigenous Events

I have spoken to Faye at Yunggorendi Mande about what has been done in the past with some of these events and it seems unfortunately little has been done. I have collaborated with some staff and students and we have some great ideas for what we're going to do.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week falls in the holidays, so it's a bit difficult to pull something off. In the past, staff have left early on the Friday to go to events in the City. I am thinking of having a student social event in this week.

Sorry Day & Mabo Day

Sorry Day (May 26) is on a Sunday. Discussions are currently taking place over what can be done near that date to emphasise National Sorry Day. NSD is a day to commemorate the many great impacts of forceful removals of Indigenous People, the ramifications of which will be strongly felt well into the future, and may never recover.

Mabo Day (June 3) commemorates Eddie Mabo, a Torres Strait Islander who fought the Federal Government in the High Court in the Mabo Cases (I&II) which led to the prior legal standing of *terra nullius* being overturned. This paved the way for Indigenous People to make legal claims to traditional land. The spirit of this is much in the same way as if someone owned a farm with no fences and someone else built on it and claimed it as their own.

For both of these days, discussions are underway with the library to see if posters, displays, and information can be put up around these dates.

We would also be looking at engaging Indigenous students through some activity, and preferably to have an integrative activity, i.e. a guest speaker could speak to ATSI students and Law students about the gravity of Mabo cases etc.

Indigenous Space

In the absence of a *bona fide* club (at this stage), Indigenous students don't have a separate space in the way that the FUQS, FEAGS, etc. do. We do, however, have a small common room/study space in the Yunggorendi Mande building. Since the second half of last year I have been lobbying to have that space become somewhere students would be happy to come together, socialise, study, exchange ideas, etc. etc.

I am very happy that this has taken effect and an atmosphere is starting to

develop where there wasn't one last year. This common room, which I hope to have named at some stage, now has coffee, tea, sugar, milk, and cups for use by students, and a TV.

This has been funded out of Yunggorendi Mande's expense accounts.

This is a very important development because students are now engaging with each other in a way that has never previously happened on campus. They have a space to call their own, to relax, to study, to have a yarn, and to be with people that understand what they're going through. This coming together is of huge importance in Aboriginal culture – much more than in non-indigenous cultures – and removes the feelings of social/cultural isolation that students previously felt.

Multicultural Festival

I have met one-on-one with Abdul and have attended a round-table meeting with the cultural clubs to discuss requirements, financing, etc. of this exciting event.

I have also spoken to staff and students at Yunggorendi Mande about how we can participate. Attendees can look forward to:

- Traditional Medicine, skin treatments, salves and balms;
- Kangaroo tail stew and damper;
- Indigenous performance(s);
- Indigenous-themed movie + Q&A with some media students; and
- Much more to come!

In order to receive reimbursements for this, we have needed to establish a FUSA financially affiliated club, which is also discussed in this report.

Flinders University First Nations Association

On Wednesday 1 May 2013, the Flinders University First Nations Association (FUFNA) was half-way established, in that all the online requirements were completed. A later email from Di alerted me to the fact we need to hold an AGM and submit constitution etc.

I have created a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FlindersATSI) and have created a tentative event for our inaugural general meeting. At the IGM, membership will be confirmed, the Constitution ratified, and officers elected.

I will not be seeking election to the committee, but I will be creating a perpetual chair for the current Indigenous Student Officer as a FUSA representative.

Students are already generating a wealth of ideas and it is becoming very obvious that establishment of this club will go a long way for student engagement.

Acknowledgements of Country

This month I have been asked to organise 2 acknowledgements of country. I organised for a Kurna woman to present acknowledgement at *Write like a*

woman, though I'm not sure that she did in the end. I also personally acknowledged the Kurna people and Kurna land on Mental Health Day.

FUSA Engagement

Personally, I have spoken to Adriana on issues around Green Energy and Fair Trade Coffee. I have been assured Green Energy is already on the cards for investigation. Regarding coffee, I am pro-free trade and Adriana is pro-fair trade, so hopefully I can assist Adriana in her endeavours to bring Fair Trade Coffee to Flinders.

I have also spoken to Chris O'Grady regarding the anti-student engagement attitude of Flinders One.

In an official capacity, I have additionally participated in:

- FUSA pub crawl;
- Band Day BBQ;
- Mental Health Day

6.10 Manager, Student Engagement's Report

FUSA STAFF

Administrative Assistant FUSA

-Jessi Tilbrook will start in this role on the 30th of April. Jessi comes with a lot of experience in administration, finance and event management and we all look forward to her being a part of the FUSA team

Student Advocacy Officer

Shortlisting for this vacancy will occur on the 2nd of May and interviews on the week beginning the 8.5.13

Student Finance and Advocacy Officer

-The incumbent has resigned from this role and I am looking to fill the vacancy as soon as practicable

Meeting Room

-The Wall has been removed and painting will be completed shortly

Student Diary

-Negotiations have finalised with Flinders One and FUSA will produce the Student Diary in 2014 and beyond with SSAF funds allocated

Student Spaces

-Women's Room: it was agreed that the Women's Room would expand in the mall area to take one of the rooms for the 'Enviro Space'. Buildings and Property will be putting in a doorway to allow this to happen. Should be happening in the coming weeks

-Negotiations and discussions are taking place with B&P around student space including:

- refurbishing 'equity spaces'
- refurbishing Sturt space
- Use of McHugh's

Geoff Harrison Room

-Due to advice from Buildings and Property, the GHR can only be used as storage space.
-It is noncompliant and unsafe as it fails to meet the standards of the Building Code of Australia given it needs more than one exit and the travel to the nearest exit exceeds 20m
-This space is not be used as a gathering space for students

FUSA Space Sturt

-Discussion have occurred with Yunggoendi regarding providing Student Support from this space

FUSA Smoking Ban Proposal

-I met with David Banks from Buildings and Property recently. David has undertaken to bring this issue up with the DVC(A) and the Vice President Strategic Finance and Resources

8.1 Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee

As previously discussed, there are two positions for Student Council on the Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee.

The FUSA International Officer and General Secretary were nominated to these positions.

However, the General Secretary has offered to forfeit this position to one of the equity positions held by Student Council (Womens Officer, Indigenous Officer or Queer Officer).

Nominations from the floor for the equity positions of Student Council will be opened at the meeting.

If no nominations are received, the current representatives on the Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee will remain.

8.2 Blue Stockings Week Proposal

1. Key Information:

DATE: Wednesday May 15, 2013

PLACE: Flinders University Plaza

PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

- 9:00am – 11:00am SETUP of BLUE STOCKINGS DISPLAYS & DECORATIONS
- 11:00am – 2:00pm OPERATION of Blue Stockings Games & Displays
- 2:00pm – OPERATION of Blue Stockings Concert
- 5:00pm – CLOSURE of the event and clean-up

2. What is 'Blue Stockings Week?'

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The term bluestocking comes from a tradition of scholarly women being disparagingly referred to as "bluestockings" as they started organising literary societies and began campaigning for academic roles and tuition at universities.

From the 1980s through to the last decade Australian female students have held Blue Stocking events across the country. Blue Stocking Week is an opportunity to recognise the pioneering women that came before us, campaign and celebrate women's scholarship and participation in higher education.

3. Review of contents:

3.1: GAMES AND DISPLAYS:

Located in Flinders University Plaza, a series of games and displays will be set up to address and highlight the significance, history and achievements of the Blue Stockings Campaign. A more detailed list of the games will be available after 04/05/2013. Examples of games:

- *'Fishin' for a Degree'* – players receive fishing hooks with magnets on them. Degrees are placed into a large pond where players will try to pick up a degree. However, some players will receive degrees which major in grooming, personal and home etiquette, deportment and carriage. The point of this game is to highlight the completely superfluous, sexist courses that some universities used to offer women in the 1960's and 1970's.
- *'Snakes and Stocking Ladders'* – Snakes and Ladders – move up and through the board through 1950's to the present day. Ladders will include advancements in women's liberation like the contraceptive pill, equal pay for equal work etc. Snakes will include termination of employment/education due to marital/family status, limited career options and the glass ceiling.
- *'Bounce to Break the Glass Ceiling'* – A large bouncy castle is placed to the side of the plaza. Players bounce as high as they can to 'break' the metaphorical glass ceiling.

3.2: CONCERT:

At around 2:00pm, the 'Blue Stockings' concert will begin. This concert will only feature female musicians in solidarity and support of the campaign. So far we have two musicians lined-up, but we love any extras – please contact me ASAP if you know of any female musicians or bands that would be interested in playing during the day.

4. Budget

ITEM:	COST:	TOTAL:
Thank you gifts for musicians	(4) x \$40 = \$160	\$160
Bouncy Castle Hire (for 4 hours)	\$280	\$280
	FINAL TOTAL:	\$440

Our two major expenses are 'thank you gifts' for our performing musicians and our bouncy castle hire. We have a budget for \$500, and so far we have around \$60 left-over for various other expenses.

8.3 Printing Quota

Saturday, 4 May 2013

9:45 AM

It was decided that the Student Council would investigate printing quotas and if the University should be lobbied to bring these back in some form. A decision needs to be made by the SC to pursue this or not. Earlier this year, it was agreed by SC that it was not feasible to proceed with this, however, Hannah MacLeod had further questions before a final decision was made and the answers to these are below. Below this, is the background provided as written by the University Librarian Ian McBain.

Hi Chris

I have interleaved responses below. The stats come from the 2012 figures from Planning Services. I have answered this on the basis of Schools not Faculties as measure of consistency.

Please let me know if you would like further information or clarification.

Regards

Ian

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From: Chris O'Grady
Sent: Tuesday, 19 March 2013 5:39 PM
To: Ian McBain
Subject: RE: First Pass

Ian,

I have had some questions raised by Student Council around printing and they are the following:

Number of students who had printing credits previously (in 2011)

The five schools named below had around 25% of the EFT load in 2012 so this would, in 2011, have been around 5,000 students.

Which faculties had printing credits previously (in 2011)

The Schools of Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics, International Studies, Psychology, Business and Social and Policy Studies had some provision of credits. The extent of these varied. These credits only ever worked on equipment provided in the schools involved, never in the Library, and were thus only for a small part of the printing done by most students.

Cost if all students had \$10 printing credits added to their accounts?

There are around 23,000 students at present so the direct cost is \$230,000.

Only those student based on the Bedford Park and City campuses would be able to use the quota as system does not extend to the distant locations such as Darwin and the Riverland. External and offshore international students would also not benefit.

There is no provision in the contract with the University supplier for this type of supplementation and some time would be required for negotiation and implementation. The window of opportunity to do such a transfer in second semester 2013 is closing rapidly. To exclude those students who would not benefit it would add a significant amount of complexity and cost and would now be very difficult in 2013.

Why library charges 11c per b&w page?

The Library does not provide or charge for printing. It fully participates in the University's facilities management contract.

Based from my experience in working out these costs from when the Library did manage such services the costs for the university's contractor are made up of, at least; the cost of the equipment, the service contract on the equipment, consumables such as toner, paper, staffing, the underlying computer system to manage the accounts, the cost of the cash handling equipment, the transaction costs for electronic funds transfer, GST and workcover. They are a commercial operation and are no doubt making some profit.

How many students have online submission of assignments for ALL subjects they are undertaking?

At present only the School of Nursing and Midwifery has universal electronic submission. They are presently 14% of the EFT student load so around 3200 students. The University has mandated universal electronic submission from the beginning of first semester next year.

Which faculties have online submission of assignments for ALL topics? (my prediction is none...)

See above.

Which faculties have online submission of assignments for SOME topics? What percentage of topics?

Outside of Nursing and Midwifery I understand that there are some pockets of electronic submission but I am unable to quantify the situation.

The total cost if a printing credit of \$10 was given to students who do not have online submission of assignments?

The direct cost would be around \$200,000 ie 14% less than the cost of giving everyone such an allocation.

There is no mechanism for such a partial data load. It was never envisaged as part of the negotiations with the vendor and as far as I am aware the database doesn't contain the necessary information to discriminate between students on the basis of school. Creating a piece of software to do such a transfer would come at a considerable cost and take some time. I doubt that it could be achieved in 2013 given that our only opportunity to test and make a change would be in the mid-year. As the rationale for this model of distribution would be overtaken by the policy of universal electronic submission from first semester next year it doesn't seem to me to be a viable option.

Are you able to answer all of these questions?

Once I get a response from you, I can forward these back to Student Council and we can take it from there.

Thanks,

Chris

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Background

New arrangements for student printing and photocopying were established on the Bedford Park Campus in February 2012. A single system operating in all computer facilities was created. Management of the system was outsourced to Unicard. The three school-based quotas that operated in Science and Engineering and one in Social and Behavioural Sciences were abolished following a decision of VCC. The old quota arrangements worked in different ways, there was no common level of entitlement and the cost of over-quota sheets varied widely. The new system left unchanged the price and arrangements in the Library, the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Education, Humanities and Law. Establishing common student printing and photocopying arrangements gave us information regarding the totality of student printing and photocopying on the Bedford Park Campus for the first time. This shows;

Total use 2,945,470 sheets @11cents \$324,000

Assuming 15,000 students this represents \$21.60 per student per year or 60 cents per student per week of semester.

Of this printing

222,781 sheets (7.5%) @11cents \$24,505

Was done on machines located in Schools where there had been some quota prior to 2012.

If we assume (incorrectly) that all of this would have been covered by quota and allocate this equitably to 15,000 students it represents a change of \$1.70 per student per year or 4 cents per student per week of semester.

The majority of copying and printing 2,722,689 sheets (92.4%) was done on machines that had no quota in the past and where the situation is unchanged.

Comments based upon our experience during the transition to the new arrangements and in

the first year of operation;

1. The old system of school-based quotas was inequitable as it only benefited a part of the student body (around 30%) and only for a small part of their printing. For the majority of students and the vast majority of printing the cost remains unchanged.
2. As well as being inequitable the old school-based arrangements were a source of confusion and dissatisfaction amongst students. The new arrangements have dealt with this issue.
3. The cost of the change to student (4 cents per student per semester week) is small.
4. The original rationale for the school-based quotas is now uncertain but it was, at least to some degree, based upon offsetting the costs of printing material for submission for assessment. The move to electronic submission of assignments will deal with this issue.
5. The contract provides for Unicard to undertake a Customer Satisfaction Survey which will inform the recommended review.

Recommendation

That the printing management arrangements established in 2012 be continued unchanged to the end of 2014 when their effectiveness and impact on students should be assessed.

8.4 Mental Health First Aid with Naomi Madsen

A University Employee has offered to provide free Mental Health First Aid Training for the Student Council. A decision needs to be made on whether to not Student Council would like to proceed with this and if so when.

8.5 Flinders University Open Day

The Marketing and Communications Office have asked if FUSA could be involved in the Open Days happening on Friday the 16th and Saturday the 17th of August.

They would like to see the University showcasing its clubs and societies and campus life.

I would like to ask the Student Council if they would like to move a Band Day to the Friday and have a presence on both the Friday and Saturday.

8.6 Access to Victoria Square Campus on weekends

International Officer:

I faced a problem with booking a room in Flinders University Victoria Square on Sunday 5th of May 2013. The problem was that as a student I cannot access to the building on weekends! Even though I am a member of SC and that event is for all international clubs' leaders in the three universities, the Vic building securities said you have to ask staff member to be there with you. After calls and email from MSE they agree to give me a short induction and allowed me to access and conduct the event on Sunday, however, as security member told me, it is unusual to allow students to access to Vic building on weekends!

Motion: Members of Student Council are asking Flinders University Victoria Square security to allow them to access to the building on weekends after giving them a short induction and they are asking security to remove the staff attendance condition.

8.7 Changes to Election Regulations

I motion that FUSA adopts the following amendments to the Election Regulations:

10.9 In accordance with Section 19 of the Constitution, where a referendum is being conducted at the same time as an election, the Returning Office must ensure that at least ten (10) academic days notice of the dates and times of voting for the referendum and the question or questions to be put are given to students.

7.1 The Returning Officer must be appointed no later than the first academic day in the week ten weeks before the Annual Elections, or as soon as practicable before a by-election or referendum not held in conjunction with the Annual Elections.

7.2 Each election shall be conducted by a Returning Officer who shall be appointed by Student Council by majority vote. If the Student Council cannot successfully appoint a Returning Officer for the election or referendum the Returning Officer shall be the Manager, Student Engagement. The Returning Officer shall not be a candidate for election, nor shall he or she be eligible to nominate or second a candidate for election or be entitled to vote.

7.3 The Returning Officer may appoint such other Assistant Returning Officers as he or she sees fit to conduct any aspect of this election process on his or her behalf. Assistant Returning Officers shall not be candidates for election, nor shall he or she be eligible to nominate or second a candidate for election or be entitled to vote.

9.4 It is mandatory to submit a candidate statement, which is limited to 300 words. This must be submitted to the Returning Officer **via email at least 48 hours before the opening of the election.**

9.6 Election material must be submitted to the Returning Officer at least 48 hours before the opening of the election. After 48 hours only alterations of previously approved material are allowed to be re-submitted.

9.9 Display of materials, excluding banners, are not permitted unless they are on the concrete bollards on the plaza or on general notice boards. Banner location must be approved by the Returning Officer.

8.9 Conflict Free Campus

Proposed Motion:

'I motion that student council sign letter of support for conflict free campus initiative for Flinders University to consider viability of a conflict free procurement policy'

Conflict Free Initiative

I had this on the back burner for a while but am keen to get this initiative back up and running. The last time that I had mentioned this, the issue of costs came up. I was informed that although the university's spending would change, it does not necessarily mean there will be extra costs. Conflict free brands are not necessarily more expensive than others (for example Dell is a leader in their conflict free minerals and the uni uses this product). But if we start demanding to use only more ethical products, it can force other companies to become more ethical in their product production.

She is trying to get a portfolio of a whole bunch of letters from groups and students to prove that this is something that individuals on campus are aware and care about the cause. At this point in time all Alisha would like FUSA to do is write a letter of support to the Chancellor or for her to put into this portfolio.

Eventually it would be great to advertise this cause on the FUSA website (such as a link to a petition she has). Alisha is not necessarily after any financial assistance, just after some support of the student council (by signing the letter of support) and some advertising.

As this is something that my officer role covers, I will work with Alisha to get her movie night and campaign up and running (unless others are keen to get involved of course). It is something that she is trying to do herself and isn't making much progress at the moment.

Below is the email attached of the response I received from Alisha after I emailed her a while back.

Email received 15th Feb 2013

Hi Adriana!

I am well thank you! How are you? This is very exciting news! Thank you so much for bringing the initiative up at the meeting.

- Answer to your first question: The conflict free policy may affect the universities spending but there are no 'extra costs'. My first aim is to have a brand's conflict free ranking considered in the procurement policy. The procurement policy takes many different factors into account. The procurement policy may be 50% economic, 10% environmental, 10% quality etc. So if we are successful, conflict free may be considered at 2-5% of the procurement policy. Our aim may be to slowly raise this percentage. Conflict free brands are not necessarily more expensive than others but they may not be the cheapest. Whether the more conflict free conscious brands are more or less expensive is unknown to me. Hopefully, if enough people/universities/companies commit to using only conflict free brands, all brands will begin trading ethically and we will be able to buy from any brand. I hope that this makes sense :)
- Second question: If FUSA agrees to support the CFCI, I would like you to maybe write or simply sign the letter of support attached to the previous email. It would be fantastic to start up a portfolio of letters of support so that we can show that large bodies of students at the uni know and care about the cause. It would be amazing if FUSA could advertise the initiative on the website. Flinders can not say that they are conflict free until they have a policy so we cannot yet speak for Flinders overall but I think that FUSA could still definitely state and advertise their support if you choose to! Informing more students is the best thing and would come with advertising! I am not asking for any financial support, just simply knowing about the cause, maybe some advertising and a letter of support. A letter to the procurement officer would be amazing. The procurement team have apparently seen the letter that I sent to administration but I have not yet received a response. When I have the support of a few student groups, I will email them again to show that the initiative is gaining support.
- Question 3: In October last year, I sent a letter to the Chancellor, Stephen Gerlach, stating my proposal. I have got more than 62 signatures on the petition and 43 likes on the Facebook page. I have emailed quite a few groups but your response is the first, so thank you! I want to organise a movie night at the start of April to spread awareness, generate support and create a positive atmosphere around the cause. This is looking to be around \$2000 if I choose to do it in a public space, like on the Adelaide Uni lawns, so this is probably more than I will be able to raise on the night. However, I will keep looking around for a place to host the screening. As you can see, the CFCI has not gained a lot of momentum after its formation. However, I am hoping that slowly and steadily, I can gain support around campus. More that a hundred universities around the world have conflict free campus initiatives and more than 12 have passed resolutions so I am still feeling hopeful!

Here is a link to the petition: <https://www.change.org/petitions/flinders-university-please-pass-a-resolution-giving-preference-to-conflict-free-electronics-products>

and the facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/alisha.thompson.142/posts/117499641766432?>

[ref=notif¬if_t=like#!/ConflictFreeMineralsFlinders?fref=ts](#)

I have also attached the letter that I initially sent to Mr Stephen Gerlach in case you would like to know what administration already knows and what has been passed around.

Thank you so much,

I look forward to hearing from you!

Alisha

Proposed Letter

To: Mr Stephen Gerlach

Re: Resolution in Support of Certified-Conflict-Free Electronics Products

Dear Mr Gerlach,

The Flinders University Student Association (FUSA) supports a procurement assessment at Flinders University to support companies who give preference to conflict-free minerals, hence choosing more ethical approaches to their products.

Students at over 70 colleges and universities are already working to pass conflict-free resolutions by voicing a demand for conflict-free products. If Flinders University were to adopt a conflict-free procurement policy, it would become Australia's first conflict-free campus.

FUSA also acknowledges the opportunity for Flinders University to play a powerful role in helping end violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Democratic Republic of Congo has been experiencing continuous wars since 1996, strongly fuelled by the rich natural minerals in the country. Despite the signing of a peace treaty in 2003, violence and more than 2.5 million people live as refugees due to wars. The Government and police in Congo are in disarray, with groups working unaccounted for; using rape and murder to discipline civilians and workers in the mines, and also to reward soldiers.

Gold, tin, tungsten, and tantalum sourced from Congo's mines are minerals central to the technology that drives our business and communications, our social engagement, and even national security. While comprehensive action is needed for Congo, it is only by starting to remove the economic incentive to wage war that we can begin to end the conflict.

FUSA thus agrees that by passing a resolution regarding the use of Congo's conflict minerals in consumer electronics, Flinders University would join a handful of other universities internationally in sending an important message to electronics companies to clean up their supply chains to ensure their products are not fuelling warfare and to end these horrific acts of injustice and abuse of human rights.

FUSA believes that if the university develops a conflict-free policy for procurement, it will send a positive message to other institutions and other outside forces to also take action on this issue. FUSA stresses that we support a push for companies to seek out more ethical mines within the country, rather than to ban trade completely.

By taking steps to supporting the conflict-free movement, Flinders University would amplify and strengthen efforts to ensure companies' products do not support a minerals trade that is benefiting militia groups.

The Flinders University Student Association urges you to consider these matters when conducting procurement assessments of Flinders University and to work towards a conflict-free policy.

Sincerely,

Flinders University Student Association

9.1 MSE extended absences

Recently Chris O'Grady (M,SE) has been out of the office twice in the last three weeks. I think it would be good for the M,SE to send an email to notify SC and FUSA staff when he will be out of office for extended periods.

9.2 Multi-cultural Festival

It has been suggested by Andrew Parkin that FUSA pays for the event from the \$100,000 that FUSA has been given to improve student life.

We need to discuss whether or not this is acceptable to the Student Council

9.3 Student Sustainability Leadership Network

The concept:

To provide support for students who want to channel their desire for a more sustainable future into campus activities and campaigns - and in the process to learn new leadership and professional skills, to learn from each other, have fun, and have some 'real world' experience to put on their CV.

How it could work:

This would need to be shaped by the students, but here is an initial idea based on what has worked at other Unis:

- The network is open to students involved in an environmental, social justice or equity focussed student group on campus, members of the Student Council, or any other interested students who are studying in an area related to sustainability;
- You come along to a couple of forums a year where campus sustainability issues are discussed and ideas for action are brainstormed, as well as participate in a couple of professional/ personal development events. We eat tasty, sustainable, ethical food in the process;
- You offer some volunteer time (about 20 hours) to sustainability projects happening around the campus. At the moment, the most likely one is the Bush for Life programme being developed with Trees for Life, but other opportunities will come up during the year;
- You lead (or co-lead) one campaign targeting students over the course of the year. This could be related to issues such as green transport, ethical purchasing, waste minimisation, or any other issue which feels important to you. The point is to develop the confidence and skills to lead change (however small) out in the workplace and in the community, and to learn from each other in the process;
- We discuss our own lifestyle and behaviour choices, and commit to modelling 'good' behaviours for others on campus to follow;
- At the end of the year, we reflect on what was learnt, and celebrate our successes!

The Commitment Required:

University life is busy, but for the network to work well, there would need to be a level of commitment required, including turning up for meetings and professional development activities, and completing the required volunteer hours/ running a campaign.

Support provided by the University:

There may be a small amount of funding offered from the student union (for catering) and from the University to help students run campaigns. While this is likely to be quite limited initially, we hope that if the network is successful, it will pave the way for more substantial funding for students wanting to do sustainability related projects and initiatives on campus.

9.4 Refurbishment of the Enviro Space

*The environmental collective were kind enough to agree to forgo their office room to the Wom*n's Space, and FUSA agreed that we'd help refurbish the Enviro Space.*

The Enviro Space is used quite regularly by many of the enviro groups, however at the moment especially (and in the past) it has been quite cluttered. There is significant storage, however it is not functional for the things that they hold in there. One of the issues is that they are adamant to use the Geoff Harrison Space, because of hefty equipment and the nature of some of their initiatives (eg the Organic Food Co-Op).

In all the space is not being used effectively or efficiently. I have compiled what I believe to be reasonable requests from FEAG (Flinders Environmental Action Group) or compromises I would make on some of their request, which FUSA should consider with funding.

- **New carpet** (although I think this may be a university issue, not FUSA)
 - The main reason being that it is mouldy, generally just old and poses a health risk. I refuse to stay in there for long periods of time because I can't breathe in there.
- **Windows sealed properly** (to prevent more dampness. I think may also be a uni issue not FUSA's)
- **Large floor to ceiling lockable cupboards**
 - Ones that will hold large tubs approx. 600mm in depth, adjustable shelving, and a whiteboard external surface.
- This means they can safely keep Wilderness Society equipment, money they may need to hold onto, documents etc
- **New computer & monitor**
 - Because even environmentalists get annoyed at a computer dated from around 1995. It really is ridiculous.
 - If they had access to a computer that doesn't take 20 minutes to turn on, they can keep up to date with the organic food co-op website, writing minutes, social media etc and be more efficient in their processes and not be so stressed.
- **Pamphlet Holder**
 - Visitors can access information easily without having it sprawled out all over the microwave and kitchen area
- **Red, yellow and green lidded bins (for rubbish recycling and scraps)**
- **Sink with plumbing, cupboards above and below with built in space for their bar fridge and microwave**
 - They do stuff with food, and as it is used as a social area, dishes get left and there is a 'roach problem. Possibly even mice.
 - The only issue obviously would be the viability of doing so with the infrastructure and costs.

The middle wall of the space to be removed may at this time be a little too ambitious, but would make the space a lot more enjoyable to be in.

These are my recommendations as Environment Officer the things I think would be something FUSA can provide for somewhat immediate comfortability.

9.5 Coffee on Campus

Coffee on campus

Flinders One coffee contracts are up for renewal soon. Could SC/FUSA talk to Flinders One? I feel Flinders One should indicate how they will consult with students and publicise consultation in determining the new coffee contractor. Furthermore, and in anticipation of upcoming events during Fairtrade Fortnight May 4-19, how is Flinders One investigating the use of Fairtrade coffee, as advocated by groups including Flinders Fairtrade Society, FEAG, Health and Human Rights Group, VGen and others? Many groups on campus would like this to be a very public process.

9.6 Empire Times Roster

A new roster has been drawn up for future Empire Times contributions. It is as follows. Please be sure to check the Empire Times Facebook to find dates required for submission

Edition	Special	Office Bearers		General Council	
5	EXAM	Post Graduate	Environment	Roxy	Lauren
6	Women's/Men's Flip	Woman's	Queer	Nadira	Will
7		Welfare	Post-graduate	Jayson	Hannah
8	ELECTION	Education	Environment	Will	Roxy
9		General Secretary	International	Hannah	Lauren
10		Queer	Indigineous	Roxy	Nadira

9.7 Returning Officers Report

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION BY-ELECTION 2013

QUEER OFFICER INDIGENOUS STUDENT OFFICER WELFARE OFFICER ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dear Student Council,

At the close of nominations, for the By-election of **Indigenous Student Officer** (one position), for a term of office from 15 April 2013 to 31 December 2013, Jordan Box was elected un-opposed to the position of Indigenous Student Officer.

At the close of nominations, for the By-election of **Queer Officer** (one position), **Welfare Officer** (one position) and **Ordinary Council Member** (three positions) for a term of office from 15 April 2013 to 31 December 2013, more nominations were received than there are positions and a ballot was held and closed at 3:00pm (Australian Daylight Saving Time) on the 12th of April 2013.

RESULTS

QUEER OFFICER
Jake Lane

WELFARE OFFICER
Christopher Sellwood

*Ryan Karl withdrew his nomination for the position of Welfare Officer after the election had commenced. In absence of any clear instruction in the Flinders University Student Association Election Regulations with regard to dealing with an instance such as this, I consulted with the Australian Electoral Commission (who have no jurisdiction over this election) who advised that the candidate could not be withdrawn half way through an election and to be fair to everyone involved, it would be best practice if votes should be counted in the usual manner. In any case, Christopher Sellwood was elected because he met the threshold.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBERS
Roxanna Henshaw
William Menzies
Nur Nadira Zainal

Thank you,

Chris O'Grady
Returning Officer

10.1 Environment Sub-committee meeting

Location: Enviro Space

Present: Jayson, Anna, Flik, Bella, Adriana

Meeting open: 1pm

Meeting close: 3.30pm

Next meeting: TBA

This was the first environment sub-committee meeting for 2013, and was just an informal gathering and facilitation to get ideas and concerns from the environmentally conscious students. There were a lot of great ideas and concerns raised. Some of the things that people came up with:

- Composting at Flinders Living
 - *do they have it?*
 - *What is the viability of setting up a composting system*
- Getting water fountain project going
- More renewables on campus (campaign is a lot of work though, and should talk to Barney)
- Combine with Oasis, Woman, and Queer in joint campaign to save the spaces- “the Mall Alliance”
- Get more people involved
- Marketing-finding ways to promote causes using different methods
 - *Better promotion and exposure- using mediums such as posters, handouts, Empire Times, social media, website, enviro newsletter etc*
 - *Doing so by using less jargon*
 - *simplifying for people not involved in environmental groups*
 - *More visibility for collective enviro people- eg sandwich boards to put on plaza and other high traffic areas.*
- More spontaneous events
 - *generally more enviro events on campus- (political or non-political)*
 - *People don't know when events are on (for example the food co-op)*
 - *A recycled art exhibition*
- Platform near social sciences north theatres- not used (or is it?)
 - *Could get tables and chairs and plants for the area*
 - *perhaps a shade so that people can go up there to hang out.*
 - *Good for students!*
 - *Need to ask buildings and properties if it is being utilised.*

General analysis from meeting

There is a general concern about the wellbeing of students and the constant battle of trying to keep student spaces. There is a feeling that there is no connection or communication with the student spaces, and as they are social advocacy-based there should be more activities to both attract new people to the spaces, and for those who are in a particular space frequently to get to know other people in other spaces. For example- many of the people who use the enviro space all may identify as from LGBTIQ community, a woman, have spiritual connections (Oasis and meditation sessions which have diminished) and have interests with International Community.

This relates back heavily to marketing methods and ways to promote programs and initiatives on campus. It is not necessarily a case that people aren't interested, but it is not reaching the right scope or people don't see posters or anything of that nature.

There also appears to be spaces around uni which appear to not be utilised and creativity needs to be included in making sure students (even staff) are getting the most out of the campus.

Actions

- Stakeholder analysis
- Do enquiries
- Viability of an enviro newsletter
- Meet with appropriate officer bearers regarding student spaces.

10.2 Postgraduate Sub-committee meeting

A meeting open to all FU postgraduate students was held in the Conference room on Humanities Road, FU Central campus, at 1pm Tuesday 30th April.

Catering of lunch was provided.

The meeting was advertised online through student notices.

A total of seven PG students attended.

Topics of discussion 30.04.13

- a. Need for orientation of new postgrads to facilities on campus
- b. Inter-disciplinary social interaction
- c. Academic matters; for feedback to faculty deans or OGR
- d. Role and responsibilities of FUSA Postgraduate Reference Committee
- e. Nomination for subcommittee membership

FUSA Postgraduate Reference Committee

Formed 30.04.13

Committee Chair

Kingsley Whittenbury, Postgraduate Officer

Committee Nominees (A minimum of five students is required by FUSA regulations.)

Georgia Allan

Holi Catton

Marcus Dilena

Kevin Sarlow

Claudia Gottwald

John Clancy

Meetings –once a month on a Tuesday, lunch time

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First meeting Thursday 30 May 12.30pm

Upcoming Events

Band Day	Social	8/05/2013	General	General
Higher Education Cuts	Campaign	14/05/2013	Education Officer	
Blue Stockings Day	Campaign	15/05/2013	Women's Officer	General Secretary
Forum	Social	15/05/2013	General	General
IDAHO	Campaign	17/05/2013	Queer Officer	Women's Officer
Empire Times Launch Party	Social	17/05/2013	Lauren Brice	
Harvey Milk	Campaign	22/05/2013	Queer Officer	Environment O
Sorry Day	Campaign	27/05/2013	Indigenous Officer	Post Grad
MABO	Campaign	3/06/2013	Indigenous Officer	Queer Officer
Band Day	Social	5/06/2013	General	General