

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting Number 2/12
Board Room
19th March 2012
5.35pm

Present: Hannah MacLeod (Student President), Luke Marshall,
James Findlay, Dale Colbeck, Shannon Spaulding, Nathan Higginson, Justin
Stone, Ajsa Bajraktarevic, Brodie McGee, Jesse Clark, Aydan Simmons

Apologies: Milo Kuga, Rebekah Huppatz, Rose Pullen, Cristel Chambers

In Attendance: Di Wright , Andrew Nairn

AGENDA MATTERS

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

The SP opened the meeting and acknowledged that the Student Council meeting was taking place on Kurna land and thanked the elders past and present for the use of this land.

2. Apologies

The SP notified the Student Council of the apologies received as listed above.

3. Housekeeping

- a. Student President acknowledged Di Wright as secretary.

General Manager's Report

The General Manager, Andrew Nairn addressed the Student Council.

GM has received correspondence in regards to Flinders One review and SSAF. VC raised questions with the Board, they have agreed that Flinders One will be split in two. Separation of commercial and non-commercial business will occur, F'One constitution will need to be revised. F'One will provide food & beverage, sports, retail. Student advocacy and Clubs will go to the new Student Association.

It was put forward that the F'One Board will reduce from 11 down to 5 being 3 University appointments and 2 external directors. The Board came back with a change of having 7, the VC agreed to that so this increases the external director numbers.

There are two outstanding impacts with the split, being space and staff. 4 staff will go to the Student Association, 3 Advocacy and 1 Admin. Robert Houghton has met with staff. The longer the process takes the more staff will be affected, student council are requested to take this into consideration when making decisions.

Space options are numerous, nothing has been decided one way or another. Co-locate F'One and Student Association will not happen.

Equity spaces will remain in some shape or form but may move, may see a consolidation of space.

1st July is the Universities intending deadline for the new Student Association.

April Board meeting will see the split of F'One, a new constitution, new Board and the separation of Student Council.

SSAF -meetings have taken place with SP for feedback. The Board have commented on the following funding proposals.

Food & Beverage services - agreed on the allocation of \$500k, being \$250k discounts to students and \$250k for capex.

Advocacy & Welfare – Board thought it was very generous, suggested that \$20k of this should be spent on Oasis as at the moment F'One pay for this.

Clubs & Societies – agree on the \$100k for this, but this figure may reduce. It includes grants.

Sporting & Rec - Board has an issue with this, believe it should be higher if Clubs allocation is \$100k. The \$80k would be \$40k for Clubs support and funding and \$40k for discounts. Board would like more for capital.

Orientation & Social activities – Board support \$100k allocated but are unsure at this stage who will take on O'Week.

This is all the Board commented on.

4. Office Bearer Reports

a. Activites Officer

Pub Crawl

Event has been cancelled due to difficulties ordering/organising the event. This will be organised for a later date, yet to be decided. The title of the pub crawl needs to be changed as there are issues regarding its sexual connotations.

Uni Events

Want to have other events during the year, being a community awareness and a film viewing session.

Motion to accept Report: Brodie, James Seconded.

Motion to accept Report: Luke Moved, James Seconded.

b. Presidents Report

O'Week

O'Week was successful. There has been an increase of our database to provide information to students about the SSAF. Womens collective and Queer society also received a large number of sign ups.

SSAF

SSAF expenditure is close to being finalised. A draft of the expenditure has been released.

Flinders One and Student Association split

SP has met with the VC regarding the structure of the new student association.

Motion to accept Report: Luke Moved, Brodie Seconded.

c. Environment Officer

Cristel is absent from the meeting

EO has requested that the Enviro space been allocated mobile phone calling privileges. SP will look into but advises that all spaces would therefore be entitled to the same privileges.

Cleaning of Enviro Space required on a regular basis, not happening at this stage.

Budget – EO has requested that Office Bearers have an individual budget line. SP advised that there is a general budget for everyone, any requests should be sent to SP.

Motion to accept Report: James Moved, Shannon Seconded.

d. Clubs/Recreation Officer

O'Week

O'Week was great, a few problems with clubs but all in all well done. O'Week kicked off a rush of new club applications and inquiries.

Club Engagement & Support

Club engagement at the moment is terrible. We have more potential, RO has sent out an email to meet all club Presidents but few have replied.

Soc Meet

Soc meet is a free networking lunch, intended to connect clubs & societies with Adelaide's leading employers. To be held 20th March.

Motion to accept Report: Nathan Moved, Shannon Seconded.

e. International Officer

Transition for new International students

The welcome guide was not finalised in time for the international student arrivals but the official Study Adelaide international student guide was distributed for 2012 and had many student contributions.

Improve student connections with other International students

IO has created an international Flinders students forum on facebook. The forum has over 70 members, IO would like to expand the forum as there are 2000+ internationals at Flinders.

Improve international student wellbeing

IO met with ISSU and Health & Counselling to hold 2 mental wellbeing seminars. Tentative dates are for May and August.

Motion to accept Report: James Moved, Brodie Seconded.

f. Indigenous Officer

IO met with Ben Gertz, (NUS Indigenous Officer). Ben is offering assistance to help in regards to event planning.

IO to sit down with staff at Yunggorendi on how to engage indigenous students.

Sub- committee yet to be formed. If there is not enough interest will work with an individual so the position is set up for the future. IO is wanting to hold Aboriginal cultural awareness training for student council members. Engage with indigenous High school students wanting to enter into tertiary education.

Motion to accept Report: Brodie Moved, Nathan Seconded.

g. Queer Officer

QC Conference

QC conference to be held at Adelaide Uni, looking for funding for the event. Need \$20k at the moment up to \$7k Event dates are 2-8/7/12.

Cross campus network

Wanting to setup a network between campuses. Create more student engagement.

Allied Training

Lisa O'Neil going to hold seminar, student council encouraged to attend.

NUS Queer officer

Going to every University and rating on Queer friendliness.

Renaming Position & Space

Some people have issues with the name 'Queer' QO would like the name changed. Other Universities call the position 'Sexuality Officer' and an 'Equity Space', this is more inviting for all students. Constitution would need to be changed as a 'straight' person could run for officer. No decision has been made on the name change or constitution at this stage.

Motion to accept Report: James Moved, Nathan Seconded.

5. Matters for Discussion

SSAF

University has had discussions about all student services, now have been narrowed down to the list provided. Estimating SSAF to be received \$3m. They have rounded each allocation in \$50k.

SP needs to discuss with Uni that discounts for food & beverage and sports should happen sooner as already 3months into the year.

Explanation of Fee Allocation:

Food & Beverage – 10% discount to students

Student Advocacy and Welfare – infrastructure already setup, SP happy with amount but wants to discuss allocation.

Clubs & Societies – Andrew thought dollars was high, SP thinks the dollars should remain the same for now as we need to engage students and could easily spend the money

Sporting – Andrew would like the dollars allocated increased, SP thinks there is enough contribution as this is a revenue area for F'One

Orientation – Up in the air as to who will look after this.

Student Media – SP happy with this, looking at online media

Student Engagement – SP heavily flagged this area. University has put in Manager for this position, seems very high. Havent thought of the Student Association in regards to this. SP will work with the legislation, may be able to get money for Office Bearers.

Student Transition – SP thinks this is a lot of money. SP would like a breakdown. SP will get back to council when she finds out.

Student Learning Centre – SP thinks they are already quite well funded, may need to compromise.

Health - \$50k SP ok with this

Career Services – SP ok with this

Two key issues SP has

- Clubs/Sports
- Student Engagement

Student Council has discussed the Food & Beverage allocation, council would like SP to go back to the University as they believe that SSAF would be better spent elsewhere. Not cheaper food if students are paying for it anyway.

SP will take 3 issues back to the University including food & beverage.

Student Association

SP in discussions about the structure. First issue is in regards to incorporation. SP working on this.

VC has concerns about the student association being incorporated. SP talking to other SP across Australia. SP looking at the future for Student Assoc next 5-10years not just the next year.

SP would like a membership system, reasons are:

- Have our own database of students
- Looking into the future, prove worth
- If SSAF taken away, membership fee will contribute to services, need independent source of income

Student Association – structure would change to a President, Secretary, International, Queer, Welfare officer. There would no longer be a Club & Rec officer as this would fall under the Clubs area.

Student representative network – essentially students from each faculty would have a representation

SP needs to respond by Tuesday 27th March in regards to membership and incorporation

7. Meeting Close

The meeting officially closed at 8.15pm

Minuted by : Di Wright
Vetted by : Hannah MacLeod