FUSA Student Council Meeting

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday February 11, 2014

FUSA Meeting Room

6pm

1. Welcome and Meeting Open

2. Apologies: Indigenous Officer, Tut Tut and Chris O’Grady

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

4. Reports

   6.1 President’s Report

   6.2 General Secretary’s Report

   6.3 Education Officer’s Report

   6.4 Environment Officer’s Report

   6.5 Queer Officer’s Report - None received

   6.6 Women’s Officer’s Report - None received

   6.7 International Officer’s Report

   6.8 Welfare Officer’s Report

   6.9 Social Activities Officer’s Report - None received

   6.10 Accessibility Officer’s Report - None received

   6.11 Post-Graduate Officer’s Report

   6.12 Indigenous Officer’s Report - None received

   6.13 MSE’s Report

5. Matters for Decision

   5.1 Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee – General Secretary
5.2 Standing Orders – General Secretary
5.3 Election Regulations – General Secretary
5.4 Standing Committees of Student Council Regulations – General Secretary
5.5 Clubs and Societies Regulations – General Secretary
5.6 FUSA shirts – Student President
5.7 Leaves of Absence – Student President
5.8 Student Assist loans for parking permits – Welfare Officer
5.9 Casuals Budget – President
5.10 Pub crawl – Social Activities Officer
5.11 Honorariums – President

6. Matters for Discussion
   6.1 AGM – Student President
   6.2 O’Week Schedule – Student President
   6.3 Anti-Bullying Campaign – Student President

7. Any Other Business

8. Meeting Close
Flinders University Student Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2014

FUSA Hub Meeting Room

Present: Grace Hill, Roxanna Henshaw, Will Menzies, Tim Mitchell, Lauren Brice, Yadollah Bahrami, James Vigus, Rosalie Dow, Ira Herbold, Tut Tut, Ella Keegan-Treloar, Michael Bezuidenhout, Justin Shaw, Caleb Pattinson, Chris O’Grady, Nicholas Smith (Minutes).

Meeting opened at 6:24pm

Agenda Matters

1. Open and Welcome

Opened the meeting and acknowledged that the Student Council meeting was taking place on Kaurna land and thanked the elders past and present for the use of this land.

2. Apologies

Jaka Yusuf, Haidarr Jones, Stef Rozitis.

3. Welcome Guests

Stephanie Walker
4. Accept Minutes from previous Student Council Meeting

I Motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

Motioned: Grace Seconded: Roxy

Motion Carried

5. Reports

I Motion to accept all received reports on block.

Motioned: Grace Seconded: Roxy

Motion Carried

6. Matters for Decision

6.1 Office Bearer Funding

I Motion that Student Council divide this amount into $2000 for each Office Bearer, excluding the President and General Secretary.

Motioned: Grace Seconded: Roxy

Motion Carried

6.2 Education Cuts
I Motion that Student Council:

1. Condemns cuts to education specifically:
   a. The $2.3 billion in education cuts proposed in 2013
   b. The Abbott Government’s slated privatisation of HECS, removal of commonwealth supported places, defunding of student unions, and reducing funding to higher education.

2. Supports the upcoming NDA, with all elected council members pledging to attend where practicable.

Motioned: Grace       Seconded: James

Motion Failed

Tut Tut voted against

I Motion that the motion be amended to: Student Council:

1. Condemns cuts to education, specifically:
   a. The $2.3 billion in education cuts proposed in 2013
   b. The Abbott Government’s slated privatisation of HECS, removal of commonwealth supported places, defunding of Student Unions, and reducing funding to higher education.

2. Supports the upcoming NDA and implement on campus campaigns to inform students about cuts.

Motioned: Roxy       Seconded: Tim

Motion Carried

I Motion that the amended motion be endorsed by Student Council.

Motioned: Roxy       Seconded: Tim

Motion Carried

6.3 Bulk Billed GP
I Motion that Student Council condemns Terry Barnes proposed $5 fee on bulk billed GP visits. We recognise this as the latest incoming neoliberal attack by the Liberal Abbot Government, undermining the concept of public accessible health care, mostly affecting students, working class, and poorer people. Student Council calls for more funding to the health care sector and the expansion of Bulk Billing services, and endorses the rally called. All elected Office Bearers for 2014 will pledge to attend the rally on the 25th.

Motioned: Grace  Seconded: Ira

Motion Failed

I Motion that the motion be amended to: I Motion that Student Council condemns Terry Barnes proposed $5 fee on bulk billed GP visits. We believe this undermines the concept of public accessible health care, mostly affecting students, people of lower socioeconomic backgrounds, especially indigenous Australians. Student Council calls for more funding to the health care sector and the expansion of Bulk Billing Services.

Motioned: Roxy  Seconded: Tim

Motion Carried

I Motion that the amended motion be endorsed by Student Council.

Motioned: Roxy  Seconded: Tim

Motion Carried

6.4 FUSA NAB Bank Account Signatories

I Motion that Student Council endorse the following:

As of January 1st, 2014, the new signatories will be:
Motioned: Grace  Seconded: Tim

Motion Carried

6.5 Allocation of Student Council Representatives to Flinders One Student Consolation Groups (SGC’s)

I Motion that Student Council appoint Rosalie and Michael to the Campus Engagement SCG, Will and Justin to the Food and Beverage SCG and Tim and Ella to the Sports and Fitness SCG.

Council stops at 7.05pm

Council Resumes at 7.36pm

Motioned: Grace  Seconded: Roxy

Motion Carried

6.6 Mental Health Day 2014

6.6.1 President

I Motion that Student Council allocate $1,500 to a Mental Health Day/Week event to be held of campus.

Motioned: Grace  Seconded:
Motion Withdrawn

6.6.2 Manager of Student Engagement

I Motion that Student Council approve $2,000 from the events budget of $100,000 is contributed to Mental Health Day 2014.

Motioned: Chris      Seconded: Justin
Motion Carried

6.7 Market Day

I Motion that Student Council approve that FUSA staff and the Social Activities Officer move forward with the planning of a ‘market day’; the regularity to be decided by FUSA staff based on resources available and that a budget of $36,547 is reserved for this event across the year until a more detailed and concrete budget and plan is created.

Motioned: Chris      Seconded: Roxy
Motion Carried

6.8 Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee

I Motion that Student Council nominate two FUSA representatives on the equal opportunity and diversity committee.

Motioned: Chris      Seconded:
Motion Postponed
6.9 Honorariums for Student Council 2013

I Motion that we approve the following people’s honorariums:

- Paul Harrison for November and December 2013
- Leon Cermak for November and December 2013
- Dominiek Neall for November and December 2013
- Adriana Allman for November and December 2013
- Abdul Alajian for November and December 2013
- Lauren Brice for November and December 2013; and
- Ordinary Council Members:
  - Nadira, Will, and Tim for November and December 2013
  - Roxy for November 2013

Motioned: Roxy Seconded: Tim

Motion Carried

6.10 KPI Document

I Motion that the honorarium KPI document be moved into regulation in the following form:

1. Required Hours Per Week
   - General Secretary: 10 hours per week (1 position)
   - Office Bearers: 3 hours per week (10 positions)
   - Ordinary Council: 2 hours per week (6 positions)

2. Key Performance Indicators
   1. The following KPIs apply to all Office Bearers and Ordinary Council Members.
      i. Attend meetings and provide a report on their actions; and
      
      ii. Attend committee work as required, such as the executive committee; and

      iii. Complete other actions as assigned to them by council

   2. The following KPIs apply to all Office Bearers and the General Secretary.
      i. Submit an Office Bearer report outlining relevant portfolio activities each month.
3. The Council may take into consideration extenuating circumstances and any other relevant considerations when determining whether KPI requirements have been fulfilled.

4. On-Going Performance Review

I. The executive will meet monthly to review the ongoing performance of each Council Member and will consider whether each Council Member has completed the required KPIs. Each Council Member will be asked no less than three days before the commencement of the executive meeting to provide a short summary of the work completed in the previous month. This document may be an OB report, or any other relevant form.

The Executive will come to a decision as to whether the KPIs have been met or not based upon the summary provided by the Council Member and any other relevant materials.

For all Council Members that have been approved by the Executive, this will go to the Council for ratification in a manner in which the Council sees fit. If Council does not vote in favour, it will go to discussion.

Any Office Bearer that the Executive do not approve will be notified and given the chance to provide additional documentation reflecting their work, and that Office Bearer’s report will go to Council for discussion.

If they work over the expected hours they will receive nothing extra but their hours may be considered the next month.

Motioned: Grace Seconded: James

Motion Carried
6.11 Executive Committee Recommendations (2013)

I Motion that Student Council ratifies the decision of the Executive Committee in accordance with Clause 12.3 of the constitution.

Motioned: Grace       Seconded: Roxy
Motion Carried

6.12 Clubs and Societies

I Motion that the Flinders University Social Work Society be financially affiliated.

Motioned: Roxy       Seconded: James
Motion Carried

6.13 Compulsory Council Induction for new members

I Motion that all Student Council members elected in a by-election must attend an induction, no later than two academic weeks, where practical, after their election, with either the President or General Secretary. They should also be provided with any documents, information, items or any other such materials that Student Council, as elected at the end of the previous year, were provided at their induction.

Motioned: Roxy       Seconded: James
Motion Carried

6.14 Interpretation of a leave of absence
I Motion that an apology, tabled in an agenda or not and accepted at a Student Council meeting or not, no longer be considered a leave of absence.

Motioned: Roxy           Seconded: Ira
Motion Carried

6.15 Liason for Empire Times

I Motion that Roxy be appointed FUSA’s Liason Officer with Empire Times.

Motioned: Roxy           Seconded: Justin
Motion Carried

6.16 Members of the Executive

I Motion that Will and Ella be appointed by electoral vote by the Council Members of the Executive Committee.

Motioned: Roxy           Seconded: James
Motion Carried

6.17 Raising Students’ awareness about H&C Facilities

I Motion that Student Councils adopts the recommendations on raising student’s awareness about health and counselling services at Flinders.
Motioned: Roxy  Seconded:  

Motion Lapsed

6.18 Raising Students’ awareness about FUSA Events

I Motion that Student Council investigates publicising upcoming Flinders University Student Association events.

Motioned: Roxy  Seconded: Grace  

Motion Carried

6.19-6.22 Regulation Changes

I Motion that the proposed changes to the Standing orders are accepted by Student Council.

Motioned: Roxy  Seconded:  

Motion Lapsed

I Motion that the proposed changes to the election regulations are accepted by Student Council.

Motioned: Roxy  Seconded:  

Motion Lapsed

I Motion that the proposed changes to the standing committees of Student Council regulations are accepted by Student Council.

Motioned: Roxy  Seconded:  


Motion Lapsed

I Motion that the proposed changes to the Clubs and Society regulations are accepted by Student Council.

Motioned: Roxy Seconded:

Motion Lapsed

6.23 Student Council Roles and Duties

I Motion that the Office Bearer roles and duties regulations and the Ordinary Council member roles and duties regulations be combined into a single set of regulations called “Student Council Members Roles and Duties”.

Motioned: Roxy Seconded: Grace

Motion Carried

6.24 Empire Times Website

I Motion that the Student Council endorse the use of a separate domain for their independent student publication (empiretimes.com.au) and that the website be afforded the same rights and responsibilities as the print publication.

Motioned: Roxy Seconded: Grace

Motion Carried

6.25 Club Certificates
I Motion that the Student Council provisionally approves expenditure on paper to produce certificates of appreciation for affiliated club and society executive members. The approval is provisional on sending through pricing to Student Council with at least 24 hours notice.

Motioned: Roxy Seconded: Grace
Motion Carried

6.26 Funding for O’Day for grown-ups event

I Motion that the Student Council approves $200 for the Postgraduate Officer to use for O’Day for grown-ups event on Thursday, March 6.

Motioned: James Seconded:
Motion Lapsed

I Motion that the motion be amended to: I Motion that the Student Council approves $500 for the Postgraduate Officer to use for O’Day for grown-ups event on Thursday, March 6.

Motioned: James Seconded: Grace
Motion Carried

I Motion that the amended motion be endorsed by Student Council.

Motioned: James Seconded: Roxy
Motion Carried

6.27 FlindersOne EFTPOS
I Motion that FUSA recommends that FlindersOne removes minimum spending amounts off their EFTPOS services.

Motioned: Tim Seconded: James
Motion Carried

6.28 Laundry Services for University Hall Students

I Motion that FUSA recommends this be changed and that Hall residents be able to use the washing machines for free.

Motioned: Ira Seconded: Justin
Motion Carried

7. Matters for Noting

8. Matters for Discussion

8.1 Event Calendar for Semester 1 2014

- Roxy: calendars were left over last year, media officer would prefer to have an online calendar.
- Chris: allows for changing of event dates.

8.2 Possibility of a FUSA Food Bank initiative
• Ira: way of expanding emergency assist staff
  Food bank can source food cheaper than students can access with the current food vouchers

8.3 Student Welfare Breakfasts

• Ira: expanding the welfare breakfasts to ensure all students from all faculties have equal access.

Meeting Closed 9.16pm.
4.1 President’s Report

Induction Day I assisted in the organisation and facilitation of induction day on the 16\textsuperscript{th} of January. Presidents’ Summit

I attended the National Union of Students Presidents’ Summit, at which I delivered an oral and a written report on FUSA, and had the opportunity to liaise with campus and national office bearers to prepare for NUS campaigns and initiatives to be conducted through 2014. The summit was held from the 22\textsuperscript{nd} – 24\textsuperscript{th} of January.

“Abbott and Pyne – hands off our education” campaign

I attended two organising meetings to plan the first national day of action (NDA) for this campaign. Areas organised include the plan for the NDA itself, advertising, development and delivery of promotional materials, approaching other groups for support, and organising the delivery of a welcome to country at the NDA.

Survival Day

I attended Survival/Invasion Day commemorations at Semaphore on the 26\textsuperscript{th} of January to support the Aboriginal participants and to take a strong position against racism in Australia. The event was organised and supported by the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Tandanya and Kura Yerlo, and the Give Up Smokes for Good Campaign.
4.2 General Secretary’s Report

5 hours approx attending the induction day at flinders.
5 hours approx club correspondence organizing O’week stalls.
(I’d like to note that a lot of clubs and societies are requesting stalls – which I think can be attributed to Paul’s hard work as General Secretary last year.)
3 hours approx on an ET Article
1 hour approx updating the website
1 hour approx on financials
15 hours approx on Clubs and Societies Handbook
10 hours approx Meeting Incidentals

Financials:

Flinders University Student Association

Receipts

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Total | $12,714.35 |

Closing Bank Balance as at 31/01/2014 | $14,099.97 |

Register Float | $200.00 |

Cash on Hand on 31/01/2014 | $41.00 |

Overall cash position | $14,340.97 |
4.3 Education Officer Report

Hello all, I'm currently in the process of determining my specific role as Education officer through my discussions with Shaun Hobby, Paul Harrison (Previous General Secretary) and Leon Cermak (Previous Education Officer).  

.5 hours

Induction Day

- Attended the induction day event and learnt about the important workings of FUSA.  

5 Hours

Creation of the Student Representative Network

- I have begun to prepare an email campaign that FUSA will be able to send out to recruit members for our sub-committees. I believe that by utilising the Education SC I will be able to ensure that I am on top of student education issues on campus. I however have been stopped in my efforts to contact people via this email, due to an issue with IT. I will ensure to resolve this, via a face to face meeting when applicable as soon as possible.  

1 hour

Proposals/Programs

I have come to the conclusion after several meetings that my time would be best spent as an education officer to spearhead the creation of several bodies to represent students and improve educational methods.

Creation of a Counter Guide/ Other Review guides

To stimulate a change in topic reviews, I strongly support the creation of a counter guide. I have been in discussions with Leon, as to how to best achieve this. I will continue to research the different methods used to attain this. I will begin discussions with key university departments as to how to best accomplish this. Ryan Karl (Education Board student representative) suggest the possibility of incorporating it into the SET's with the possibility of a return, if agreed to by the university, to compulsory (hard copy) submissions.  

2 hour

Volunteer Recognition Program

- The creation of a volunteer recognition program, as suggested by Paul Harrison. This would be a tool to allow students to receive recognition of volunteer work on their academic transcript. This would encourage community education, and also increase job prospects for participants. For experience is the key to unlock employment, because university education is lacking in real world experience, which is a common criticism of
graduates. Research into how other universities implement this and will organise a meeting with the relevant people around FUSA. 2 hours
4.4 Environment Officer’s Report

While the year hasn’t really begun in earnest and most of the Environmental groups at Flinders have been fairly quiet over the break, I have been doing my best to get around to as many groups as possible to start organising this year.

This month I have met with Flinders Environment Action Group on a number of occasions to discuss the group’s plans for environmental campaigning for this year. I have also met with a combined group of Adelaide University and Flinders University students to discuss cooperation between environmentalists on both campuses.

I have also spoken to various stakeholders about the renovation and rejuvenation of the Envirospace that was supposed to happen last year. I will be pursuing this ASAP so that environment groups are able to make the best use of the space.

I have spoken to two representatives from Australian Youth Climate Coalition about getting a stall at O Week and ways that AYCC can work with existing groups at Flinders. The AYCC has struggled to find a Flinders student to lead their group since the former leader Isaac Astil moved away from South Australia to do other work around climate change, but I am hoping that with a new convenor for the group that AYCC will be able to have a strong presence at Flinders – educating students about the impacts of Climate Change and engaging in activism to protect the environment.

I have also emailed the Health and Human Rights Group to try to set up a meeting to discuss their plans for this year and see if there is any room for them to collaborate with other environment groups and to ascertain how I can best support them in their environmental work.

I have also been in contact with Flinders Fair Trade Society, and am in the process of setting up a meeting to discuss our plans for the year.

Finally, I have circulated an email to various stakeholders about finding an appropriate date for Sustainafair this year, as well as discussing some ideas for food (bicycle-powered smoothies!) and entertainment.
4.7 International Officer’s Report

I attended to the FUSA induction day, and the first Council Meeting last week. I am trying to organise an International subcommittee.
4.8 Welfare Officer’s Report

Food Bank

The idea of setting up a food bank for Flinders students has been floated and it is, I think, an excellent one. To that end, I’ve scheduled a meeting with Helen Laity, the FUSA Student Finance & Advocacy Officer, on Monday 3rd February (obviously, this meeting will have taken place by the time of the Student Council meeting). Helen has experience working with Foodbank and her knowledge of the logistics involved will no doubt prove useful. I’ve also submitted an agenda item for discussion of the idea and the outcome of the meeting with Helen.

Mental Health Day

Mental health is an often marginalised area of wellbeing and welfare. As such it’s important that FUSA and Student Council promote Mental Health Day/Week on campus to ensure that students are aware of the help and services which are available to them, and to raise awareness of the issue. Grace and I will be meeting later this month with Anne Hayes (Student Equal Opportunity Adviser) and Ben Smith (Counsellor) to discuss the preliminary organisation of Mental Health Day. I have also put forward a motion to ensure that funding is secured for the event.

University Hall Laundry Services

I’ve put forward a motion that FUSA recommend students living at the Hall no longer have to pay in order to use the on-site washing machines. This is a relatively small issue, but one which I believe is representative of a broader attitude towards students and a “user pays” mentality that Student Council should be dedicated to combating.

Save Our Medicare Campaign

Jack Gracie, the NUS Welfare Officer, is organising a campaign against the government’s proposed $6 GP fee, to take place nationally during orientation events at universities. This fee is representative of broader attacks on social welfare by the federal government, and is something which will disproportionately affect those of lower socio-economic status, including students. Grace and I have had a meeting discussing this, and we both agree that the fee is something that FUSA and Student Council should be strongly committed to fighting, and that we should fully support this campaign. We will be having a meeting (probably over the phone) with Jack Gracie at some point in the near future to organise for O-Week regarding the campaign.
Social Activities Officer Report – January

- Attended the SC induction/orientation day
- As we haven’t had a meeting yet I haven’t wanted to plan anything that has not yet been approved by council, I have, however, been brainstorming several social events that I would like to undertake this year. As well as this I have been asking students for ball ideas (theme, comments on last year’s, etc.)
  - Semester 1
    - Outdoor Cinema
    - O week party
    - Pub Crawl
    - End of semester party
  - Semester 2
    - Refresher week parties
    - Pub Crawl
    - Ball!
    - End of year/end of exams party?
  - Potential Party Themes
    - Mathletes vs Athletes
    - Tight and Bright
    - Onesie
    - Halloween/dress up/childhood heroes
    - Movie character
    - Pirates vs Ninjas
    - Toga party
    - Tropical/Hawaiian
    - Apocalypse
    - 90’s party/era party
    - School uniform
    - Fiesta
    - Disney
    - Black and white dress/monochrome
    - Angels and devils
    - Hipsters vs Hippies
    - Moustache party
    - Witches and wizards
    - Jungle/safari
    - When I grow up party
4.9 Post-Graduate Officer’s Report

O’Day event for Postgraduate students.

“O’day for grown ups” event. Thursday March 6, 3pm Functions Room.

Orientation time is important for all students including our new postgraduate students. On a number of campuses this is recognised with O’week activity and events organized for postgraduate students. Postgraduate students are a growing part of the total amount of students nationally in the higher education sector and this pattern is the same at Flinders.

2014 is an important year for FUSA to relate to more sections of the student body at our university, so having a small event aimed at postgraduates on the main campus of Flinders is the first such a event to start this process and hopefully will became part of the FUSA calendar in future years.

I have consulted people who have been former Presidents and other elected positions in the country’s largest Postgraduate associations at Melbourne University and Sydney University about their O’day for grown up events.

The postgraduate FUSA event will be a chance for postgraduate students to network and meet other students as well as a chance for them to find out about FUSA and what we do and of course that we are their student association.

In other activity, I have spoken to and been in communication with a number of postgraduate representatives from across our university in a number of schools and faculties. Organising a committee and network are well underway and I must thank Kingsley Whittenbury for his assistance in this process.
4.13 MSE’s Report

2014 SSAF Allocation Process

The SSAF Budget proposal from FUSA and the Office of Student Engagement has been approved by the Vice Chancellor. This budget can be accessed on the Student Council Shared Drive.

FUSA Website

FUSA will soon have a new website. Over the last two months, the Media Officers have been working on the creation of a new FUSA website using WordPress. The new website will give FUSA a greater freedom to fulfil and promote the services run by FUSA throughout the year. As it currently stands, the existing website has both technical and aesthetic limitations that prevent us from achieving some of the key goals of FUSA’s online presence. The new website will enable more emphasis on mobile and smartphone access, it will streamline the process of purchasing items through the FUSA online store and will make it easier to sign up and become a member of FUSA.

The new website will have a larger emphasis on promoting clubs and societies at FUSA and also Student Assist, while also providing a major facelift to the appearance to the front end of the website. We are aiming to simplify the administration and back end of the website to ensure a more efficient process. There will be the ability to utilise more forms and online points of contact for students of Flinders to engage with FUSA. The new proposed website will facilitate this to a greater extent than that of the current.

It is anticipated that the Media Officers will be in a position to go live with the new website as of the week beginning the 3rd of February 2014.

Flinders One/FUSA Student Consultation Groups

Meeting times have now been set up for these groups to meet quarterly. Students will be recruited shortly and Student Council are required to choose representatives. Please see document as part of agenda for more information.

Student Council By-Election

Ordinary Council Member Dillon Weightman resigned from Student Council on the 14th of January.

Nominations have now opened for a By-Election to fill the vacancy and close at 3pm on the 10.2.14. The Election will be held between the

O’Week 2014
This year’s O’Week will run from the 24th of February to the 28th of February and the social program will be a joint initiative between Flinders One and FUSA. The major aim of O’Week this year is to combine all aspects of Flinders O’Week into one big event that has an entire university focus. Flinders One are the lead coordinator of O’Week and the FUSA Media Officers are coordinating the branding and design elements of the week.

In addition to this, FUSA is organising two major events during the week – The Moonlight Cinema on Monday night and the Scavenger Hunt that will take place every day of the week. In addition to our two main events, we will also be helping with the logistical running of the day to day events and providing equipment to facilitate these events.

As with every year, FUSA will be running a stall on The Plaza where we will be encouraging students to sign up and become a member of FUSA. This effort will be coordinated by the Student President. FUSA is contributing $30,000 to the cost of O’Week in Semester 1 (which has all been accounted for), leaving $20,000 to contribute towards Semester 2 ‘Refresher Week’.

**NUS Election**

The NUS Election was held from the 11th to the 13th of November 2013. At the close of the ballot for a position as a NUS Conference Delegate for a term from the 14th of November 2013 up until the beginning of the Annual FUSA Elections in 2014, the following candidates were elected:

- Brodie McGee
- Ella Keegan-Treloar
- Grace Hill
- William Menzies
- Dustin Platt
- Paul Harrison

II. **FUSA Staff**

The recruitment process for the position of Team Leader, Student Assist has now been completed. Congratulations to Vanesa Duran who was successful applicant. Vanesa began in the role as of the 25th of November.

Will Fisher will finish up in his role as Media Officer (Casual) during the week beginning the 3rd of February. I would like to thank Will for all of his hard work over the last 6-7 months. Will has been instrumental in shaping some of the policies around
events and equipment use and with the creation of the new website and other graphic design projects.

Given that the FUSA Expansion Proposal has now been approved and funding is available, I will begin recruiting new staff to fill the positions of:

- Team Leader, Student Experience and Development
- Events and Clubs Officer
- Student Experience Officers (Student Position)
- Research and Policy Officer (Student Position)

Buildings and Property have allowed for new space to accommodate our growing staff. This will be Shop 1 in The Mall.

**Student Amenities Project**

This project has now been referred to a Project Manager within Buildings and Property. SSAF Funds have been carried over into 2014.
5.1 Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee

The EO&DC is a University Committee that meets three times per year and will:

1. provide advice to the Vice-Chancellor on major policy matters and new initiatives in the areas of equal opportunity, affirmative action, student access and equity, diversity and inclusiveness;

2. receive reports in relation to the Workplace Gender Equality Act and Disability Action Plan and on the operation of the University's grievance procedures, and provide advice annually to the Vice-Chancellor on the reports;

3. propose the establishment of working parties as required; and

4. consider and report on matters referred to it from time to time by the Vice-Chancellor, Manager, Equal Opportunity and Diversity or Academic Senate.

The membership comprises of two students nominated by FUSA. Last year it was the Accessibility Officer and International Student Officer. The Student Council now need to nominate two students.

Motion: I motion that Student Council nominate ................. & .................as the two FUSA representatives on the Equal Opportunity & Diversity Committee

5.2-5.5 Regulation Changes:

Last year Paul Harrison, previous General Secretary, undertook a review into the FUSA regulations. After discussions with Paul and going through the amendments myself I motion the following:

Motion: I motion that the proposed changes to the Standing Orders are accepted by Student Council.

Motion: I motion that the proposed changes to the Election Regulations are accepted by Student Council.

Motion: I motion that the proposed changes to the Standing Committees of Student Council Regulations are accepted by Student Council.

Motion: I motion that the proposed changes to the Clubs and Society Regulations are accepted by Student Council.

5.6 FUSA Shirts

Motion: I motion that student council approves the purchase of one shirt for each student council member, to be worn at FUSA events or events with a FUSA presence.

5.7 Leave of Absence
Unfortunately some student council members have had problems accessing their new emails. This is still being sorted out with I.T. Given the exceptional circumstances, it is unfair for student council members who have not been receiving communication to have their absence from meetings count against them.

Furthermore, some student council members are overseas or interstate and, because of this, were unable to attend the induction day and, therefore, may not have a full understanding of student council procedure. Especially considering that as of last meeting an apology is no longer considered a leave of absence; some leeway should be given at the beginning of the year to such members. They too may have had difficulty with their emails or they may not have had the opportunity to apply for a leave of absence.

**Motion:** I motion that a leave of absence retrospectively be granted to all student council members who have missed this SC meeting or the previous meeting due to inability to access their Office Bearer emails.

**Motion:** I motion that a leave of absence be granted to all student council members who have missed this SC meeting or the previous meeting due to being interstate or overseas.

### 5.8 Student Assist loans for parking permits

For 2013, a yearly parking permit cost $140 and a semester length permit cost $80. Many students, however, do not have the lump sum to be able to purchase one of these permits, and so have to pay for parking on a day to day basis. Parking costs $4.20 per day. If a student attends campus 3 times per week, this equates to a cost of $176.40 per semester or $352.80 per year. Students also often incur parking fines (currently $44) as do not have the funds to pay for parking.

Helen Laity, the Student Assist Financial Counsellor, is proposing that Student Assist utilise the Student Loan fund to loan the cost of a parking permit, to be repaid at $10 per week. This would reduce parking expenses by at least 50% for a student who attends campus 3 times per week, with the savings increasing the more they are on campus.

I think this is an excellent way to begin to address the myriad issues that students have with parking at Flinders, and to reduce the associated costs for the often cash strapped student population.

**Motion:** I motion that Student Council adopt a position of support for this program as a way of beginning to relieve some of the financial tension placed upon students by the cost of parking at the university.

### 5.9 Casual Budget

**Background:** FUSA has $50,000 available for casuals throughout 2014. I have proposed a
budget for this. This includes a budget line for the following:

- minute taking and writing up (I have budgeted for 18 meetings to take into account the possibility of more regular meetings at the beginning of the year)

- Front desk support. This is crucial as it will allow the Office Coordinator and Administrative Assistant where appropriate) to be in an office to focus on higher level tasks such as financial reporting, policy/procedure development etc. These students will also be involved with tasks, where required, surrounding media, clubs and events

- Media support. Whilst we wait for a Clubs and Events Officer and Student Experience Officers to be employed, this will provide some relief for the Media Officer to be able to delegate lower level tasks

- I have also included one casual to undertake the Welfare Breakfats (the admin casual could assist on the day with this also)

I propose most of these casuals will be Flinders University Students.

Motion: I motion that Student Council approve the proposed Casual Pool Budget, allowing for the Manager, Student Engagement to make minor modifications during the year, to allow for changes in focus or operations and in the case of unforeseen circumstances.

5.10 Semester 1 Pub Crawl

Pub Crawls are a university tradition and something that students look forward to as a way to blow off some steam after the stress of studying. I would like to organise a pub crawl for semester 1 as it is something FUSA has always done, won’t cost us anything and will potentially make us some extra money for events.

Motion: I motion that student council approve that the social activities officer moves ahead with planning the pub crawl for semester 1, to be held on Friday the 11th of April.

5.11 Honorariums

Motion: I motion that student council approve the following honorariums:

- General Secretary
- Education Officer
- Environment Officer
• Welfare Officer

• Post-Graduate Officer.

6. Matters for Discussion:

6.1 Annual General Meeting

FUSA is constitutionally obliged to hold one AGM per year. For our AGM to be successful held, it requires we meet quorum. The most likely time for this to be achievable is early in the year, maybe around the middle of the first semester. The Student Council should act swiftly in preparing and collating the materials to be presented at the AGM, and then finding a suitable date on which to hold it.

6.2 O’Week Schedule

FUSA will be operating a stall on each day of O’Week (24th-28th of February). This stall will require staffing, and the best outcome would be to have Student Council members doing this. For many new students this will be their first contact with the student association, and it’s important that they are provided with all the information regarding what FUSA can do for them during their time at university. In addition to this there are information packs and promotional material which will need to be distributed from the stall. We need to develop a roster of everyone’s available times during this week, and all student council members should volunteer their time.

6.3 Anti-bullying campaign

Anne Hayes, the Student Equal Opportunity Advisor, intends to run an anti-bullying/discrimination campaign this year. This campaign will involve both physical advertising and a website, with a focus on empowering students to call out discriminatory behaviour. Council members should be aware of this as later in the year the campaign may be something we wish to incorporate into FUSA events.

6.4 Events for Calendar

Last year student council released a semester online event calendar for students. It would be fantastic if we could organise one for semester one this year. If possible, I’d like all office bearers to organise at least one event on campus for students under their portfolio that we can put on the calendar – eg Idaho day last year or.