



## **FUSA Student Council Meeting Agenda, August 5, 2014: 6:00pm FUSA Meeting Room**

- 1. Welcome and Meeting Open**
- 2. Apologies:** Caleb Pattinson
- 3. Welcome Guests:** Adam Rau
- 4. Approval of minutes from last meeting**
- 5. In camera discussion**
- 6. Reports**
  - 6.1 Student 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
  - 6.7 International Officer's Report - None received
  - 6.8 Welfare Officer's Report
  - 6.9 Social Activities Officer's Report
  - 6.10 Accessibility Officer's Report – none received
  - 6.11 Post-Graduate Officer's Report
  - 6.12 Indigenous Officer's Report
  - 6.13 MSE's Report
- 7. Matters for Decision**
  - 7.1 NDA – Student President
  - 7.2 Fee to re-take exam, an outrageous \$750 money grab from Flinders University: - Student President
  - 7.3 FUSA Elections – Student President
  - 7.4 Election of Three Empire Times Editors – MSE
  - 7.5 Student Council Representatives to Flinders One Student Consolation Groups (SCG's) - MSE
  - 7.6 FUSA Newsletter Proposal – Caleb Pattinson
  - 7.7 Blue Stockings Week Event Proposal – Women's officer
  - 7.9 Student Council recommendation to increase Empire Times Editor's honorariums – General Secretary
  - 7.9 Student Council Sub-Committee Regulations – General Secretary
  - 7.10 Student Council Forum – General Secretary
  - 7.11 Student Council Training Day – General Secretary
  - 7.12 FUSA promotion – General Secretary
  - 7.13 Grading – Education Officer
  - 7.14 Exam Feedback – Education Officer
  - 7.15 Late Penalties – Education Officer



- 7.16 Combined turnitin and assignment submission – Education Officer
- 7.17 Adelaide University environment and social justice officers – Environment Officer
- 7.18 Climate Change – Environment Officer
- 7.20 Refugee Policy – Environment Officer
- 7.21 Gaza One – Student President
- 7.22 Gaza Two – General Secretary
- 7.23 Clubs Seeking affiliation – General Secretary
  - 7.23.1 Flinders Labor Club
  - 7.23.2 Postgraduate Club
- 7.24 Executive Committee Recommendations
  - 7.24.1 Student Radio
  - 7.24.2 Honorariums

**8. Matters for Discussion:**

- 8.1 Student Hub Consultation Group - MSE
- 8.2 Commercial Opportunities – General Secretary
- 8.3 Student Council Camp – General Secretary
- 8.4 Student Awareness of Work Rights – Welfare Officer

**9. Matters for Noting**

- 9.1 Late items for the agenda – General Secretary
- 9.2 Meeting Times – Education Officer

**10. Meeting Close**



## REPORTS

### **5.1 Student President's Report**

#### **Presidents report June**

##### **Gearing up for the education campaign in second semester:**

I have been central to the organising of the education campaign in South Australia, and am the organiser of the next National Day of Action. It is of the highest priority that FUSA throws its weight behind this NDA, and that student council members provide their support. I have spent many hours this month planning for the August 20<sup>th</sup> NDA. This has included face-to-face or over the phone meetings with:

Sarah Garnham – National Union of Students Education Officer

Sam Davis – Adelaide University Union President

Miranda Wood – Curtin Student Guild Education Vice President

Tom Gilchrist – Adelaide University Social Justice Officer

Jessica Lenahan – LaTrobe Student Union Education Public Affairs Officer

Paul Coats – Former student unionist, former National Union of Students Education Officer, and AEU member

Heidi Claus – Former student unionist, former National Union of Students Queer Officer

James Vigus, FUSA Postgraduate Officer

James has been invaluable. His experience as a student unionist and activist has been of great help in the planning of the NDA. Abbott's attacks on students and workers are the worst in many years, and fighting against them is my top priority. James has devoted much time to helping me organise the campaign, and also to deal with attempts from Unity to politically censor me.

This month I have also attended a Student Hub meeting with Buildings and Property, and I am concerned regarding their intentions to shift FUSA's planned plaza-facing position to an out-of-the-way corner of the new Hub. I am following this issue up.

I have also attended another work health and safety meeting regarding FUSA and clubs.

I have been preparing for the March in July, which as South Australia's leading education activist, I have been invited to speak at on the topic of education. The rally will be an opportunity to reach hundreds of students.

Over the winter holiday break I will be attending the National Union of Students Education Conference. At this conference I will run a political workshop, and push the other forces in student politics to take more action against the budget.

At the end of this month I took up the issue of the unfair Nursing 1001 topic. Many students were charged \$750 (or \$2800 for international students) for achieving less than 100% on a quiz which assessed grammar, knowledge of how much printing costs, and knowing the name of the student magazine. I released a public statement, and liaised with some of the students involved, student assist,



and the National Tertiary Education Union. This issue is ongoing, but I am committed to ensuring that students in the future are not subjected to this unfair test or punitive fee.

As usual I have spent hours on both Flinders and Adelaide Uni campuses discussing education with students.

## **Student President report July**

At the start of this month I spoke at the March in July rally against the Abbott government's budget. I spoke about attacks on students, the amazing student campaign which has successfully changed public opinion regarding the education sections of the budget, and the direction the campaign needs to take if we are to successfully move forward. Thousands attended the rally and heard me speak about FUSA's role in the campaign this year.

After the March in July I travelled to Perth for the National Union of Students Education Conference. The conference was held from 9-11 July at the University of Western Australia. Over 300 student representatives and activists from every state attended. The conference heard from academics members of the NTEU, who explained the ramifications of Abbott's attacks on education. In particular, fee deregulation would mean raising the cost of a degree to whatever the market can bear (which in some courses could mean a rise greater than 200 percent). Also, the 20 percent reduction in government contributions to HECS would immediately lead to a massive fee rise. The changes will exclude many working class students from higher education. The conference also heard from other unionists, including a representative from the MUA, and also Aboriginal activists, who spoke on the absolute necessity of militant struggle and the fight against racism and other oppressions.

The main theme of the conference was the education campaign. NUS' campaign has led to a Labor party turnaround on the issue of education cuts, and has also shifted public opinion dramatically, leading to the attacks on education becoming the least supported aspect of the budget. The consensus coming out of the conference was the need to focus on the August 20<sup>th</sup> National Day of Action as the next step in our campaign for education rights. Attendees workshoped plans for organising and promoting the protests, and 200 of us travelled to the office of Julie Bishop for a protest, illustrating the commitment of NUS to protest action.

A second major debate was raised at this conference, on the issue of what sort of student movement we need. Members of Socialist Alternative argued from a left-wing perspective that the union should be a fighting political body whose aim must be leading student campaigns. Our argument was supported by the MUA representative and the other guest speakers who emphasised the need for militant struggle. More conservative student groups argued that the union should retreat from political activity, focus on making money, and lobby politicians.

The federal budget has shown us the inherent flaws in the latter strategy. Failing to build political campaigns to defend education allows the Liberals to implement their agenda without opposition. All student activists should be building the NDA to maintain the student resistance to everything the Liberals stand for.

At the education conference I was able to meet with the NUS National President, the NUS National Education Officer, the NUS National Environment Officer, the NUS National Queer Officer, the NUS QLD State Education Officer, and other office bearers from around the country.



While in Perth I also attended a rally in solidarity with Palestinians, as Israel's assault on Gaza began. At the rally I was able to speak with student and pro-Palestine activists from Perth about their campaigns. After the Education Conference I met with students from Flinders University and from Youth Parliament to discuss the case of two refugee children who were snatched from the street by the immigration department and hauled off to a detention centre in Darwin. The students were concerned and wished for FUSA to take a position on this outrage. By the time of the next council meeting I will have attended a demonstration in opposition to the kidnapping of these refugees. I am heartened to hear that the two children in question have since escaped from detention in Darwin, and at the time of writing this report they have not been found.

I then travelled to Melbourne for personal business, but while there organised meetings with representatives from the VCA Students Association to discuss the pro-Palestine motion they passed in response to Israel's atrocities in Gaza. At this stage Israel had just begun its ground invasion of the Gaza strip, and the Australian government had continued its usual support for Israel, making it imperative that Australian student activists take a stand.

I also took part in the organising for the two most recent rallies for Palestine, alongside student activists from the three major SA universities. I chaired the second rally, and met many Flinders students passionate about stopping the ethnic cleansing of Palestine by Israel, and about many other social justice issues. I invited Sarah Garnham, NUS National Education Officer to the rally, she accepted my invitation, and we were able to meet afterward to discuss moving forward in the Education campaign. During O'Week I assisted with the FUSA stall, gave away free fruit, and encouraged new students to sign up to FUSA. I also participated in my club stall, building the NDA. I spent the entirety of O'Week on the Plaza talking to new and returning students.

On the Tuesday of O'Week I organised and attended the SA Education Action Network meeting to organise the NDA. Education activists from all campuses attended, and committed to undertake the tasks necessary to build the demonstration.

On the Thursday of O'Week I attended a protest against members of the Adelaide Uni SRC who attempted to abolish the positions of Social Justice Officer and Environment Officer. The Social Justice Officer this year has been instrumental in the campaigns for refugee rights, solidarity with Palestine, and has been the leading Education activist at Adelaide University. At a time when Abbott is on a war against social justice, and a genocide is happening in Gaza, it is ridiculous to consider the abolition of these positions. Myself and many Adelaide University students staged a protest in the SRC meeting, led by the Social Justice Officer, and were successful in preserving the positions of Social Justice and Environment Officer.



## 5.2 General Secretary's Report June and July

### O'week Semester 2

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who helped back O'Week Semester two such a fantastic event!

### Clubs Guide

Unfortunately, the Clubs guide is not ready for publication. However, it will be ready for O'week 2015.

### Club Manual

Unfortunately, the Clubs Manual is not ready for publication. However, it will be ready for O'week 2015.

### ET Regulations

Chris O'Grady, Stephanie Walker and I have been working on regulations for Empire Times, which should be ready for the September Student Council meeting.

### ET Elections

I've investigated how student magazine editors are appointed.

### Student Council Sub-Committee Regulations

I've reviewed our sub-committee regulations to try and make Office Bearer duties clearer and make Student Council and FUSA more accessible to all students.

### Hub Consultation

Plans for FUSA and the Club space are almost finalized. It is imperative that student council remains engaged with the plans for the Hub to ensure we get gender-neutral toilets and so the equity spaces are placed in practical locations. It may become essential for FUSA's survival attain alternate form of revenue such as a shop or food stall on campus.

### Student Council/Club Admin

I have consulted and worked with various clubs and Office Bearers. As always if anyone on council would like support I'm always available to help.

### Forum:

It is important Student council holds several student forums to get feedback from students.



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## 5.3 Education Officer's Report

### June:

- International No Diet Day- 3.5 hours
- Handing out T shirts – 4 hours
- AGM- 1hr and 15 minutes
- Conversation with Chris O'Grady and Vanessa – 15 minutes
- Consultation with Ira- 30 minutes
- Hub Consultation- 1 hr
- Academic Senate Proposal- 2 hours

### July:

#### **Market Day: 2 hours**

I assisted in handing out pizza and stationery for the market day stall. This was unfortunately located in the back of the refractory which caused it to only provide for a small number of students. I would discourage FUSA from buying pizza and simply handing it out due to its expensive nature.

#### **FUSA stall-O'Week: 5 Hours**

Was on the FUSA stall for the majority of the day, assisting in signing up students to FUSA and contributing to the O'Week Activities. This included organising the hand out of muffins etc. to the student body. I congratulate the University on a well run O'Week.

#### **Student Representative Network: 1.5 hours**

After none of the roughly 100 student representatives turned up to the meeting, with incentives like free pizza etc, I was forced to hand out the pizza on the plaza to students to avoid any wastage on FUSA's part.

#### **Nursing Issue: 0.5 Hours**

Consulting and providing my opinion on the nursing issue, this involved discussions with both Grace and Sue and providing my feedback and assisting in the resolution of the issue

#### **Feedback new FUSA Position: 0.5 hours**

This involved providing feedback for the role description to Chris O'Grady. I strong endorse FUSA's need for this position and feel that they will be key in implementing the Student Representative Network,



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which was one of my recommendations.

### **End of Semester Party 3 hours**

I assisted in the running of the event by taking photos in the place of an organised photographer, and also helped assist on the door. It should be noted that I didn't go to this event with the intention of taking photos/assisting FUSA, however was asked to because of requirement. I would like to congratulate Lauren on an amazing event and thought the entirety of it was well run, although next time a proper photographer would probably be better.

### **Meeting with Steph 0.5 Hours**

This included a discussion involving the location of the camera after the End of semester party as well as providing feedback on the student welfare breakfasts

### **Preparation of motions: 5 hours**

This included the writing and drafting of motions to be presented to student council. I also liaised with numerous students over the issues and received their opinions on how best to proceed. This included consultation with students from other universities on how they approach, certain issues.

### **Executive Meeting: 0.5 hours**

Involvement in the executive meeting in the holidays, which was outside of the normal time period for such meetings.





## **5.4 Environment Officer's Report – July**

### **Fairly Educated**

This month a cohort of Flinders students, including myself and members of Flinders VGen and Flinders Fair Trade Society, attended the Fairly Educated Conference at the University of Queensland. At the conference, we gained valuable insights into the technicalities of ethical certification, university politics and procurement policies, the state of global movements, and alternatives to neoliberalism. Some sessions were also devoted to leadership training and capacity building exercises, as well as planning for the Flinders campaign, integration of activists across South Australia, and national networking. This was an excellent.

I have spent substantial time strategizing with and leaders of the Fair Trade Society and VGen about how we will continue on the path to accreditation.

FFS Vice President Eilish Maguire and I met with Andrew Nairn of Flinders One for a very productive discussion about the continued movement towards fairtrade.

### **FUSA Stall**

During O Week I manned the FUSA stall for periods on Monday and Tuesday. In particular, I spoke to a number of students about the gender neutral bathrooms initiative, academic advocacy and upcoming FUSA Events.

### **Snail relocation pilot program and neocolonial implications thereof**

While walking from the plaza to Siberia carpark I saw a snail on the path. Immediately stopping so as not to step on her/him, I picked him/her up and relocated her/him to a safer location. While this seemed to positively affect the snail's life, any study of the history of colonialism will reveal the fact that disruptive intervention into communities carries high risks of falling into neo-colonial patterns of exploitation and racism or, in this case, snailism. Due to the lack of feedback, positive or negative, from the 'beneficiary' I have elected not to expand this into a full campaign under my portfolio. I tried to find the snail later to apologise for my short-sighted breach of its autonomy, but it was gone, likely eaten by a duck. So it goes.



## 5.6 Women's Officer Report

### WOMEN'S OFFICER REPORT – JUNE

- Responding to emails and attending to students under my portfolio.
- Safe Sex Campaign: Rosalie the Queer Officer and I are planning to run a safe sex campaign and get discrete condom dispensers at Uni. We are also looking at the possibility of holding an event in September. This month I researched information to include and I will meet with Vanessa to get an email sent out to the whole student body after exams.
- Women's Room: I organised for tea, coffee, sugar and milk etc. to be ordered. I also contacted Campus Services re cleaning the Women's Room.
- Hub Consultation Group: I attended one of these meetings and heard the latest plans for the Hub.
- More email issues: Had to visit IT and get my Women's Officer email account to start working again!
- Reclaim the Night: Rosalie the Queer Officer and I have joined the organizing collective for this event. I also spend some time researching what has been done previous years.
- Women's Information Service: I visited their Grenfell street office, learnt about their service, and took some resources for the Women's Room.
- This month I also donated 30 cm of my hair to make wigs for women recovering from cancer.

### Women's Officer Report

- Attending to students under my portfolio (~5 hours);
- Exec meeting (~1 hour);
- Paul Harrison re sexual harassment policies (~20 minutes);
- Meeting with John Pezy (NTEU Flinders Branch Organizer) re events on campus, Women Action Committee (~45 minutes);
- Caught up on mail after the holidays (~ 10 minutes);
- Restocking resources in the Women's Room (~20 minutes);
- O'Week (3 hours);
- Blue Stockings Week – researching, brainstorming, planning, costing, writing proposal (~4 hours); and
- Women's Collective – signing people up, responding to student inquiries, planning (~ 2 hours).



## **6.8 Welfare Officer's Report – June 2014**

### **FlinderOne Excess Food**

Per Council's discussion at our last meeting, I contacted Peter Badenoch, the food and beverage manager at FlindersOne, regarding excess and wasted food from FlindersOne outlets on campus and the possibility of donating left-overs to the OzHarvest Food Rescue. If it could be coordinated, I think this would be a great way of using resources at Flinders to support at-risk and low income people—who obviously have a substantial overlap with the student population—and lessen the environmental impact of food and beverage outlets on campus. I'm waiting to hear back from Mr Badenoch about this.

### **Welfare Breakfasts**

I spoke with the Clubs and Events Officer and the Media Officer regarding expanding the welfare breakfasts to include both a central one on the plaza and a second one which would move around the university to different locations in order to ensure that all students have at least some access to them.

### **Students' Awareness of Work Rights**

The International Officer and I were contacted by Jane Horgan, the coordinator of the International Student Services Unit, regarding students' knowledge of their rights at work. ISSU had an international student contact them with a concern about this. While ISSU does provide all new international students with information about work rights, many do not attend the sessions at which this information is given out. Additionally, many domestic students are also unaware of their rights at work, resulting in the exploitation of young workers by their employers.

ISSU would like to find a way of raising students' awareness of their rights at work, which I think is an important issue and a fantastic initiative. To that end, I spoke with Ms Horgan via email and offered a few ideas as to what FUSA could do. I'd also like to hear any ideas from SC members, so I've raised this as an item for discussion.

### **Hub Consultation Group**

I attended the Student Hub Consultation Group meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. I was not able to attend the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>, but spent some time looking over the minutes.

## **Welfare Officer's Report – July 2014**

### **Flinders One Excess Food**



I spoke via email with Peter Badenoch, the food and beverage manager at Flinders One, regarding excess and wasted food from food outlets on campus. Flinders One have previously looked into using OzHarvest to donate excess food, but OzHarvest felt that FlindersOne have too few leftovers to be viable for them.

### **Students' Awareness of Work Rights**

I've continued to discuss this with Jane Horgan from ISSU, as well as the International Officer, the Manager, Student Engagement, and Vanesa Duran from Student Assist. I will hopefully be meeting with Vanesa and some others in the next week or so to discuss a FUSA initiative around this issue.

### **Hub Consultation Group**

I attended the Student Hub Consultation Group meetings on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **E-Readings**

The Manager, Student Engagement and I met with Ian McBain, the University Librarian to discuss the e-readings issue. Ian recommended that some further research be undertaken to look at the precise extend of students' issues with e-readings. I'll be following this up in future.

### **School of Nursing Review**

I met with Sue Myatt and Helen Laity from Student Assist on the 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the University's current review of the School of Nursing and Midwifery, particularly the ways School practices affect student welfare.

### **O'Week**

I helped staff the FUSA O'Week stall for several hours on Monday and Tuesday, and helped pack up the stall on Tuesday.



## 6.9 Social Activities Officer Report – June

Hours	Task
.5	Meeting with Chris and Adam about event officer role
5	Selling end of semester party tickets on the plaza
4	Market Day Stall
.5	Meeting with Adam about end of semester party
6	End of semester party decorations
.5	Purchasing prizes for end of semester party
1.5	End of semester party set up
5	End of semester party (running activities, etc)
.5	Meeting with Steph about design of ball poster/tickets etc.
1	Researching designs and decorations for the ball
<b>24.5 hrs</b>	

Hippies vs. Hipsters party went really well... estimated 220 tickets sold! The day before only 34 people had bought tickets and on the day only 51 had bought tickets – so a crazy amount was bought at the door! In the future I would like to have an early bird price put in place so that more people buy tickets before hand and the hype is increased. The concept of buying a ticket but getting 2 drinks, food and a bus ride to the city worked really well. The buses need to be better advertised next time.

## Social Activities Officer Report - July

This month Steph designed the poster for the ball and we spent some time changing the colours and going over details for it. Adam and I met and discussed prices for the ball and marketing strategies for the ball and pub crawl. I helped out at the o week stall and started making a roster for the pub crawl selling stall.



## 6.11

### **Postgraduate Officer Report JUNE 2014.**

#### **Education Campaign: Semester Two 2014**

I have been centrally involved in planning for the next National Day of Action on August 20. I have had a number of meetings (face to face and over phone) with various stakeholders in South Australia and nationally. These meetings have been very important in building relationships between campuses, student organisations and other stakeholders to hopefully bring together as many people and groups to have a successful NDA in South Australia.

These meetings include:

**Lucy Small-Pearce** - President Adelaide University SRC.

**Sam Davis** – President Adelaide University Union.

**Sarah Garnham** \_ National Union of Students Education Officer.

**Tom Gilchrist** – Adelaide University Social Justice Officer.

**Sarah Tynan** – Adelaide University Queer Officer.

**Jarad McLoughlin** – Adelaide University Disabilities Officer.

**Paul Coats** – Former National Union of Students Education Officer.

**Heidi Claus** – Former National Union of Students Queer Officer.

**Omar Hassan** – Current Mature Age Representative Sydney University SRC.

**Jess Mcleod** – Current Mature Age Representative Curtin University Student Guild.

I have been working closely with/assisted Grace Hill on this important project.

#### **Postgraduate Committee and organizing 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Postgraduate event.**

Following on from the successful O'day for Grown Up event in semester one, planning has started for the postgraduate event in semester two. The postgraduate committee has decided the event should be held in the week 10.

The committee has been looking at a number of options and has decided on having a large luncheon (with entertainment/film screening/family friendly) in the Humanities courtyard. This event will be advertised to every postgraduate student at Flinders. The committee is hoping to work closely with International students, who make up a large number of the university's postgraduate community. The event will also be open to Mature Age students.

Thank you to the New C&S/events organizer, Adam Rau who has been of great assistance in helping organise what will be one of the largest postgraduate events held on campus for a number of years.

#### **Postgraduate Officer report for May 2014**



Postgraduate event organising.

Following the successful o'week for grow ups event in semester one, attended by about 80 postgraduate students, planning is well under way for a major postgraduate event in semester two.

The event will most likely be held in week 10 and take the form of a giant luncheon. There is quite a bit of logistics and organising that has already and is going to happen to make this event a success. The postgraduate committee wants to also make sure international students do not feel excluded, as well as non post graduate mature age students. I have spend a number of hours starting off this project and communicating between different groups/stakeholders.

The giant luncheon will be followed by a film screening for postgraduate (mature aged-students) the following week, as a bit of a follow up event, which is all part of trying to have postgraduate events established on the FUSA/Flinders Calendar in future years.

Education cuts

I have had meetings with a number of student representatives from various student organisations as well as NUS and CAPA to stay on top of what is happening in terms of where the proposed cuts/changes are at within the federal parliament and in terms of student organising around the issue in semester two.

Social work masters students.

I have had many discussions with a number of master of social work students who are growing concerned with the course, as the university continues to expand student numbers. In particular the large number of International students have expressed concern with a course feeling the effects of overcrowding and a lack of resources, this is something I will be working on this semester.

Palestine solidarity.

The terrible war on the Palestinian people by Israel has deeply impacted on many students at Flinders particularly a great number of international students and people from non-Anglo backgrounds. I have been campaigning with them to stop this genocide taking place. Activity has included, information sharing/political awareness, raising aid money to send to Gaza, breaking down isolation these students might be feeling because of a lack of empathy towards the Palestinians by the media, government and other institutions in Australia, who have a clear bias to Israel and disregard to Palestinian(non white) lives and their basic human rights.



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## **Indigenous Officer Report**

**Haidarr Jones**

**June 2014**

**June**

10<sup>th</sup> – Attended Yunggoendi student support meeting.

14<sup>th</sup> – Spoke to FISA about raising funds for upcoming events including the Indigenous university games. I helped them write their funding proposal.

17<sup>th</sup> – Had a meeting with Indigenous students who have affiliated a new entertainment club.

18<sup>th</sup> – Assisted in organising the 2014 SACE conference for Aboriginal school students. Toured the students around Flinders University for the whole day.

20<sup>th</sup> – Attended a meeting with Flinders Indigenous Student Association.

22<sup>nd</sup> – Helped out with student tutoring and spoke with students about how they are going with their exams.

26<sup>th</sup> – Attended a CareerTrackers training event with other Indigenous university students in Adelaide.

## **Indigenous Officer Report – July 2014**

1<sup>st</sup> July – Organised a NAIDOC week dinner with Flinders Living.

5<sup>th</sup> July – Created a 30min documentary film for NAIDOC week.

12<sup>th</sup> July – Invited guest speakers to the dinner and screened the film.

15<sup>th</sup> July – Attended a public seminar at Oasis.

17<sup>th</sup> July – Organised the Naidoc at Flinders event to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August.

20<sup>th</sup> July – Spoke with Adam about getting a screening of Utopia and booking the North Theatre for the Naidoc event.





25<sup>th</sup> July – I assisted with transitioning the new Indigenous students into their first semester.

26<sup>th</sup> July – I had a meeting with Yunggoendi about some student issues and wellbeing.

## **5.13 Manager Student Engagement – Update – JUNE 2014**

### **Manager Student Engagement – Update – AUGUST 2014**

#### **FUSA Staff**

##### *Student Experience Officers*

We advertised for these positions (1.2 Full-Time Equivalent available) last week and applications close on August the 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be an appointment committee consisting of the Media Officer, Clubs and Events Officer and the Women's Officer.

##### *Student Representation & Development Officer*

The recruitment process has begun. Applications close on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August. The appointment committee consists of myself, Roxy Henshaw – FUSA General Secretary, Vanesa Duran Team Leader - Student Assist, Nina Tabor – Manager, Careers and Employers Liaison Centre and Robert Simms – Projects and Administrative Officer.

##### *Administrative Assistant*

The SSAF Budget Advisory Committee approved my request for this position to be increased from 0.5 to 1.0. The role has changed in that it is now taking on some higher level duties, especially around taking on specific project work. Stacy Basset will start with us on Monday August the 4<sup>th</sup> as our new Administrative Assistant. Stacy has extensive finance and administrative experience and has been in a similar role at ITS since 2010, so it will be great to have her on board. Please make her feel welcome!

#### **Student Hub**

FUSA Staff had another meeting with the University's Hub Project Team and the Architects, Woods Bagot to discuss FUSA's presence in the Student Hub. This session was to sound out the possible location of FUSA and configuration of space. Further progress has since been made regarding the location of FUSA, Empire Times, the possibility of Student Radio, a clubs space and equity spaces.

There will be a shared clubs space which will be resourced with various utilities that clubs may need to function well. The plan is for there to be storage facilities within the space and another space located close by for larger items, with the Geoff Harrison Room also continuing to be available.



There will be a Women's and Queer space. After negotiations with the spokesperson for the Enviro groups on campus that currently reside in the 'Enviro Space', this will no longer exist and these groups will be able to utilise the shared clubs space, which will provide a better solution than what currently exists.

I would encourage all Student Council members to attend the fortnightly 'Hub Student Consultation Group' to ensure that there is a student voice in some of the decision making regarding the Hub.

FUSA will be re-locating sometime in November during the build phase. OSHC as provided by Allianz will be required to find an alternative space and this is being worked through with Buildings and Property.

### **Student Council By-Election 3 – Ordinary Council Member**

Given that Ella Keegan-Treloar was elected to the role of Women's Officer, there was a vacant position of Ordinary Council Member. Therefore a By-Election was completed. The Election was conducted from the 11-13<sup>th</sup> of June. At the close of the ballot for the position for a term of office from **16 June 2014 to 31 December 2014**, the following candidate was elected: Alison Taylor.

### **Flinders Legal Advice Clinic**

Given the impending relocation of FUSA whilst the construction of the 'Hub' takes place, the Flinders Legal Advice Clinic has decided to find a new location.

The last FLAC session at FUSA took place on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June. They will reopen at the beginning of Semester 2 on 29 July in their new premises, which is a suite of rooms in the Law School that were previously used for the Clinic office to see clients for the FUSA Clinic. They plan to open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (instead of Thursdays) for the duration of Semester 2.

Student clients will still be able to book appointments on line where full information will be provided to them as to the location of the Clinic suite.

### **Clubs – Registration and Health & Safety**

To ensure that FUSA is doing everything we can to ensure the safety of students involved in club and other events and activities, a working group consisting of myself, the Clubs and Events Officer, Student President, General Secretary and the Work, Health & Safety Unit have drafted a process and guidelines to assist with this. Essentially, all student clubs on campus should at a bare minimum register with FUSA



so that we are aware of their existence and their activities. This is to not only assist them with their endeavours but to ensure that their activities are successful.

The Clubs and Events Officer has been working very closely with the WH&S Unit to devise an online form as an alternative to the cumbersome Event Safety Checklist. This form will make it easier for clubs and Student Council members wanting to run events and activities to fulfil their obligations with regards to health and safety. Over the coming months, this form and procedures outlining the registration process will be finalised. All clubs will be notified of changes and obligations.

## **Student Radio**

A budget has been set aside from 2013 to consider launching student radio at Flinders University. To properly research and approach this initiative there are a lot of issues to consider, such as space creation in anticipation of the hub development, technical requirements, legality and licencing. All of these elements need to be considered before progressing.

This initiative potentially yields a great opportunity for students at Flinders University, providing another platform from which students can voice their views and opinions and open up a dialogue with the University community. There is significant potential to outreach both locally, state-wide and nationally.

There is no frequency in Australia left to purchase so student radio would be digital/online and would gain momentum annually.

Part of the Media Officer's role at FUSA is to train and support the editors of Empire Times. The current Media Officer has worked within student media for the last 9 years and would like the opportunity to continue to explore this initiative by undertaking accredited training including technical production, broadcast law and ethics.

I have discussed with the Media Officer completing training at Radio Adelaide to gain more background information on this project and to also establish a working group (consisting of students and staff) to begin a discussion regarding how a University radio station, managed by FUSA, could be established here at Flinders.

Please see the motion as endorsed by the Student Council Executive some weeks ago.

The next step will be for the Media Officer, in collaboration with myself and any interested students, to develop a proposal to be endorsed by the Senior Executive of the University.

## **Election Voting System**



The University have been exploring options of replacing or improving the online EVS that is currently used for all University elections as well as Student Council. I was hoping that this process would be complete by the 2014 Student Council Election (for positions in 2015) but this is not the case. We will however work around the current system to ensure that candidate statements are more accessible and voting instructions as clear as possible.

## **FUSA Constitution**

I have forwarded the FUSA Constitution with changes as approved at the FUSA AGM earlier in the year to the DVC(A) who has submitted this to now be approved by University Council at their meeting in August.

## **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### **6.1 NDA – Student President**

#### **Motion**

Motion: I motion that the next Adelaide rally for the NUS national day of action be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August at Flinders.

### **6.2 Fee to re-take exam, an outrageous \$750 money grab from Flinders University: - Student President**

Nursing students undertaking a first year introductory topic at Flinders University have come up against a fundamentally unfair and punitive assessment, and are now being slogged hundreds of dollars to re-take the course over the winter holiday break.

The three week course, intended to teach students how to access amenities, facilities, and support services, culminates in an online quiz which requires a 100% grade to pass. The quiz contains several questions which are ambiguous. Students who do not achieve 100% have been informed that they will be charged \$750 to re-take the course over the break. International students will be charged higher fees.

**Motion:** I motion that the Student Council take the position that the Nursing 1001 quiz and fee are punitive and unacceptable, and call for the fee and fail grades to be revoked.

### **6.3 FUSA Elections – Student President**

**Motion:** I motion:



1. That the 2014 Flinders University Student Council elections be held in the period Oct 6<sup>th</sup> to Oct 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. That the 2014 NUS Delegate elections be held in the period Oct 6<sup>th</sup> to Oct 9<sup>th</sup>.

## 6.4

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### Election of Three Empire Times Editors – MSE

We do not have any regulations for Student Media and in particular, addressing the election of ET Editors.

**Motion:** I motion Student council approves the following:

- Empire Times Editors will be elected as part of and under the same rules (Election Regulations) as the FUSA annual elections.
- Candidates for the Empire Times Editor positions shall run in a Team of three (the benefits of this was discussed at a meeting with Steph, Roxy and Chris)
- That the term of Empire Times Editor is from January 1 2015 – December 31 2015.
- That is it not allowed for a student to simultaneously be a member of Student Council and an Empire Times Editor (last year candidates were asked to rank their preference – however – if they run as a team, then I think we should rule that candidates can only run for either SC or ET Editor – not both.
- Candidates can only run in one team as opposed to simultaneously run in multiple teams

## 6.5 Allocation of Student Council Representatives to Flinders One Student Consolation Groups (SCG's) - MSE

Please see attached document. Student Council need to appoint two representatives to attend each of the three SCG's.

Now that timetables and have changed and some representatives have not attended any meetings to date, I thought we should review the membership of these groups. The dates for the final meetings of the year are:

**Meeting 3:** Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 4pm

**Meeting 4:** Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 4pm

**Campus Engagement SCG** - 1pm

**Food & Beverage SCG** - 2pm

**Sport and Fitness SCG** - 3pm

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## Current Members:

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- Campus Engagement: Rosalie Dow and Michael Bezuidenhout
- Food and Beverage: Will Menzies and Justin Shaw
- Sport and Fitness: Tim Mitchell and Ella Keegan-Treloar

**Motion:** I motion that Student Council appoint .....&..... To the Campus Engagement SCG, .....&..... to the Food & Beverage SCG and.....&..... to the Sports and Fitness SCG.

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## 6.6 FUSA Newsletter Proposal – Caleb Pattinson

### 1.0 Introduction

With the aim of increasing engagement in both FUSA services and Student Council, the proposal below outlines the components of a FUSA Newsletter for digital distribution.

### 2.0 Components of the Newsletter (Note: Listed in no specific order)

#### 2.1 Student Council

A section through which Student Council members communicate their initiatives to students.

#### 2.2 Events

Events in focus will have a section within the newsletter with a brief summary of the important details. A separate Events Calendar outlining all FUSA, Student Council and Club upcoming events will be placed to the side of the main content for easy viewing.

#### 2.3 Clubs and Societies

A section outlining club activities and/or discussing a club in focus will be within the newsletter, increasing awareness and engagement in clubs and their activities.

#### 2.4 Employment/Job Listings

A small list of more accessible jobs from our job listings section will be posted in a separate section, with a link to our main job listings page. The jobs listed should be casual and part time listings as this will have more relevance to the student body.

#### 2.5 Empire Times



An outline of the most recent issue of the Empire Times will be provided with a link to the digital copy to boost readership.

## 2.6 Student Advocacy/Student Welfare

A section will be placed to periodically remind students of Student Advocacy services and let them know of the Student Advocacy services and any Student Welfare initiatives at large. This section could also be used to promote initiatives and campaigns for mental and physical well-being.

## 3.0 Promotion, Initiation and Reoccurrence

### 3.1 Promotion

Promotion of the FUSA Newsletter will occur via the FUSA Facebook group, within the FUSA Office and within FUSA operated stalls during events such as Relax, O'Week, etc.

### 3.2 Initiation

While we would endeavour to begin newsletter earlier, completion of the template, structure and initiating digital distribution would begin no later than the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, after semester break.

### 3.3 Reoccurrence

The newsletter is to be distributed digitally on a fortnightly basis.

## 4.0 Changes to the newsletter content and structure

Changes to the newsletter structure and content may be made at the discretion of the organising body upon discussion, including the Student President, General Secretary, tasked Ordinary Council Member, Media Officer and Clubs & Events Officer.

## 5.0 Queries

Queries can be directed to the Clubs and Events Officer via email at [adam.rau@flinders.edu.au](mailto:adam.rau@flinders.edu.au) or alternatively via phone at 8201 2953.



**Motion:** I motion that student council endorse this proposal for a student newsletter. The first newsletter must be sent out by the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2014.

## 6.7 Blue Stockings Week Event Proposal – Women’s officer

- **Date:** Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>;
- Huge free brunch (muffins, pancakes, fruit, drinks etc.);
- **Everyone serving food to:** wear blue stockings; promote the NTEU event (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – free lunch and seminar (Khadija Gbla re racism and violence); tell women students about the services available to them; and sign up women students up to the Women’s Collective;
- **Banner:** for the NDA (along the lines of “women students oppose the cuts to higher education”); and
- **Photo campaign:** encourage women students to take a photo of themselves with a polaroid camera, write a short caption about themselves/their connection with the university, and pin it to a pin board as part of the project “we are the women of the university; past, present, and future”.

### **Budget: \$1,000**

- Usual breakfast order from Coles and pancake ingredients;
- BBQ hire;
- Banner;
- Posters;
- Blue stockings; and
- Polaroid camera and film.

**I motion** that student council approves the above proposal and budget taken from the women officer’s budget.

## 6.8 Student Council recommendation to increase Empire Times Editor’s honorariums :





# FUSA

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

At the moment Empire Times Editors are working approximately 300 hours a month.

That is 100 hours each (per issue) meaning they earn \$3 per hour.

Based on online analytics and a conservative print calculation so far Empire Times has been read by at least 57,319 people since it's 2013 inception.

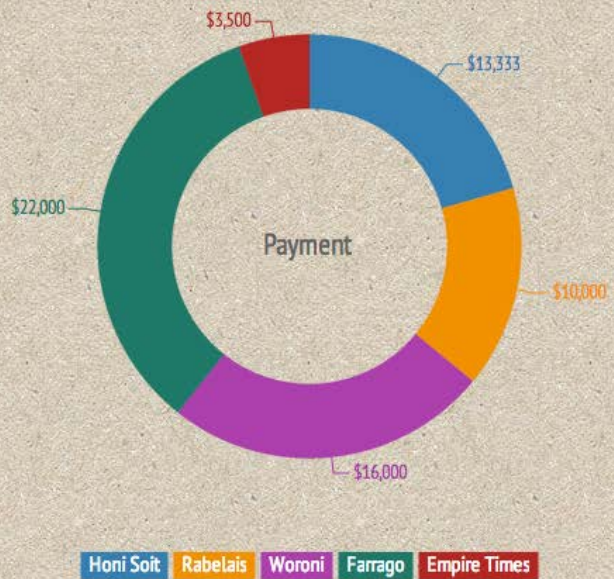
**That's 3,821 people per issue.**

**Some comparisons:**

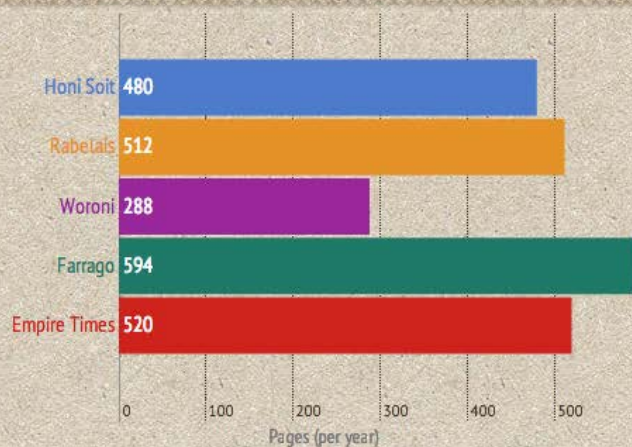
**Motion:** I motion that student council recommend that each ET editor's honorarium is increased to \$10,000 in 2015.

## STUDENT MAGAZINE

### AVERAGE PAID PER YEAR/1 EDITOR



### PAGES PER YEAR





## **6.9 Student Council Sub-Committee Regulations – General Secretary**

**Motion:** I motion that student council accept the attached amendments to the sub-committee regulations.

## **6.10 Student Council Forum – General Secretary**

Last meeting student council decided to hold student forums on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August and 15<sup>th</sup> of October. The craziness of O'Week made it difficult to organise a forum for the 5<sup>th</sup> of August.

**Motion:** I motion that we change the date of the next student forum to .....

## **6.11 Student Council Training Day – General Secretary**

Everyone on Student Council has some fantastic policy ideas but not everyone knows how to implement them. I think it would be really good to have a student council 'training day' not only to help student council members this year but also to equip them to train future student council members. Paul



Harrison taught me so much about the role of General Secretary but not everyone was so fortunate at the beginning of the year.

After we hold a student forum, we'll book out a lecture theatre then everyone on Student Council can spend an hour brainstorming policy ideas and then Chris, Steph, Adam and Shaun will join us and help us develop plans to set these policy ideas in motion, ie who to contact to achieve x.

I would like to emphasise that the policies themselves should be student council designed and driven and that any University staff are there in an advisory capacity.

**I motion** that Student council training day be held on ..... at.....

### **6.12 FUSA promotion – General Secretary**

Particularly with the upcoming student elections, it is important to inform students what FUSA and student council have and can do for students.

**Motion:** I motion that Steph starts developing an a-political campaign to inform students what FUSA and student council have and can do for students at Flinders.

### **6.13 Grading – Education Officer**

Given the current grades which are received by students at the end of the year fail to even give basic percentages, I believe this is an area which needs to be changed urgently. I have been told that the university already has this information, however it's just not made available to students.

I propose that that the university undertake a review of the grading system, so it provides further information to students, to allow openness. This would include presentation of final grade percentages beside the current student grade received at the end of the semester.

**I motion** that student council endorse the above proposal to be sent to the appropriate authority in the university, via the Manager of Student Engagement.

### **6.14 Exam Feedback – Education Officer**

I have had issues in the past in attempting to see my results for an examination and so have other students. This is unacceptable since, being able to see your exam results show be compulsory for all schools. This is detrimental to student learning since it fails to recognise the importance of feedback in personal learning.

I propose that student council encourage Flinders University Schools and Faculties to facilitate the return of all exams results to students with a preference for completed exams to be returned and to provide proper avenues for feedback on exam results if it's not possible to give the completed exam



back.

**I motion** that student council endorse the above proposal to be sent to the appropriate authority in the university, via the Manager of Student Engagement.

### **6.15 Late Penalties - Education Officer**

I consider the current late penalty system to be convoluted and confusing, this is due to inconsistency by the university for various late fees. This can sometimes be anywhere from 1% per day to 100% per day. This is confusing and while I can see the reasoning behind there being various levels of importance for due dates, this should be clearly identified by a colour coded system or something which is easily identifiable to students.

I propose that University adopt a uniform grading system across the board, with a tiered system which is easily identifiable.

**I motion** that student council endorse the above proposal to be sent to the appropriate authority in the university, via the Manager of Student Engagement.

### **7.16 Combined Turnitin and Assignment Submission – Education Officer**

Currently to submit an assignment you have to submit it both to Turnitin as well as a submission to be graded. This is an incredibly inefficient method for assignment submission and can/has lead to complications with the student body. This is in contrast to how Uni SA approaches assignment submission with all assignments only needing to be submitted once.

I propose that student council endorse a combined assignment submission with Turnitin, if Turnitin is to be utilised with an assignment assessment.

**I motion** that student council endorse the above proposal to be sent to the appropriate authority in the university, via the Manager of Student Engagement.

### **7.17 Education Action Club – Education Officer**

Given the failure of student representatives to turn up to the meeting, I feel it is appropriate that I resort to a method in which I'm able to gain cooperation with the student body and provide a broader scope of opinions, on educational issues. This group would be formed from the regular student body to act in place of the Student Representative Network until the new FUSA position helps to get the Student Representative Network back up and running.

I propose that Student Council endorse an Education Action Club to be formed on Flinders to act in the place of my subcommittee.

**I motion** that student council endorse the above proposal to be sent to the appropriate authority in the



university, via the Manager of Student Engagement.

### **7.18 Adelaide Uni Environment and Social Justice Officers – Environment Officer**

Adelaide University Union has taken a bizarre and short-sighted decision to remove its positions of Environment Officer and Social Justice Officer. Both of these positions are valuable, and have achieved much in recent years, especially in the area of fairtrade, coordination of social justice group. The continued existence of both of these portfolios is important for students in the long term and their continuity should not be threatened by factions or by the perceived performance of particular individuals elected to the position. At the national level, the Environment portfolio is important for implementation of NUS Environment campaigns and its abolition weakens the NUS.

Motion: I move that Student Council condemn Adelaide University Union's decision to abolish the roles of Environment Officer and Social Justice officer and that these roles be restored.

### **7.19 Climate Change – Environment Officer**

Climate Change campaign group AYCC, of which Flinders has a group, is calling on independent senators to support the Renewable Energy Target. AYCC in South Australia is lobbying Nick Xenophon to pledge his support for an ambitious RET and continued action on climate change. In particular, AYCC is holding a forum at UniSA City West Campus next month. South Australia is an Australian leader in renewable energy and, with the right policies in place federally, could emerge as a world leader in the area, creating substantial benefits for both the environment and for out state.

The details of the AYCC Renewable Energy Forum are below:

**What:** Renewable energy forum with Senator Nick Xenophon

**Where:** Allan Scott Auditorium, The Hawke Centre, UniSA City West Campus

**When:** September 09, 2014 at 7pm - 9pm

Motion: Student Council calls on all members of parliament to prioritise immediate and meaningful action on climate change, the greatest environmental threat humans have ever faced. In particular we would ask that Xenophon, whose success stems from his fierce advocacy for South Australia, would consider the consequences of RET policy for the environment; the opportunities that a strong federal RET would provide for South Australia; and the drastic need for climate change policy that arises with the removal of the Carbon Tax. We call on Nick Xenophon to support a strong RET and ambitious action on climate change.

### **7.20 Refugee Policy – Environment Officer**

In this time where the human tragedies in Gaza, South Sudan, Ukraine and elsewhere are prominent in our public consciousness, Student Council calls on all individuals to reflect on the harsh realities and





extreme persecution facing women, children and men across the world. Accordingly, Student Council calls on the major parties in Australia to amend their refugee policies to reflect the urgent and growing need for humanitarian protection.

**Motion:** Student council calls for

1. The achievements, hard work, enterprise and cultural contribution of Australians of refugee origin to be recognised and celebrated. In particular, we congratulate the Hieu Van Le on his appointment as incoming SA Governor – well deserved for a lifetime of tireless and humble service to South Australian business, to civil society, and to the Vietnamese and migrant community in Australia.
2. The contribution of refugees to Flinders University to be recognised.
3. Asylum seeker policy and practice to be amended to comply with the 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 protocol, as well as with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the ICSECR; the ICCPR; CEDAW; the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
4. Australia to avoid the practice of refoulement, and to ensure that all claims for asylum are properly processed before an individual leaves Australian jurisdiction.
5. The removal of Australia's cap on refugee places. A unique, absurd and cruel policy that prevents Australia from resettling genuine refugees, who would otherwise find a home here, on arbitrary numerical grounds.
6. Substantial increases to Australia's refugee intake from refugee camps.
7. Australia to shift from a model of indefinite mandatory offshore detention with limited rights of judicial review, to a model of speedy security assessments followed by 'community detention' and refugee assessments that accord with the rule of law.
8. Australia to end indefinite detention.
9. The Government to end its silence over 'operational matters' so Australians can make a genuine assessment their elected government's performance in this key policy area. Full transparency is necessary in refugee policy matters, except in circumstances where this would threaten the safety of asylum seekers from their persecutors.

## **7.21 Gaza One**

**Motion: I motion:**

1. That the Student Council reaffirms its commitment to stand against racism, oppression, colonialism, and genocide;
2. That the Student Council condemns the Israeli state's bombardment of the refugee camp in Gaza, which has already killed hundreds of civilians;
3. That the Student Council condemns the Israeli state's longstanding policies of ethnic cleansing and racial discrimination towards the Palestinians;
4. That the Student Council endorses the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign to hold Israel to account.
5. That the Student Council endorses future protests against the bombing of Gaza.
6. That the Student Council calls on all National Union of Students office bearers to cancel their



participation in AIJAC's Rambam tour of Israel.

## 7.22 Gaza 2

### **Motion: I motion:**

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5. That the Student Council endorses future protests against the bombing of Gaza.
6. That the Student Council calls on all National Union of Students office bearers to cancel their participation in AIJAC's Rambam tour of Israel.
7. Condemnation of the continued illegal blockade of Gaza and the expansion of illegal settlements in the West Bank as being the primary cause of violence in the region.
8. Condemn any members of Hamas, the IDF or any other group that targets civilians.

## 7.23 Clubs Seeking affiliation – General Secretary

### **7.23.1 Flinders Labor Club**

**Club Purpose:** The purpose of the club is to promote progressive and democratic socialist political values by:

- Advocating for the rights of working people
- Promoting equality and equal opportunity for all people
- Encouraging the participation of progressive students in the structures and processes of the Australian Labor party
- Engage the broader student community in activities and events to further the purposes of the club
- Supporting and adhering to the Flinders Labor Club Policy Document.

**Motion:** I motion that Flinders Labor Club be non-financially affiliated with FUSA.

### **7.23.2 Postgraduates club**

**Club Purpose:** The purpose of the club is to promote social and academic interaction between research students.

by:

- organizing social events for the research students to meet each other and create an interactive community;
- organizing academic events that benefits research



students;  
**Motion:** I motion that Postgraduates club be financially affiliated with FUSA.

## 7.24: Executive Recommendations

### 7.24.1 Student Radio

A budget has been set aside from 2013 to consider launching student radio at Flinders University. To properly research and approach this initiative there are a lot of issues to consider, such as space creation in anticipation of the hub development, technical requirements, legality and licencing. All of these elements need to be considered before progressing.

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I have discussed with the Media Officer completing training at Radio Adelaide to gain more background information on this project and to also establish a working group (consisting of students and staff) to begin a discussion regarding how a University radio station, managed by FUSA, could be established here at Flinders.

**Motion:** I motion that Student Council endorse, in principle, the FUSA Media Officer beginning a scoping project regarding the possibility of a student radio station managed by FUSA. This will include attendance at appropriate training and the creation of a working group with the aim of the completion of a formal proposal for the University to consider.

### 7.24.2 Honorariums

## MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

### 8.1 The 'Hub Student Consultation Group'





The 'Hub Student Consultation Group' (see attachment for background info) has been extended from all Student Council Office bearers to also Ordinary Council members and students that participated in the 'Student Hub Pitch' competition last year.

Attendance has been quite low over the last couple of months so I want to do everything I can to ensure that the attendance improves so that there is student representation in Hub decisions. Now that Semester Two has begun, I would like to propose that I conduct a Doodle Poll to see when most SC members can attend.

I also propose that I extend an invitation to all students via social media and the website to encourage student attendance and encourage those that have an interest in the Hub

## **8.2 Commercial Opportunities.**

FUSA and student council need to think seriously about how we might become financially independent, such as through attaining a stall or shop in the hub. It is naïve to continue to rely on the SSAF in the current political climate.

## **8.2 Student council camp**

How would student council 2014 feel about a handover camp for student council 2015.

## **8.3 Students' Awareness of Work Rights**

As I mentioned in my report, the International Student Services Unit has contacted the International Officer and I regarding students' lack of knowledge about their work rights. While this no doubt disproportionately affects international students, it is also an issue for domestic students. ISSU would like to find a way of raising students' awareness of their rights at work, which I think is an important issue and a fantastic initiative. To that end, I'd like to discuss any ideas people may have for ways that FUSA could aid in doing this.

## **9 MATTERS FOR NOTING**

### **9.1 Late items for the agenda – General Secretary**

From now on any items sent after the deadline will not be included in the agenda.

### **9.2: Meeting Times – Education Officer**

I would appreciate if meetings are organised with more than a day or two notice (with preference for a weeks notice), I understand that there are deadlines but as essentially a volunteer I find it quite unfair to be almost on call to meetings especially during the holiday period.

## Student Council Standing Committees

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Flinders University Student Association, As Approved 11/02/2014

### 1. Initial Standing Committees

- 1.1. In addition to the Executive Committee, the initial standing committees of the Association are:
- (a) the Student Representative Network;
  - (b) the Postgraduate Students Sub-Committee;
  - (c) the International Students Sub-Committee;
  - (d) the External and Regional Student Sub-Committee;
  - (e) the Clubs and Societies Sub-Committee;
  - (f) the Environmental Sub-Committee.

### 2. Student Representative Network

- 2.1. The Student Representative network shall provide advice to the Student Council on matters and issues raised by student representatives elected or appointed to School, Faculty and Central University committees and consultative groups.

- 2.2. The members of the Student Representative Network are:

- (a) the Education Officer (chair); and
- (b) all student representatives on University committees

~~(b)~~ 2.3. The Student Representative network must meet at least twice each semester.

### 3. Postgraduate Students Sub-Committee

- 3.1. The Postgraduate Students Sub-Committee shall seek to provide representation of and support for Postgraduate students and provide advice to the Student Council, through the Postgraduate Students Officer, of the needs of Postgraduate students. Only

- 3.2. The members of the Postgraduate Students Sub-Committee are:

- (a) the Postgraduate Students Officer (chair); and
- (b) at least five (5) postgraduate students

3.3. Only postgraduate students are eligible to be members of the Postgraduate Students Sub-Committee.

~~3.3.~~ 3.4. The Postgraduate Students Sub-Committee meet at least twice each semester.

### 4. International Students Sub-Committee

- 4.1. The International Students Sub-Committee shall seek to provide representation of and support for International students and provide advice to the Student Council, through the International Students Officer, of the needs of International students.

4.2. The members of the International Students Sub-Committee are:

- (a) the International Students Officer (chair); and
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ at least five (5) international students.

~~(b)~~4.3. The International Students Sub-Committee must meet at least twice each semester.

## 5. External and Regional Sub-Committee

5.1. The External and Regional Sub-Committee shall seek to provide representation of and support for external and regional students and provide advice to the Student Council on the needs of external and regional students.

5.2. The members of the External and Regional Sub-Committee are:

- (a) the Welfare Officer (chair);
- (b) at least five external or regional students, which must include at least two students enrolled exclusively in external topics and at least two students enrolled in topics delivered at a regional or interstate location.

5.3. The External and Regional Sub-Committee shall consist of at least:

- (a) two students enrolled exclusively in external topics; and
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ two students enrolled in topics delivered at a regional or interstate location.

~~(b)~~ 5.4 The External and Regional Sub-Committee must meet at least twice each semester.

## 6. The Clubs and Societies Sub-Committee

6.1. The Clubs and Societies Sub-Committee shall provide advice to the Student Council on policy regulating the affiliation and other affairs of affiliated clubs and societies.

6.2. The members of the Clubs and Societies Sub-committee are:

- (a) the General Secretary (chair); and
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ one (1) representative nominated by each affiliated club or society.

~~(b)~~6.3. The Clubs and Societies Sub-Committee must meet at least twice each semester.

## 7. The Environment Sub-Committee

7.1. The Environment Sub-Committee shall provide advice to the Student Council, through the Environment Officer, on campaigns on environmental issues and matters.

7.2. The members of the Environment Sub-committee are:

- (a) the Environment Officer (chair); and
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ at least five (5) students, who are interested in environmental issues.

~~(b)~~7.3. The Environment Sub-Committee must meet at least twice each semester.

## 8. First Year Sub-Committee

- 8.1. The first year sub-committee shall provide advice to the Student Council on all issues pertaining to students who identify as first-year students.
- 8.2. The members of the First Year Sub-committee are:
- (a) the General Secretary (Chair);
  - ~~(b) at least five (5) students within a maximum of twenty (20) students who are;~~
  - ~~(b) within their first year of studies at Flinders University; and,~~
- ~~(i) 8.3. The first year sub-committee must meet at least twice each semester.~~
- ~~(ii) appointed by the Student Council~~

## 9. Accessibility Sub-Committee

- 9.1. The Accessibility Sub-Committee shall provide advice to Student Council, through the Accessibility Officer, regarding accessibility at Flinders University
- 9.2. The members of the Accessibility Sub-Committee are:
- (a) the Accessibility Officer (chair);
  - (b) at least five students, who are interested in accessibility issues
- 9.3. The Accessibility Sub-Committee will:
- (a) ensure that the University is held accountable for all accessibility issues on campus for example:
    - (i) Request a review of the University's accessibility audit
    - (ii) Request the list of priorities for capital projects related to accessibility.
    - (iii) Review the University's system for reporting access barriers.
    - (iv) Review what accessibility access considerations have been taken into account with regards to new university construction projects.
  - ~~(b) release an annual Accessibility Report in response to the Committee's accessibility investigations which will be tabled at a Student Council meeting along with any recommendations.~~

## 10. Indigenous Students Sub-Committee

- 10.1. The Indigenous Students Sub-Committee shall seek to provide representation of and support for Indigenous students and provide advice to the Student Council, through the Indigenous Students Officer, of the needs of indigenous students.
- 10.2. The members of the Indigenous Students Sub-Committee are:
- (a) the Indigenous Students Officer (chair); and
  - (b) at least five (5) indigenous students.
- ~~(b) 10.3. The Indigenous students Sub-Committee must meet at least twice each semester.~~

## 11. Social Activities Sub-committee

11.1 The Social Activities Sub-Committee shall provide advice to Student Council, through the Social Activities Officer, regarding social activities at Flinders University and social activities for Flinders students.

11.2 The members of the Social Activities sub-committee are:

(a) the Social Activities Officer; and  
(b) a maximum of twenty (20) students who are interested in organising social activities for Flinders students.

11.3 The Social Activities sub-committee must meet at least twice each semester.

## 12. Welfare Sub-Committee

12.1 Welfare Sub-Committee shall provide advice to Student Council, through the Welfare Officer, regarding student welfare at Flinders University.

12.2 The members of the Welfare Sub-Committee will include:

- (a) the Welfare Officer; and
- (b) at least five (5) students, preferably from all Flinders campuses, interested in student welfare

12.3 The Welfare Sub-Committee must meet at least twice each semester.

## 13. Women's Collective

13.1 The Women's Collective shall provide advice to Student Council, through the Women's Officer, regarding women's issues at Flinders University.

13.2 The members of the Women's Collective will include:

- (a) the Women's Officer (chair);
- (b) at least five (5) students interested in women's issues.

13.3 The Women's collective must meet at least twice each semester.

## 14: The Queer Society

14.1 The Queer Society shall provide advice to Student Council, through the Queer Officer, regarding issues for Queer students at Flinders University.

14.2 The members of the Queer Society will include:

- (a) the Queer Officer (chair);
- (b) at least five students interested in Queer issues.

14.3 The Queer Society must meet at least twice each semester.

# FLINDERS ONE / FLINDERS UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK

## STUDENT CONSULTATION GROUPS (SCG)

Flinders One and the Flinders University Student Association (FUSA) have established Student Consultation Groups (SCG's) to enable Flinders One to hear directly from students with regards to their needs and ideas to improve the student experience through the services which Flinders One offer.

These three groups will consist of key Flinders One Management, University staff and six students. Two from Student Council and four General Students.

Meetings are quarterly and to be held in the Meeting Room at FUSA (on the Plaza next to Subway) at the following times:

**Meeting 1:** Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 9-12pm

**Meeting 2:** May 20<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm

**Meeting 3:** Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm

**Meeting 4:** Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm

The Groups are:

**Campus Engagement SCG** (9am for the first meeting and then 1pm thereafter)

### Focus:

- Student Spaces operated by FCCS  
To explore and discuss ideas for potential refurbishment/improvement of student spaces, opening hours and other service delivery issues. Creating student spaces which are in line with student interests and needs, will help to create student spaces in which students feel comfortable and feel a level of ownership of space and in turn spaces will be more utilised.
- Student Events/Activities  
To ensure student input into student events during the year. This will help to develop ownership of student activities and ensure relevancy.

### Membership:

- Vice President (Strategic Finance and Resources)
- FCCS General Manager
- Director, Buildings and Property
- Manager, Student Engagement
- Up to two Student Representatives from Student Council (as selected by Student Council)
- Up to four general students of the University (one of these being a member of a non-sporting club or society)

## **Food & Beverage SCG** (10am for the first meeting and then 2pm thereafter)

### Focus:

- Food and beverage services/products sold
- Pricing
- Student discounts/deals
- Fair trade products
- External Food and Beverage providers

### Membership:

- Vice President (Strategic Finance and Resources)
- FCCS General Manager
- FCCS Food and Beverage Manager
- Director, Buildings and Property
- Manager, Student Engagement
- Up to two Student Representatives from Student Council (as selected by Student Council)
- Up to four general students of the University (one of these being a member of a relevant Student Group such as the Flinders Environment Action Group or the Fair Trade Society)

## **Sport and Fitness SCG** (11am for the first meeting and then 3pm thereafter)

### Focus:

- Sport and Fitness facilities
- Services for Sporting Clubs
- Fitness Centre Services
- Australian University Sport

### Membership:

- Vice President (Strategic Finance and Resources)
- FCCS General Manager
- Director, Buildings and Property
- Manager, Student Engagement
- Sports Centre Manager
- Up to two Student Representatives from Student Council (as selected by Student Council)
- Up to four general students of the University (three being members of either a sporting club or a member of the Fitness Centre and one student who is not a member of a sporting club or the Fitness Centre)

## STUDENT HUB – STUDENT CONSULTATION PLAN

### Background

Ongoing consultation and engagement with students regarding the Student Hub will be essential moving forward. This is to continue the high level of consultation already achieved and the sense of ownership that the student community will have with regard to the Student Hub.

As confirmed by Shane Jennings from Buildings and Property, input from students would most likely be in relation to:

- Ratio of formal/informal student spaces
- Club Spaces
- Equity Spaces
- Internal fit out
- Theme of the bar

There will also need to be consultation with the Manager, Student Engagement with regards to FUSA/Office of Student Engagement space and how this interacts with the student space.

This document is proposing a 'Student Consultation Plan' to address the above.

### Hub – Student Consultation Group

After discussing with the Student President and the General Secretary of FUSA, we propose the following consultation method:

There is a 'Hub – Student Consultation Group' (SHCG), which consists of all Office Bearers of the Student Council of FUSA, which includes:

POSITION	NAME	SUB-COMMITTEE
Student President	Grace Hill	n/a
General Secretary	Roxanna Henshaw	Clubs and Societies Sub-Committee
Education Officer	Timothy Mitchell	Student Representation Network
Welfare Officer	Ira Herbold	n/a
Postgraduate Officer	James Vigus	Post -Graduate Students Sub-Committee
Indigenous Officer	Haidarr Jones	n/a
International Officer	Yadollah Bahrami	International Students Sub-Committee
Women's Officer	Stef Rozitis	Women's Action Group
Queer Officer	Rosalie Dow	Queer Action Group
Environment Officer	William Menzies	Environment Sub-Committee
Accessibility Officer	Jaka Yusuf	Accessibility Sub-Committee
Social Activities Officer	Lauren Brice	n/a

Most of these Student Representatives chair sub-committee's or other interest groups, which provide the mechanism to enable them to gather the views of other students across the University. These views and ideas can then be brought to the HSCG, which will meet when required. The Manager, Student Engagement will also attend the HSCG meetings as well as key Building and Property Staff.

### Communication with Buildings and Property



I propose that the core group of: Student President, General Secretary and Manager, Student Engagement be the conduit between the HSHCG and Buildings and Property regarding student ideas/requirements for the Hub.

To cater for the needs of Building and Property, I believe that this arrangement could be very flexible. For example, if B&P wanted the view of a certain student demographic about a particular component of the Hub, then we could arrange for that.