Flinders University Student Council Meeting
Agenda of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2015.
Meeting Room, Flinders University Student Association.
6:00pm

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FUSA Student Council Meeting
Meeting Agenda
September 1st, 2015

1. Welcome and meeting open

2. Apologies:

3. Welcome guests

4. Accept Minutes from previous meeting

I move that Student Council accept the minutes from April. – General Secretary

5. Reports

5.1. President’s Report

Lomborg

The issue of Bjorn Lomborg and the Climate Consensus Centre continues to be met be much opposition for various reasons from an overwhelming number of Flinders staff and students. As Student President I have had much correspondence from many staff and students concerned about any connection between Lomborg and Flinders. The issue has attracted much media attention and I have conveyed my personal opposition, as well as trying to convey the views and arguments from concerned members of the Flinders community, to numerous media outlets including, the Messenger, Guardian Australia, Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, AAP, Channel 9 and 7, as well as fielding questions from international media. Within the University I have argued strongly against any association with Lomborg. At the recent NDA I ensured the issue was part of the cross campus event. A big congratulation to all the student activists, staff and others from the Flinders community in organising the rally on August 6. The campaign has seen a successful rally, thousands of student signatures, hundreds of staff signatures, direct pressure on University Council and senior management and extensive media interest. Well Done.

Unfortunately despite our side of the debate being respectful, the same cannot be said for those supporting a relationship between our University and Bjorn Lomborg. A supporter of Lomborg tried to physically intimidate and threaten me in my office shortly after trying to physically steal FUSA endorsed Anti-Lomborg stickers from the reception area. The same man verbally abused a number of FUSA staff. Through various communications I have personally been threatened for my stance in supporting the campaign to keep Flinders Lomborg free. Such intimidation in any form, through phone calls, emails, social media or invading my personal space will not work!
School of Nursing – Student rights Issues (many of these words from student assist staff)

Currently Student Assist is experiencing large numbers of School of Nursing students requesting assistance and support over the last three months.

In particular, issues with NURS1002; NURS3001; NURS3002 and NURS3005 have caused issues with a critical mass of students requesting advocacy.

Complaints in regards to the School of Nursing are always far ahead of any other School. The systemic nature of these grievances have a similar pattern; if a large number of students in one topic are affected it is often an administrative issue rather than related to academic or competency based.

Grievances in 2015 form a similar pattern to 2014. In 2014, the School registered 136 grievances while the nearest School registered 53. Again, in 2015 the School of Nursing registers the highest number of grievances at this stage of the year at 40.

NURS1002: Currently student assist has received over 11 complaints re this topic. This topic is a first year, first semester topic where students are still trying to come to grips with the FLO system and the whole nature of engaging at University. It is a pre-placement and pre-requisite topic and if students do not pass the grade, they cannot undertake the placement topic. In their first semester, students are faced with their degree stretching another 12 months.

Mainly the serious issue of assessment design that has caused so many students to fail this topic. 6 quizzes require each to be passed by 70% or more. One student missed the quizzes for 1002 but could access quizzes to NURS2002 and passed them but failed the topic; several students made simple, small errors of thinking they had done all the quizzes but had missed one resulting in failing the topic, unable to enrol in the following placement topic and adding 12 months to their degree. Students were alerted by generic emails to ensure they had completed the quizzes but all believed the emails did not apply to them, only realising they had failed when they received their grade.

These small errors have disproportionate consequences. They are administrative errors not academic or learning errors and students have not been able to demonstrate competency. No supplementary was offered in regards to the quizzes.

Motion: That all students who fail topic NURS1002 be given a supplementary to demonstrate their competency, and at least be given a chance to change the fail grade on their transcript.

National Day of Action.
The national day of action (NDA) against the Federal government’s deregulation of fees, proposed 20 per cent funding cut to the higher education sector and to lift student assistance from the current inadequate levels was a moderate success. The FUSA organised event with our American theme worked well in connecting with students about why we do not want to go down the US model if we want Flinders to remain a public education institution open to all regardless of your socio-economic class location. Congrats to all the student council members and other student activists that made the Flinders event a success. Unfortunately the other student organisations at Adelaide University and University of South Australia did not support the event in any serious way, at Adelaide Uni where the central rally was held the union had a competing event on at the same time. FUSA should be proud of our efforts in trying to connect with students around federal government higher education and student related policy and the detrimental impact this will have on all Flinders students. We face many challenges ahead under this government and a future Shorten government to reverse cuts in higher education funding and student welfare provisions.

**NAIDOC and Aboriginal/Torres Strait Flag campaign**

Congratulations to Latoya Rule on achieving a victory in your campaign to have the Aboriginal and Torres Strait flags have equal status with other flags at Flinders University. It was an honour to be able as Student President to attend the successful NAIDOC event and the flag raising ceremony. The struggle for justice and liberation for first nations people continues and Latoya’s victory helps.

**Independent revenues streams – some thoughts... FUSA should take over textbook service.**

The issue of an independent revenue stream is important to many student council members and student activists that can see correctly that we need a student association that is student controlled and financially independent from the university. There are always dangers thou in terms of how we do this. The Adelaide University Union (AUU) should be seen as an example we do not want to follow as their revenue streams often involve ripping students off rather than adopting business/operational models that are student (member friendly) whilst providing revenue.

AUU’s recent announcement of the closure of Unibooks is the bitter fruit of corporate student unionism. Unibooks provides a vital student service. Its closure will result in less control by students over textbook costs and will cause many job losses, including important student employment opportunities. I urge the AUU Board to immediately reverse their decision and to instead adopt a new Unibooks business/operational model that puts students’ interests first. It is well established that students face crippling financial burdens associated with their education. The AUU union’s core objective should be to mitigate the burdens of student life.
AUU should transfer the Flinders Unibooks to FUSA control.

FUSA should demand Flinders University support FUSA as the organisation that runs the textbook service at Flinders University. Our operational/business model should be multifaceted in order to provide for all the textbook needs of students. The new business model should include the following:

- Textbook library
- Second hand textbook distribution
- New textbooks at wholesale prices
- Digitised and accessible alternatives

This business model would create important student employment opportunities and should be funded by SSAF funding as textbooks are a vital student service.

Motion: That Flinders University support Flinders University Student Association (FUSA) setting up the primary textbook service. That SSAF funding will be allocated for this service and that all revenue goes to FUSA.

5.2. General Secretary Report

(Please note, the NUS affiliation payment is still an outstanding transaction. Our payments require approval from both a Student Council member and a university employee. The payment has now been approved by the university, but was refused by NAB because it exceeded our daily transfer limit. While this is highly irritating, it is also not deliberate on the
part of myself or Fay, and now our daily transfer limit has been changed to allow the payment to proceed. I thank everyone for their understanding)

Clubs and Societies

Adam and myself have been organizing the next subcommittee meeting. We will be discussing topics ranging from the new Hub to club funding, and increasing club participation in FUSA events. At time of writing this report, an email to clubs and societies is scheduled to be sent later today, with details of the meeting (11th September, 12:00pm, HUMS seminar room 121) and requests for agenda items. I have also been discussing increasing club participation at O’Week and other FUSA events with members of clubs I encounter on campus, and with our Media Officer and our Events and Projects Officer. I have also been attending and participating in O’Week directors meetings with both of the aforementioned officers, and student representatives. These meetings have resulted in some very exciting possibilities for next year’s O’Weeks.

Rebranding

I have been an active participant in the FUSA rebranding process, alongside other members of council. I have been liaising between Steph and Student Council to ensure we all get to give input on our new colours! It’s a shame none of you liked the idea of red, but c’est la vie.

Racism

Unfortunately, still alive and kicking, and still impacting students. Anti-Muslim racism continues to be the tool of choice of both Liberal and Labor to distract from their anti-worker, anti-student agendas, and to find scapegoats for the problems in society. Last week, it was announced that special border force police would be taking inspiration from the Gestapo, patrolling the streets of Melbourne, checking visas at random. It should be noted that this task was also to be shared by the Victorian state police, who of course are now operating in a Labor controlled state. After much public outrage and a serious protest effort which saw Flinders Street intersection occupied by hundreds of people, Operation Fortitude was cancelled. This is a testament to the effectiveness of protest. We should not be fooled into thinking that this plan has been totally abandoned though. Rather than apologising for the intention to racially profile Melbournians, and empower the police to stop people at random and demand to see their papers, the Liberal Government and the border force agency have apologised for the wording of their statement. Rather than condemn the plan to target migrants, Labor has condemned the wording of the border force statement, with Bill Shorten going so far as to say the real mistake was to announce the intention to stop people and demand to see their papers before doing it. This is obviously outrageous, and an issue which has been very closely followed by many concerned students. On the day this was happening, I hit the campuses to speak to students about the issue, and the overwhelming majority of international students, Muslim students, and domestic students of colour had been following the issue that day and were highly concerned. Issues like this, and the general climate of
hysteria, filter down to our campuses and seriously impact students. At least one student in
the last month has been racially vilified on this campus, though no one I have spoken to is
willing to report it. I have spent hours on campus talking to students about these issues, and
also the issues of racism affecting refugee students. Doing so has prompted much racist
backlash, including one delightful man spitting on me. This sort of bad interpersonal
behaviour is only going to intensify as the people at the top of society, the politicians, and the
media, continue to further their agenda of neoliberalism with fearmongering about Muslims
and migrants.

Homophobia

This month I promoted and attended the latest rally for marriage equality. These rallies are a
great way to stick it to the bigots, and assert our right to live free of homophobia. Heaps of
Flinders students were there, in part thanks to our efforts promoting the demonstration. This
month has seen an intensification of bigotry, with the Daily Telegraph publishing a sickening
article demanding that “gay” be kept out of schools, and telling a child with lesbian parents
that she is abnormal. Following this, the NSW Government banned the film “Gayby Baby”, a
film about the lives of children of same-sex parents, in NSW schools. Students at NSW high
schools have stood up for themselves, demanding more screenings of the film, putting out
statements, and wearing purple in a gesture of anti-homophobia. All of this illustrates the
continuing importance of the marriage equality rallies. We’re still governed by bigots, it
looks our next government will be bigots too, and gay students, or students with gay parents,
are still told they are abnormal and should be kept in a box somewhere so as not to expose
kids to gayness. It’s imperative that FUSA re-assert its position on homophobia, and I have
also spent time this month drafting a motion so we can do so.

NDA

The NDA went well at Flinders, with lots of students attending over the course of the day,
signing petitions, eating hotdogs, and having their photographs taken with messages for
Abbott and Pyne. While not enough effort was put into the building of the event, SC
members putting in work on the day meant that the NDA was still successful. Adelaide Uni’s
event was less successful, the direct result of a union which did not put time and resources
into the rally. In fact, the AUU seemed to be holding a competing event elsewhere on
campus, and the leaders of the AUU and SRC were not present. Thanks to the NUS State
Education Officer for chairing the rally.

5.3. Education Officer Report

Super Tuesday: What a day! I will start by thanking the FUSA staff for all of their paid work
and Adam for putting in a lot of overtime and also to all of Student Council for their unpaid
work and coming out in relatively strong numbers on the day. I think given many student
council had classes or severe sicknesses it was incredible we had 10 councillors out in force so thanks!

The day overall was a success, although it didn’t reach the lofty sights I had envisioned it was still a good day overall. We successfully launched 3 associations, 1 of which I would imagine will be quite successful. The two associations that didn’t quite get there have positive signs moving forward with some energetic personnel already wanting to be involved.

There were a few mistakes along the way in terms of marketing and advertisement however the key people involved attended a debrief meeting where we were able to put concerns on the table. This day was another tick towards fulfilling the School Association Project (SAP).

School Association Project (SAP): The project as many of you well know has come along in leaps and bounds throughout the year. We are nearing completion yet have so far to go. With the exception of 2 schools, each student cohort has some sort of representative mechanism in place. The challenge will be solidifying what has been achieved. I have attached a document for noting regarding School Associations if you wish to know extensive details.

Car Parking: This has been an issue I have touch on before and not only as a representative but as a student I am extremely disappointed in. I have launched a car parking survey to gather the thoughts of students, positive or negative, before I build a campaign. The FUSA Media Officer came up with a great idea of creating an event around the survey, to both creative awareness and increase responses as well as add a forum where students may comment and give further feedback.

Lomborg: I have assisted with the Lomborg campaign as best I can. I have been on placement over the last 6 weeks and as such have not been as active as I would have liked. I would encourage Student Council to remain involved in the campaign as senior management have done well to take the sting out of the student movement.

5.4. Environment Officer Report

There have been some mixed results on the Lomborg issue. The rally which was called against the consensus centre was well-attended, mostly by staff, and we got a great deal of media attention out of the event. I've spent quite some time getting signatures from students and staff, with the overwhelming majority of people I've spoken to on the issue being opposed to the centre being established at Flinders. I'll continue to stay in contact with people on campus to be prepared for any further actions. I promoted and attended the NDA, as well as on-campus promotion of the equal marriage rights rally held in the city. And I helped to promote the establishment of school associations on Super Tuesday, and attended two of the events. Despite the successful (though possibly temporary) loss of approval for the Carmichael coal mine, there is still a continued push for more fossil fuel and uranium mining operations by
the federal and state governments. Our Uni should be making no contribution toward projects which cause potentially irreparable damage to the environment and to humanity.

Motion:
I move that FUSA demands Flinders University's divestment from all investments held in fossil fuel or nuclear energy or mining companies.

5.5. Queer Officer Report

April

- Emails, admin etc
- FUQS meetings
- Queer space promotion and welcome party
- Name change for trans student discussions, research, implementation
- Queer space working bee

May

- Emails admin etc
- FUQS meetings
- Rebranding group meeting
- queer collective meetings and follow up
- Meeting with individual student re trans representation
- Meeting re safer spaces strategy queer space

June

- Emails admin etc
- Meeting about queer collective
- Queer collective information
- Work on asexuality to improve own knowledge and understand better how to include, implementation

July

- Emails admin etc
- Equal Opportunity and Diversity meeting
- Marriage Equality Rally
- Queer collective
- Visit to UWA queer space

August

- Emails admin etc
- Guest Speaker at ES re sexuality
- Super Tuesday
- Mental health week meeting
- Draft booklet “queer @ flinders”
5.6. Womens Officer Report

- **General administration**
  - Regularly updated Women’s Collective Facebook page
  - Emailed people who signed up during O’Week and Blue Stockings Week
  - Advertised events and Women’s Collective
  - Responded to student queries

- **Attended the SHELeads Conference 2015**
  - Spoke with numerous women about presenting at future seminars this semester
  - Advertised the role of the Women’s Officer on student council

- **Monday August 10 = Celebrating Women in Higher Education Seminar**
  - Prior to the day:
    - Contacted speakers
    - Organised poster and Facebook event
    - Promoting and advertising on Facebook and in person
  - On the day:
    - Bought baked goods etc
    - Set up room
    - Hosted
    - From 9:00 – 5:00

- **Tuesday August 11 = Blue Stockings Week Stall**
  - Prior to the day:
    - Rang Brighton Jetty Bakery for quote
    - Organised donuts
    - 70 mini blue donuts and donuts in the shape of letters spelling out “Blue Stockings Week Celebrating Women in Higher Education”
    - Promoting and advertising on Facebook and in person
  - On the day:
    - From 9:00 – 1:30 picked up donuts, set up stall, spoke with students and took names down for the women’s collective, talked about upcoming events

- **Monday August 31 = Yarrow Place Training**
  - Prior to the day:
    - Contacted Yarrow Place (back and forth emailing with admin to organise)
    - Spoke on phone to clinician to organise session including planning what to achieve
    - Organised poster and Facebook event
    - Promoting and advertising on Facebook and in person
    - Organised catering
    - Responded to email queries and sent out emails to interested students
  - From 9:00 – 5:00 organised and set up room
5.7. International Officer Report

Met the president of FUMA (Flinders Uni Muslim Association) and discussed about their request for spacious prayer room at Flinders University Main Campus (2 hours);

Attended Super Tuesday at Biological school (2 hours);

Contacted and met separately with subcommittee member to discuss some activities for the rest of the year (2 hours);

Email correspondence and online chat with some of the presidents of student associations to catch up; and organized a meeting on September 9th to discuss and follow various issues regarding international students (3 hours);

Met with one of international student who struggling with her placement (nursing student) and financial crisis; and assisted her to FUSA’s services (student assist) (2 hours).

5.8. Welfare Officer Report

Resource boxes: I am planning to create some resource boxes to give out to students who use the counselling service. This plan has the support of the counselling team. The boxes will contain things to help the students who are struggling with mental illness in times of distress. It will contain things such as a list of distress tolerance skills, coloured pencils, mandalas, soothing teas, and mindfulness recordings (e.g. guided relaxation, grounding techniques, help staying with difficult emotions etc.) I think this is important as it’s one thing for a person to discuss strategies etc. when they’re with their friend/counsellor and an entirely other thing to actually put them into practice when they’re distressed – having a resource box there will help.

RU OK? Day: The plan is to have unplugged live music, free pizza and cupcakes, lots of RU OK resources and info on the counselling service. There will be "conversation corners" in each of the libraries where people can sit and chat, access resources, colour in mandalas etc.

R U OK Day is a national suicide prevention campaign and we are aiming is to encourage and equip everyone to have regular, meaningfully conversations and ask people “are you okay?” – key message is that when we are connected we are better protected from suicide. We will have a white board for students to write up things they do to help keep them well/cope with difficult situations. We are also looking into having therapy dogs in both the Humanities courtyard and in the libraries. On the day there will be roaming “ambassadors” directing students to humanities.
**Mental Health Day:** Still in the very preliminary stages of planning – May be combine with anti-poverty week. Similar to the resource boxes this event will have a self-care theme.

**Mindfulness Triathlon ➔ Step Up:** The Mindfulness Triathlon has morphed into a participation-based event on the main campus – Flinders “step up”. It will be held between the two ridges (up the 86 stairs, and round the lake...once, twice or thrice (each round is 1 km)). It will be a ‘competition’ between faculties – there will be 5 (one for admin). It is for staff and students, and you get participation points (one for each round). People can walk or run the distance, and it will be timed for those who want to make it competitive.

The event will run on Wednesday 14th October. It will start at 12 noon through to 1 pm to allow the max no. of people to take part in their lunch break. There will be a presentation at 1.15 pm. We will have music and someone to advise on stretching etc. The starting / finishing point is Anchor court. There will be a welfare component with random prizes and free refreshments and fruit at the end. We are looking into the possibility of Flinders One donating $1 for every person who participates.

We will arrange a “champion” to front up for each faculty.

This event will have a real community focus and aim to help students feel more connected within their facilities both with other students and staff.

**Wellbeing classes:** The free yoga has been going well. Numbers have been pretty steady and I am informed that it has been well-utilised students who are currently accessing the counselling service.

3/08:
- Steph and Wendy re pushing the well-being classes
- SLC re external student issues

4/08:
- Replying to student emails
- Organizing poster for the MT
- Wendy re the MT

5/08:
- Meeting with Nicola and Maureen (counselors) re RU OK Day
- Replying to student emails re classes
- Assisting a student under my portfolio
- Emails re RU OK Day

6/08:
- Maureen re conversation corners for RU OK Day and mandalas and resource boxes
- Asked a provisional psychologist for feedback re the resource box idea
- Student assist re resource box idea

7/08:
- Emails re RU OK Day
- Wendy re MT
- Maureen re resource boxes

10/08:
- Read and gave suggestions and feedback on the RU OK Day slides and presentation
- Emails re antipoverty week

13/08:
- Replying to student emails

14/08:
- Emails re RU OK day
- Meeting with Wendy and Adam
- Brainstorming MT
- Maureen re resource boxes and wellbeing classes

17/08:
- Wendy re MT planning
- Responding to emails

18/08:
- Wendy re MT
- Responding to student emails
- Maureen re resource boxes
- Nicola and Adam re musicians for RU OK Day

19/08:
- responding to student emails
- Adam re musicians
- Nicola re ru ok day
- Booking musician for ruok day
- Queer officer re mental health week
- Meeting with Nicola, Maureen, Stacey, and Ben re ru ok day and mental health day
- Maureen re resource boxes
- Met with sue re student assist helping out on ru ok day
- Emails re ru ok day

21/08:
- Emails re ru ok day, humanities courtyard, musician for ru ok day
- Compiling recordings of potential guided meditations for counselors to look over for
resource boxes

24/08:

- Meeting w Wendy re MT
- dropped resources to Maureen at health and counseling
- Emails re step up
- Emails re ru ok day, booking humanities, peoples availability on the day, promotional material and Facebook event etc.
- Email re mental health day/week
- Replying to student emails re free wellbeing classes
- Completed the event registration form for ru ok day

25/08:

- Ben re MH day
- Rosalie re MH day
- Emails re booking humanities
- Emails re Step Up

26/08:

- Emails re anti-poverty week – potential printers give away
- Emails re humanities courtyard and ru ok day

27/08:

- Setting up times for meetings
- Emails re ru ok day, anti-poverty week, mental health week, therapy dogs
- Pet therapy - reading up and emails
- Nicola re music and humanities

28/08:

- Emails re RU OK Day, mental health day
- Meeting with Ben and Rosalie re mental health day
- Nicola re RU OK Day
- Animal assisted interventions re therapy dogs for RU OK Day

5.9. Social Activities Officer Report

FUSA BALL

This month I have been focussed on working with Anthea to organise the FUSA Ball. It has definitely taken up a lot of my time this month, with the location jumping all over the place, until we finally were able to settle on the Hotel Richmond (Rundle Mall), which is happy to accommodate our event on the originally proposed date of October 16th. There should be a proposal prepared by Anthea included in this month’s meeting for us to approve. I urge all SC members to get on board with helping to advertise this event, as it is our big ticket event
of the year, and competes with faculty and the Flinders Living balls (and the ticket price is much lower!). In 2013 Roxy and Lauren advertised this event by lecture-bashing it while wearing ball gowns, so if any SC members are interested in a similar kind of stunt, please let me know. Anthea and Rachael will also be setting up a stall advertising it in the Humanities Courtyard (date/s TBC), but it would be great to see some SC members helping to advertise it. Of course, sharing it on Facebook and inviting your friends to the event helps too, so please share away!

NDA
I unfortunately was struck down with the flu during the week of the NDA, so was unable to attend in person, but I did share and invite friends to the Facebook event, and spoke about it to my classmates in the weeks before.

SUPER TUESDAY
I attempted to spread the word (and not the flu!) to as many Flinders students as possible about Super Tuesday, via Facebook and word of mouth advertising. On the day I attended the Humanities Courtyard BBQ, and the Creative Arts/Humanities meeting, where I was elected into the President position unopposed. I will be working with other school association presidents, my association, Caleb and FUSA staff to ensure this project takes its intended direction now, and continue to build my association so that it will remain sustainable for years to come.

PUB CRAWL
After discussions with other SC members, we have begun with great fervour to organise the semester 2 pub crawl. I have found a new shirt supplier with a very short turnaround time, and have included a budget proposal that I hope Student council approves at our September meeting.

5.10. Accessibility Officer Report

Carry Over From July

27th July

11:00am – 4:00pm (6 hours)

- Attended and helped out at FUSA’s O’week stall

30th July

5:00pm – 9:00pm (4 hours)

- Attended the O’week quiz night

NUS Wellbeing Survey
3rd August

9:00am – 5pm (8 hours)

- Setting up the stall
- Manning the stall
- Interacting with students
- Collective survey data
- Packing up the stall

**NUS National Day of Action**

12th August (1 hour)

- Research

13th August

12.45pm – 1.50pm (1 hour 5 minutes)

- Phone calls organising things for the NDA

4.35pm – 4.45pm (10 minutes)

- Phone calls organising things for the NDA

14th August

9.10am – 10:00am (50 minutes)

- NDA Meeting and booking stalls, the marquee, etc.

2.30pm – 4.30pm (2 hours)

- Ordering food for the NDA

17th August

9:00am – 3:00pm (6 hours)

- Setting up the stall
- Manning the stall
- Interacting with students

18th August

9:00am – 3:00pm (6 hours)

- Setting up the stall
- Manning the stall
- Interacting with students
- Packing up the stall
- Attended the NDA Emails
- Corresponded with the Disability Advisors and Chris O’Grady regarding several accessibility issues
- Organised a meeting with the Andrew Parking for next month to discuss and try to resolve some accessibility issues
- Emailed Shane Jennings to set up a meeting to discuss the bus area redevelopment

**Other**

- Gave a lecturer a tour to show her how to navigate the North Ridge via lifts (30 minutes)

5.11. **Post-Grad Officer Report – none received**

5.12. **Indigenous Officer Report**

_1st - 5th August_ – Organised and facilitated NAIDOC at Flinders University Day.

_10th August_ – Discussion with Director of Office of Indigenous Strategy and Engagement around dual-naming of the new hub – this is still being discussed.

_27th August_ – Met with Director Yunggorendi about Indigenous student issues & for students to attend NIRAKN & NATSIHEC Conference in September – I am looking into funding options.

_27th August_ – Full-day tutoring Indigenous students at Yunggorendi.

**Ongoing** – Planning to facilitate another Indigenous student meet & greet event for mid-year intake students and ongoing students. Further, beginning to plan how we can allow Indigenous students to graduate with Indigenous scarfs on their graduation gowns, as many other universities allow this.

*Note – I have had glandular fever which is why I have not been able to attend university for the past three weeks. Thank you for your patience.*

5.13. **General Member Reports**

**Catherine Wagg:** Attended NUS hotdog day to promote NDA - 3 hours

Attended Super Tuesday in Humanities Courtyard, spoke to people about the day and collected membership sign up forms - 3 hours

Discussions with Simone and other relevant parties and mock up designs for the pub crawl - 3 hours
Nothing to add to the minutes.

5.14. MSE Report

Manager Student Engagement – Update – SEPTEMBER 2015

FUSA Staff

Student Representation & Development Officer

The recruitment process for this position is now complete. Kate Walsh will begin in the role on Monday September 7. The appointment committee consisted of myself, the Student President and the Team Leader, Student Assist.

Student Radio

The Student Radio project has been approved by the Senior Executive Team of the University. The plan was to have the station fully operational for a launch during the first few weeks of Semester One 2016 to coincide with some of the 50th Anniversary celebrations. Given the approval process took over four months, we are now behind schedule and this timeframe is looking highly unlikely to impossible. What we may do however, is have a soft launch in Semester One, including a recruitment drive for students to get involved - with the aim to have the station 'go live' during Semester Two.

I will now put together a plan to move forward with this project including the appointment of a Radio Coordinator.

FUSA Rebrand

The Rebrand is now complete. Thank you to all Student Council members for your input throughout the process. Myself, James and Steph will meet with Buildings and Property the week beginning the 31.8.15 to discuss the implementation of the logo and new branding within the new spaces within the Hub.

2015 FUSA Elections

The timeline for the 2015 FUSA Elections (Student Council, NUS and Empire Times):

- Nominations Open 9:00am: Sep 7
- Nominations Close 3:00pm: Sep 21
- Election Begins 9:00am: Oct 12
- Election Finishes 3:00pm: Oct 15
Student Assist Report – August 2015 - Prepared by the Team Leader, Student Assist

Casework

The number of students requesting assistance from Student Assist (SA) has increased to 93 from the 59 (57 at the time of report submission) new cases that were opened in July.

This increase is largely due to the required interviews of Second Semester Grant applicants at this time of the year.

The SAO’s and SFAO have assisted with a total of 133 issues (up from 99 last month) comprising Second Semester Grants (50%), requests for Emergency Financial Assistance (15%), Supplementary assessment issues (6%) and Academic Integrity matters (5%).

In addition, 21 students have contacted the Student Assist general email address for assistance. Academic enquiries comprised 61.1% of the email correspondence maintained via the Student Assist general email address, an almost identical trend to the enquiries received in July. Only 22% of the enquiries resulted in an either an appointment or advice to make an appointment with a Student Assist staff, reflecting the triage nature of this service.

Students using this medium of communication with Student Assist were chiefly domestic (77.7%) and female (72.2%), almost identical percentages to those observed in July.

Second Semester Grant interviews and assessment have been finalised, with 55 applications for the general pool of funding and 19 applications from the cohort of students affected by the Nepalese earthquake (separate funding line).

Meetings/Communications

- Presentation to Work Integrated Learning Forum
- Volunteer Expo stall

Planning

- Antipoverty Week
- RUOK day
- Mental Health Week

Policy

- Enrolment policy and procedures review submitted
- Nursing submission under review re problematic topics: NURS1002; NURS3005; NURS2003 and NURS 3002.
- Invited to provide further comments to Assessment Policy and Procedures review. Due 15th September. Student Council invited to participate.

Professional Development
- South Australian Financial Counsellors Association conference

**CASEWORK ANALYSIS**

**ISSUES BY CATEGORY**

- Financial: 74%
- Academic: 24%
- Welfare: 2%
SECOND SEMESTER GRANTS (SSG) BY SCHOOL

- Nursing, 22, 33%
- Psychology, 10, 15%
- Health Sciences, 6, 9%
- Social & Policy Studies, 6, 9%
- Computer Science, Engineering & Maths, 6, 9%
- International Studies, 3, 4%
- Business School, 1, 1%
- Humanities, 1, 2%
- Education, 1, 2%
- Medicine, 1, 2%
- BA, 3, 4%
- Law, 4, 6%
- N/A, 3, 4%
Media Report – August 2015 - Prepared by the Media Officer

- Election designs complete, marketing to commence shortly.
- With logo complete, branding guide nearly complete - met with potential printers, potential promotional companies coming in coming week (for tote bags, lollipops etc)
- Social media Super Tuesday pages to be set up shortly
- MO to begin work on Comms plan
- Student Art budget and Art consultation to be discussed next meeting (2 different projects)
- Student Diary needs to be checked/updated in regards to new locations and services
- SC designs and events include Women’s Seminars, Pub Crawl, Super Tuesday, FUSA Ball
- Will crack 5,000 likes on Facebook by the time you read this. Started with 281 likes!
- O’Week directors have had next meeting to kick off 2016 Sem 1 O’Week prep. Cheers to Grace for attending. Rach is key contact for this gigantic project, but consultation
on theme, design, website and implementation has begun. SEO Kate to aid in the
development of this project with MO.

- MO potentially welcoming in a Flinders Uni student intern in coming month

**Events Report – August 2015** - Prepared by the Events & Projects Officer

The start of August was also the start of work for FUSA’s new Events Assistant, Anthea
Stanton. Anthea is in her last semester of a Bachelor of Arts and is working with me on
O’Week and FUSA Events for 20 hours a week. We’re all very glad to have our new team
member on board!

Some of Anthea’s work so far includes -

**SUPER TUESDAY**
- Organised the purchasing and payment of Coffee Vouchers
- Began the Super Tuesday Packs for FUSA staff to run their AGM
- Hosted FUCAHSA AGM, successful with all positions (bar the theology
  representative) fulfilled.
- Attended FUCAHSA Debrief.

**FUSA BALL**
- Picking up where previous Events SEO left off.
- Social Activities Officer (SAO) selected the Ellington, but after reviewed it was too
  far from the CBD and is a stretch of our duty of care.
- New venues we found, SAO chose Hotel Richmond for the date and location
- Final Proposal submitted to MSE Wednesday 26/08.

Some of my work for August has included:

- Inducting the Events Assistant to her new role
- Event Review
  - Developing a more detailed event review process for all of our events so we
    can continuously review and develop our event planning and delivery
- O’Week S2 Report
  - Reviewing FUSA’s first O’Week for O’WAG
- NAIDOC – 5th August
  - Supported IO with the planning and set up of NAIDOC at Flinders on
    Wednesday 5th August.
  - Coordinated the Flag Raising Ceremony logistics (marquee and AV
    contractors) with IO and the Office of Communication and Engagement
    (OCE).
o Set up of Flag Raising Ceremony site and liaison with contractors
Congratulations to the Indigenous Officer (IO) on a very carefully planned event. All of the IO’s hard work was evident in the success of the event. Well done!

• Band Comp - Flinders Heats and State Final
  o Event planning and execution in collaboration with C&EO.
  o The event was a success with 6 out of 7 registered bands showing up and competing in the competition
  o DeCafe (Sturt Campus) was a great venue for Band Comp – I recommend this space for future events due to the large crowd it pulls over lunchtime, the space of the venue and the very helpful and flexible staff.
  o Now gearing up for the State finals on Thursday 3rd September. 6.30pm at Fowlers Live – please come along to support the Flinders bands competing. Free entry for students!

• FUSA Masquerade Ball
  o Anthea, SAO and I have been planning the FUSA Ball with Anthea taking the lead on the finer details
  o The ball will be held on Friday 16th October at Hotel Richmond (Rundle Mall)
  o Tickets on sale next week – check FUSA FB for updates

• Relax Day & Welfare breakfasts
  o Supporting the Admin team in the planning and coordination of Relax and Welfare events.
  o I’ll be attending the joint Relax/Welfare event at Tonsley on Tuesday 1st September to ensure it goes well and we get maximum engagement with Tonsley students.

Other events & projects in planning stages

• Outdoor Cinema will be held during October in the Humanities Courtyard.
  o 13 Oct: Guardians of the Galaxy
  o 20 Oct: Pride
  o 27 Oct: The Princess Bride

• O’Week 2016
  o Planning has begun!
  o Meetings with University Staff around the Plaza/Student Hub as a venue for daytime O’Week activities and O’Fiesta
  o Meetings with 5/4 Entertainment around securing talent for O’Fiesta
o Ongoing discussion with O’Week Student Directors – two meetings have occurred this month, along with a Facebook group as our main method of communication

o Begun talking themes and design with MO – O’Week 2016 will be themed around retro futurism.

As always, I invite Student Council members to get in touch if you’re planning any events or activities, or if you have any questions about the events we’re currently working on.

**Clubs and Events Report – August 2015** - Prepared by the Clubs and Events Officer

1.0 National Campus Band Competition Local Heat

The Events Team has been primarily focused on the National Campus Band Competition at both a local and state level.

The Flinders Heat of the competition was held in the DeCafe in the Sturt precinct of Flinders University on the 13\(^\text{th}\) of August. The event consisted of seven entrants, however one band unfortunately dropped out on the day of the event. The event ran smoothly, with several strong contenders. We recommend that the MC for the event, Lori, be used for future hosting work as she is an incredibly engaging and funny host. ‘Babes Are Wolves’ and ‘Chérie de Klerk’ were selected to compete for Flinders University in the State Final.

The State Final will be held at Fowler’s Live on North Terrace on Thursday the 3\(^\text{rd}\) of September, with doors opening at 6:30pm. Entry is free for all current students of Flinders University, UniSA and University of Adelaide, and will see the top two bands from each university compete to move to the national final in Sydney in late September. We strongly encourage students to attend the state final and support Flinders!

2.0 Super Tuesday

Super Tuesday is a large project involving the establishment of five school associations simultaneously. Meetings have been held with the Deans of each school and academic clubs with strong links to the school to gauge the structure for an association that best represents students within each school.

The event itself consisted of three barbeques and stalls held simultaneously on campus in Anchor Court, Humanities Courtyard and Sturt. FUSA Staff and members of student council signed up members to each association and promoted the annual general meetings of each school association to meet quorum, accept the School Association constitutions and elect students to their associated committees. While the Creative Arts and Humanities School Association, Social and Policy Studies School Association and Health Sciences Student
Association were successfully set up with students elected to most executive roles; the Biological Sciences and Environmental Sciences Associations failed to get underway as there were not enough students in attendance to meet quorum. As nominations for committee for each of these associations were very low, it is unlikely that upon meeting quorum an executive committee would have been filled.

The nature of the event caused complications due to a combination of limited resources and staff to run simultaneous events, annual general meetings being perceived as very ‘dry’ and ultimately uninteresting meetings to attend, and that meetings could not be held on days targeted to specific schools (based upon class times, etc).

With this in mind, the event was still an overall success. Many members were signed up to each association, and considering the initially poor response for student nominations for committee, we were pleasantly surprised to find that three associations were successfully established, with the Creative Arts and Humanities Association looking particularly promising. Staff and Student Council did a great job of promoting (and running) the meetings and signing up members, however at the end of the day the fate of each school association will depend upon whether there are students with the time and enthusiasm to run them.

Our next step will be to get in touch with each association to discuss the operations of their association and the future of the association. Training will also be required to ensure students are adequately prepared to both represent the students of their school and running events and campaigns for the association.

8.0 Future
As FUSA runs many events requiring large amounts of time, the majority of my time has been allocated to Events projects. As our new Events Assistant Anthea has since joined our team, I hope to focus more time on our Clubs and Societies (including the operational support of our new School Associations) in the knowledge that the Events and Projects Officer will be strongly supported. While there will undoubtedly be times where I will need to assist with or manage events, this will ensure that both Clubs & Societies and Events will be provided equal focus.

Please note that for FUSA and Student Council events the primary contact is now typically our Events and Projects Officer, Rachael Pollock, although she may direct you back to me for some events. The operations of our Clubs, Societies and School Associations can be directed to me as usual. This also includes any Club, Society or Association run events.

6. Matters for Decision
6.1. Unibooks – Student President

Independent revenues streams – some thoughts... FUSA should take over textbook service.

The issue of an independent revenue stream is important to many student council members and student activists that can see correctly that we need a student association that is student controlled and financially independent from the university. There are always dangers thou in terms of how we do this. The Adelaide University Union (AUU) should be seen as an example we do not want to follow as their revenue streams often involve ripping students off rather than adopting business/operational models that are student (member friendly) whilst providing revenue.

AUU’s recent announcement of the closure of Unibooks is the bitter fruit of corporate student unionism. Unibooks provides a vital student service. Its closure will result in less control by students over textbook costs and will cause many job losses, including important student employment opportunities. I urge the AUU Board to immediately reverse their decision and to instead adopt a new Unibooks business/operational model that puts students’ interests first. It is well established that students face crippling financial burdens associated with their education. The AUU union’s core objective should be to mitigate the burdens of student life.

AUU should transfer the Flinders Unibooks to FUSA control.

FUSA should demand Flinders University support FUSA as the organisation that runs the textbook service at Flinders University. Our operational/business model should be multifaceted in order to provide for all the textbook needs of students. The new business model should include the following:

- Textbook library
- Second hand textbook distribution
- New textbooks at wholesale prices
- Digitised and accessible alternatives

This business model would create important student employment opportunities and should be funded by SSAF funding as textbooks are a vital student service.

Motion: That Flinders University support Flinders University Student Association (FUSA) setting up the primary textbook service. That SSAF funding will be allocated for this service and that all revenue goes to FUSA.
6.2. NURS1002 – James Vigus

Currently Student Assist is experiencing large numbers of School of Nursing students requesting assistance and support over the last three months.

In particular, issues with NURS1002; NURS3001; NURS3002 and NURS3005 have caused issues with a critical mass of students requesting advocacy.

Complaints in regards to the School of Nursing are always far ahead of any other School. The systemic nature of these grievances have a similar pattern; if a large number of students in one topic are affected it is often an administrative issue rather than related to academic or competency based.

Grievances in 2015 form a similar pattern to 2014. In 2014, the School registered 136 grievances while the nearest School registered 53. Again, in 2015 the School of Nursing registers the highest number of grievances at this stage of the year at 40.

NURS1002: Currently student assist has received over 11 complaints re this topic. This topic is a first year, first semester topic where students are still trying to come to grips with the FLO system and the whole nature of engaging at University. It is a pre-placement and pre-requisite topic and if students do not pass the grade, they cannot undertake the placement topic. In their first semester, students are faced with their degree stretching another 12 months.

Mainly the serious issue of assessment design that has caused so many students to fail this topic. 6 quizzes require each to be passed by 70% or more. One student missed the quizzes for 1002 but could access quizzes to NURS2002 and passed them but failed the topic; several students made simple, small errors of thinking they had done all the quizzes but had missed one resulting in failing the topic, unable to enrol in the following placement topic and adding 12 months to their degree. Students were alerted by generic emails to ensure they had completed the quizzes but all believed the emails did not apply to them, only realising they had failed when they received their grade.

These small errors have disproportionate consequences. They are administrative errors not academic or learning errors and students have not been able to demonstrate competency. No supplementary was offered in regards to the quizzes.

Motion: That all students who fail topic NURS1002 be given a supplementary to demonstrate their competency, and at least be given a chance to change the fail grade on
their transcript.

6.3. Refugee Scholarships – Grace H & Brodie M

Flinders educates many students with various different backgrounds from all over the world. But there is another group of students that the University should accept. These are the refugees that come to Australia to seek asylum. This uni should be made a Refugee Welcome Zone, this can be done by signing up to do so with the Refugee Council of Australia.

Many of these people have escaped harsh conditions which made them unable to complete their education. In a time of intense demonization of and discrimination against refugees, Flinders should step up and be a place that accepts all kinds of students, and offers them a high quality education.

The Uni should be open to these students and allow them to experience the opportunity of receiving an excellent tertiary education. In addition to taking a public stand against racism by declaring the campus a Refugee Welcome Zone, each year, at least one student from a refugee background, whether in Australia on a humanitarian visa or a bridging visa, should be granted a scholarship allowing them to study, fully covering the cost of a degree. La Trobe, Swinburne and various other Universities already grant similar scholarships for refugees.

A lot of these students will not be fluent in English, so the university will require them to do English bridging courses to get past the language barrier, such as General English for Academic purposes (GEAP) and Pre-Enrolment English Program (PEP). In order to make their transition into study easier, these programs must be offered free of charge.

**Motion:** that SC demand Flinders University declare itself a refugee welcome zone, and in doing so take a public stand against the politics of racism and fearmongering.

That Flinders University offer at least one student from a refugee background (be that someone on a humanitarian visa or bridging visa) per year a scholarship covering the cost of study at Flinders.

That Flinders University provide English language bridging courses free of charge to these students, if they require such courses.

6.4. Election Stickers – Caleb P

Campaigners for the last FUSA elections know all too well how frustrated students can get when they are repeatedly asked whether they wish to vote in the elections. A way of alleviating this could be to offer an ‘I voted in the FUSA elections’ sticker when they successfully complete their vote. Given that regulations now require we have a physical
presence during elections, this is a prime opportunity to trial this system. Some students may even wear a sticker as a badge of pride that they contributed to the democratic process at the University. Candidates running for the election are then easily able to identify the students who have already voted.

Motion:

Student Council endorses the election sticker proposal.

Student Council directs the election stickers to only be handed out to candidates who are able to prove they voted in the FUSA elections, either under the supervision of the polling booth clerk as outlined in the Election Regulations or via an electronic device if the student has voted online under the scrutiny of a polling clerk. The polling booth clerk will be responsible for the handing out of stickers.

Student Council directs the Manager, Student Engagement to fund the stickers out of the unused salary from the unfilled position of Student Representation and Development Officer over the last 8 weeks.

6.5. Student Services and Amenities Fee – Caleb P

Given the miscommunication surrounding pizza on the agenda, I wish to push forth a practical solution. The spending of the SSAF should be transparent to any student. The spending of SSAF by student council given they are the elected student representative, while it should be accountable, it should be accountable to students that elect not Flinders University staff. This is in the exception that it is blatantly against the legislation. The transparency of SSAF should be conducted through an avenue of an online entry. Student Council would be able to enter details about their purchases and bank details for reimbursement. This would also create a database for students to note where/how their SSAF is being spent.

Motion:

Student council directs the Manager, Student Engagement to make the SSAF budget open and transparent on the FUSA website within 7 days of the Student Council meeting.

Student council directs the Manager, Student Engagement to establish an online SSAF form that Student Council, Clubs and Societies can use to enter purchase details, comments and reimbursement information.
6.6. Student Council Control of Events- Caleb P

Too often for a professional organisation we have cancelled or changed events at the last minute over the last year. Often this comes down to lack of communication between the directors of FUSA, the Student Council, and the FUSA staff. In order to move forward and develop a more open and positive relationship between the two I propose creating some requirements around the running of Student Council driven events. I understand the underlying concerns that some Student Council members are rarely in the FUSA office and as such cannot be communicated with. However in the globalised world we currently live in, it is incredibly easy to make a phone call or send an email. The power of a conversation should never be underestimated.

The motion aims to alleviate the alienation some council members face when decisions are made without consultation. While the motion instructs FUSA staff to contact the councillor, it should also be noted that FUSA staff who can clearly show contact has been attempted yet the councillor has not been available who an extended period should not be held accountable.

Motion:

When there is an event endorsed or created by Student Council, the councillor who motions the event becomes the director of the event. If any changes are required to the event, the director (the councillor member who initiated the motion) must be contacted to discuss the change. At any stage the councillor may delegate partial or full responsibility to the FUSA staff.

6.7. Unofficial FUSA Minutes – Caleb P

Currently, the cycle of the FUSA agenda and minutes is excessively prolonged and not practical. Many clubs and societies and furthermore the students who are keenly interested in their association are unable to stay up to date with the issues until a month or two has passed. Like many official organisations, including the University Council, I am proposing an unofficial set of minutes are released until they are confirmed at the next council meeting.

Motion:

Student Council endorses transferring to a system where unofficial minutes are released through email to Student Council and transparently on the FUSA website no more than 14 days from the Student Council meeting. The official minutes will continue to be officially endorsed at the next FUSA Student Council meeting.
6.8. Office Bearer Requirements – Caleb P

currently the FUSA regulations state that both the education and welfare officers should spend the equivalent of 3 hours fulfilling their duties. This is absurd and reflects on the lack of student drive within the student association. Through my role this year I have been working between 20-30 hours a week. Although this should be a benchmark, the reality is many elected representatives will only do what is required of them. This year I have tried to establish long term structures and as such the role of Education Officer will organically increase the more sophisticated these structures get. Similarly, with the role of Welfare Officer comes the responsibility of the welfare subcommittee, advocating for all regional and external students and implementing the frequent NUS campaigns. While much of this is already discussed in the FUSA Student Council Roles and Duties Regulations, adequate thought has not been given to the time requirements to fulfil these duties.

Motion:

Student Council endorses the proposed changes to the Student Council Members Roles and Duties Regulations effective immediately

Student Council directs the Manager, Student Engagement to endorse an appropriate increase in honorarium

6.9. Car Parking– Caleb P

This is an issue that many students are upset and vocal about. It is a complex and multidimensional topic of debate. To set the ground for campaigning towards a better system, I want to hear from the students what they are mostly upset about so that the campaign can be focused and effective. The survey can be found at: http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2290948/Car-Parking-at-Flinders-University

I am budgeting $500 to purchase supplies for the physical survey I will be conduct and to cook a BBQ to encourage students to complete the survey.

Motion:

Student council endorses the car parking survey
All student council members will share the survey digitally and through FUSA collectives
Student council support $500 from the Education Officer’s budget to be allocated to the car parking survey.

6.10. School Associations – Caleb P

as outlined in my report, 3 school associations were created on ‘Super Tuesday’. Although they haven’t quite fulfilled the requirements of financial affiliation as they only had 3 days to do so, I think we should make it so the executive has the power to approve the association as soon as they are ready. This is on the condition they fulfil all financial affiliation requirements and fulfil the aims and objects outlined in the School Association Project brief.
In the interest of not holding these associations up and helping the associations move forward I propose the following.

Motion:

Student Council agrees to delegate the full power to financially affiliate the associations that represent the Schools of Humanities & Creative Arts, Social & Policy Studies and Health Sciences to the Executive body of the Student Council.

6.11. **FUSA condemns NSW Govt’s homophobia - Grace H**

The banning of screening the film Gayby Baby in NSW schools is an explicitly homophobic act on the part of the NSW Government. The events surrounding the banning have been disturbing. The Daily Telegraph has published a series of homophobic articles, claiming that children of same sex parents are abnormal, that gayness must be kept out of schools and away from children, and that Tony Abbott must be praised for managing to be ever so slightly less homophobic than he was several years ago. This is fucked.

Motion: FUSA strongly condemns homophobia in all instances, including the overt homophobia of the Daily Telegraph and the NSW Government. FUSA condemns the banning of Gayby Baby in schools, and condemns censorship more broadly. FUSA asserts that there is absolutely nothing wrong with the “gay push” (as the Daily Telegraph put it) in schools. FUSA supports the NSW high school students who have stood up to these homophobic bullies by wearing purple, demanding that the film be shown, and attending the CAAH protests.

6.12. **FUSA condemns racist Operation Fortitude - Grace H**

Last week, it was announced that special border force police would be taking inspiration from the Gestapo, patrolling the streets of Melbourne, checking visas at random. It should be noted that this task was also to be shared by the Victorian state police, who of course are now operating in a Labor controlled state. After much public outrage and a serious protest effort which saw Flinders Street intersection occupied by hundreds of people, Operation Fortitude was cancelled. This is a testament to the effectiveness of protest. We should not be fooled into thinking that this plan has been totally abandoned though. Rather than apologising for the intention to racially profile Melburnians, and empower the police to stop people at random and demand to see their papers, the Liberal Government and the border force agency have apologised for the wording of their statement. Rather than condemn the plan to target migrants, Labor has condemned the wording of the border force statement, with Bill Shorten going so far as to say the real mistake was to announce the intention to stop people and demand to see their papers before doing it. It would be absolutely wrong for FUSA to remain
neutral on the questions of racial profiling, and police powers to demand that people show their papers like we’re in Nazi Germany.

**Motion:** FUSA condemns the Victorian Police, the Border Force, the Victorian State Government, and the Australian Federal Government, for orchestrating the racist Operation Fortitude.

FUSA rejects that the police should have the authority to stop people randomly on the streets and demand to see identification or VISAS.

FUSA considers the statements from the Labor party that the problem with Operation Fortitude was the *wording of the press statement* to be completely inadequate.

FUSA calls upon the Labor Party to oppose the concept and practice of racial profiling and police abuse, rather than opposing *forewarning* people of racial profiling and police abuse.

FUSA supports the right of Aboriginal people, Torres Straight Islander people, International Students, foreign workers, migrants, Muslims, and everyone else to go about their business without being abused by the police. FUSA supports the rights of all to study and work without being racially profiled and vilified.

FUSA supports the protest action taken by the students and workers in Melbourne who occupied the intersection at Flinders St Station, and prevented the planned Vic Police and Border Force press conference scheduled for that afternoon.

**6.13. Proposal to access the Indigenous Officer’s professional development budget to attend the joint NIRAKN & NATSIHEC International Indigenous Research Conference – Latoya R**

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**1.0 Background**

The National Indigenous Research and Knowledges Network (NIRAKN) is a national, inclusive, multidisciplinary hub and spokes model network of Indigenous researchers at various stages of their careers. NATSIHEC (AC) and its antecedent group the National Indigenous Higher Education Network (NIHEN) has advocated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander access, scholarship and research in the Higher Education Sector since the early 1990s.
This two-day conference will bring together Indigenous leaders from around Australia and other international First Nations leaders to talk about Indigenous research and Indigenous peoples in higher education. The vast majority of those attending are well-known and respected Professors of Indigenous knowledges and Directors of Indigenous units in universities across Australia, Canada and New Zealand. Further, Christopher Pyne will be having a period of question time at this conference. One of our own Directors of Yunggorendi, Simone Tur, will also be presenting at this conference as a member of NATSIHEC.

I believe it is crucial that I attend this conference, not only to question Christopher Pyne on Indigenous student issues such as ITAS tutoring funding and curriculum (and, of course, de-regulation), but to meet with Indigenous leaders about forming further supports for our Indigenous students, especially at Flinders University. *NATSIHEC replaced ATSIHEC this year, which means that they are now the leading board that consults directly with Christopher Pyne and other state and federal education boards on Indigenous education. I was fortunate enough to speak at one of their meetings in Adelaide this year and address student matters on behalf of the ATSI NUS delegate. Attending this conference would also be good to maintain those newly-formed connections with NATSIHEC.

2.0 Time/ Date/ Location
This event will be held on the Tuesday 29th – Wednesday 30th September, 2015. Conference days are full days – held at the Stamford Plaza Hotel, North Terrace, Adelaide.

3.0 Budget

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Total needed from budget: $350
4.0 Queries

Queries can be directed to the Indigenous Students Officer at indigenous.officer@flinders.edu.au or 0413 931 441.

Motion: Student Council approve the proposal to access the Indigenous Student’s Officer’s professional development budget for the purpose of attending the NIRAKN & NATSIHEC two day conference.


I am planning to create some resource boxes to give out to students who use the counselling service. This plan has the support of the counselling team.

The boxes will contain things to help the students who are struggling with mental illness in times of distress. It will contain things such as a list of distress tolerance skills, coloured pencils, mandalas, soothing teas, and mindfulness recordings (e.g. guided relaxation, grounding techniques, help staying with difficult emotions etc.) I think this is important as it’s one thing for a person to discuss strategies etc. when they’re with their friend/counsellor and an entirely other thing to actually put them into practice when they're distressed – having a resource box there will help.

Motion: that Student Council approves $500 from the Welfare Officer’s budget for this initiative.

6.15. Proposal for FUSA Semester 2 Pub-crawl - Simone J

Contents

1.0 Background
   2.0 Event Details
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   5.0 Motion

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2.0 Event details

The crawl itself is to be held on Friday October 23\textsuperscript{rd}, which is week 11 of teaching time. This date was chosen to give ample time for sales and shirt printing, and also in order to not clash with any other events being run by FUSA, FUSA affiliated clubs or Flinders Living. At this stage, the expected route for the crawl will be PJ O’Briens – The Elephant – London Tavern – The Woolshed, pending booking with those pubs.

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**Total budget: $3005** to be taken from above named Council Member budgets.

4.0 Queries
   
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5.0 Motion
I move that Student Council approve the above outlined budget of $3005 to fund the Semester 2 FUSA Pub Crawl, and Student Council agree to support and promote the event while t-shirts are on sale.

Motioned: Simone Jowett  
Seconded: Catherine Wagg

6.16.  Proposal for FUSA Ball

*(Please see attached document)*

**Motion:** "I move that Student Council endorse the FUSA Ball, accept the budget as written above, encourage all Student Council members to attend the event, and direct all members to actively promote the event to their networks."

6.17.  Divestment - Brodie M

Despite the successful (though possibly temporary) loss of approval for the carmichael coal mine, there is still a continued push for more fossil fuel and uranium mining operations by the federal and state governments. Our Uni should be making no contribution toward projects which cause potentially irreparable damage to the environment and to humanity.

Motion:  
I move that FUSA demands Flinders University's divestment from all investments held in fossil fuel or nuclear energy or mining companies.
6.18. **It’s Political - Jack H**

FUSA notes:

1. That the constitution describes FUSA’s function and purpose is to 'promote and advance the rights, interests and welfare of students'

FUSA believes:

1. That in order to achieve its function and purpose FUSA must engage in political activity, whether that be lobbying key stakeholders or exercising student's right to protest or running other campaigns.

FUSA resolves:

1. That FUSA is a political organisation and that many of the things FUSA does is of a political nature.

6.19. **When Uncle Sam Comes to Flinders – Jack H**

FUSA notes:

1. The success of the American themed NDA held on August 18th and 19th and the large number of students that engaged in the activities. Activities included writing a note to Senator Xenophon asking him to continue to vote against fee deregulation and asking students to write a message to Christopher Pyne and have a photo taken of them with that message.

FUSA believes:

1. That it is important to engage students on issues directly affecting them, especially when the issue is students at Flinders University could be graduating $100,000 in debt.

2. That FUSA should continue to do its part in fighting the government's commitment to fee deregulation.

FUSA resolves:

1. To thank everyone who helped on the days.

2. To keep taking action under FUSA and NUS branding.

6.20. **Prayer Rooms – Siti M**

As stated on my report, I met FUMA’s representative and discussed about their request for spacious prayer room at Flinders University Main Campus. They have been advocating this issue since 2009 but received no significant response from Uni. They continuing their effort
over the years since there has been an increasing numbers of Muslim students and staffs which demand availability of bigger prayer room. They also have been collecting more than 200 signatures from students and staffs who become the actual users of the prayer room (especially on Friday prayer).

**Motion:**

Student council supports FUMA in advocating more proper prayer’s room for Muslim students at Flinders University Main Campus by sending support letter to Uni (IO will consults the draft of the letter with SC)

6.21. **Mental Health Week – Ella K**

**Motion:** that Student Council approved $1000 from the events budget to be used for mental health week resources and give always.

6.22. **Make FUSA BBQs Halal – Grace H**

There’s a growing number of Muslim students on this campus, many of whom adhere to Halal dietary requirements. In addition to this basic fact one of the ways which Muslims are demonized in the Western world is through scare campaigns about Halal, claiming that Halal food funds terrorism. This is, of course, rubbish. FUSA should be proud to take a public stand against the racist nonsense about Halal. All our BBQs should serve

**Motion:** That FUSA commit to oppose racism by ensuring that all meat offered at our BBQs is Halal.

6.23. **Club Affiliation – Grace H**

i. **Flinders Fashion Student Society**

**Purpose:** The society will exist to connect current and future fashion students through educational workshops, recreational events and other social channels. It will act as a platform for students to promote their work, and support others within the fashion community.

**Motion:** That Student Council accept the application for Financial Affiliation of the Flinders Fashion Student Society

7. **Matters for discussion**

7.1. **Discussion Paper on the Incorporation of FUSA – Chris O**

Please refer to the attached document
8. Matters for Noting

8.1. 2015 FUSA Elections – Chris O

The timeline for the 2015 FUSA Elections (Student Council, NUS and Empire Times):

Nominations Open 9:00am     Sep 7
Nominations Close 3:00pm    Sep 21
Election Begins 9:00am      Oct 12
Election Finishes 3:00pm    Oct 15
Document 3: Proposal for FUSA Semester 2 Pub Crawl

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10.0 Motion

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Motioned: Simone Jowett
Seconded: Catherine Wagg
Document 4: Proposal to access the Indigenous Officer’s professional development budget to attend the joint NIRAKN & NATSIHEC International Indigenous Research Conference

Contents

3.0 Background
4.0 Time/Date/Location
3.0 Budget
4.0 Queries

3.0 Background
The National Indigenous Research and Knowledges Network (NIRAKN) is a national, inclusive, multidisciplinary hub and spokes model network of Indigenous researchers at various stages of their careers. NATSIHEC (AC) and its antecedent group the National Indigenous Higher Education Network (NIHEN) has advocated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander access, scholarship and research in the Higher Education Sector since the early 1990s. This two-day conference will bring together Indigenous leaders from around Australia and other international First Nations leaders to talk about Indigenous research and Indigenous peoples in higher education. The vast majority of those attending are well-known and respected Professors of Indigenous knowledges and Directors of Indigenous units in universities across Australia, Canada and New Zealand. Further, Christopher Pyne will be having a period of question time at this conference. One of our own Directors of Yunggorendi, Simone Tur, will also be presenting at this conference as a member of NATSIHEC.

I believe it is crucial that I attend this conference, not only to question Christopher Pyne on Indigenous student issues such as ITAS tutoring funding and curriculum (and, of course, de-regulation), but to meet with Indigenous leaders about forming further supports for our Indigenous students, especially at Flinders University.

* NATSIHEC replaced ATSIHEC this year, which means that they are now the leading board that consults directly with Christopher Pyne and other state and federal education boards on Indigenous education. I was fortunate enough to speak at one of their meetings in Adelaide this year and address student matters on behalf of the ATSI NUS delegate. Attending this conference would also be good to maintain those newly-formed connections with NATSIHEC.

4.0 Time/Date/Location
This event will be held on the Tuesday 29th – Wednesday 30th September, 2015. Conference days are full days – held at the Stamford Plaza Hotel, North Terrace, Adelaide.
3.0  Budget

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4.0  Queries

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Motion: Student Council approve the proposal to access the Indigenous Student’s Officer’s professional development budget for the purpose of attending the NIRAKN & NATSIHEC two day conference.
1.0 Introduction

Building upon the success of previous years, the 2015 FUSA Ball will be held on the 16th of October 2015. The event will be held at Hotel Richmond, Rundell Street and will begin at 1930 to 0000. The event will cater for approximately 200 students and will be Masquerade themed.

2.0 Components of Event

The FUSA Ball is an event with a multitude of components listed below.

2.1 Venue

The event will be held at Hotel Richmond 128, Rundell Mall, Adelaide South Australia, 5000.

E: functions@hotelrichmond.com.au
P: 8215 4423

2.2 Cocktail Function

A function package will be sourced from Hotel Richmond, including a food and beverage package that is subsidised $30 by FUSA for the students to enjoy. The package provides four hours of beverages and 12 food items per guest.
2.3 Speeches

Student Council will make speeches on the evening. It will be hand over and welcoming to the newly elected Council members.

2.4 Decorations

The venue will be decorated by Hotel Richmond on the day of the event. The decorations include drapes, fairy lights and flowers. $100 will be spent on masquerade masks to place around the venue.

2.5 Photography

Photographer TBA will be hired to capture the night, beginning approximately at 2000 to 2300.

3.0 Social Media

Social media will be utilised. Prior to FUSA Ball the Media Office will use social media to share information regarding the events timing and location with students. Facebook plugs will be organised and will also be used to advertise ticket sales and the venue for the ball.

4.0 Budget

Please see the 2015 Events Budget below.

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5.0 Ticket Pricing

Tickets pricing will be set at two levels, one price for students and one for non-students. For students, the tickets will be subsidised $30, however for non-students the tickets will be charged at the cost (beverage and food). The event allows for a maximum 200 subsidised guests, however no limit for non-subsidised guests.

Tickets pricing is as follows:
$50 for current Flinders Students with valid student identification

$80 for non-students

6.0 Important Dates

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6.1 Promotion – Friday the 28th of August

Promotion for this event will be provided on social media, e.g. Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, as well as including the placement of posters across campus.
If promotion occurs before the sale of tickets, it places the event in student’s consciousness, allows them time to get their funds together before tickets are to go on sale.

6.2 Ticket Sales – Friday the 4\textsuperscript{th} of September to Friday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of October

Ticket sales will open on the 4\textsuperscript{th} of September and will close on Friday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of October, however we can extend to the 9\textsuperscript{th} of October if requested.

7.0 Queries

Queries can be directed to either:

Events Assistant, Anthea Stanton, at anthea.stanton@flinders.edu.au or via phone 8201 21536

OR

Events and Project Officer, Rachael Pollock, at rachael.pollock@flinders.edu.au or via phone at 8201 2953.

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Document 6: Proposed changes to the Student Council Members Roles and Duties Regulations.

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   a) all monies of the Association;  
   b) maintaining the financial records of the Association;  
   c) keeping a register of all assets held by the Association;  
   d) the preparation of an annual budget for the Association;  
   e) the presentation of a financial report to each meeting of the Student Council meeting and the Annual General Meeting;  
   f) Provide the Student Council with a written report of his/her activities as General Secretary at each meeting of the Student Council.  
   g) calling all General Meetings of members;  
   h) being responsible for the inward and outward correspondence of the Association;  
   i) maintaining up to date records of the Association’s membership including contact details for members; and  
   j) Chair meetings of the Clubs and Societies sub-committee;  
   k) Chair the First Year Sub-Committee; and  
   l) Spend at least the equivalent of ten (10) fifteen (15) hours each week performing these duties.

3. **Education Officer shall:**
   
   a) chair the Student Representative Network;  
   b) be responsible for the coordination and implementation of the Student Council’s education campaigns as directed by the Student Council and in cooperation with the President;  
   c) promote and facilitate student activity on education related issues;  
   d) develop education campaign proposals for consideration by the Student Council;  
   e) liaise with local, national and international organisations working on education issues;  
   f) coordinate and assist all School Based Associations at Flinders University  
   g) provide the Student Council with a written report of his/her activities as Education Officer at each meeting of the Student Council;  
   h) Spend the equivalent of at least three (3) ten (10) hours a week performing these duties.

5. **Welfare Officer shall:**
   
   a) liaise and network with State and National welfare and community sector groups and peak bodies;  
   b) be responsible for the coordination and implementation of the Student Council’s welfare campaigns, as directed by the Student Council;  
   c) Chair the Welfare Sub-Committee;
d) Chair the External and Regional Sub-Committee;
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### Document 7: School Association Project Progress

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