

# FLINDERS UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Student Council Agenda Meeting: 11th September 2017

# Flinders University Student Council Meeting Agenda of the Meeting held on 11/9/2017 Alere Function Room, Hub level 2

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# 1. Acknowledgement of Country

# 2. Apologies

Chris O'Grady

Laurence Lacoon-Williamson

3. Welcome Guests

# 4. Previous Minutes

4.1 August Meeting Minutes See Appendix 3

# 5. Reports

See Appendix 1

# 6. Executive Decisions

See Appendix 2

# 7. Matters for Decision

# 7.1 Flinders Environmental Action Group – Christopher Norman

# Preamble:

The Flinders Environmental Action Group has applied for Non-Financial affiliation. They seem to meet all the affiliation requirements

See Appendix 4

# Motion:

Student Council Approve the Non-Financial Affiliation of the Flinders Environmental Action Group

# 7.2 Sri Lankan Student Association of Flinders University – Christopher Norman

# Preamble:

The Flinders Environmental Action Group has applied for Financial affiliation. They seem to meet all the affiliation requirements

See Appendix 5

# Motion:

Student Council Approve the Financial Affiliation of the Sri Lankan Student Association of Flinders University



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# 7.3 FUSA Ball Tickets Sponsorship for First Nations Collective – Yaritji Green **Preamble:**

See Appendix 6

Motion:

## 7.4 Parent Rooms Fridges – Natasha Malone

#### Preamble:

To supply all 5 parent rooms on campuses around the University with bar fridges to allow breastfeeding/ pumping parents a safe place to leave their breast milk. This motion will further promote FUSA by showing we support breast feeding, support student needs, and are all inclusive

See Appendix 7

Motion:

#### 7.5 Warriparinga Bushtucker, History and Music Workshop – Yaritji Green

**Preamble:** See Appendix 8

#### Motion:

#### 7.6 FUSA Flashback Friday – Ashley Sutherland

**Preamble:** Please see attached proposal for event details and budget breakdown.

See Appendix 9

Motion:

# 7.7 Handover Reports – Ashley Sutherland

#### Preamble:

At this point in time, FUSA Student Council does not have a great handover system between elected councils. As we approach the end of our terms, it has come to mind that we should be working to improve and formalise the handover process wherever possible. As they leave their role, it's important for representatives to discuss with their successor what they achieved/key relationships they formed/opportunities for development that they took, however, it's all too common for incoming reps not to receive any handover or something very minimal due to the nature of students'



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busy schedules and the inability to ensure that all representatives can attend the new council's induction day.

FUSA staff and Kate Walsh have agreed to assist by collating all monthly reports that each SC member has made to SC into a single document. These will be given to each new representative elected to the new council in 2018. It is my proposal that it be written into the Student Council Members Roles and Duties Regulations that:

X. The Student Representative shall:

x) provide the following council, notably their direct successor, with a written report with direct recommendations/challenges/tips and tricks as a formalised part of the student council handover. This report will be distributed, along with all previous monthly reports, to new council members at the Student Council Induction for their perusal.

These specific handover reports will be collated with the respective SC members' monthly reports as a reflection on the year passed. It's my belief that this will assist the incoming Student Council throughout their own terms. Please see attached appendix (Kate Walsh's 2015 Student Council handover form) for further reference.

#### Motion:

FUSA Student Council accept and endorse the proposal that the following clause (or something similar, with exact wording to be determined by council members) be added to the Student Council Members Roles and Duties Regulations.

# 7.8 FUSA Ball/NUS Welfare Dept. Giveaway – Ashley Sutherland

#### Preamble:

The NUS Welfare Department is still searching for submissions to their Student Housing Survey. Obviously, student housing is an important issue and affects Flinders students broadly. The FUSA Ball is coming up, and requires more advertising to boost event attendance. To benefit both the NUS and FUSA, a giveaway could be used to boost both event advertising and survey responses.

#### Motion:

FUSA Student Council approve up to \$180.00 from the Flexi Fund to be spent on pre-purchasing four student tickets to the 2017 FUSA Ball so that Council may run an NUS Student Housing Survey social media competition, encouraging students to participate in the survey in order to be in the chance to win one of two ticket packages for themselves and a friend to attend the Ball. Participants will be required to email the Social Activities Officer a screenshot or receipt number of their completed survey, along with their name, student ID number and email, to be in the running to win. The Social Activities Officer (or any willing Council member) may also run a stall on campus depending on her schedule.



# 7.9 Mental health/disabilities week motion – Kate Gallagher

### Preamble:

1 in 4 students have a diagnosable mental illness in any given year – this is higher than the general population statistic (1 in 5), and due to this much higher rate of mental illness, I feel that promoting mental health week on campus is very important. As part of the mental health week events I am working on with Oasis we wish to purchase tote bags to give out to students so they can collect information at the stalls we will be holding.

# Motion:

Student council approves \$750 from the disabilities officer budget to be spent on purchasing tote bags for mental health week, to be spent by 20/10/17.

## 7.10 Quiet space motion – Kate Gallagher

## Preamble:

Students with disabilities are one of the only autonomous groups represented by student council to not have a designated safe space on campus – in addition, there are no accessible spaces for students who may need a quiet space to calm down if they get overwhelmed. We have wanted establish a disabilities space but as a starting point I have been able to secure use of the Quiet Space in Oasis for use by students with disabilities and for storing some resources for such students. Some examples of students who would benefit from this are students with neurodevelopmental disorders, sensory processing disorders, and anxiety/panic disorders. Students who suffer from pain conditions would also benefit from a quiet place to rest. In addition to providing these students with disabilities. This would include books and information, colouring sheets and other activities to help with stress, fidget toys/sensory toys, and blankets. I hope to be able to purchase these and set up the space very soon.

#### Motion:

Student council moves that \$500 be approved from the Disabilities Officer budget to be spent on resources for the Disabilities Collective Quiet Space by 31 October 2017.

# 7.11 Student Council's support of rescheduling Mitcham Council's celebratory Australia Day events – Yaritji Green

#### Preamble:

Elizabeth Close, one of the Artists in Residence who contributed to Flinders University NAIDOC Celebrations 2017, and alumni of Flinders University, has created a petition to reschedule all celebratory Australia Day events organised by Mitcham Council. Celebrations on the 26th of January are deeply hurtful for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people. This date symbolises the day that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia changed forever. It marks the beginning of widespread genocide, theft of land, theft of children, and cultural erasure. Celebrations on this day is harmful, offensive and not inclusive of all Australians.



#### Motion:

Student Council acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's expression of hurt from celebrating Australia Day on the 26th of January. To allow Australia Day to be celebrated on the 26th of January demonstrates a clear disregard for the health, safety and well being of Aboriginal people in the community of Flinders University. Student Council support this petition put forward to the Mitcham Council, rescheduling the events planned, on the 26th of January.

7.12NUS Housing Survey – Jordon O'Reilly **Preamble:** 

#### Motion:

FUSA endorses the money for 2x double passes for flinders students to the FUSA ball for filling out the NUS Housing survey at stalls to be run over the final weeks.

7.13 FUSA 5 Year Anniversary – Jordon O'Reilly

### Preamble:

#### Motion:

Fusa to hold a 5 year anniversary of its belonging to be held in Late October/Late November depending on time.

#### 7.14 2018 Budget – Jordon O'Reilly

**Preamble:** See Appendix 11

**Motion:** FUSA student council approve the draft budget for 2018

#### 7.15 World Mental Health Day - Natasha Malone

#### Preamble:

To organise a relax day with hairdressers, Barbers, Nail Tech, Fresh Fruit and vegetables, 2 gift hampers and laughter yoga for World Mental Health Day.

See Appendix 12 Motion:

#### 7.16 Amnesty International – Christopher Norman

#### Preamble:

The Amnesty International club has applied for Non-Financial affiliation. They seem to meet all the affiliation requirements

See Appendix 13



## Motion:

Student Council Approve the Non-Financial Affiliation of the Amnesty International club

7.17 Flinders University Biotechnology Students Association – Christopher Norman **Preamble:** 

The Flinders University Biotechnology Students Association has applied for Financial affiliation. They seem to meet all the affiliation requirements.

See Appendix 14

## Motion:

Student Council Approve the Financial Affiliation of the Flinders University Biotechnology Students Association

# 8. Matters for Discussion

8.1 October SC meeting Date – Christopher Norman

# 9. Matters for Noting

10. In Camera Items