

# FLINDERS UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Student Council Agenda Meeting: 8th May 2017

## Flinders University Student Council Meeting Agenda of the Meeting held on 8/5/2017 Alere Function Room, Hub level 2

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# 1. Acknowledgement of Country

# 2. Apologies

Jordon O'Reilly Amy Hueppauff

# 3. Welcome Guests

Empire Times Adam Rau

# 4. Previous Minutes

# 5. Reports

See Appendix 1

6. Executive Decisions See Appendix 2

# 7. Matters for Decision

## 7.1 Liberal Club – Christopher Norman

Preamble: See Appendix 3

The Liberal Club is seeking to become a Financially Affiliated Club, we have \$8000 set out in the budget for Political Clubs which only 1 club currently accesses. The Liberal Club has met all of the requirements set out in the Clubs and Societies Regulations to become Financially Affiliated

## Motion:

Student Council approve the upgrade of affiliation of the Flinders University Liberal Club to a financially affiliated club.

## 7.2 Queer Society – Christopher Norman

**Preamble:** See Appendix 4

The Queer Society is looking to affiliate with FUSA after having let affiliation lapse in the past. The Queer Society has met all of requirements set out in the Clubs and Societies Regulations to become Non-Financially Affiliated



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**Motion:** Student Council approve the affiliation of the Queer Society as a non-financially affiliated club.

### 7.3 Omani Students Society of South Australia – Christopher Norman

**Preamble:** See Appendix 5

The Omani Students Society is seeking to become a Financially Affiliated Club. The Omani Students Society has not met all of the requirements set out in the Clubs and Societies Regulations to become Financially Affiliated.

### Motion:

Student Council reject the affiliation of the Omani Students Society of South Australia as a financially affiliated club but encourage the club to talk to the Clubs and Events Officer or the General Secretary about meeting the requirements and applying again.

### 7.4 Flinders University Muhammadiyah Progressive Muslim Club – Christopher Norman

#### Preamble:

See Appendix 6

The Flinders University Muhammadiyah Progressive Muslim Club is seeking to become a Financially Affiliated Club. Progressive Muslim Club has not met all of the requirements set out in the Clubs and Societies Regulations to become Financially Affiliated.

### Motion:

Student Council reject the affiliation of the Flinders University Muhammadiyah Progressive Muslim Club as a financially affiliated club but encourage the club to talk to the Clubs and Events Officer or the General Secretary about meeting the requirements and applying again.

### 7.5 Women's Collective Meeting Motion – Grace Hensel

### Preamble:

#### See Appendix 7

On the 18th of May I will be holding a meeting for the Women's Collective to discuss women's issues on campus. I would like to hold the event in Oasis and I will provide a free pizza lunch for those who attend.

### Motion:

I move that FUSA Student Council approve the use of \$180 for food and drinks, and for the boosting of the Facebook event for the next Women's Collective meeting. This money will come from the Women's Officer budget.



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### 7.6 Women's Room Motion – Grace Hensel

#### Preamble:

The Women's space is currently quite a bare and boring room. I am planning to speak to the Women's Collective in the next meeting about what they would like to change to make it more exciting and inviting. I would like to set aside some funding for this and I will then consult the collective regarding how this spent, as it is their space.

#### Motion:

I move that FUSA Student Council approve the use of \$500 to be used for the Women's room, which will be spent upon consultation with the Women's Collective.

#### 7.7 Federal Government Cuts – Laurence Lacoon

#### Preamble:

Students are facing yet another attack from the federal government. If the Liberals pass their latest education package, announced Monday by education minister Simon Birmingham, fees will be increased and higher education funding will be slashed.

The government has proposed a 7.5 percent fee increase to be phased in from next year, which would increase the average cost of a degree by around 3,000. It is a major shift towards the user-pays, privatised system that the Liberals dream of – and that already exists in the US.

The student movement has to fight back against this right wing attack. Over the last three decades, we have taken hit after hit in the name of "fiscal responsibility". If there were a fair share to pay, we have paid it with interest. All the while, the rich and the corporate world have been showered with tax cuts and tax breaks. Students and staff need to fight back.

#### Motion:

FUSA endorses the student demonstration on Wednesday, May 17 against the Liberal government's proposed \$2.8 education cuts and 7.5% fee increases. FUSA will project the details of the demonstration on the TV screens inside the hub and on the big screen in the Plaza.

FUSA will share the event for the demonstration on the FUSA Facebook page and FUSA Student Council Facebook Page on Tuesday the 9th, Friday the 12th and Monday the 15th to ensure maximum visibility for students.

FUSA will share the National Union of Students' budget response media release on the FUSA Facebook and the FUSA Student Council Facebook page when it comes out.

FUSA will organise a banner drop advertising the protest along the Southern Expressway in the lead up to the event and provide materials for producing the banner.

#### 7.8 Freedom of Speech – Laurence Lacoon

#### Preamble:

It is abundantly clear that the whole campaign on the conservative side of Australian media and politics against Section 18C and for freedom of speech has been utter bullshit.



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The political right only believe in freedom of speech if you agree with them and their narrow worldview. They do not want freedom of speech if it speaks out against the racist foundations upon which the Australian state was founded, and upon which it continues to operate. Yassmin Abdel-Magied or anyone else daring to oppose the dominant view on Anzac Day or Australia's shameful treatment of refugees and Muslims should be supported, not denounced.

### Motion:

FUSA expresses its solidarity with Yassmin Abdel-Magied in regards to her comments on ANZAC day, "Lest. We. Forget. (Manus, Nauru, Syria, Palestine...)" and opposes the racist witch hunt against Muslims highlighting oppression and war around the world. FUSA condemns Tanya Plibersek for refusing to defend Abdel-Magied's post – supporting her apology and deletion of the post on Q and A does not constitute support at all.

### 7.9 Safe Schools – Laurence Lacoon

### Preamble:

The Safe Schools coalition has been under consistent attack by the Australian Christian Lobby, the right-wing of the Liberal Party and the Murdoch press. In a letter to prime minister Malcolm Turnbull made public on Tuesday, a group of Australian celebrities – including Troye Sivan, Paul Mac, Tracey Spicer, Guy Pearce and Missy Higgins – called on the government to allocate \$6 million to a broad anti-bullying program in schools and conceded to the right's concerns that the program is too political.

"Make no mistake of our request: we do not seek a program that seeks approval of the way certain members of our society live," reads one line in the letter. "We seek only mutual respect and tolerance."

### Motion:

FUSA fully supports the Safe Schools Coalition and celebrates – not just tolerates – LGBT students. LGBT folks should not have to apologize for existing, we demand full liberation and equality.

#### 7.10 IDAHOT Day – Khyle Milne

**Preamble:** See Appendix 8

\$991.15 of the Queer Officer's budget has been allocated for IDAHOT Day, Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May. The Plaza will be utilised with free BBQ and documentary screening for students. The office of Equal Opportunity will conduct a tree planting in which the Queer Officer will be participate in.

### Motion:

Student Council approve \$991.15 of the Queer Officer's budget to be allocated for IDAHOT Day event, Wednesday the 17th of May in the Student Plaza.



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#### 7.11 Biology Microwave – Sean Lamonby

#### Preamble:

The Biology School has been in dire need of a microwave in their quarters for quite a while now. I have been in contact with students (particularly Emily Drum) who've been heavily involved in until now unsuccessful campaigns to acquire a microwave.

As a fan of microwaveable foods myself, and someone who feels nothing but sheer delight in the ritual of re-heating my Mum's famous dahl curry, I feel it only necessary to assist these people in their plight.

Microwaves can be cheap, but cheap often means nasty. Due to the potential for high amounts of usage and food splatter, I've decided to buy something a bit sturdier a Breville 34L 1100W Stainless Steel Microwave for \$187.

This is a great chance to show the Sciences that we care about them, and a great chance to put FUSA branding on something that will see a lot of traffic.

#### Motion:

Student council endorses the plight of the Biology students who desperately seek a microwave and allow me to use \$187 from my budget to purchase a Breville microwave.

#### 7.12 Clubs and Societies Regulations – Christopher Norman

**Preamble:** See Appendix 9 and 10

I have been working with Adam Rau since December on these changes to Clubs and Societies Regulations, the changes focus on giving the clear expectations to clubs and fixing errors and redundancies.

#### Motion:

Student council approves the proposed Clubs and Societies Changes

7.13 Election Regulation Changes- Christopher Norman

#### Preamble:

See Appendix 11

These are the changes designed to accompany the Constitution changes to remove by-elections

#### Motion:

Student council approves the proposed Election Changes pending approval of the Constitution changes by University Council

#### 7.14 Lions Club – Christopher Norman

Preamble: See Appendix 12



The Lions Club is seeking to become a Financially Affiliated Club. The Lions Club has met all of the requirements set out in the Clubs and Societies Regulations to become Financially Affiliated

## Motion:

Student Council approve the affiliation of the Flinders University Lions Club as a financially affiliated club.

# 8. Matters for Discussion

9. Matters for Noting