

Flinders University Student Council Meeting Agenda of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2015.

Meeting Room, Flinders University Student Association. 5:00pm

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1. Welcome and Meeting open

2. Apologies

- International Students Officer
- Postgraduate Students Officer
- Women's Officer
- Michael Bezuidenhout

3. Welcome Guests

- Stacy Basset.
- 4. Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting

5. Reports

5.1. President January 2015 Report.

January 2015 has been particularly hectic for our university and FUSA as not only are we getting ready for the new academic year, but also the main Bedford Park campus is undergoing major works and a new campus is opening. This has meant during January FUSA moved to our new but temporary location in the Engineering Building. A big thank you to our hard working staff in particular, Fay who co-ordinated much of the move and subsequent set up in our new home. During this process I personally spent many hours packing up and going through many years of files, documents and other stuff in both the President's office and student council room.

Education campaign

Despite a successful campaign in 2014 against the Federal government's Higher Education "reform" bills, both the Prime Minister, Tony Abbott and Education Minister, Christopher Pyne has stated clearly they will continue to push to deregulate the higher education sector. The government has outrageously spent millions of dollars of taxpayer money to try and sell their attacks on students. (Look at links below if interested in reading more.)

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-12-02/senate-rejects-governments-push-to-deregulate-universities/5935116

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-12-08/coalition-rolls-out-ad-blitz-promoting-proposed-unichanges/5951888

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-12-03/pyne-says-round-two-on-university-deregulation-has-started/5935572

The National Union of Students (NUS) has called a national day of action (NDA) on Wednesday March 25. I have been working closely with the Education Officer and General Secretary to discuss the issues and co-ordinate the Flinders/FUSA event on the day.



The cross campus events were very important during 2014 and the central rally on March 25 will be no different. I have worked closely with my counterparts at Adelaide Uni, NUS and other activists in the public education sector to help organise the cross campus rally on March 25. There was a successful meeting that decided many aspects and details of the rally.

Unfortunately the new Vice Chancellor, Colin Sterling has stated he supports deregulation that was reported in the *Advertiser* in late January. During January I have been going through the induction process as a new university council member, as well as member of Academic Senate. In this process I have communicated to the University the position of myself and FUSA in regards to the deregulation of student fees and the adverse outcomes for Flinders students particularly on women, LGBTI and low socio-economic background students.

I have also been in close contact with the university in regards to a range of issues including concerns regarding to the construction stage of the new student Hub and other major works occurring at Bedford Park, the new Tonsley Park campus, issues relating to students in the Northern Territory and other distant education students.

During January I have worked with a number of the student council members on a range of projects and issues. Many of these projects are very exciting and I believe will help make FUSA stronger by involving more students this year and beyond.

5.2. General Secretary Report

Flinders University Student Association

| Opening Bank Balance 1/11/14 | \$20,319.81 |
|------------------------------|-------------|
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| Date: | Transactions: | | |
|----------|--|------------|-------------|
| 4/12/14 | Inter-bank credit from SA Health | \$85.40 | \$21,019.81 |
| 18/12/14 | FUSA Ball Refund | -\$50.00 | \$20,969.81 |
| 18/12/14 | FUSA Ball Refund | -\$75.00 | \$20,894.81 |
| 18/12/14 | FUSA Ball Refund | -\$125.00 | \$20,769.81 |
| 18/12/14 | FUSA Ball Refund | -\$125.00 | \$20,644.81 |
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| 18/12/14 | Refund to Flinders of alcohol money from FUSA ball | \$6,192.00 | \$14,452.81 |
| 19/12/14 | Job Listing and DVD income | \$85.40 | \$14,538.21 |



Closing Bank Balance 30/1/15

\$14,538.21

Transition to 2015

January has been busy, with the shift to the new FUSA office. I assisted with the move, cleaning old offices and packing our things for the new office. This took many hours over several days.

I have been meeting and corresponding with office bearers regarding our new roles. I have met with the Student President, Education Officer, and Environment Officer to talk at length about plant for the year, and mitigating the difficulties of FUSA's new location.

I have also had a meeting with the former General Secretary to discuss the position, and any unfinished matters from last year.

I have also attended a First Nations Freedom Movement which was held at the Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in the city. I went to learn more about the Survival Day sit-in protest happening in Canberra involving local activists, and to learn more about the struggles for self-determination and rights which are happening here today.

National Day of Action

Despite the stunning defeat of deregulation in the Senate last year, Pyne and co. have stated their intentions to continue to try and force deregulation, clearly against the will of the majority. The new Flinders University Vice Chancellor, Colin Stirling, has wasted no time – taking to the media and extolling the virtues of higher student fees. The government has spent millions of dollars on a new advertising campaign to promote deregulation. It's clear that while we won a battle last year, we haven't won the war, and the campaign must continue.

NUS has called a National Day of Action for the 25th of March. I have met with the Student President and Education Officer at Flinders, have had meetings with the State Education Officer, phone calls with the National Education Officer, participated in a national phone link-up to coordinate NDA building activities, and participated in the South Australian Education Action Network meetings. I have also spent time advertising our event, putting up posters at Flinders and elsewhere. I am in correspondence with the NTEU.

Emails and Agenda

I have put together the agenda for our meeting, and emailed council members and staff regarding the meeting and other office issues.

Empire Times



I have had meetings and conversations with the Media Officer regarding Empire Times, and providing assistance regarding the vacant editor position.

5.3. Education Officer's Report January Report for Education Officer

FUSA

I found the new FUSA location, no small feat.

NDA

This will again be a large focus of the Education Officer's portfolio. The current Government are continuing to pursue deregulation of University fees which by all estimates will sky-rocket the debt students are required to pay back. An event in Adelaide on the 25th of March will take place at 4pm as well as open opposition to the proposed legislation on the main campus of Flinders earlier on the same day. As part of my FUSA commitments this month I have been following this progress through the Australian as well as online. I have also met with James and Grace to discuss the running of the event and utilised Adam Rau's expertise in planning the Flinders Event. I urge all Student Council to advocate a fairer education system for the students we represent.

SRN and Edcuation Sub-Committee

As part of my portfolio I am required to chair a Student Representative Network (SRN) at Flinders. This is a complex topic that will take much effort and time over my term in office this year as well as many years into the future, as I don't believe a sustainable structure will be set up within 12 months. The SRN encompasses all student representatives that serve on a committee at Flinders, however there are no limits to what this group could become. The greater body of students it represents, the more aware of student needs the Education Officer will become.

There is many discussions still to have around associations at a School level within Flinders University and my goal is to establish an Education Sub-Committee from the respective representatives in each of these groups. This would create a flexible committee that could meet monthly and have student representatives from each of the schools. This creates a larger network of representation for students, notably the students from Sturt, the Medical campus and Tonsley once it is up and running. I have already had discussions with Jonathon Louth and will be working closely with him this year to head towards a viable goal.

ETAG

I have been contacted by the Educational Technology Advisory Group (ETAG) and am excited to have been invited along to their meetings for 2015. This seems to be an excellent opportunity to advocate for the needs of Flinders Students when it comes to the IT component of their education.

5.4. Environment Officer's Report



Moving to the new office

Along with the President and General Secretary I assisted staff in packing and sorting materials from the student council office and other miscellaneous things. This took hours, and was spread over several days.

Meetings with OB's - FUSA and beyond

I have had lengthy meetings with the President and General Secretary regarding the direction of FUSA in 2015, and what I want to do with the environment officer role.

I have met with the current and former NUS National Environment Officer, as well as the La Trobe Environment and Social Justice Officer, to discuss national campaigns, including issues of coal mining, dredging of the Barrier Reef, and public transport.

Education Campaign

This year, all Office Bearers should be finding ways to participate in and support the campaign against cuts and fee deregulation. This is the number one political issue for students in 2015, and will have disastrous impacts on all areas of student life and welfare. I have put up posters, distributed leaflets to hundreds of students, shared the National Day of Action information on Facebook, and attended the Education Action Network meetings as a Flinders representative.

Invasion Day / Survival Day

I went to the meeting of the First Nations Freedom Movement on the 15th of January. This event was to promote and support the Survival Day sit-in protest in Canberra. While the government and others hold the 26th of January up as a day of celebrating nationalism, it's the day which marks the beginning of a genocide. The dispossession of Aboriginal people in Australia has usually had a consistent theme – the exploitation of resources and the use of their land for the profit of mining bosses and pastoralists, leading to huge environmental devastation. As the environment officer I stand in support of Indigenous people struggling against the theft and destruction of their lands.

Preparation for Public Transport Survey

Due to the failure of successive state and federal governments to do anything useful about the lack of quality public transport, students in 2015 use inadequate bus and train services, or pay high prices to run a car. I will be conducting a public transport survey this year, and I have spent time in January preparing for that survey. This has included reviewing material from historical public transport campaigns at Flinders and discussing public transport with office bearers around the country. I have also written a motion for student council about public transport.

- 5.5. Queer Officer's Report None Received
- 5.6. Women's Officer Report None Received



5.7. International Student's Officer Report – None Received

5.8. Welfare Officer's Report

- Back and forth trying to gain access to the Welfare email account.
- Researched subcommittees at other Australian universities.
- Adam re Welfare Breakfasts for 2015 this year the Tonsley campus and the
 Medical School will also be included in the satellite stall's rotation.
- Read up on work rights. Emailed Vanessa to set up a time to discuss putting out info through the FUSA website and social media.
- Planned for 2015 I would like to expand the current Welfare Breakfasts, push for
 more affordable food on campus, introduce free meditation and mindfulness classes
 to improve mental wellbeing, raise awareness and normalise mental illnesses
 amongst the student body, improve awareness of support services, improve
 students' awareness of work rights, and pushing for better lighting and access to 24
 hour labs.

5.9. Social Activities Officer Report

In January I attempted to recruit more members to the Social Activities subcommittee through Facebook communication, with not much success. Hopefully recruitment at O-Week will solve this problem, but any council members who are interested in being involved first hand with FUSA event creation are welcome to put their hands up to join the committee, or email me with ideas or requests for event assistance at any time.

I mostly communicated with Adam Rau and Steph Walker through Facebook and email for preliminary planning for the FUSA semester 1 pub crawl, and on Wednesday Jan 27th I sat down with Adam Rau to begin to set more details in concrete, so that we can ensure the event will be advertised and sold during O-Week. The date of the pub crawl will be Friday April 10th, which is in week 6. The theme was voted for in a poll on the FUSA Facebook page, and students voted for a "duck" theme. From there we have narrowed down the design choice, with the media office currently working on some minor adjustments, including our t-shirt slogan, which is "Clusterduck". With attendance numbers expected to be even higher than last year, it was decided that the crawl will be split into two separate routes, with both to converge at the same pub at the end of the evening.

The final thing I have been working on is researching what would be needed for FUSA and



Flinders to hold a World's Greatest Shave event during this semester. More information on this will follow in my next report.

- 5.10. Accessibility Officer's Report None Received
- 5.11. Post-Grad Officer's Report None Received

5.12. Indigenous Officer's Report

- <u>30th January</u> Met with President of Flinders Indigenous Students Association (FISA) to discuss events for 2015, plan budget and make arrangements for a "welcome back/ meet and greet" dinner for continuing and new orientation First Nations students
- <u>23rd 27th January</u> Contributed to the organisation, preparation and volunteered at the National Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra for the sit-in for Freedom/ Survival Day protest also attended meetings with First Nations Elders and community leaders such as Jenny Munro to discuss Indigenous issues and how to adopt Indigenous knowledges into the university curriculum and agenda.
- <u>19th January</u> Contributed to the organisation, preparation and volunteered at an Indigenous community fundraiser event at Adelaide University to help mobilise First Nations people to Canberra for a National sit-in protest.
- <u>15th January</u> Contributed to the organisation, preparation and volunteered at an Indigenous community forum about the First Nations Freedom Movement held at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute to discuss First Nations issues, and to promote Survival Day protests and sit-in in Canberra.
- 15th January Discussed the issue of not having an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flag at the front of the university with a student advisor of Yunggorendi have scheduled follow-up meeting for February with First Nations artists/ working group at Yunggorendi will hopefully be able to address this issue as part of the re-development/ upgrade of the university.
- <u>15th January</u> Met with Student Advisor Roland Wilson to discuss orientation week for new orientation students of Yunggorendi and how to engage with continuing students. I was also asked to develop a short 15 minute introduction to myself and my role at FUSA (as well as promote FUSA for the benefit of students) in preparation for February induction of new students.

5.13. Manager of Student Engagement Report FUSA Staff

Office Coordinator

Fay Hart began in the role of Office Coordinator on Thursday the 11th of December. Fay has a wealth of knowledge and experience to bring to the role. Fay



has worked in the public sector since 1996 with posts in DECS and has been in the role of Office Manager in various ministerial offices. Please welcome her aboard!

Movement of FUSA

FUSA has now completed the move to Level 4 Engineering.

Empire Times have all been moved from their spaces in the 'mall'. Empire Times is now located on level 3 IST. The aim is for the Queer Space and Women's Room to be ready (under McHugh's) by Semester 1.

FUSA's move to the new Hub

The Media Officer has begun preliminary work into new branding for FUSA to coincide with the move to the new Hub. We will update Student Council as this project progresses. There will be extensive consultation with Student Council and students more widely.

Empire Times Editors

On the 30.12.14 FUSA received notification that Jade Kelly resigned as an editor from the Empire Times Editorial Team. As per the Empire Times Regulations, a process is now begun to ensure Jade is replaced in a timely manner.

Electronic Voting System

The University has undertaken to increase its scope of other vendors that provide a managed service within their 'Electronic Voting System'. The plan is that the University will have a new EVS set up that FUSA can use in time for the Annual Elections later in the year.

Student Representation Review

The Student Representation and Development Officer has begun a review of the University's student representation and consultation processes across the University. We will be keeping you abreast of more details as this review progesses.

6. Matters for Decision

6.1. Election of Members of Executive

S 12.4 of FUSA's Constitution states that the Executive must include the President, General Secretary, Education Officer and two voting members of Student Council elected by the Student Council.

Motion: I motion that...... and be appointed by electoral vote of the council members of the Executive Committee.

6.2. Empire Times Liaison

A liaison officer needs to be appointed to assist the editors of ET in running the magazine and to report back to council.



Motion: I motion that be appointed FUSA's liaison officer with ET.

6.3. Bank Account Signatories

Given the change of staff and Student Council representatives, it is necessary to change the signatories on the FUSA NAB Bank Account.

Motion: Student Council endorse the following:

Current Signatories:

Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement) or

Shaun Hobby (Office Coordinator)

And

Grace Hill (Student President)

Or Roxanna Henshaw (General Secretary)

As of January 1st, 2015, the new signatories on the FUSA NAB Bank Account. will be:

Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement) or Fay Hart (Office Coordinator)

and

James Vigus (Student President) or Grace Hill (General Secretary)

6.4. National Day of Action

Preamble:

The higher education reforms pushed by the Abbott Government failed to pass the senate at the end of 2014. The defeat of deregulation and funding cuts to universities was a victory for students, and a testament to the successful tactics of mass protest used around the country for the NUS National Days of Action. Education Minister Pyne has sworn to continue his fight for deregulation, and the Liberals are intent on ramming this legislation through. The campaign against deregulation will continue in 2015, with the first National Day of Action called for March 25th. The Flinders event will take place at 12:00pm on the Plaza, with a central city demonstration to follow at 4:00pm in Rundle Mall.

An estimated budget:

NDA Budget

180 sausages x \$1 = \$180



120 vegetable patties x \$1.50 = \$180

FUSA casual per hour is 33.20/hour x 2 = 66.40

Allowing for any extra expense total event budget to be \$450.

Motion:

- 1. Student council endorses the National Day of Action
- 2. Student council reiterates it's commitment to increasing university funding and opposing deregulation
- 3. Office Bearers will promote student council's opposition to deregulation and will build the NDA rally.
- 3. \$450 be allocated from the events budget to cover the cost of a BBQ and casual staff for the Flinders event.

6.5. Postgraduate Students Conference Proposal (See attached proposal)

I move that the Student council supports the Postgraduate Officer's proposal.

6.6. Incorporation of FUSA

Preamble:

FUSA is currently an unincorporated organisation, there are many risks inherent in being unincorporated including a high level of personal financial liability of elected councilors (rather than organisational liability). A state of unincorporation also limits the ability of FUSA to engage in contracts and conduct financial matters in its own name rather than liquid assets being held by an individual as they currently are.

In order to apply for and receive grants an association must be incorporated. Being in a state of unincorporation excludes FUSA from potentially thousands of dollars of additional funding in order to further support students.

While becoming an incorporated association would also require additional compliance measures and and may necessitate the restructuring of insurance and staffing arrangements, ultimately the increased opportunities and stability that it provides FUSA will allow the association to better fulfill its aims and goals.



Motion:

I move that Student Council supports the incorporation of Flinders University Students Association.

That Student Council directs the Manager, Student Engagement to facilitate and coordinate the incorporation process and make recommendations on any further actions required.

6.7. Student Radio Consultant

Please refer to the document: 'A Proposal for the Appointment of a Consultant(s) to Investigate Options for Student Radio at Flinders University'

Motion: Student Council approve the Manager, Student Engagement to appoint an external consultant(s) to provide expert advice and background on the establishment of Student Radio at Flinders University.

6.8. Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee

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

- 1. provide advice to the Vice-Chancellor on major policy matters and new initiatives in the areas of equal opportunity, affirmative action, student access and equity, diversity and inclusiveness;
- 2. receive reports in relation to the Workplace Gender Equality Act and Disability Action Plan and on the operation of the University's grievance procedures, and provide advice annually to the Vice-Chancellor on the reports;
- 3. propose the establishment of working parties as required; and
- 4. consider and report on matters referred to it from time to time by the Vice-Chancellor, Manager, Equal Opportunity and Diversity or Academic Senate.

The membership comprises of two students nominated by FUSA. The Student Council now need to nominate two students.

The meetings are: 8.4.15, 8.7.15 and the 4.11.15 from 10-11:30am.



6.9. Outdoor Cinema Screening Proposal Contents

- 1.0 Introduction
- 2.0 Components of Event
- 3.0 Budget
- 4.0 Important Dates
- 5.0 Location
- 6.0 Queries

1.0 Introduction

The Social Activities Sub-Committee intend to hold outdoor cinema screenings throughout 2015, with 6 in the first semester and 3 in late Semester 2 to allow for warmer weather.

2.0 Components of 2015 Outdoor Cinema Screenings

2.1 Film Screenings

Films will be screened on evenings that are most accessible to students. The students will be polled via the FUSA Facebook page to determine popular films. Film rights will then be obtained for these films.

2.2 Snack bar

A range of confectionary and beverages will be available for students to purchase.

2.3 Promotion

The event will be promoted via the FUSA Facebook page, posters across the university and via promotional banners to be designed and hung up nearby the regular outdoor cinema location.

3.0 Budget

Please see the budget for this event below.

| Services | Estimated | Cost p/unit | Quantity |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| (Equipment/Venue Hire, etc.) | | | |
| Film Rights | \$5,400.00 | \$600.00 | 9.00 |
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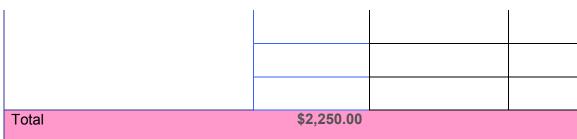
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| Total | \$5,400.00 | |
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| Equipment | Estimated | Cost p/unit | Quantity |
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| Banners x 3 | \$200.00 | | |
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| Total | \$200.00 | | |

| Casuals | Estimated | Cost p/unit | Quantity |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| Outdoor Cinema Casual - 4 hrs | \$1,195.20 | \$132.80 | 6.00 |
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| Outdoor Cinema Casual - 4 hrs | \$1,195.20 | \$132.80 | 6.00 |
| Outdoor Cinema Casual - 4 hrs | \$1,195.20 | \$132.80 | 6.00 |
| Poster distribution casual - 3hrs | \$199.20 | \$99.60 | 2.00 |
| Total | \$4,980.00 | | |

| Miscellaneous | Estimated | Cost p/unit | Quantity |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| Snacks and Drinks | \$2,250.00 | \$250.00 | 6.00 |





| Total Expenses | Estimated | |
|----------------|-------------|--|
| | \$12,830.00 | |

4.0 Important Dates

4.1 Semester 1 Screenings

Begin Semester 1 2015 – From Week 1, Semester 1 (night to be determined)

Begin Semester 2 2015 – From Week 10, Semester 2 (night to be determined)

4.2 Facebook Promotion

Facebook promotion will begin two weeks prior to the first screening in Semester 1 and Semester 2, and on the Monday of each week until screenings end.

4.3 Poster Distribution

Poster distribution for Semester 1 will occur on the 16th of February 2015.

Poster distribution for Semester 2 will occur on the 28th of September 2015.

5.0 Location

The screenings will be held in Anchor Court.

Motion: Student Council approve the proposal for Outdoor Cinema Screenings and allow for minor alterations as deemed appropriate by the Social Activities Officer and the Clubs and Events Officer.

6.10. Welfare Breakfast Proposal

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6.0 Introduction

The Welfare Breakfasts will continue in 2015, offering a static stall in a central location on Wednesdays, and a satellite stall each Thursday that will rotate to various locations between the Flinders University Bedford Park, Sturt and Tonsley campuses.

7.0 Components of Welfare Breakfast

7.1 Static Stall

A static stall will be situated each Wednesday morning at the main bus stop to Flinders University.

7.2 Satellite Stall

A satellite stall will rotate between the Medical Centre, Humanities Courtyard, Anchor Court, Sturt Campus, Flinders Living and Tonsley campus.

7.3 Promotion

The casuals will be providing training material to promote upcoming FUSA student campaigns, events and provide information on FUSA services.

8.0 Budget

Please see the budget for this event below.



From 022.05418= Student Engagement - General: Welfare Promotion & Initiatives (Welfare Breakfasts etc.)

| Services | Cost p/week | Quantity | Estimated |
|--|----------------|----------|-----------|
| Flinders University vehicle hire | \$20.00 | 12.00 | \$240.00 |
| (Tonsley, Sturt and Flinders Living rotations) | | | |
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| Total | | | \$240.00 |

| Food/Drink/Groceries | Cost p/week | Quantity | Estimated |
|--|----------------|----------|-------------|
| Breakfast foods - 2 per week, 20 weeks | \$600.00 | 20.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| (muffins, fruit, Up n' Gos, muesli bars, etc.) | | | |
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| Total | | | \$12,000.00 |



| Miscellaneous | Cost p/unit | Quantity | Estimated |
|--|----------------|----------|-------------|
| Serving utensils (gloves, tongs, serviettes, etc.) | | | \$50.00 |
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| Total | • | | \$50.00 |
| Total Expenses | | | Estimated |
| | | | \$12,290.00 |

From 022.05418= Student Engagement - General: Student Casual Pool (FU Students) - Breakdown

| Casuals | Cost p/hour | Quantity (hrs) | Estimated |
|---|----------------|-------------------|------------|
| 1 x HEO2 Casual - 2.5hrs per week, 20 weeks | \$33.20 | 50.00 | \$1,660.00 |
| 1 x HEO2 Casual - 2.5hrs per week, 20 weeks | \$33.20 | 50.00 | \$1,660.00 |
| Total | | | \$3,320.00 |
| Total Expenses | | | Estimated |
| | | | \$3,320.00 |



9.0 Important Dates

9.1 Poster distribution

To occur in O'Week 2015.

9.2 Campaign Start

The Welfare Breakfast campaign will begin in Week 1 of Semester 1, 2015.

10.0 Queries

Queries can be directed to the Clubs and Events Officer, Adam Rau, at adam.rau@flinders.edu.au or alternatively via phone at 8201 2953.

Motion: Student Council approve the proposal for Welfare Brunches and allow for minor alterations as deemed appropriate by the Welfare Officer and the Clubs and Events Officer with regards to the days the service is offered and the budget.

6.11. FUSA AGM

In consultation with the Student President, we have identified March 31 for the AGM. Please consider agenda items and who you might be able to entice to come along. More details to follow.

Motion: Student Council approve the FUSA Annual General Meeting to take place on March 31 2015.

6.12. Congratulations to Rosalie Dow!

We wish that council congratulate Rosalie Dow, Queer Officer for both 2014 and 2015, on her wedding. Congratulations to Rosalie – student council wishes you all happiness.

Despite it being 2015, we still do not have marriage equality in Australia, and queer couples can't have their marriages legally recognized here. This is a complete disgrace.

Motion: I move that student council reaffirms it's commitment to marriage equality, and demands the government immediately remove the homophobic restrictions on marriage in Australia.

6.13. Support the Australian Unions rally

Preamble:

Rights at work are again under attack from the Abbott Government and employers.

We can't stand by while the Abbott Government works with bosses to destroy our living

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standards.

Their plans include cutting wages, attacking conditions conditions and our rights at work, slashing Medicare and hiking up the cost to see a doctor, introducing \$100,000 university degrees, cutting the ABC and our public services, cutting the pension and superannuation, implementing harsh changes to unemployment benefits, cutting community services that support our most vulnerable.

We have had enough. Seeing a doctor or going to university shouldn't dependent on how big your bank balance is, or if you're dad's the PM and can get you a free ride. Many students work and rely on penalty rates, many can't, and rely on Youth Allowance or Newstart. Student council must join in the fight.

The unions are holding rallies in all capital cities on the 4th of March. The bigger the rallies, the more successful they will be. Workers have shown their support for the student rallies against deregulation last year, and we need to show support in turn. These issues are our concern too.

Motion:

- 1. That student council support the Australian Unions rally on the 4th of March.
- 2. That council members attend the rally, and promote it to students.

6.14. Better public transport for Flinders Students Preamble:

Currently public transport options for Flinders are nonsensical. Busses are too full, run too infrequently, and are too expensive - even for passengers with student concession cards. The train line that runs closest to Flinders is still too far for students to walk from the station to campus. Students who are part-time are not entitled to the concession, and are forced to pay the exorbitant adult rate. This puts many students in a position where the only reasonable option for them is to drive a car to uni, increasing financial strain, damaging the environment, and filling our limited car parking space. University places have been deregulated since 2012, and the problems are only getting worse, as more students enroll but funding does not keep pace with the numbers – meaning more students crammed into the same metro busses, more students crammed onto the loop bus, and more students competing for the same inadequate car parking spaces.

I move:

- 1. That the student council declares formal support for free public transport.
- 2. That the student council supports part-time students being eligible for a full-time concession fare.
- 3. That the student council calls upon the government for an increase in funding to public transport infrastructure.



6.15. BBQ

Flinders One have recently retired the barbeque that FUSA has used for clubs, societies and student groups, leaving these students unable to use a barbeque regularly unless hired through an external provider.

The Clubs and Events Officer is in discussions with Buildings and Property to determine if they can purchase a portable barbeque for our use rather maintaining relying on FUSA to maintain this equipment. However, in the event that Buildings and Property are unable to purchase a portable barbeque for FUSA use, we request that FUSA set aside \$1,000 for the purchase of a BBQ for shared FUSA use. This funding would be deducted from budget line: 022.05419= Student Clubs & Soc: Miscellaneous Expenses & Resources for Clubs

MOTION: That FUSA allocate \$1,000 to the purchase of a FUSA-owned portable barbeque, to be purchased if the Buildings and Property division decline to purchase this equipment.

6.16. January Honorariums

Through January, despite an executive not yet being elected to consider OB reports, many OB's have done a considerable amount of work, and therefore should be paid. It is unfair to expect council members to work for over a month without being paid. Most OB's have submitted reports, and while the postgraduate officer has not, she has clearly done a lot of work, as indicated by her very detailed proposal for a postgraduate students event.

I move that the following OB's be immediately paid for their work in January:

- Student President
- General Secretary
- Education Officer
- Environment Officer
- Welfare Officer
- Social Activities Officer
- Postgraduate Students Officer
- · Indigenous Students Officer

7. Matters for Discussion

- 7.1. Election Promises
- 7.2. Smoking on Campus
- 7.3. Advertising to Flinders Living Students
- 7.4. Proposal to transition to a 14 week semester
- 7.5. Indigenous Student Welcome Dinner





- 8. Matters for Noting
 - 8.1. World's Greatest Shave
 - **8.2.** FUSA Election Regulations
 - 8.3. Relax Day
- 9. Meeting Closed.