

# Flinders University Student Council Meeting Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

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

**Present:** James Vigus, Grace Hill, Siti Maesaroh, Mitchell Huffa, Brodie May, Catherine Wagg, Michael Bezuidenhout, Caleb Pattinson, Shannon Abeywardena, Jack Harrison, Rosalie Dow, Riana Cermak, Anne Raith, Chris O'Grady

**Apologies:** Simone Jowett

1. Welcome and meeting open

Meeting Opened: 6:00pm

- 2. Apologies
- 3. Welcome guests
- 4. Accept Minutes from previous meeting

**Motion:** I move that Student Council accept the minutes from April.

Moved: Student President

Seconded: General Secretary

Motion Carried

5. Reports

### 6. Matters for decision

James Vigus: The Media Officer is here to tell us about the re-branding report. She can't stay until the end of the meeting so I propose that we discuss the re-branding item 6.11 now, and then proceed as usual.

**Procedural Motion:** Raise 6.11 for immediate consideration.

**Motion Carried.** 

6.11

Steph Walker presented a rebranding report which was unanimously voted in. A call to participate in the rebranding process was presented. The rebranding materials i.e. t-shirts, website are to be finalised by January 2016.



I move that Student Council approves the attached Re-Branding Report from the Media Officer.

**Moved: James Vigus** 

All in favour.

**Motion Carried** 

6.4.

#### 6.0. Motions left un-starred to be moved en bloc:

6.1. Reports and Honoraria

**Motion:** Student Council

a. Accept all reports presented in the agenda.

b. Approve pay for all Student Council Members

6.3. Indigenous Officer to attend National ATSI Conference

**Motion:** I move that Student Council accept the attached funding proposal for the Indigenous Student's Officer to attend the National ATSI Conference

Seconded: Jack Harrison

Mindfulness Triathlon

**Motion:** I move that the Student Council accept the attached funding proposal for the Mindfulness Triathlon.

6.6. Club Affiliations

**Motion 1:** I move that the Student Council accept the affiliation of the Flinders University Optometry Students Association.

**Motion 2:** I move that the Student Council accept the affiliation of the Flinders Education Student Association

6.7. NUS Quality Survey

**Motion:** SC endorses the NUS quality survey for 2015

SC distributes the digital version of the survey through all accessible social media avenues applicable to Flinders University Students Where possible, the quality survey will be available in a physical presence at FUSA run initiatives or events

6.8. SC Meeting Time

**Motion:** I move that the regular monthly Student Council meetings for the rest of 2015 start at 6pm.

6.10. Thnx Fr the Mmrs

**Motion:** I move that student council thank the NUS President and NUS

Education Officer for spending their time at Flinders last Wednesday. Their insights were much appreciated and their participation in the Education Collective was also appreciated. Furthermore, all Student





Council members are encouraged to join and participate in the Education Collective

Seconded: Grace Hill

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Moved: James Vigus All in favour Motion Carried

### 6.2 NUS Affiliation

The General Secretary's original motion, reading "I move that the Student Council affiliates to NUS, paying all available funds in the NAB bank account (\$17,388.55)' amended to the following after objections raised by General Council Member Jack Harrison that funds should be available in order to send members of SC to NUS' EdCon to the following:

I move that the Student Council affiliates to NUS, paying \$15,000 for, the NAB bank account.

Moved: James Vigus
All in favour
Motion Carried

### 6.5 More funding for the Multi-Cultural festival

The International Students Officer expressed frustration that the budget for the multicultural festival was reduced from the amount previously approved by council. She inquired as to the possibility of using her pay to fund the festival. The Student President, Education Officer, and others stated that council members should not need to spend their pay on FUSA events. The Education Officer proposed that all OB's contribute a portion of their funding to the event. The Student President committed instead to find funding from another area of the university to make up the shortfall.

Motion: I move that the International Students Officer be allowed to spend her Office Bearer budget on the Multi-Cultural festival.

Motion not voted on, it was decided to explore alternative avenues for funding rather than have the Multicultural Officer spend her funding on the festival.

### **6.9 Sign of the Times**

A unanimous vote was passed to use the pages in Empire Times allocated to Student Council to publish articles and advertisements including but not limited to; FUSA welfare breakfast, text book exchange, multi-cultural festival, women's collective, surveys and clubs. The articles could occupy half or full pages depending on the amount of material available.





Moved: Jack Harrison
All in favour
Motion Carried

# Seconded: Michael Bezuidenhout

### **6.12 Election Tribunal**

Concern was raised by Michael Bezuidenhout about the lack of time for Student Council to review the proposed candidates.

The decision was made that the motion regarding the Election Tribunal be postponed in order to give ample time for the Student Council to familiarise themselves with the conditions pertaining to these appointments and to allow for more candidates to petition for a more diverse tribunal.

## **6.13 Office Bearer travel funding**

The National Union of Students Education Conference will be held in Sydney in July. The Education Conference is an excellent opportunity for education/student activists to convene, share ideas, and discuss the future direction of campaigns against attacks on students. The NUS Education Conference can be of great benefit to Flinders students if the experience of activists at this conference can be brought back to our campuses.

Motion: I move that money be allocated for the General Secretary, Education Officer, and Environment Officer from their Office Bearer travel budgets, to attend the NUS Education Conference.

Moved: Grace Hill Seconded: James Vigus

All in favour

Motion Carried

### 6.14 Thanking the International Students Officer

Student Council thanks the International Students Officer for the incredible amount of hard work she has put toward the Multicultural Festival.

**Seconded: Caleb Pattinson** 

Moved: James Vigus
[All in favour]
Motion Carried

# 7. Matters for Discussion

7.1 Multi-Cultural Festival

In Camera.



### 7.2 Multi-Cultural Festival Volunteers

Caleb Pattinson raised the issue of volunteers for the Multi-Cultural Festival and urged council members to volunteer for as much time as possible. A timetable was passed around the table for council members to fill in their availability.

7.3 Ways to increase FUSA revenue?

In Camera.

7.4 What is the state of our regional campuses?

In Camera.

7.5 NDA?

No decisions made. Discussion around possible advertising in ET.

7.6 Ordinary Council Member Involvement

- 8. Matters for noting
- 9. Meeting Closed