# Student Council Agenda

## Tuesday 5th February 2013 4pm

- 1. Welcome & Meeting Open
- 2. Apologies: None Received
- 3. Welcome Guests
- 4. Accept Minutes From Previous Meeting
- 5. In-Camera Discussion
- 6. Report
  - 6.1. President's Report
  - 6.2. General Secretary's Report
  - 6.3. Education Officer's Report
  - 6.4. Women's Officer's Report
  - 6.5. Queer Officer's Report *currently vacant*
  - 6.6. Post Graduate Officer's Report
  - 6.7. Environment Officer's Report
  - 6.8. International Officer's Report
  - 6.9. Indigenous Officer's Reports
  - 6.10. Welfare Officer's Report
  - 6.11. Other Reports

#### 7. Matters Carried Forward

- 7.1. Student Editors
- 7.2. Executive Committee Recommendations to be Accepted
  - 7.2.1. Tele/Video Conferencing
  - 7.2.2. Executive Committee Requirements
  - 7.2.3. UK LGBT Conference
  - 7.2.4. Ed-Con
- 7.3. Pub Crawl

	7.4.	Mental Health Day/Week	Dale Colbeck							
	7.5.	PA System	Brodie McGee							
	7.6.	PokitPal	Brodie McGee							
8.	Matters fo	r Decision								
	8.1.	Flinders Equal Opportunities Committee	Leon Cermak							
9.	9. Matters for Discussion									
	9.1.	National Day of Action	Leon Cermak							
	9.2.	O-Week Debrief								
	9.3.	Quiz Night Debrief								
	9.4.	Storage Space for Student Council	Christopher Sellwood							
	9.5.	FUSA Ball	Lauren Brice							
	9.6.	Club's Fair Day & Breakfast	Paul Harrison/Dale Colbeck							
	9.7.	NUS Table at O-Week	Brodie McGee							

**Paul Harrison** 

- 10. Any Other Business
- 11. Meeting Closed

# 5.1 President's Report

# Brodie McGee, 5/3/2013

#### **Academic Senate**

The first meeting of Academic Senate has met and several course changes have occurred- nothing that dramatically impacts on students at all. The Senate's Meeting Minutes are publicly available for those interested.

### **All-Student Public Forum**

This is being conducted on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 4pm in Humanities. We will require S.C. volunteers for this, and unfortunately it was planned at the same time as University Council- I will try to leave early. The main questions being asked are around what students would like to see on campus, the hypothetical being asked:

"If you had \$100k to spend on bringing and maintaining student culture at Bedford Park, what would you do with it?"

# 5.2 General Secretary's Report

## Paul Harrison, 5/3/2013

### **Clubs and Societies**

I have contacted and have been contacted by a number of clubs and societies around campus regarding changes to the Clubs and Societies Regulations. In particular I have been helping many Clubs and Societies make changes to their constitution to bring them in line with new regulations and FUSA affiliation.

This will continue over the next few months as clubs begin to re-affiliate with FUSA.

I received no complaints from clubs and societies about stall allocations or any O'Week festivities. All of the clubs and societies who booked a stall at O'Week were present at O'Week.

I have further received comments from a number of clubs and societies that this O'Week was extremely successful in recruitment of new members and fostering interest in their clubs.

# 5.3 Education Officer's Report

## Leon Cermak, 5/3/2013

#### **National Day of Action**

I have been in talks with Adam Slobodain, who is the Ed Officer at Adelaide Uni, and Clare Keyes-Liley, who is the NUS National Education Officer, about plans for the National Day of Action. They will both be sending though materials such as posters, banners and pamphlets that relate to the central theme for 2013 which is 'our education is not for profit'.

I will have more information on the NDA in the coming days, but it is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> of March and there will be a march on parliament house likely starting at Adelaide Uni.

#### **O-Week**

I have spent most of my time at O-Week this week, as have many others on SC. I had productive talks with many students, particularly informing them of the educational advocacy services that FUSA offer. Clubs day next week will provide another good opportunity to promote FUSA and the Education Officer portfolio.

#### NTEU

Since the last SC meeting I have had an informal meeting with John Pezy from the NTEU. He is keen to have the NTEU support FUSA on campaigns in which both entities have a shared interest. Currently these include Academic Senate representation, UC representation, and NDA action.

The NTEU will be going renegotiating workplace agreements for their members over the coming months and will talk to us about FUSA possibly supporting their application for better working conditions. This would be a great opportunity for FUSA to strengthen our relationship with the NTEU.

#### **SSAF Response**

I have been working with NUS to arrange the FUSA SSAF response. I will bring along a physical copy during the SC meeting once it has been received by Exec.

#### **Education Sub-Committee**

Over the next month I will be working to ensure that the Education Subcommittee will be up and running with close to the 20 member threshold. I will email all SC members with an invitation to the committee, and will prepare a signup form for Clubs Day. Aside from that I would suggest that we send out a joint email to the student population inviting them to join all of our sub-committees. Let me know if you have any other suggestions.

# 5.4 Women's Officer's Report

## Dominiek Neall, 5/3/2013

#### Write like a Woman Night (Update)

Night has been re-scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> of April at The Wheatsheaf Hotel. Facebook event is up – great on-line response so far – I expect this response will rise once on-campus posters have been distributed. Posters will be unveiled at the next meeting. Still waiting for a response on whether we will have a UNICEF represent for the night – updates as they come.

#### **International Women's Day (Update)**

Stall is running on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. There will be a walking time-line. I'm hoping to have the time-line completed early this week. If anyone's free I would love some help setting everything up the morning of, we'll probably set up around 9-9:30am. If anyone would like to help by blowing up some balloons or cutting up purple ribbons on the day – it would be greatly appreciated.

## Flinders University Women's Room (Update)

Met with Islan from Buildings and Properties on Tuesday, and was shown around the new Women's Room. This space is slightly smaller than our old room but not by very much. New room will be completely refurbished – kitchen equipment to be updated as well as furniture. Islan is putting together a budget and colour scheme for the room – updates to come.

## **Self Defence Classes**

Sam Greer, our retired Queer officer, came up with the idea to have a joint self-defence afternoon session – bringing together the Flinders University Women's Collective, the Queer society and any other Flinders University students that would like to participate in learning some self-defence street smart tactics. We've contacted Adelaide Street Defence Clinic, they seemed interested in running a session for us, but they haven't gotten back to us with a date or any inclination of their availability – so we may be looking at another self-defence clinic provider.

# 5.6 Post Graduate Officer's Report

## Kingsley Whittenbury, 5/3/2013

#### Post graduate sub-committee

Three post-graduate students have approached me during O Week and are interested in joining the PG sub-committee.

Further recruitment of sub-committee members is planned through the FUSA membership and FUSA online notices.

I expect the sub-committee to be completed by mid-March.

## **Collaboration with University of Adelaide Student Association**

A meeting has been arranged on March 17 with Lewis Webb, Post-Grad student officer at U of A, to share ideas about engagement with PG students and their particular issues.

## **Student Services and Amenities Fee**

For PG students this fee will be *lower* than for undergraduates as a result of the lower enrolment load of most Honours and Masters courses.

The fee will be lower for off-campus and rural Flinders students than those on campus at Bedford Park, who have greater access to clubs and services.

I do not therefore expect there to be significant hardship for post-graduate students arising from the SSAF, although further inquiries will be made of economically vulnerable groups.

My impression from talking with students during O Week has been that very few yet understand how the SSAF and FUSA are linked, so there may need to be further publicity around this.

# Adriana Allman, 5/3/2013

Have been liaising via email and attending meetings and meeting people. Environment subcommittee is growing and will be organising a first meeting as a meet and greet and to get an idea of what people may want to do in 2013.

#### **Conflict Free Initiative on campus**

I sent Alisha an email asking for more details regarding the initiative and what she envisions FUSA does to support it, as well as to ask if there are any costs associated with the switch to more ethical products. She stated that conflict brands are not necessarily more expensive than others, but they may not be the cheapest. If FUSA was to agree, she just wants a letter of support. She wants to start up a portfolio of all the letters of support so that she can show that a large body of students on campus know and care about the cause, and also a letter of support given to the procurement officer on campus. Thus also showing our support on the FUSA website would be beneficial.

#### **FEAG meeting**

Attended first FEAG meeting which was very productive. Discussed the Sustainability Leadership Networking Initiative and they seemed keen, and worked on ways to help get more recruits for environmental groups on campus during O-Week. Also they were in discussions on whether to affiliate with FUSA- I talked about reasons why they should, and they are thinking and still in talks about it.

#### **Skill Share at Aldinga Beach on March**

There is an environmental skill share I have been informed I should attend to build networks and skills. However the cost will be around \$100 for the 3 days and held late March.

#### **Flinders Enviro Website**

Spoke to Flik and she has been working on the site and looks pretty good. She also liked my ideas I had provided for her and has incorporated them into the site.

#### **O-Week**

Spent a bit of time with FEAG and other enviro people and helping them out at their stalls and spoke to people about a fair trade initiative they want to get happening on campus. Am waiting for details from them but they were excited there is an enviro officer who can help them. Also spoke to the lady from Bush for Life and the work that will be commencing on the Grey Box Eucalypt area on campus, and will be attending their workshops in April.

#### FEAG thank you get together

The team were planning on holding a thank you dinner for all the core volunteers for 2012, and to make it an opening to 2013 however were short on a location to hold it. I offered to hold it at my house for mid-March, and this will also give me the opportunity to build a stronger rapport with them and for their own groups.

# Abdullah Alajlan, 5/3/2013

### ISSU orientation day and morning tea

In order to promote FUSA's role for international students, I'll participate in ISSU orientation day on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2013. Also I'll attend ISSU's morning tea during the first semester "starts on 6<sup>th</sup> of March".

#### International students' sub-committee

An email has sent to all current international students inviting them to join international subcommittee. And I received 25 responses so far. After letting all of them know what is the role of the sub-committee and how often we will meet, I received 19 confirmations. A list of all international student sub-committee confirmed members circled last meeting and the updated one will be circle this meeting. The first international sub-committee meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> of March at 3.00pm and Student Council president will attend.

#### **Flinders living**

I'll arrange an appointment with Flinders living to meet international students there and discuss what kind of ideas they have in regards to events, clubs and activities on campus.

## **Council of International Students Australia 'CISA'**

The re-affiliation application has been sent to CISA's secretary and contacted CISA's vice-president to meet her during her visit to South Australia.

Also CISA will run a workshop for international students about their rights and responsibilities at universities and work. This workshop may take place by the end of March and the proposed venue is Adelaide Uni. CISA's vice-president also will have a meeting with all international students representatives in South Australia and the proposed venue is Flinders University main campus.

## Meeting with international officers from Adelaide Uni and UniSA

I had four meeting so far with international students officers from UniSA and Adelaide University and we discussed events that can run collaboratively. The Adelaide Uni international officer has proposed that three universities can run the debating competition with condition that each team has to have at lest one international student. The idea is still under discussion and I'll inform the council members when we come up with clearer idea.

#### Meeting with manager of Intensive English Language Institute 'IELI'

I emailed IELI manager to arrange a meeting with student there because all of them are international students and, as an international officer, need to contact them especially those who about to start at uni.

#### 'Photo outside my country' competition ad in ET

The competition ad has been approved and will be published in the upcoming Empire Times magazine.

## Paul Harrison, 5/3/2013

All venues for the pub-crawl have been finalised and confirmed for the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2013.

Sales for pub-crawl shirts have begun and are \$20 for FUSA members and \$25 for non-members. Shirt sales close 15<sup>th</sup> of March so it is imperative that the Student Council begins advertising and sales around campus.

	Black	Green	Blue			
8pm	PJ O'briens	Austral	The Elephant			
9pm	The London Tavern	Swish	Mansions			
10pm	Mansions	The London Tavern	Swish			
11pm	Swish	Mansions	The London Tavern			

Furthermore, the venues have agreed to the following drink specials:

**Elephant**Coopers West End, Tooheys, 5 Seeds, Guiness \$6 Base spirits: Vodka, Bourbon, Scotch \$5

PJ O'briens \$5 Imperial Pints, Base Spirits, Red and White Wine

Austral \$10 Teds + 5 Seeds

London Tavern \$5 Base Spirits, \$5 Skittles, \$6 Jagers, \$6 Alize

Mansions \$5.50 Base Spirits, \$5 Beers, \$5 Cocktails

Swish 9-11pm only 2 for 1 Base Spirits.

We have decided to purchase the pub-crawl t-shirts from A1 Apparel who have asked us to finalise orders by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The sizing of the t-shirts is as follows:

<i>Mens Sizing</i> (cm)	S	N	ML		XI		2XL	<b>3</b> X	Ĺ	4XL	5XL
Width	46	51	1 5	6	61		66	71		76	81
Length	71	74	17	6	79		81	84		86	89
Ladies Sizing (cm	) X	s	S	Μ	[]	[]	XL	2X L			
Width	4	1	46	51	5	6	61	66			
Length	6	0	64	66	6	9	71	74			

## Leon Cermak & Brodie McGee, 5/3/2013

#### **Reasoning:**

Being that the Indigenous Officer is also an equity portfolio on the Student Council, it is fair and reasonable to add it to the list for consideration by the Equal Opportunity Committee, in addition to the Queer Officer, Women's Officer and International Officer.

#### Motion:

That the Indigenous Officer is included as a priority candidate for the Flinders Equal Opportunity Committee, alongside the current priority candidates which are the Queer Officer, the Women's Officer, and the International Officer.

Moved by Leon Cermak, Education Officer Seconded by Brodie McGee, President

# 8.2 O-Week Debrief

# Paul Harrison, 5/3/2013

#### **Preparations:**

As well as attending the training on the fairy-floss machine, myself and a couple of other student council members and volunteers helped pack FUSA bags in the lead-up to O'week and clubs fair day.

#### **FUSA stall**

Every day of O'Week FUSA managed to sign up a couple of hundred members to the Student Association indicating that O'Week was a great success.

## **Clubs and Societies**

I received no complaints from clubs and societies about stall allocations or any O'Week festivities. All of the clubs and societies who booked a stall at O'Week were present at O'Week.

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#### **Silent Disco**

The Silent Disco encountered a number of problems throughout O'Week. On the first day, the location of the Silent Disco resulted in low attendance.

On the second day, in order to overcome issues of the first day, the Silent Disco was moved into the centre of the plaza. The Silent Disco was more successful than the first day, however, the heat of the day and exposure limited numbers. Furthermore, the Silent Disco had to be stopped early as a result of the headphones no longer working in the heat.

All of the problems could be averted if the silent disco was held in a fully covered tent in a more exposed area of the Plaza.