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FUSA Annual General Meeting

March 31, 2015

1PM

- I. Welcome
 - II. Minutes of Previous AGM
 - III. President's Report
 - IV. General Secretary's Financial Report
 - V. Unaudited Flinders University Student Association NAB bank account 2014
 - VI. Constitutional Changes
 - VII. Meeting Close
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II. Minutes of Previous AGM

Flinders University Student Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on Thursday 1st May 2014

Location: Flinders University, Bedford Park Campus Plaza.

Present: 52 voting members, Chris O'Grady.

Apologies: None received.

Opened: 12:25pm.

I. Welcome and Meeting Open

The President welcomed all of the FUSA members to the meeting. It was acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the land of the Kurna people.

II. President's Report

The President's Report was produced and tabled. The President discussed the detriment of cuts to University funding, the implementation of loan fees on HECS debt and the call for fee deregulation from the Group of Eight Australia.

III. General Secretary's Financial Report

The General Secretary tabled their financial report for the period January 1 2014 to April 30 2014.

IV. Unaudited statement of the Association's Accounts 2013

The Unaudited Statement of the Association's Accounts was tabled.

V. Constitutional Changes

Section 7

The General Secretary noted how the change is intended to allow the Student Association to be more accessible to all students. Whilst membership is free, it may inhibit students by requiring them to fill out membership forms first.

Motion:	Motion to accept the proposed changes to section 7 of the FUSA Constitution.
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Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw

In favour: 46

Against: 0

Abstention: 7

Motion Carried

12:35pm. Priority Motion: Call for quorum.

Result: 53 voting members in attendance, 1 non-voting member. The meeting is quorate.

In the interests of time, the Student President called for all of the remaining constitutional amendments to be moved on block.

Each amendment was read out and opened for discussion and clarification.

The Student President asked if there was any dissent in any aspect of the constitutional changes. No dissent was noted.

Motion:	Motion to accept all of the proposed changes to the FUSA Constitution on block.
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Moved: Grace Hill

Seconded: Roxanna Henshaw

In favour: 46

Against: 0

Abstention: 9

Motion Carried

VI. Meeting Close

Meeting Closed: 12:45pm.

III. Presidents Report

FUSA continues to go from strength to strength since our beginning in August 2012 in terms of student awareness, recognition and participation in their student association.

Our membership currently stands at 3079, with about 1200 joining in 2015.

There are a number of challenges facing FUSA that relate to short term physical changes to the main Bedford Park campus and long term changes that relate to the changing nature of university higher education learning in general.

The immediate challenge facing FUSA in 2015 is the disruption due to major capital works at Bedford Park. In previous years FUSA has occupied a central space, close to and very much a part of the main area for student life on campus. Having this space allowed FUSA direct access to many thousands of Flinders students and helped with our profile and student participation in FUSA. In 2015 the Student Plaza and FUSA space no longer exists and whilst we wait for the new Student Hub and FUSA space in 2016 we have temporary space in the Engineering Building. This space is far removed from the centre of student life in 2015 that is centred on the Flinders Laneway, Humanities Courtyard, the Library and other common areas along North Ridge of the Bedford Park Campus. This has presented a challenge to FUSA in 2015 and we will have to work hard to minimise the physical separation between our temporary FUSA space and students in 2015.

The changing nature of education that sees an ever-increasing amount delivered online presents a number of challenges for FUSA. These changes as well as government cutbacks to income allowance for students means the traditional full time student in their late teens/early twenties on campus 12 hours a day, four days a week is no longer the norm, in fact it is extremely rare. FUSA has to continue to work in this environment where there are fewer students on campus in general, a larger number of students who are external/distance and an ever-increasing number who are mature age with different needs such as needing access to free childcare to name just one example. These changes present a general challenge of student participation in FUSA, in our affiliated clubs and societies, in political activity defending student interests and rights.

Public education in general and high education in particular has been facing difficult times with declining government funding of the sector and shifting the cost of education onto students to cover the shortfall. Although FUSA is confronted with the problematic situation of not being trueing independent of the University, we have been part of the student led campaign against fee deregulation and proposed cuts to high education. This campaign has seen hundreds of Flinders students directly involved giving voice to the silent majority of students who do not support the government agenda of shifting costs onto students. This campaign has seen the Labor Party reverse it supports for high education cuts and has seen government legislation to deregulate fees defeated twice in the Commonwealth Senate. The campaign shows the critical importance of student associations like FUSA and the need for student control of student affairs.



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IV. General Secretary's Financial Report

FUSA's financial position has not seriously changed in the past 12 months. The association is still reliant on SSAF funding, making us totally dependent on the University. Our allocation of SSAF funding is greater this year than last year, resulting in more money spent on student activities and FUSA's staff. Our non-SSAF financial resources are in virtually the same position going into this year as they were going into last year. Most of our non-SSAF revenue has been coming from FUSA events, with small amounts coming from employment listings through our website, and DVD rentals (which are not continuing in 2015).

FUSA cannot be an independent body for student representation while it relies on the goodwill of Flinders University.

The Student Hub development has severely impacted the campus so far this year, and will most likely continue to do so. It seems like fewer students are staying on campus after their classes as a result of the changed campus and reduced space. This presents an ongoing challenge for FUSA, especially as our office has been relocated to the Engineering building. Different strategies are being explored to counter this difficulty, including a more diverse range of locations for the welfare breakfasts.

The student campaign against deregulation of fees has kicked off to a great start, with 300 students (including some of you from Flinders!) marching through the city, occupying an intersection, and causing disruption in Rundle Mall. This is the latest episode in the campaign of student protest which has seen the Liberal Government twice defeated in their attempts to pass higher education attacks, and which has resulted in opportunists like Labor and the cross benchers being held to account. This campaign must continue if we are to defeat Pyne's oncoming third attempt to push fee deregulation through, and I look forward to seeing many more Flinders students participating in this campaign.

V. Unaudited Flinders University Student Association NAB bank account 2014

General Secretary's Financial Report
 Flinders University Student Association NAB bank account 2014 (unaudited)

Bank Account Statement: January 2014

Flinders University Student Association	Opening	
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Balance	14099.97
As at 01/01/2014	Total Debits	0
	Total Credits	0
	Closing Balance	14099.97

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
41640	Balance (c/d)			14099.97
41670	Closing Balance			14099.97

Bank Account Statement: February 2014

Flinders University Student Association	Opening	
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Balance	14099.97
As at 28/02/2014	Total Debits	0
	Total Credits	0
	Closing Balance	14099.97

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
41671	Balance (c/d)			14099.97
41698	Closing Balance			14099.97

Bank Account Statement: March 2014

Flinders University Student Association	Opening	
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Balance	14099.97
	Total Debits	0



As at 31/03/2014

Total Credits 0
 Closing Balance 14099.97

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
41699	Balance (c/d)			14099.97
41729	Closing Balance			14099.97

Bank Account Statement: April 2014

Flinders University Student Association
 National Australia Bank, Bank Account
 As at 30/04/2014

Opening Balance 14099.97
 Total Debits 6988.58
 Total Credits -4500
 Closing Balance 16588.55

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
41730	Balance (c/d)			14099.97
41744	Cash Deposit:			
	Pubcrawl Sales	3580		17679.97
	DVD Rentals	115		17794.97
	Employment Listings	30		17824.97
	Cash Gain	10		17834.97
41745	Paypal transfer for Pubcrawl Sales	3253.58		21088.55
41759	A1 Apparel Pubcrawl Shirts		-4500	16588.55
41759	Closing Balance			16588.55

Bank Account Statement: May 2014

Flinders University Student Association
 National Australia Bank, Bank Account
 As at 31/05/2014

Opening Balance 16588.55
 Total Debits 0
 Total Credits 0
 Closing Balance 16588.55



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Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
41760	Opening Balance (c/d)			16588.55
41790	Closing Balance			16588.55

Bank Account Statement: June 2014

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	16588.55
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	545.8
As at 30/06/2014	Total Credits	0
	Closing Balance	17134.35

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
41791	Balance (c/d)			16588.55
41803	Cash Deposit	545.8		17134.35
41820	Closing Balance			17134.35

Bank Account Statement: July 2014

Flinders University Student Association	Opening Balance	17134.35
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Total Debits	430.36
As at 31/07/2014	Total Credits	-1516
	Closing Balance	16048.71

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
41821	Balance (c/d)			17134.35
41828	EDCON14 Transfer		-85	17049.35
41830	Paypal Transfer	430.36		17479.71
41845	A1 Apparel (Invoice 2361)		-360	17119.71
41845	FCCS 115278		-1071	16048.71
41851	Closing Balance			16048.71



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Bank Account Statement: August 2014

Flinders University Student Association
 National Australia Bank, Bank Account
 As at 30/08/2014

Opening Balance	16048.71
Total Debits	5148.88
Total Credits	-14287.64
Closing Balance	6909.95

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
41852	Balance (c/d)			16048.71
41857	NUS Affiliation Fees		-5000	11048.71
41859	Cash Deposit	364		11412.71
	Cash Deposit	1387		12799.71
41864	Paypal Transfer	3397.88		16197.59
41871	A1 Apparel (Invoice 2361)		-171.16	16026.43
	A1 Apparel (Invoice 2442)		-2985.98	13040.45
41877	Donation Box 101		-15.5	13024.95
	FBSSA Ball TX 01		-6115	6909.95
41881	Closing Balance			6909.95

Bank Account Statement: September 2014

Flinders University Student Association
 National Australia Bank, Bank Account
 As at 30/09/2014

Opening Balance	6909.95
Total Debits	4500
Total Credits	-585
Closing Balance	10824.95

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
41883	Balance (c/d)			6909.95
41883	FBSSA Ball TX 02		-585	6324.95
41890	Paypal Transfer	4500		10824.95
41912	Closing Balance			10824.95



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Bank Account Statement: October 2014

Flinders University Student Association	Opening	
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Balance	10824.95
As at 31/10/2014	Total Debits	9494.86
	Total Credits	0
	Closing Balance	20319.81

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
41913	Balance (c/d)			10824.95
41933	Paypal Transfer	7673.86		18498.81
41933	Cash Deposit	1821		20319.81
41943	Closing Balance			20319.81

Bank Account Statement: November 2014

Flinders University Student Association	Opening	
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Balance	20319.81
As at 30/11/2014	Total Debits	0
	Total Credits	0
	Closing Balance	20319.81

Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
41944	Balance (c/d)			20319.81
41973	Closing Balance			20319.81

Bank Account Statement: December 2014

Flinders University Student Association	Opening	
National Australia Bank, Bank Account	Balance	20319.81
As at 31/12/2014	Total Debits	785.4
	Total Credits	-6567
	Closing Balance	14538.21



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Inflow/Outflow transactions

Transaction Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
41974	Balance (c/d)			20319.81
41977	SA Health (30018251)	700		21019.81
41991	Internet Transfer FUSA Ball Refund		-50	20969.81
	Internet Transfer FUSA Ball Refund		-75	20894.81
	Internet Transfer FUSA Ball Refund		-125	20769.81
	Internet Transfer FUSA Ball Refund		-125	20644.81
	Flinders Uni		-6192	14452.81
	Cash Deposit consisting of:			
	DVD Rentals	74		14526.81
	Employment Listings	10		14536.81
	Cash Gain	1.4		14538.21
42004	Closing Balance			14538.21

V. Constitutional Changes

Attached as a separate document



FUSA

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Ratified by University Council on 9 August 2012.
Amendments ratified by University Council on 14 August 2014.

Amendments passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Flinders University Student Association 1 May 2014.



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1. Interpretation

1.1. In this Constitution:

“Absolute majority” means more than half of all the members of a body vote in favour of a proposition, whether or not those members are present and whether or not they cast a vote. For the avoidance of doubt, abstention from voting and absence from a meeting is counted as a vote against the proposition;

“Academic day” means a means a day on which University classes are normally scheduled, during a standard University semester, and which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday;

“Association” means the association known as “Flinders University Student Association”;

“Club” or **“Society”** means a group of students and other natural persons who meet for a social, cultural, literary, or other purpose, except for a sporting pursuit. For the avoidance of doubt, a club formed or intending to be established for a sporting pursuit is not permitted to affiliate to the Association under Section 20;

“International student” is an enrolled student who is studying at a campus located within Australia and holds a temporary entry visa or otherwise deemed to be an international student by the University;

“Manager, Student Engagement” is the person employed by the University responsible for ensuring open and effective communication and liaison between the University, the Association and students;

“Postgraduate student” is a student who is enrolled in a course of study defined by the University as a postgraduate award;

“Member” means a member of the Association;



“**Regulations**” means the regulations of the Association, made under Clause 22.1;

“**Student**” means any enrolled student of the University, whether that person is enrolled as a full time, part time or external student;

“**Student Council**” is the governing body of the Association;

“**Student Services and Amenities Fee**” means the fee collected by the University in accordance with the Higher Education Support Act, 2003 (Commonwealth) to support the provision to students of amenities and services not of an academic nature;

“**University**” means The Flinders University of South Australia;

“**University Council**” means the peak governing body of the University, as defined by the *Flinders University of South Australia Act, 1966 (SA)*.

1.2. In this Constitution:

- (a) neuter includes masculine and feminine; and
- (b) singular includes plural and vice versa.

2. Name

2.1. The name of the Association will be the ‘Flinders University Student Association.’

3. Approval by University Council

3.1. The establishment of the Association and this Constitution are subject to approval by University Council.

4. Functions and purpose

4.1. The functions and purpose of the Association are to:

- (a) promote and advance the rights, interests and welfare of students;
- (b) represent students within and outside the University;



- (c) co-ordinate and support activities for students, including the provision of support for affiliated clubs;
- (d) provide the means for effective communication between students, the Association and the University;
- (e) oversee the delivery of student services, which are funded from the Student Services and Amenities Fee and are the responsibility of the Manager, Student Engagement; and
- (f) deliver other services, amenities and programs for students funded from the membership fee and other income received by the Association.

5. Powers

- 5.1. The Association has power to do all things incidental or conducive to the attainment of its functions and purpose.
- 5.2. The Association may only exercise its powers and use its income and assets for the attainment of its functions and purpose.

6. Membership

- 6.1. The membership of the Association is voluntary. The members are those students who apply for membership, pay the membership fee and are admitted in accordance with regulations approved by the Student Council.
- 6.2. Only students may apply for membership.
- 6.3. At the time of the establishment of the Association, the initial membership fee will be zero (0) dollars.
- 6.4. University Council, on the recommendation of the Student Council, may approve an amendment to the membership fee to provide for a fee greater than zero (0) dollars.
- 6.5. The rights of members who have not paid the membership fee by the date for payment are suspended until the membership fee is paid.
- 6.6. Except for the membership fee, there are no entrance fees or other amounts to be paid in respect of membership of the Association.



- 6.7. A person will cease to be a member of the Association:
- (a) by resigning from the Association; or
 - (b) by ceasing to be a student.
- 6.8. A student may resign by writing to the Association. A student who fails to pay the membership fee within three (3) months of the due date will be deemed to have resigned from the Association.

7. Rights of students and members

- 7.1. Subject to this Constitution and the Regulations, all students have the right to:
- (a) vote in the elections of the Association;
 - (b) join a club affiliated with the Association;
 - (c) use and benefit from the services, amenities and programs overseen by the Association, which are funded from the Student Services and Amenities Fee and are the responsibility of the Manager, Student Engagement.
- 7.2. Subject to this Constitution and the Regulations, members of the Association:
- (a) have the right to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Association;
 - (b) are entitled to stand for election and hold office as an office bearer or Student Council member;
 - (c) use and benefit from the services, amenities and programs funded from the membership fee.
 - (d) have the right to attend Student Council meetings
- 7.3. The rights of a member of the Association are:
- (a) not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
 - (b) terminate upon cessation of the student's membership.
- 7.4. The financial records, policies, procedures, Regulations, Constitution and minutes of meetings of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member on his or her reasonable request, subject to Clause 7.5.



- 7.5. Members may not inspect the records of the Association that relate to confidential personal, commercial and legal matters.

8. Register of Members

- 8.1. The Association shall maintain a Register of Members of the Association which records:
- (a) the name and email address of each member of the Association; and
 - (b) the date of admission to, and cessation of, membership of each member.

9. Office bearers

- 9.1. The officer-bearers of the Association are:
- (a) the President; and
 - (b) the General Secretary.
- 9.2. By regulation approved in accordance with Clause 22.1, the Student Council:
- (a) must specify the procedures for electing office-bearers; and
 - (b) must specify the responsibilities of each office-bearer.
- 9.3. The office-bearers are subject to direction by the Student Council.

10. Student Council

- 10.1. The Student Council is responsible for the overriding governance of the Association and may exercise all the powers of the Association (except the powers of members in general meetings or referenda) within the functions and purpose of the Association.
- 10.2. Without limiting Clause 10.1, the Student Council is responsible for:
- (a) setting the strategic directions of the Association;
 - (b) setting the annual budget and monitoring the financial performance of the Association;
 - (c) establishing the policies and procedures of the Association;
 - (d) making regulations under Clause 22.1;
 - (e) monitoring the performance of office-bearers and Student Council



- officers and ensuring they carry out their duties and responsibilities; and
- (f) overseeing the management of services which are the responsibility of the Manager, Student Engagement.
- 10.3. The Student Council may delegate any of its powers, except the power of delegation, to any of its sub-committees or office-bearers of the Association as the Student Council deems fit. No such delegation will prevent or limit the Student Council from exercising its powers or functions.
- 10.4. The voting members of the Student Council are:
- (a) the office-bearers of the Association, specified in Clause 9.1;
 - (b) the Student Council members with a portfolio (Student Council Officers) as specified in Clause 10.5;
 - (c) six (6) ~~Ordinary~~**General** Members of the Student Council, elected in accordance with the procedures for elections established under Regulations.
- 10.5. The Student Council members with a portfolio (Student Council Officers) are:
- (a) the Education Officer;
 - (b) the Women's Officer;
 - (c) the Welfare Officer;
 - (d) the Postgraduate Students Officer;
 - (e) the International Students Officer;
 - (f) the Queer Officer;
 - (g) the Indigenous Students Officer;
 - (h) the Environment Officer.
 - (i) the Accessibility Officer
 - (j) the Social Activities Officer
- 10.6. By regulation approved in accordance with Clause 22.1, the Student Council:
- (a) may establish other Student Council members with a portfolio;
 - (b) must specify the procedures for electing the Student Council members with a portfolio; and



- (c) must specify the responsibilities of each Student Council member with a portfolio.
- 10.7. The Manager, Student Engagement shall be a non-voting member of the Student Council.
- 10.8. The Student Council may, by a resolution passed by a majority meet in camera without the Manager, Student Engagement being present.
- 10.9. The Manager, Student Engagement must appoint a staff member who will be responsible for recording and maintaining the records and minutes of the proceedings of the Student Council.
- 10.10. The Student Council members with a portfolio are subject to direction by the Student Council.

11. Procedures of the Student Council

- 11.1. The Student Council must meet at least ten times in a calendar year on a Flinders University campus at such a time and place as determined by the President. ~~determines~~.
- 11.2. At the request of three or more voting members of the Student Council, the General Secretary must call a meeting of the Student Council at a place and time convenient to the voting members of the Student Council.
- 11.3. A quorum for a meeting of the Student Council is half of the voting members plus one (1). The quorum must be present at all times when business is transacted.
- 11.4. The President will chair Student Council meetings. If the President is not present, or is required to vacate the Chair, the General Secretary will Chair the meeting. If neither the President nor the General Secretary is present, or is required to vacate the Chair, the Student Council must elect another voting member of the Student Council to chair.
- 11.5. The Student Council may grant leave of absence to any voting member of the Student Council for a period not exceeding two (2) months.
- 11.6. All other matters relating to the procedures of the Student Council will be established under Regulation approved in accordance with Clause



22.1.

12. Executive Committee

- 12.1. The Executive Committee is a committee of the Student Council, exercising delegated powers from the Student Council under Clause 10.3.
- 12.2. The Executive Committee:
- (a) may transact the business of the Association, on behalf of the Student Council, on urgent matters that the President and General Secretary consider cannot be held over until the next regular meeting of the Student Council;
 - (b) may exercise such other powers as may from time to time be delegated to it by the Student Council; and
 - (c) must provide the Student Council with reports of its activities at each meeting of the Student Council.
- 12.3. Decisions of the Executive Committee must be ratified at the next regular meeting of the Student Council and shall have the same effect as decisions of the Student Council, provided that such decisions are made in accordance with this Constitution and the Regulations.
- 12.4. The voting members of the Executive Committee are:
- (a) the President (Chair);
 - (b) the General Secretary;
 - (c) the Education Officer; and
 - (d) Two (2) voting member of the Student Council elected by the Student Council.
- 12.5. The Manager, Student Engagement shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.
- 12.6. Executive Committee meetings must be chaired on the same basis as Student Council meetings.
- 12.7. A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee is three (3) voting members.
- 12.8. The quorum must be present at all times when business is transacted.



13. Committees

13.1. In addition to the Executive Committee, Student Council may by regulation or resolution establish other standing and ad hoc committees as it considers appropriate. The Student Council must by regulation specify the responsibilities of each Standing Committee.

14. Terms of office

14.1. Office-bearers of the Association, Student Council Officers and the ~~ordinary~~General Members of the Student Council, elected at the annual elections hold office for a twelve month period from 1 ~~January~~ December until ~~31 30 December~~November.

14.2. Office-bearers of the Association, Student Council Officers and the ~~Ordinary~~General Members of the Student Council filling vacancies hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the position being filled.

15. Vacation of office

15.1. The position of Office-Bearer, Student Council Officer or ~~Ordinary~~General Member of Student Council becomes vacant, if the office holder:

- (a) dies;
- (b) is permanently incapacitated by ill health;
- (c) ceases to be a student;
- (d) ceases to be a member of the Association;
- (e) is absent for three (3) meetings of the Student Council without a leave of absence, except in exceptional circumstances, as determined by Student Council;
- (f) resigns from their position by notice in writing to the Association;
- (g) is removed from their position in accordance with Clause 15.2; or
- (h) is unable for any other reason to perform the duties of office.

15.2. An office-bearer, Student Council Officer or ~~ordinary~~General Member of the Student Council may be removed from that office and membership of the Student Council by a binding decision of a referendum in



accordance with Clause 19.6.

- 15.3. Vacancies must, where possible, be filled within 42 calendar days:
- (a) in the case of office-bearer positions and Student Council Officers and OrdinaryGeneral Council Members directly elected by students, by a by-election being held in accordance with the regulations, subject to Clause 15.4;
- 15.4. If a vacancy in an office-bearer position or Student Council Officer position or ordinaryGeneral Members of the Student Council occurs within 2 months before the annual elections, the Student Council may elect a student who would be eligible to stand for the position in accordance with the Constitution and the Regulations.

16. Elections

- 16.1. The Student Council must make regulations for the conduct of elections in accordance with Clause 22.1. These regulations must protect the security of the vote counting system and the privacy of each voter in lodging a vote.
- 16.2. All elections must be by secret ballot and must use optional preferential voting.
- 16.3. The positions of office-bearers, Student Council Officers and OrdinaryGeneral Members of the Student Council, as specified in Section 9 of this Constitution, must be filled by election each year at the annual elections.
- 16.4. Voting in the annual elections must be held between 1 August to 15 October.
- 16.5. For annual elections, voting must be held on at least three consecutive academic days.

17. General Meetings of members

- 17.1. The Student Council may, by resolution passed by an absolute majority, require a General Meeting of the Association to be called. The resolution must specify the question or questions to be considered at



- the General Meeting.
- 17.2. The Student Council must convene a General Meeting of members upon receipt of a petition of at least fifty (50) members. The petition:
- (a) must state the question or questions to be considered at the General Meeting;
 - (b) may consist of multiple copies of the same document;
 - (c) must include the names, student numbers and signatures of the members making the request; and
 - (d) must be given to the General Secretary or another member of the Executive Committee.
- 17.3. If a General Meeting is requested in accordance with Clause 17.2, the General Secretary:
- (a) must, within five (5) academic days of the request, fix a time, date and place for the General Meeting; and
 - (b) must give to all members at least ten (10) academic days notice of the General Meeting.
- 17.4. The notice of the General meeting must be affixed to Association notice boards and sent to all members by electronic transmission. The notice must specify the time, date and place of the meeting and the question or questions to be considered at the General Meeting.
- 17.5. A General Meeting of members must be held on any day during the academic semester, no later than 7:00 pm and no earlier than 9:00am and must provide means for members located on campuses outside of the Adelaide metropolitan area to attend, including the use of teleconferencing facilities.
- 17.6. Fifty (50) members, in attendance shall constitute a quorum at a General Meeting. If a quorum is not present within thirty (30) minutes after the time and place specified in the notice of the meeting issued in accordance with Clause 17.4, the General Meeting will lapse.
- 17.7. The President shall preside at a General Meeting of members. If the President is absent, or is required to vacate the chair, the General Secretary will Chair the meeting.
- 17.8. Decisions of General Meetings will be binding on the Association, the



Student Council and its office-bearers if the meeting is quorate and two-thirds of members in attendance vote in favour, provided they are not inconsistent with this Constitution.

18. Annual General Meeting

- 18.1. The Association must, once in each calendar year, hold an Annual General Meeting.
- 18.2. The Annual General Meeting will be in addition to any other General Meetings of members that may be held in the same year, and must be specified as such in the notice convening it.
- 18.3. The order of business at the Annual General Meeting will be
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;
 - (b) to consider a report from the President;
 - (c) to consider a report from the General Secretary on the Association's finances;
 - (d) to consider the audited statement of the Association's accounts in respect of the most recently ended financial year of the Association; and
 - (e) any other business of which notice has been given.
- 18.4. Subject to Clause 18.3, proceedings at the Annual General Meeting will be conducted on the same basis as a General Meeting of members as specified in Section 17, except for Clause 17.6.
- 18.5. Fifty members or 10% of the total number of members, whichever is the lesser number, in attendance shall constitute a quorum at an Annual General Meeting. If a quorum is not present within thirty (30) minutes after the time and place specified in the notice of the meeting issued in accordance with Clause 17.4, the Annual General Meeting will lapse.

19. Referenda

- 19.1. The Student Council may by resolution passed by an absolute majority convene a referendum. The resolution must state the question or questions to be put to referendum.



- 19.2. The Student Council must convene a referendum on the request in writing of at least two (2) per cent of students. The request:
- (a) must state the question or questions to be put to referendum;
 - (b) may consist of multiple copies of the same document;
 - (c) must include the names, student numbers and signatures of the students making the request; and
 - (d) must be given to the General Secretary or another member of the Executive Committee.
- 19.3. If a referendum is requested in accordance with Clause 16.2:
- (a) the Student Council must convene the referendum within ten (10) academic days of the request having been received;
 - (b) the Student Council may by resolution passed by a two-third majority reword for the purpose of clarification only the question or questions to be considered;
 - (c) the referendum must commence within 10 academic days of being convened.
- 19.4. At least ten (10) academic days notice of the dates and times of voting for the referendum and the question or questions to be put must be given to students by:
- (a) notices posted throughout the University; and
 - (b) electronic communication to students, to the extent feasible.
- 19.5. All students are entitled to vote in referendums. Voting must be by secret ballot and be held over at least three consecutive academic days. The ballot must be conducted on the same basis as for elections for the Association.
- 19.6. Decisions of referendums will be binding on the Association, the Student Council and its office-bearers if at least six (6) per cent of students cast a vote in the referendum and a majority vote in favour, provided they are not inconsistent with this Constitution.
- 19.7. Binding decisions of referendums override binding decisions of a General Meeting of members.

20. Affiliation



- 20.1. Clubs and societies shall be eligible to affiliate to the Association if they fulfill the following requirements:
- (a) have a membership of ten (10) or more students;
 - (b) has a set of rules that governs the operations of the club or society; and
 - (c) any further requirements as approved by the Student Council.
- 20.2. A list of affiliated Associations shall be kept by the General Secretary.
- 20.3. The affiliation of a club or society may only be revoked by a resolution of Student Council.

21. Student Media and Publications

21.1. There shall be a student publication.

21.2. Student Media refers to all publications and programming funded and distributed and/or transmitted by the Association.

21.3. Student Media shall abide by the functions and purpose of the Association as per Clause 4.1(a) and Clause 4.1(b) of this Constitution.

21.4. The Student Council is the governing body of all Student Media as defined by Clause 21.2

21.5. The Student Council must make regulations for Student Media. As a minimum requirement the regulations must include:

- (a) Appointment process of editors or programmers
- (b) Code of conduct for editors or programmers
- (c) Guidelines on editorial control and independence

21.22. Regulations

21.1.22.1. The Student Council may, by a two-thirds majority vote of voting members present, make Regulations not inconsistent with this Constitution, regulating the operation of the Association or prescribing any matter permitted or required under this Constitution to be prescribed. Such Regulations shall continue in force until amended or rescinded by a two-thirds majority vote of voting members present of the Student Council.



22.23. Alteration of the Constitution

22.1.23.1. Subject to the approval of the University Council, this Constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by at least two thirds of members voting at a General Meeting of members or by a binding decision of a referendum in accordance with Clause 19.6.

23.24. Finances

23.1.24.1. The financial year of the Association is from 1 January to 31 December.

23.2.24.2. The Student Council is responsible for the management of the funds of the Association.

24.25. Dissolution of the Association

24.1.25.1. The Association may be dissolved voluntarily by a resolution passed by an absolute majority of members at a General Meeting.

24.2.25.2. University Council may, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, dissolve the Association if the Association fails to discharge its responsibilities in accordance with this Constitution.

24.3.25.3. On dissolution, any surplus assets must be distributed to the University or another entity with similar objects to the Association as determined by University Council on or before the dissolution.

25.26. Transition

25.1.26.1. In this clause, the Transition Period means the period from the date of the establishment of the Association to 31 December 2012.

25.2.26.2. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Constitution, during the Transition Period, the Student Council comprises:

- (a) the person holding the office of Student President at the date of the establishment of the Association;
- (b) the person holding the office of Women's Officer (Vice President) at the date of the establishment of the Association;



- (c) the person holding the office of Queer Officer at the date of the establishment of the Association;
- (d) the person holding the office of Indigenous Student Officer at the date of the establishment of the Association;
- (e) the person holding the office of International Student Officer at the date of the establishment of the Association;
- (f) the person holding the office of Postgraduate Student Officer at the date of the establishment of the Association;
- (g) the person holding the office of Recreation Officer at the date of the establishment of the Association;
- (h) the person holding the office of Undergraduate/Education Officer at the date of the establishment of the Association;
- (i) the person holding the office of Activities Officer at the date of the establishment of the Association;
- (j) the person holding the office of Environment Officer at the date of the establishment of the Association; and
- (k) the six (6) persons holding the office of ~~Ordinary~~General Council Members at the date of the establishment of the Association.

~~25.3.26.3.~~ 25.3.26.3. During the Transition Period:

- (a) all money received by or on behalf of the Association, must be deposited without delay into an account held by the University;
- (b) all payments must be authorised by the Executive Committee, and all payment slips must be signed by the Manager, Student Engagement (or delegate) and either the General Secretary or President or one other voting member of the Executive Committee;
- (c) the Association and the University must discuss and reach agreement on banking and financial accountability arrangements for the Association, which will form a Schedule to this Constitution.

Ratified by University Council on 14 August 2014.