

Student Council Agenda Meeting: 12 June 2018

## Flinders University Student Council Meeting Agenda of the Meeting held on 12/06/2018

Alere Function Centre, Student Hub, Bedford Park Campus

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## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

## 2. Apologies

- Yaritji Green
- Josh Rayner

## 3. Welcome of Guests

• Steph Walker – FUSA Media Officer

## 4. Be a Better Human Review – Steph Walker

See Appendix 1

## **Previous Minutes**

See Appendix 2

#### Motion:

Student Council accepts the minutes of the May 2018 meeting.

## 4. Executive Decisions

See Appendix 3

### Motion:

Student Council accepts ratifies the decisions made by the Executive since the last council meeting.

## 5. Reports

See Appendix 4

#### Motion:

Student Council accepts the submitted reports and will defer outstanding reports to the Executive.

## 6. Matters for Decision

## 6.1 FUSA Flags – Keon Simmons

#### Preamble:

FUSA should invest in some flags with our logo on it to have at protests and other events. It is a good way of making ourselves visible and encouraging students from Flinders to be involved in the events that we organise and support. Many other unions and progressive political groups have their own flags and, although banners are also excellent, flags are much more portable and easy to carry around at a rallies and protest.

The figure has been reached by looking at 5 or 6 double-sided flags (dimensions 1200x600mm) from Fantastic Flag.



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#### Motion:

Student Council approve \$500 from the Flexi Fund (providing there is no appropriate media budget line) for FUSA flags to be designed and printed.

## 6.2 CISA Conference – Keon Simmons

#### Preamble:

The CISA conference is a conference that international student leaders around the country attend each year. This year I would like to attend the conference and run for national welfare office.

Here is a bit about the conference - Overcoming Barriers

International students face a lot of barriers, every day in Australia. From finding accommodation, to finding jobs that pay the correct award wages, to having a balanced study, work, and social life balance – international students face multiple barriers every day.

It is important to acknowledge these barriers that international students face, for; if we do not acknowledge the problem there shall be no solution.

The CISA National Conference held in Cairns this year is themed to acknowledge these issues faced by international students in Australia. International student leaders as well as various industry leaders are collaborating in Cairns to find solutions to these problems and concerns together.

Flights will be around \$415, accommodation around \$320, and \$300 for conference Registration.

#### Motion:

Student Council approves the use of Lydia French's General Councillor budget to cover the cost of flights and accommodation for the International Officer to attend CISA National Conference, and for conference registration to be paid from Tarmia Klass' General Councillor budget.

## 6.3 Rural students Guide to University – Kathryn Venning

## Preamble:

Rural university students have a unique experience with university, especially when moving to the city to start studying. We have to leave our families and our homes and move into either share houses or student housing. I first moved to Adelaide in 2015 at the age of 18, thankfully I moved in with my brother, which I am grateful and very fortunate to have. However, most other kids from my town have moved into share house or live on campus.

When I first moved to Adelaide I struggled with very basic things that those living in the city had been doing almost their whole lives. I didn't know how to catch a bus, or what buses to catch, I didn't know about parking in the city, or what to do with my spare time. I had almost no friends when I first moved and struggled with my mental and physical health, this all effected my university experience. However, country kids are extremely resilient and a huge asset to Flinders University. Sometimes we just need a little bit of guidance!



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As a result of this, I am working with Steph Walker, writing a how-to guide for the city and University for country kids, to be distributed at O-weeks, to the hall and relevant clubs and societies. It will include experiences from country kids in the form of vox pops (Empire times style) and full stories, as well as other material about living in the city, health and counselling services, financial support services, clubs and affiliations and everything else I wish I knew when first moving here.

#### Motion:

Student Council approve \$1,200 for printing and \$200 for incentives from the Flexi Fund for student involvement for the Rural Students Guide to University.

## 6.4 Club affiliation: Flinders University Computer Society – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis

#### Preamble:

The Flinders University Computer Society is applying for financial affiliation. All documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 5

#### Motion:

Student Council approves financial affiliation of the Flinders University Computer Society

# 6.5 Academic Association affiliation: Flinders Medical Students' Society – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis

#### Preamble:

The Flinders Medical Students' Society is applying to transition from a Financially Affiliated club to an Academic Association. All documents seem to be in order. See Appendix 6

## Motion:

Student Council approves Flinders Medical Students' Society application to be an Academic Association.

# 6.6 Club affiliation: Australian Youth Climate Coalition Flinders Action Group – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis

## Preamble:

The Australian Youth Climate Coalition Flinders Action Group has applied for Non-Financial Affiliation, however there are issues with their documentation, particularly the lack of attendance records and details in their meeting minutes. See Appendix 7

#### Motion:

Student Council denies the Australian Youth Climate Coalition Flinders Action Group affiliation application and invites them to reapply when FUSA regulatory requirements have been met.



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## 6.7 Casual Vacancy Panel – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis

## Preamble:

As we've received the resignation of our Welfare Officer, the Casual Vacancy process has now begun. The Casual Vacancy Panel consists of 5 Student Council members: Student President, General Secretary, Education Officer, and two other nominated members. At least 3 of these people must identify as women.

Planned timeline and details for the nomination and panel is as follows:

- Open Nominations: 9am Tuesday June 12
- Close Nominations: 4.30pm Tuesday June 19
- Returning Officer: Rachael Pollock
- Appointment Committee meet, shortlist & schedule interviews: Wednesday June 20, 2018
- Interviews: Monday June 25, or Tuesday June 26 or Wednesday June 27
- Recommendation to Student Council: Thursday July 28
- Student Council Vote: July 9th meeting

Motion:			
Student Council nominates	and	to the Casual Vacancy Panel.	

## 7. Matters for Discussion

## 7.1 EdCon Planning Update

## 7.2 Cultural Sensitivity Training – Kate Walsh

The SRDO would like to reschedule the Cultural Awareness and Safety Training previously postponed (due to the presenter being unwell). I am seeking agreement from Student Council that this is something you would like to participate in and a commitment to making time to attend. I will once again invite Doug Turner, an Associate Lecturer in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health at Flinders to deliver the training. The session that Doug can run will have a particular focus on how to be respectful and inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the day to day work of the Council. I think all will agree that this is a very important discussion for everyone to participate in. If Doug is unavailable I will find a suitable replacement.

Can Student Council please let me know:

- 1) If this is something SC would like to participate in (this requires a commitment to attending the session)
- 2) When the training can be scheduled (Is midyear break a possibility?)

If you would all like to go ahead I can send around a doodle poll with some potential dates. The expectation is that at all Student Council members would participate in this half day training. Lunch will be provided.

## Student President's report – Ashley Sutherland

- Attended Tertiary Access Group's CampusLink conference
- Presented at TAG in Melbourne on Students As Partners with Dr. Sally Varnham
- Completed two interviews with Junkee & ABC
- Met with the DVC(S) on two confidential student matters
- Attended committee meetings as required
- Wrote article for Empire Times
- Continued preparation for NUS Education Conference
- Wrote media release for Be a Better Human with help of Media Officer
- Interviewed applicants for Student Assist Officer role
- Attended University Council
- Met with Student Assist regarding delays in student interest-free loans
- Presented lecture on 'Neoliberalisation of the University' with the NTEU
- Presented at the Australian Collaborative Education Network's event on WIL at Flinders
   University Victoria Square campus
- Processed re-affiliation with CISA
- Met with Student Assist regarding further roll-out of Studiosity
- Met with Health, Counselling & Disability regarding speed of services available to students
- Met with Buildings & Property
- Met with Carparking Project Board
- Met with Robert Houghton and Kate Walsh regarding archiving of SAFU

## General Secretary's report – Katerina Hatzipanagiotis

- Continuing to investigate options for a collaborative and comprehensive events calendar for clubs – aim to have this ready for Semester 2
- Answering general queries from club executives
- Engaging in O'Week directors planning discussions
- Investigating budget tracking and update in the absence of an Office Manager, updating unprocessed spending and calculating the budget available to council
- Ongoing discussions and meetings with members of student council to plan initiatives and events with the remainder of our budget, assistance in investigating feasibility and options

## International Students Officer's report – Keon Simmons

- 1. Meeting with Chris O, Kate W, Ben S, Student President, and environment officer about international student representation and I've decided to have the international student association with a clear plan. The international officer will be an ex officio of this club
- 2. Meet with NUS president about CISA and the CISA Conference in Cairns
- 3. Went to communities in control conference in Melbourne
- 4. Phone meeting with CISA National VP to discuss ways to get FUSA more involved with CISA
- 5. Met with Katt to discuss the international student officer budget

## Social Activities Officer report – Bradley Martin

- Met with Rachel to discuss potential venues for the FUSA Ball with a shortlist of potential locations identified. Also highlighted the potential of running the event on a Saturday instead of Friday due to availability of public transportation.
- Liaised with Steph regarding theme design for the FUSA Ball, especially for future social media and poster based advertising.
- I have been working with the Media team on the design of the Semester 2 Pub Crawl shirts with designs almost finalised.
- After discussions with staff I am hoping to utilise different coloured shirts in order to highlight responsible attendees to ensure that intoxicated attendees can clearly identify them. I will subsequently be aiming to develop a means to select and reward these individuals.
- Was involved in the selection and interview process for the event assistant position
- Liaised with Rachel regarding plans and events for the semester 2 O'week as well as participated in discussions with the O'week Directors.
- Approved the expenditure from the events budget towards additional funding towards World Environment Day.
- Attended World Environment Day organised by the FUSA environment Officer.
- Was heavily involved in organizing, running and volunteering at a number of events as a part
  of Pridefest including the stall days in the Hub, the Opening Ceremony & Eurovsion
  Screening, Quiz Night and Love Wins Pub Crawl.
- Debriefed Pridefest with both the Queer Officer and Rachel to discuss flaws and successful aspects as well as potential opportunities to be employed in future FUSA events.
- Scheduled media adverts on the Social Activities Facebook page to advertise FUSA events as well as non-FUSA Flinders events and large external events that may interest students.

## Environment Officer report – Andy C

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- 2.0 World Environment Day (Campus Event)
- 3.0 Flinders Recycling Program
- **4.0 Flinders Anti-Poverty Network**
- 5.0 Keep-cups and drink bottle funding
- 6.0 Activity's (intersections and advocacy)
- 7.0 Apology for Inactivity of report backs

## 1.0 Co-op Kitchen Proposal

(Flinders University Co-op Kitchen Plan/ Enviro-space proposal)

As an incentive for student community building and food affordability on campus, I have constructed a proposal for a Co-op kitchen [see attachment]. In the process of presenting this proposal I have contacted a range of campus groups, organizations and staff, that include: The dean of Science [Karen Burkedasilva], Oasis, Buildings and property, NTEU, Flinders permaculture committee (& council member Josh Jarvis), Flinders Veg club, Flinders Environmental Action Group, FUBABS, FUMBA, SOBA, Saving Nemo and various other groups on campus.

The progress of the proposal consultation has met limitations in out reach due to conflicting proposals for the space by The School of Biology Association (SOBA) and currently waiting for further discussions with Karen after her return from vacation. When Karen and I spoke last she stated that she has been in contact with buildings and property about a trip to University of Melbourne to look at the food co-op model. Conversations will resume in the following month due to Karen's return.

## Original Proposal:

(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oksI1iNOJT44FDBSIYNBFYQhv0GujT09VLRueOogZqU/edit?usp=sharing)

Pamphlet For Out Reach:

(https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uEUnCoD9iKd3K8UMLBXuZsY MTywX pW/view?usp=sharing)

## 2.0 United Nations World Environment Day.

I organized a campus event for world environment day with collaboration with the various clubs and associations present on campus. In regards to organizing this event I wrote the proposal and budget, organized documentary screenings, musician and a panel of academics and a local MP.

Due to pressing workloads and illness of FUSA staff, a great deal of organizing the event was done though my personal time contribution with no previous experience of organizing a major event. Further, in relation to time contributions required by my studies the post event debrief and budget calculation of spending will be postponed after exams.

## 3.0 Campus recycling.

In communications with a student that has, out of their own concerns with the program provided on campus conducted an investigation in to the white bins (10 cent deposit cans and bottles). Met with buildings and property's found that the bins get emptied into the same large bins as the landfill (red) bins. Which presents dishonesty and a false sense of moral commitment on the part of management of waste on campus.

In response to the inquisition Buildings and Property has provided ambiguity around the issue, being the fault of the cleaners due to the bin liners being the same color and when questioned by a FUSA staff member in discussion around the future sustainability plan (2018-2022), they were met with the answer that the bottles and cans are introduced in to the landfill bin but then sorted off site.

The likelihood of this being the case is minimal due to another justification provided by Buildings and Property being that there is risk in sorting and processing the 10 cents deposit bins on site and delivery to the scout depot (e.g. Blackwood) being a occupation health and safety risk due to introduction of foreign objects from misunderstanding of use by students.

I have spoken to FUSA media and it is a possibility to establish a campaign to raise awareness around appropriate bin use and to contribute the return of deposit in to constructive student incentives on campus. Which would be preferable to the pervious suggestion of a can and bottle deposit vending machine on campus for students to collect the return on the beverages purchased on campus when subsequently any where from 70-90% of cans and bottles would potentially be entering landfill.

This deposit machine would cost around \$7,000 and I would much rather see the allocation of a similar sum of funding going into establishing an effective campus wide recycling program.

## 4.0 Flinders Anti-Poverty Network

As a part of the boarder environmental and humanitarian focus of my roll of environment officer I have participated in trying to establish a Flinders University based Anti-Poverty Network.

As a part of this I have met with an interested group of individuals to work on advocacy for students whom are struggling with situations of low socio-economic conditions from a diverse range of demographics in regards to structural or systematic oppression in which limits ability, autonomy, agency and self-determination.

This conversation has been postponed out of courtesy from pending stress from the exam period. This conversation will resume in the coming months.

## 5.0 Keep-cups and drink bottle funding.

I will be putting forward a proposal for SSAF funding for future spending on the drink bottle (the

current design for hot/cold) and secondly there have been complaints raised about the previous purchased design of Keep-cups which has a lid which can fall off quite easily spillages in backpack even with minimal fluids condense (e.g. before washing in presence of milk products, coffee, etc.). I will be looking at collaborating with other council members around preferred design and cost and spending. There are a remaining currently hundreds of current keep-cups and have given to okay for them to be given out at any and all FUSA events.

## 6.0 Activity's (intersections & advocacy for equality)

As an extension of my role I would like to include further contributions and collaborations with groups, organizations and individuals on campus.

For example after meeting with Oasis I would like to further collaborate in awareness around their market day, similarly in collaboration with Josh Jarvis after an extensive meeting there will be further collaboration around the establishment of the campus market garden.

I attended the Consent Now Always clubs and association training as the president of Flinders Environmental Action Group.

I have also sat in on a meeting with Keon (International Officer), Chris O'Grady, Kate Walsh and Ben Smith (Oasis Coordinator) in regards to a broader advocacy of international students on campus.

In addition I sat in on the meeting for the future Flinders university Equal Opportunity Plan meeting last month and would like to participate in those conversations further.

I have also met with individuals who have raised concerns around a range of issues. Relating to products provided by FUSA from companies that are known to test products on animals (e.g. Colgate-Parmolive).

As well as aspects of hegemonic, cis-gender and hetero-normative components present on campus (in academic, staff, student and event) culture in relation to impacts on mental well-being for the transgender and non-binary community. (e.g. upcoming men's health day use of language and subconscious perpetuation of toxic masculinity and vilification for those who do not fit in the binary of gendered definition.)

As well as concerns relating to environmental and humanitarian impacts of weapons and military-industrial development on campus. In being asked for my contribution to expand campus understanding of the environmental destruction and climate change contribution of military-industrial production being **the largest** global contributor to carbon emissions, chemical contamination and the destruction of war being a primary contributor of environmental degradation.

## 7.0 Apology for Inactivity of report backs

I apologies for the large absence of my report back accounts of the past months, I was not aware I was falling behind in my council requirement of my obligations and hope that this document will be insightful to my activity's on council.

## General Councillor Report – Tarmia Klass

- Continued participation in the promotion of FUSA events online and through word of mouth.
- Participation and attendance to FUSA events including Pride Week has been undertaken to promote attendance and show support.
- First Year Collective emails continue. They mainly concern questions about course technicalities or needing to find certain recourses. All questions have been answered and students have been forwarded on to the appropriate services.
- Unfortunately, a first semester get-together was unable to go forward because of conflicting dates and an inability for a date to be cemented. However, interest in a second semester o'week event is evident and an event could go through.
- Helping Welfare: Emails for Welfare officer have been received. They have been triaged and all inquiries answered.
- Although the end of semester has been busy with university work, effort has been made to remain in contact with FUSA personnel and engage where I can through events and so forth.

## General Councillor Report – Jesse Stevens

- Having preliminary discussions with the FUSA Clubs & Events Officer regarding a FUSA Quiz Night in Semester 2
- Assisting Pride Fest at a stall and packing up
- Attending the student Retention Working Group meeting and providing a report to the Education Officer.
- Meeting with the Manager of International Student Services to discuss my proposal for a database to assist international students to find accommodation.
- Attending the Education Quality Committee meeting and providing a report to the Education Officer.

## General Councillor Report – Kathryn Venning

## Rural students guide

This month I've worked with Steph Walker to make a draft of the guide for rural students. We have discussed price of printing as well as format and sizing. We also sat down and discussed the material that the guide will contain. We also talked to those at flinders living about getting involved and sharing their experiences about living on campus opposed to living in a share house or off campus. I also talked the flinders Tavern about getting involved for sponsorship, in exchange for an advertisement, however these talks are yet to be finalised.

## Other

- This month I also spoke to a number of students struggling in their courses with lecturers and general university problems. I referred them to the relevant deans of schools or topic coordinators and also to FUSA for assistance.
- I also spoke with a few honours students who were having trouble with their supervisor being unreliable resulting in them falling behind, I helped them collect the relevant materials needed to submit a complaint or to talk to FUSA about their next steps.

## Manager Student Engagement – Update – June 2018

## **Staffing**

The recruitment of two positons within FUSA is occurring currently. The vacant 0.4 Student Advocacy Officer position in the Student Assist team has now been completed and a recommendation to appoint is now sitting with People and Culture. The recruitment process for the Events Assistant positon has also been completed and we are now awaiting a response from People and Culture regarding my recommendation to appoint. I will let you know once these positions are filled.

## **Financial Reporting**

Over the past couple of months, I have been working with Flinders Finance to develop a new structure for the SSAF accounts for FUSA/Student Engagement. This will mean that we will go from having 5 accounts to approximately 20. The aim is to allow us to be more effective and efficient with how we track expenditure for the year and be able to run reports instantly to determine where we are at. I will keep you updated with the progress of this. At this stage I am hoping to have these new accounts set up by the end of June.

Student Assist Activity Report – Prepared by the Team Leader, Student Assist

## Casework

This report has been prepared in time for the next Student Council meeting and reflects advocacy work from 1<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Student Assist opened 49 new student cases in May (up from 30 in April), only slightly under the 53 new cases opened in May last year. Most students (37; 75%) were using Student Assist's services for the first time.

Each case opened in Student Assist's case management system involves one or more 'issues', which fall into the broad categories of 'Academic', 'Financial' or 'Welfare'. Any given case will have at least one issue attached to it. In complex cases, a student may have a number of interconnected issues adding a multifactorial dimension to their situations and often requiring multi-pronged approaches for satisfactory outcomes.

Student Assist managed 60 new issues in May (up from 43 last month). The majority (50%) were financially-related, followed closely by academic issues (45%). Only 2% of the issues were related to Welfare matters (defined by Student Assist as those encompassing Equal Opportunity, Personal, Employment and Accommodation concerns).

A closer investigation of the financially-related workload in May shows that issues relating to applications for Remission of fees were the most common (8%), followed by applications for Emergency Financial Assistance and Centrelink queries (both 7%). Both Financial Counselling and applications for Student Loans represented 5% of the total Student Assist workload this month.

Student Assist has identified delays with the disbursement of the Student loans that it administers up to the completion of eligibility assessment. Student Finance is reportedly experiencing staffing issues and students have been impacted as a result. Please, let us know if you would like to be involved in advocating for systemic changes to remedy these operational issues.

In addition to casework, 45 students (up from 28) contacted Student Assist via the general email address to seek advice during May. Queries relating to complaints represented 30% of the general email contacts. Most of the students (13, 30%) presenting to Student Assist in this fashion belong to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Note: Ongoing cases opened in previous months are not counted in the above figures.

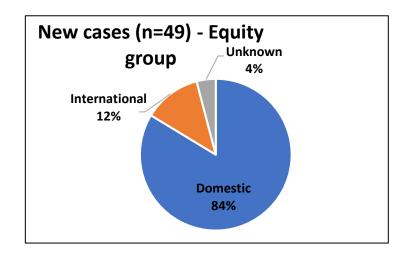
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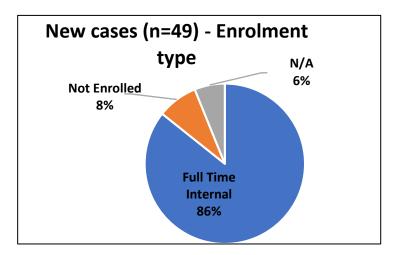
## **Projects and Communications**

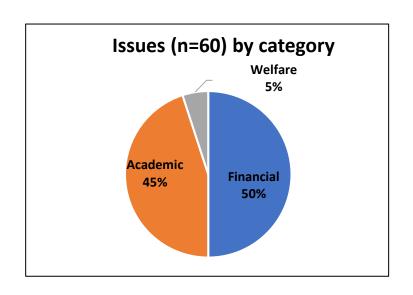
- Meeting with incoming staff from the Yunggorendi Student Engagement office to provide support regarding student-related policies and procedures. The new team of 4 staff will be providing advice, advocacy and referrals to the approximately 300 Flinders Indigenous students at Flinders. Student Assist has given Yunggorendi staff access to some of its resources to facilitate collaboration.
- Attended Community Market at Oasis on the 24<sup>th</sup> May. Student Assist and FUSA generally will have a presence at this market thanks to the engagement of a casual staff over the next few weeks.
- Meeting with Indigo representative to discuss the legal and advocacy services they provide to women who are or have been victims of domestic violence. Indigo will be in discussions with the Flinders Legal Advice Clinic to explore potential collaborations.

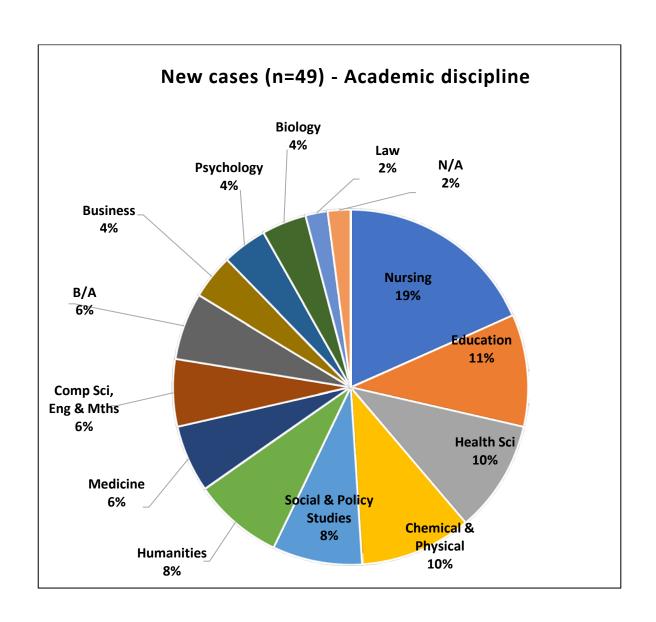
- Recruitment of new Student Advocacy Officer to backfill the vacated 0.4 FTE role has been finalised with the new incumbent commencing employment mid-to end June.
- Attended a session to discuss the 'Student as Partners' model in the area of Work Integrated Learning.

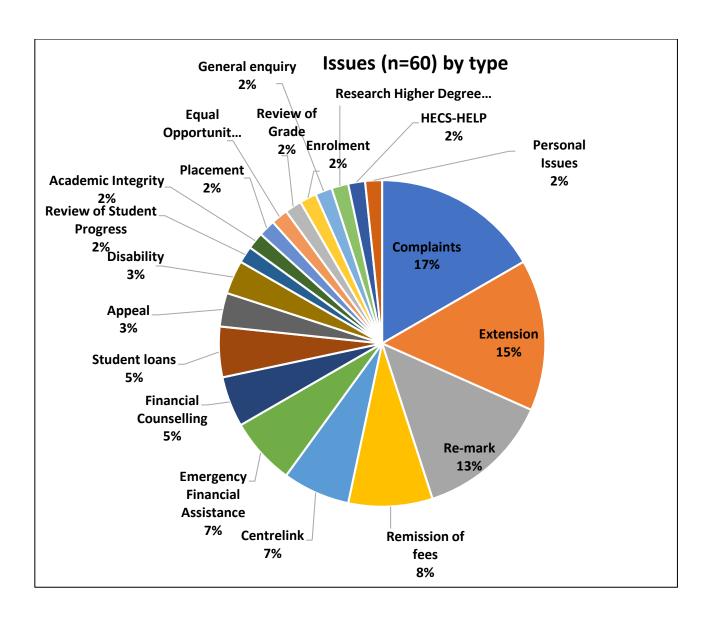
## Breakdown of May Casework

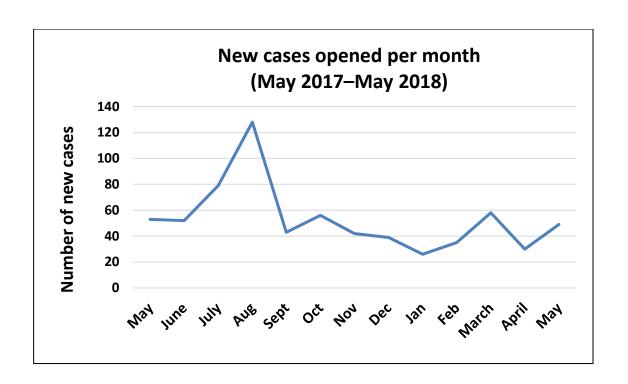


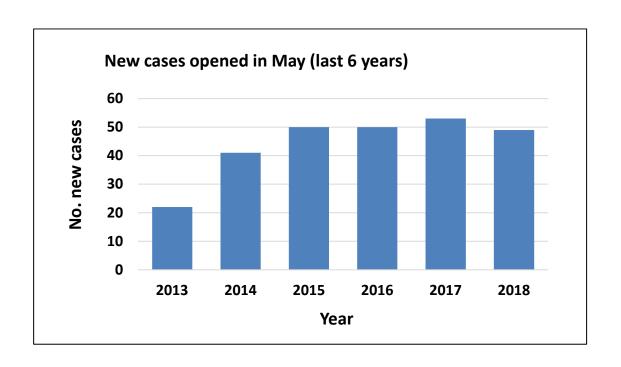












**Student Representation Report –** Prepared by the Student Representation and Development Officer

Over the past month I have been working on a number of projects/activities:

I am continuing to work with staff and students in the College of Science and Engineering and Business, Government & Law to roll out topic representatives in Semester 2. I met with a number of academics in BGL who have put their hand up to participate in the pilot, and it was really great to have an open discussion about how the program will roll out, what the aim of the pilot is and what the expectations are for academics involved. A key finding in the 2017 pilot was that academic staff support is essential for a successful relationship between reps and staff. When reps feel valued and supported they are more likely to be able to fulfil their duties. I am hoping to run a similar info session with staff in Science and Engineering in June. I have also created a double sided A4 flyer with information for both students and staff outlining key roles and responsibilities. I hope this easily digestible information will assist in communication, as it seems that no one reads their emails these days. I am also at the beginning of recruiting some past Topic Reps from the 2017 pilot in biological sciences to create a pool of topic rep trainers so there are plenty of trainers available for the 2018 semester 2 roll out. The student trainers will be paid to deliver the training and will be mentored by myself, Michelle Tatyzo and Sofie Amos. Much of my time right now is taken up refining and developing resources and training material for the Semester 2 pilots (2.0).

On May 18 I participated in a workshop organised by the Australian Collaborative Education Network (ACEN) on **Students as Partners in Work Integrated Learning**. This was a very interesting workshop with much time devoted to unpacking what student partnership can look like, particularly in WIL. The input from an expert panel, including our own Student President, Ashley Sutherland, generated a lot of ideas on how student partnership can be approached. I particularly like the idea of exploring WIL in our own university and providing opportunities right here at Flinders for students to learn from and work with academic and professional staff.

I have now trained 13 **College Education Committee** student reps over 2x 2hr training sessions. Another training will be offered in June to any remaining reps who have yet to be trained. The response and feedback to the training has been overwhelmingly positive. Evaluations indicate that the training is considered practical, interactive and highly valued by reps. All reps indicated that their knowledge and understanding of their role as CEC student reps, the governance and decision making structures within the University and what additional supports exist for students (e.g. Student Assist, Health Counselling & disability, Student Learning Centre, etc.) all increased substantially after completing the training. It's been an absolute pleasure to meet and work with CEC reps and I have been impressed by their commitment to working in partnership to improve the student experience for all involved.

A small update on **FUSA Development Grants** - The grants will now open at the beginning of Semester 2, July 23 and close three weeks later (instead of four weeks) on August 10. This allows us time to assess grants prior to the business of election preparation and for Lydia to participate on the FDG selection panel before she heads overseas. It also means that students can get some funding in their pockets sooner.

If you'd like to discuss any of the above or anything related to student representation and the student council please get in touch with Kate Walsh on 8201 3620 <a href="mailto:kate.walsh@flinders.edu.au">kate.walsh@flinders.edu.au</a>

## Events Report - Prepared by the Events & Projects Officer

## Ongoing work:

- Relax Day continues across campus until the semester break. We will continue to roll it out in Semester 2
- Bring Back the Bands in the Tavern is building momentum. The Tavern, OCME and I will be planning bigger, collaborative band nights for Semester Two onwards.

#### Semester Two O'Week

The O'Week Directors have discussed ideas and planned a program of events for Semester Two O'Week. There will be clubs and commercial stalls on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, followed by free lunches and social events during the week. Events include a Winter Warmer wine tasting event, a Market Day, live music, craft tables and DIY activities, a Quiz Night and lots of other O'Week freebies.

## **Student Council Event Planning**

Pride Fest was a huge event in May. Congratulations to the Queer Officer and the Social Activities Officer (and all of the amazing volunteers) for putting on such a brilliant community event.

The Environment Officer has put together an event for World Environment Day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. There will be stalls, a panel discussion and giveaways. Thanks to the Event Assistant, the Clubs and Events Officer and the Media Officer for assisting the Environment Officer in my absence over the last two weeks.

Other events on my radar are NAIDOC, and the FUSA Ball. I would love to see more Student Council events on the calendar, please come and chat to me if you have an idea.

#### Other events and projects

The Be a Better Human events rolled out from May 8-10 in the Hub. There were two film screenings, a campus fair day and a panel discussion. Overall the events went well, with some issues around staffing and set up. The Media Officer and I have planned a detailed debrief and will implement improvements for future BaBH events on campus.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss an event idea please feel free to pop by my office, or email me at <a href="mailto:rachael.pollock@flinders.edu.au">rachael.pollock@flinders.edu.au</a>. I am in the office alternate Mondays and every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you stop by and I'm not around, please send me an email and I'll arrange a time for us to catch up.

## Media Report – Prepared by the Media Officer

### **Usual work:**

- Newsletters (fortnightly)
- Facebook (roughly 99+ comments/likes/PMs a day). Don't forget if you want something to go out via FUSA fb you can always PM the account.
- Club logos and design eg FUOSA, FUPS, OCF, Outdoor Club, Japanese Club, Nutrition, Optometry.
- Student Council event design eg Pub Crawl/FUPSA AGM
- Design work for Student Assist
- Empire Times support and training

## **Empire Times**

We're now about to receive issue 4 of Empire Times. The editors are planning to make a special issue in semester two. Empiretimes.com.au has a new theme. Competition for contributing to special edition opens 4<sup>th</sup> of June.

## **Consent Campaign**

In light of data collected to date, the campaign appears to have be successful on multiple levels. To date, we have published twenty-five BaBH related posts on Facebook and fourteen on Instagram. Given that content is was being published on social media until Friday the 1st of June, further data still needs to be collected and analysed. However, from what we can measure to date, the campaign amassed a total reach of aprox 52,000 individuals who saw the content on social media and an engagement (this includes likes, comments or shares on social media) of approx. 13,000. The website has had around 700 visits to date and the overall engagement rates for our email based marketing was much higher (29.7%) than industry standards (15.4%).

At the moment, we are suggesting the following for the future. If any Student Council members would like to talk to me about their opinions for future iterations of the campaign, please drop me a line. Suggestions:

- Run two BaBH events per calendar year.
- Maintain a presence at core campus events like Mental Health Week.
- Continue to partner with Student Council during their campaigns and initiatives, using the BaBH brand to shape new content with the same tone/visual identity, referring back to the booklet and website.
- Develop academic partnerships with Colleges and consider collaboration where possible.

- Promote/partner with national campaigns and to develop opportunities to liaise with other Universities
- Work with Legal to finalise Open Source content and make it available to other universities and external organisations.
- Consider viable alternatives to film screenings such as media watch-lists via Kanopy.
- Implement event improvements with the Events and Project Officer e.g. photobooth, staffing and layout.
- Assess feasibility of podcast based Q & A.
- Retain the six decals and the installation (outside the Tavern) well into Semester 2.
- Refresh the Student Advisory Board after O'Week 2019.

## Coming up:

We have Exam pop-ups, Semester 2 O'Week, FUSA Grants in July and Multicultural Festival.

#### **Table Tennis and Game Table**

The retro tabletop has been placed near the tavern with FUSA decals placed. The table tennis table is about to be placed on the ground level of the hub, once in location, I will organise decals to be placed around the edges and a locker to place the bats and balls in.

Clubs Report - Prepared by the Clubs and Events Officer

#### **Annual Review**

Clubs and Associations that have not completed the Annual Review process have had their benefits of affiliation temporarily suspended until an application is submitted. Recommendations for disaffiliation will be submitted to the General Secretary for clubs and associations that fail to complete this process before the July Student Council meeting.

## **Equipment Booking System**

Due to frequent issues with equipment bookings with the existing Outlook Calendar; such as equipment going missing, not returned, double booked or not used when booked. I am investigating other systems that would automate this process to reduce the number of errors and delays with access to equipment.

Based on available software, the most likely solution to our requirements is LabAgenda, which would allow for:

- Self-serve equipment bookings online
- Instant booking by scanning appropriate equipment with a QR Scanner or Mobile Phone

- Online availability calendar (listing all equipment individually) for all club/council/staff members
- Administration rights to approve booking requests (or allow for instant approval for items that are rarely used/low value)
- A check in/check out process, that will update equipment availability automatically if booked equipment is unused (for other groups to book again)
- Automated reminders if equipment is not returned by due date.

This software is primarily directed toward student bookings of lab equipment, however is perfect for our requirements. Currently there is no cost associated with this project. It may become easier to purchase a QR scanner at a later date, however it would not necessary to implement this service initially.

#### **Club Training**

Both FUSA & Flinders Sport & Fitness clubs and associations were asked to complete mandatory "Consent Matters" training, consisting of an online training component and an in-person "follow-up" session regarding sexual harassment and sexual assault. Sessions were scheduled for Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May and Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May in the Health Sciences Lecture Theatre. 65 FUSA clubs and associations attended, along with 20 Flinders Sport clubs. Many of the clubs that did not attend are inactive (likely to be disaffiliated after Annual Review is completed), however approximately 17 active clubs and associations did not attend. Discussions are underway to determine if a third round of training can be provided for clubs that missed out.

Training for the newly installed web conferencing equipment in the Club Space was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, however had a very low turnout. Instructions and guides have been made available in CLUBFAQ.

A proposal is being developed to create new training videos. Workshops by external training providers may be included, pending further research into cost and whether the training would be worthwhile.

#### O'Week Stall Registrations

Registrations for stalls and roaming permits for O'Week Semester 2's stall day (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July) have now been opened for all FUSA clubs and associations, sporting clubs and Flinders departments. The deadline for registration is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. Clubs that have not completed Annual Review by this time will be allocated after affiliated clubs that have completed the requirement.

## CLUBFAQ

The online help database for clubs & associations, *CLUBFAQ*, is currently being fleshed out with content from the previous guides and documents developed over previous years. The goal is to eliminate the need to download additional documents where possible, making it easy to find all required forms and information via two links only: Manage Your Club and CLUBFAQ.

Freeing up space in the Manage Your Club section will allow for content from the Club Mailing List and Clubs & Associations Facebook group to be displayed on this page, which should help to ensure no important updates/news are missed by club executives.