



**Flinders University Student Council Annual General Meeting
Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 15th of August 2018.
The Tavern, Student Hub, Flinders University Student Association.
13:00**

Present: Ashley Sutherland (Student President), Katt Hatzi (General Secretary), Josh Rayner (Education Officer), Grace Hensel (Women's Officer), Yaritji Green (Indigenous Officer), Keon Simmons (International Officer), Jesse Stevens (General Council Member), Bradley Martin (Social Activities Officer), Jesse Stevens (General Council Member), Kathryn Venning (General Council Member), Tarmia Klass (General Council Member), Alexandra Edhouse (General Council Member), Lydia French (General Council Member), Chris O'Grady (Manager, Student Engagement), Alice Grieve (Minutes).

Meeting Opened: 13:09

Students in attendance: **59**

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

It was acknowledged that the Student Council meeting was taken place on the land of the Kurna people.

2. Accept Minutes from Previous Annual General Meeting

Motion: FUSA AGM accepts the minutes of the AGM held on 3 May 2017.

Moved: Ashley Sutherland (Student President)
Council Member)

Seconded: Kathryn Venning (General

All in favour.

Motion carried.

3. Accept the President's Report

See overleaf



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Student President Annual General Meeting Report 2018

I would like to acknowledge that we meet on the stolen land of the Kaurna people. Their sovereignty was never ceded. I pay my respects to elders past, present, and emerging, and I extend my respects to any First Nations people in the room.

Hello everyone, and welcome to the Flinders University Student Association Annual General Meeting for 2018. I want to say thanks for taking time out of your busy schedules to come and join us so that we can continue to do what we do best – fight for your rights, run events, and bring a student focus to Flinders. I promise I'll keep it short, sharp and shiny.

Through my report, I am here to reflect on the achievements of the fifth Student President, Jordon O'Reilly, and the 5th FUSA Student Council in its current form. I will also give a brief re-cap of what we have achieved this year.

In 2017 we saw our membership grow substantially from 6,000 to 8,300 students. This year we have grown slightly, with our membership coming in at 9,015 students at last count.

The Australian Human Rights Commission released their report on sexual harassment and sexual assault on uni campuses, and this report found that up to 52% of Flinders students had been sexual harassment in 2016. Terrifyingly, Flinders' results in the case of a student being harassed by an academic staff member, were almost double the national average. Most students who experienced harassment were unlike to report it, as they felt that the sexual harassment that they experienced was not serious enough to warrant a report, or they didn't know where to go to report in the first place.

In 2017, FUSA secured an extra \$50,000 in SSAF funding to run a student-led campaign around these issues. This campaign launched this year, and I and the council have had the privilege of being deeply involved in its launch. Be a Better Human has rolled out across our campus and has made a big impact. We are proud to announce that it was decided amongst the student advisory board that the campaign would be best shared as open-source content for students everywhere. We have been proud to see that Be a Better Human has received interest both nationally and internationally, with the 11 Australian universities, End Rape on Campus Australia, the National Union of Students, the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations, Universities Australia, Project Consent, and several colleges in the United States expressing interest in the initiative. I would like my sincere thanks and congratulations to all students on the Student Advisory Board noted, and the hard work of FUSA staff acknowledged in the minutes of today's AGM. Without you, this campaign wouldn't have been possible – and it is entirely on your labour that it was created and distributed.

Back to 2017 – last year's council undertook a project to raise alternative revenue streams to raise finances for the students' association. FUSA currently has very little alternative revenue, which limits our ability in what we can do for students at Flinders. We are proud to be selling the hoodies that

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the 2017 council designed and purchased, and we will be giving away one at the end of the meeting to a lucky ticket holder here today. All of the proceeds from these hoodies go to funding student activities and student services run by FUSA.

2017's council was integral in the Yes! Campaign for Marriage Equality. It's with great happiness that I can stand here now and say, as we all know, that this was a successful campaign – and that Australians are now legally able to marry the person that they love, regardless of their gender. However, we acknowledge that this campaign was not a good experience for all students at Flinders, especially those in our student community who are LGBTQI+, who unfairly had to experience a campaign during which the country decided on their basic human rights. This wasn't good enough, and FUSA will continue to be a safe space for all queer, trans and gender diverse students.

In 2017, Student Council fought hard against cuts to staffing made by university management. Throughout 2018, we have continued this fight, and I have worked hard to strengthen our relationship with the National Tertiary Education Union. We wrote to the Vice Chancellor last week urging him to agree to the Union's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement demands – because poor staff conditions mean poor learning conditions. FUSA also stood strong against the disestablishment of student support roles within the university. We are feeling the effects of these disestablishments and amalgamations today.

FUSA continued its affiliation to the National Union of Students, and undertook new affiliations with the Council of International Students Australia, and the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations. We look to continue these ties in 2018.

In 2017, FUSA wrote submissions to the Research Higher Degrees policy, to Flinders One on changes and replacement vendors which you will have noticed around campus, and to the South Australian Mental Health Commission.

FUSA Student Assist undertook 679 individual student advocacy cases, which is an increase from 2016. We were also able to leverage an extra \$4,000 of funding toward our Student Grants, taking the total up to \$34,000 of grants awarded to students under financial stress and/or wanting to attend a professional or person development event.

In 2018, I hope that we have continued in 2017's legacy whilst continuing to improve and expand upon the student voice on campus. We have had many successes this year, including the introduction of topic rep pilots in the College of Science and Engineering and the College of Business, Government and Law, which will enhance the student experience. We would like to thank the Student Representation and Development team for their work on this – it has been absolutely vital.

We successfully tendered for and hosted the National Union of Students Education Conference in July. This saw over 300 student activists come to our campus for skill-building and joint organising against more Liberal cuts to higher education.

We have, of course, been working within and outside of the Be a Better Human campaign to call for an end to sexual violence on our university campuses. We have joined the We Will Not Be Silent



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campaign, and stood in solidarity with our counterparts at the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia against atrocities at St. Mark's college.

Recently, we have been involved in the Disarm Universities Campaign, calling on Flinders University to cut ties with weapons manufacturers like BAE Systems and the like.

Our First Nations and International Students Collectives have been involved in the "Racism. It stops with me" campaign across Sturt and Bedford Park campuses.

And of course we have continued to host fun and affordable events on and off-campus for students, including the return of the PrideFest! which we hosted in collaboration with the Flinders University Queer Society, pub crawls, gigs and more.

This concludes my President's report. I look forward to seeing you all at FUSA events throughout the rest of the semester.

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Motion: The FUSA AGM endorses the Student President's report.

Moved: Katt Hatzi (General Secretary)

Seconded: Patrick Morgan (Observer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

4. Accept the General Secretary's Report

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Bank Account figures

- Opening balance on 1/7/2017: \$22,644.45
- Closing balance on 30/6/2018: \$10,834.28
- Total outgoings: \$35,823.55
- Total incomings: \$24,013.38

Outgoings:

- NUS affiliation
- NUS Education Conference
- FUSA hoodies
- Pubcrawl shirts

Revenue:

- pubcrawls
- o'week stalls
- other activations on campus - V energy, NOVA

Going forward, revenue will be received from:

- apparel sales (hoodies)
- o'weeks
- activations
- pubcrawls

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Motion: The FUSA AGM endorses the General Secretary's report.

Moved: Ashley Sutherland (Student President)

Seconded: Josh Rayner (Education Officer)

All in favour.

Motion carried.

5. Other Business & Meeting Close

Raffle winners drawn (D29 & D15) – each winner received a free FUSA hoodie.

Meeting Closed: 13:23