
MINUTES OF THE AUSA EXECUTIVE MEETING FRIDAY 23 APRIL 2021



4 Alfred Street, AUSA Meeting Room | 12pm - 1pm

Present: President, PGO, EVP, Treasurer-Secretary, ISO, MSO (Mihiterina), QRO, eNVP, WRO

Apologies: PISO, MSO (Te Rina)

In Attendance: Rutherford representatives, William Watterson (General Manager)

Late: WVP

Meeting opened at 12:08pm

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. Leave

CHAIR

THAT the PISO and MSO (Te Rina) be granted leave from this meeting as she had work commitments.

Carried Unanimously

1.2. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were noted.

1.3. Confirm previous minutes

CHAIR

THAT the minutes of the AUSA Executive Meeting held on Thursday 25 March 2021 be approved and accepted as a true and accurate record.

Carried Unanimously

2. REPORT FROM OFFICERS

The reports from the Officers details their actions to date for the previous 2 weeks. Its purpose is to inform the rest of the AUSA Executive about the current work happening within AUSA and how it advances AUSA's goals regarding the AUSA Operations Plan 2021.

CHAIR

THAT the fortnightly reports from the AUSA Executive detailing the work done by the Executive be accepted and approved as a true and accurate record. The report for the Welfare Vice-President will be tabled for the next meeting.

Carried Unanimously

3. NZ CENSUS PRESENTATION

Gregg and Soong are from Rutherford who speak to customers about their experience towards the product that the client provides. Stats NZ has had trouble trying to gather information regarding the Census so Rutherford has been asked to find out the experiences about people and the reasons why there might be barriers regarding the census.

WVP entered the meeting at 12:08pm

The goal of Rutherford today is to:

- Address and enhance respondent's mana
- Facilitate a strong reciprocal relationship between Statistics NZ and AUSA, if AUSA wish to form a relationship
- Convey information that is immediately and obviously actionable
- Is backed by psychological science and grounded in Te Ao Māori concepts

Gregg and Soong wish to discuss what entices people to partake in the Census. The Executive speak to the issues from their own backgrounds as to why there is a lack of engagement, specifically from students, in the Census. Soong opens the floor for discussion:

- The next election year coincides with the next census, perhaps this would increase the participation within census for this year. There is the idea that is tied with the elections that people are doing their civic duty and that they are getting something out of it. If there is something similar that is tied to the Census then maybe students may be more likely to partake in the Census.
- In the previous election years, the electoral commission used to put a stall up in the Student Union which increased student engagement. Perhaps this would be a good idea for the census people to do as well.

Rutherford Representatives (Soong and Gregg) leave 12:35pm

4. **ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE**

Two members of the current AUSA Advisory Board will see the end of their term at the end of July. The Advisory Board wishes to know the process that the AUSA Executive wish to pursue in filling these two positions. Last year, the executive had a think of the attributes that they needed from the AB, and then the process was handled by Will and Carol. The President was involved in the shortlisting, and then the exec finalised. Currently, we don't have any legal background in the AB. We also need to look at the culture of our AB seriously i.e. their diversity.

Should we consider the President being the Chair of the AB?

- QRO speaks to this and doesn't think that having the President as Chair on all AUSA Boards is a good idea.

Should we consider changing the name to Advisory Committee rather than a Board?

- Maybe this is not the best idea as this might put people off from joining the Advisory Board.
- Maybe this is just the problem with the current AB so perhaps the new Chair/AB would exude a different culture and view towards AUSA.

ACTION POINT: The Chair to send the details of the remaining AB to the executive so that they are aware of the current members and their backgrounds.

The Executive will take the next few weeks to think about the qualities that they would need in the Advisory Board and what type of advice AUSA may need in the future.

Should we have the board as the website?

- Action: Add the Advisory Board profiles to the website.

PGO leaves at 12:59pm

5. **WEEKS TENDER: ECO WEEK**

The Engagement Vice-President informs the rest of the Executive about the plans for Eco Week next week.

6. NEXT MEETING

Due to the unfinished business within this meeting, there will be an intermittent meeting held on Wednesday 28th April 3-4pm purposed to finish off standing agenda items. Any changes will be communicated to the Executive as soon as possible through social media channels.

Meeting closed at 1:37pm

Signed as a TRUE and ACCURATE RECORD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anamika Harirajh', written over a horizontal line.

Anamika Harirajh

President and Chair of the AUSA Executive Meeting, 2021