

MINUTES OF THE AUSA STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING · 20 APRIL 2022



Zoom | 18:00 - 20:00

PRESENT:

Alofa So'olefai (President, AUSA), Steven Wijaya (Treasurer-Secretary, AUSA), Alan Shaker (EVP, AUSA), Ishie Sharma (WVP, AUSA), Makayla Muhundan (EnVP, AUSA), Kelly Misiti (PGO, AUSA), Varsha Ravi (ISO, AUSA), Piripi Gordon (Co-Tumuaki/MSO, NTM/AUSA), Anipātene Biddle (Co-Tumuaki/MSO, NTM/AUSA)

Dania Shafiq (President, SciSA), George Perry (President, AUES), Simran Wadhawan (Co-President, AUCSA), Angela Wong (President, SUPA), Rhea Colaabavala (President, APSA), Jessica Chun (President, SAMS), Samantha Samaniego (President, AUPHSA), Georgia Cheng (President, NZOSS), Crystyn Pask (President, ALES), Wilene Shen (President, MISA),

IN ATTENDANCE:

Temi Adelekan (AUSA Student Voice Manager), Peter Shand (Curriculum Transformation Academic Lead), Veronica (SOMSA, Equity Officer), Julia Novak (Associate Director Ranga Auaha Ako), Brandon Goh (Rainbow Law Representative), Bridget Kool (Pro Vice-Chancellor Education), Emily Hana (Programme Change Manager for the CFT)

LATE:

ABSENT: *Johnnie Wang (President, UoA Council Rep), Folau Tu'inukuafe (WRO, AUSA), Seini Pua (PISO, AUSA/AUPISA), Olympia Robb (President, ASO),*

APOLOGIES: *Tom Swinburn (President, AUMSA), Gayle Morris (Director of Teaching and Learning), Theo van de Klundert (QRO, AUSA), Eilish Wood (President, NASA), Joseph Nganu (President, ESSA), Gareth Jones (AUSA General Manager), Hyunsang Lim (President, AULSS), Danica Loulie-Wijtenburg (President, AUGSS), Benjamin Elwood (President, DSA)*

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. *Karakia & Welcome*

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened with a Karakia.

1.2. *Apologies*

The chair noted the apologies.

1.3. *Declarations of Interest*

No declaration of interest.

1.4. *Approval of Previous Minutes & Matters Arising*

The AUSA EVP provided a quick progress update (written update) regarding the Sustainability Strategy.

CHAIR/AUSA ISO

Agreed that the AUSA Student Council of the previous Student Council Meeting held on Monday, 21 March 2022, be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Carried Unanimously

2. STANDING AGENDA ITEM: CURRICULUM TRANSFORMATION UPDATE (PETER SHAND)

Associate Professor Peter Shand updated the council regarding the Curriculum Framework Transformation (CFT), specifically highlighting the draft of the emerging Taumata for engagement.

The AUSA PGO enquired for a clearer definition of 'Material Impact'. Peter clarifies that such a phrase refers to the real-world/actual impact.

The AUSA PGO questioned the emerging recommendations specifically regarding the Language Requirements and several concerns that go with it.

The emerging recommendations will be brought to student consultation in May 2022.

3. LEARNING & TEACHING RECOMMENDATIONS

Julia Novak and Emily Hanna briefed the council on some of the emerging recommendations regarding the learning and teaching space through the Curriculum Transformation. Emily Hanna shared a [padlet](#) for student feedback on the relevant emerging recommendations.

Julia Novak highlighted the learning and teaching recommendation(s) that specifically fit into the categories: Policies/Guidelines, Delivery, Assessment, Technology-Enhanced-Learning and the Long-Term Strategy. Conversations and feedback over the Padlet, where students were able to share their ideas/thoughts/concerns.

The Education Vice-President highlighted concerns regarding the extension policy and the inconsistent approaches to extensions. The Education Vice President noted the importance of a more flexible extension policy to reflect real-world experience better.

JULIA NOVAK, EMILY HANA, BRIDGET KOOL, PETER SHAND LEFT THE MEETING AT 19:27

4. SEXUAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN (BRANDON GOH)

Brandon Goh introduced the Sexual Health Campaign undertaken along with Varsha (AUSA ISO) and Folau (AUSA WRO). The campaign focuses on two major elements:

- Focus on greater access for PReP and movement to change legislation for fairer and just public health care
- Focus on equitable insurance to cover sexual healthcare

Temí Adelekan asked whether it would be best to target a larger group (International Students) Brandon Goh explained the risk it goes when fighting something that could hugely impact the government. He further highlighted that such a strategy is purposely done to be more 'politically palatable'. The AUSA ISO further noted that the reason that they are targeting PReP is that pharmaceutical companies have a limited budget that is allocated for that purpose.

One risk associated with such a campaign is a potential increase in insurance cost, which could overall financially detriment students.

5. LOCAL BOARD ELECTIONS (MAKAYLA MUHUNDAN)

Makayla (AUSA EnVP) briefed the council on an informational session regarding local board elections. An interactive session with tasks were completed with the students via Menti.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Subcommittee minutes were attached from the International Students and Postgraduate Students Subcommittees.

The Chair noted there are no minutes or updates from the accommodation, Queer Student Council and Mana Wahine subcommittees.

7. NZUSA

The Chair explained to the Student Council what NZUSA is and further highlighted the current status AUSA has with NZUSA. It was noted that AUSA gave notice to leave NZUSA in 2021 and will officially leave in June 2022. The purpose of having such an agenda item is to further consult the Student Council and student leaders (acting as a checking point) before taking this issue to the AUSA SGM to hear the thoughts of the student body.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1. *Campus Calling*

The Chair noted the University's collaboration with AUSA for an 'O-Week' for the second half of Semester 1. Additionally, the Chair noted that AUSA Executive will be doing a BBQ on some of the University's satellite campuses (Epsom, Grafton, South Auckland) on week 9 of the semester.

8.2. *Exam Seminars*

The AUSA EnVP introduced that AUSA will host free seminar(s) for 1st-year core papers. Applications for the seminar tutors will be opened in the week starting 25 April 2022. The AUSA EnVP asked for the Student Council's help to promote the event. More updates will be made once applications open.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Student Council meeting will be held on **Monday 23 May 2022 · 18:00 - 20:00**. The meeting format and venue will be confirmed at a later date. Our preference is for in-person meetings. However, we may need to meet via Zoom depending on the Covid situation.

MEETING CLOSED AT 20:03

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alofa So'olefai', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Alofa So'olefai, Chair of the AUSA Student Council