

MINUTES OF THE AUSA SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING · 27 MAY 2022



Shadows | 12:00 - 13:00

PRESENT: Alofa So'olefai (President), Steven Wijaya (Treasurer-Secretary), Alan Shaker (EVP), Makayla Muhundan (EnVP), Ishie Sharma (WVP), Varsha Ravi (ISO), Kelly Misiti (PGO), Anipātene Biddle (MSO), Piripi Gordon (MSO), Aaron Haugh (Commercial Marketing Manager - Life Member), Seini Maryanne (PISO), Theo van de Klundert (QRO), Folau Tu'inukuafe (WRO), and 85 members of the association

IN ATTENDANCE: Gareth Jones (General Manager), Careen Jack (Advocacy Manager), Blake Monk (Advocacy and Welfare Coordinator), Temitope Adelekan (Class Representatives and International Buddies Manager), Amy Laing (Student Engagement Coordinator)

MEETING COMMENCED AT 12:30

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. *Welcome*

The President opened the meeting and the Māori Students Officer (Piripi Gordon) started the meeting with a karakia. The President proceeds to summarise the standing orders for the meeting which include:

- The AUSA Executive and members of staff will have the right to reply where relevant and necessary
- Any question or comment posed throughout the meeting will be final and will not include a follow-up question.
- All comments and replies from the attendees will be kept to 3 minutes maximum to allow for other questions and to factor in time.

1.2. **Acceptance of the previous minutes:**

CHAIR

THAT the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 31 May 2021, to be accepted as a true and accurate record.

*For: 96
Against: -
Abstained: 2*

Carried Unanimously

2. AUDITED ACCOUNTS

The Chair briefly spoke about the drafted consolidated audited accounts (2019 & 2020) and non-consolidated audited accounts for 2020.

CHAIR

THAT the Audited Accounts, for the year ended 31 December 2020, be received and adopted by the membership

*For: 98
Against: -
Abstained: -
Carried Unanimously*

3. NZUSA

The AUSA President began the conversation by explaining the relationship and dynamic between AUSA and NZUSA over the years. It was noted that previous AUSA Executives had concerns regarding AUSA's membership with NZUSA, specifically highlighting the interaction of NZUSA at a national level and student levies. The AUSA Executives have continuously voiced their concerns that they have not been receiving the benefit worth the levy paid. AUSA had previously and continues to voice such issues/concerns but has not resulted in any significant reformation to date. As a result, the AUSA Executive has decided to bring back the vote to the students in good faith, in accordance with the Annual General meeting in 2021, to leave NZUSA which has already been passed by the Executive and endorsed by the Student Council.

The AUSA President highlighted the impacts it might have on the NZUSA partner associations (Te Mana Ākonga and Taura Pasifika), and how AUSA will continue to support their kaupapa, the student's national voice, and maintain a such relationship.

The floor was opened for discussion:

- An association member enquired regarding the statistics regarding student support (e.g. Food Parcels, Hardship grants). The AUSA WVP states that such details are still being processed although will be reported in AUSA's Annual Report.

THE VOTING SYSTEM WAS OPENED AND CLOSED AT 12:50

CHAIR

That the student body accepts the proposed recommendation:

- *At the end of the 12 months' notice, 2 June 2022, AUSA will cease being a paying member of NZUSA, terminating their membership as per the NZUSA Constitution*
- *AUSA will uphold their commitment to work with Te Mana Ākonga and Taura Pasifika to ensure Māori and Pacific voices are heard on a national level.*

Carried Unanimously

For: 64

Against: 4

Abstained: 4

4. OTHER BUSINESS

No General Business was raised.

5. CLOSING

The AUSA President closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

MEETING CLOSED AT 12:55

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD



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

Alofa So'olefai, President and Chair of AUSA