

# MINUTES OF THE AUSA EXECUTIVE MEETING · 31/07/2023



AUSA HOUSE | 4PM - 6PM

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**PRESENT:** *Alan Shaker (President, AUSA), Amol Kumar (Treasurer-Secretary, AUSA), Qun Ma (WVP, AUSA), Layba Zubair (WRO, AUSA), David Tuifua (PISO, AUSA), Mahek Nagar (ISO, AUSA), Folau Tu'inukuafe (EnVP, AUSA), Theo van de Klundert (QRO, AUSA) via Zoom, Kauri Tangohau (MSO, AUSA) & Varsha Ravi (EVP, AUSA) joined via zoom and entered the meeting 4.45pm.*

**IN ATTENDANCE:** *David Fulton (AUSA General Manager)*

**APOLOGIES:** *Kelly Misiti (AUSA, PGSO) & Atakura Hunia (AUSA, MSO).*

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## 1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS (TIME & DURATION)

### 1.1. **Welcome and Karakia.**

### 1.2. **Approval of leave.**

*Apologies received from Kelly and Atakura.*

#### **CHAIR/NAGAR (ISO)**

*That the PGO and Co-MSO be granted leave from this meeting.*

***Carried Unanimously***

### 1.3. **Declarations of Interest.**

*No declarations of interest*

### 1.4. **Check Ins.**

*Wellbeing checks were done with all in attendance.*

## 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 2.1. *Matters Arising.*

*Chair to go over actions from the last Executive Workshop minutes held on Monday 10th July 2023.*

- Vacuum cleaners for the house still need to be looked into by Chair and GM.
- EnVP to follow up with the plans with the electoral commission being on campus.

### 2.2. *Approval of Minutes.*

#### **CHAIR/TANGOHAU (MSO)**

*THAT the AUSA Executive minutes of the previous AUSA Executive meeting held on 10/07/2023 be adopted as a true and accurate record.*

***Carried Unanimously***

## 3. STANDING AGENDA ITEM: HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Recent Health & Safety hazards were reported:
  - Womens Space has been flooded, completely drenched.
    - Issue has been reported to property services by GM.
    - Space has been closed for the time being.
  - Cleanliness of spaces:
    - Officers are not satisfied with the standard of cleanliness
    - Noted It is supposed to be cleaned everyday.
    - For officers to follow this up with the cleaners.
  - Fire signs have been placed around the house.
    - Celia has become firewarden.
    - For 1 more person upstairs to be selected.
  - Cockroach infestation in queer space.
    - Reported to property services.
    - Reported to H&S committee
  - Window in the exec office is broken.
    - Behind EVP desk
    - To be taken to H&S committee.
  - Chairs in exec office are broken
    - Varsha
    - Mahek
    - To take to H&S.
  - For Desk in women's space to be fixed.
    - To take to H&S.

## 4. STANDING AGENDA ITEM: ADVISORY BOARD

- AB updates:
  - Daniel Haines has resigned due to a new role at KPMG that does not allow for external board positions.
  - Two additional AB positions may possibly be opened up if Mark and Kat decide to resign.
  - The Exec was asked for possible outreach methods to recruit new AB members:
    - To shoulder tap people within our communities.
    - Ads online
      - eg Seek.
    - QRO believes that we would benefit from someone who has a legal background.
    - Exec wanting someone who can commit and someone who can be present.
    - For Chair to distribute background info to exec to enable them to better understand the role and pass this info on to others.
    - Exec to give names of possible candidates to chair.

## 5. STANDING AGENDA ITEM: GM'S UPDATE -

- GM gave general updates.
  - Student Voice Manager Hiring:
    - Final interviews for SVM going forward soon.
    - Temi on as SVM remotely for another 4 weeks.
- Updates on AUSA elections.
  - Going well.
  - Lots of nominations so far.
- AGM.
  - Marketing has been great.
  - Looking solid for this Friday.
- GM catchups.
  - Has had catch ups with all staff.
  - Expanding to other stakeholders soon.
  - Wanting to have catch ups with exec members soon.
- Finances.
  - GM is wrapping his head around funding negotiations at the moment.
  - Wants to improve the state of reporting the Executive receives

**CHAIR/KUMAR (TREASURER-SECRETARY)**

*THAT the AUSA Staff reports be received by the Executive.*

**Carried Unanimously**

## 6. AGM

- The Chair gave an update on the AGM which is happening this Friday.
  - Marketing as branded this as an 'AUSA party (+agm)'
  - Free lunch instead of free drinks
  - For Zoom to be organised by T-S and events/marketing team.
  - Agenda to go out today or tomorrow.
  - Question on AGM:
    - Will we be adding a PGVP role?
      - No as there is no confirmed agreement with PGSA to merge.
    - Will sub-committees be added to the constitution?
      - No as no requests weren't received to the chair regarding this.
    - For everything to be confirmed next year and taken to the next AGM.

## 7. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION -

- The International Student Officer discussed the potential re-establishment of the International Students Association.
  - Established in 2010 and declared dormant in 2021 due to covid.
  - Previous president is keen to get this reestablished.
  - This is a great opportunity for AUSA to increase international presence.
  - Next steps:
    - Hold an international student association AGM and re-establish association.
    - Sign an MoU with them
  - EVP notes that people don't seem to believe there is an equity issue regarding international students even though they are the community who struggle the most when they first get here.
  - President notes the risk we must be aware of in that we still want AUSA to represent International Students and don't want to end up in a situation where AUSA is seen to be competing with these groups

## 8. AOB - 5:20

- EnVP would like to set up a workshop about policies relating to the “No More Excuses” campaign.

**MEETING ENTERED COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE**

**MEETING RESUMED**

## **9. NEXT MEETING (ENDING TIME)**

The next Executive meeting will be held on Monday 14th August 2023, 4.00pm in The AUSA meeting room.

**Meeting slides at 5:40pm**

**SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD**



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**Alan Shaker (Chair), President of AUSA**