

MINUTES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING ·

30/05/2023



6.00PM - 8:00PM

PRESENT: Lachlan Pearce (**AUES**), Talisa Gan-Setu (**SciSA**), La Marie Fernandez (**SUPA**), Ivan Zhang (**SOMSA**), Madeleine Roe (**APSA**), Jenny Luo (**AUMSA**), Francine Mula (**MISA**), Julia Stjarnhage (**PGSA**), Alex Cox (**ADSA**), Hala Barakat (**UoA Council Rep**), Alan Shaker (**Chair/President, AUSA**), Qun Ma (**WVP, AUSA**), Mahek Nagar (**ISO, AUSA**), Varsha Ravi (**EVP, AUSA**), Layba Zubair (**WRO, AUSA**), Kelly Misiti (**PGSA, AUSA**), Amol Kumar (**Treasurer-Secretary, AUSA**), Marguerite Sandleback (**QSC Rep, AUSA**).

IN ATTENDANCE: Temi Adelaken (**AUSA Student Voice Manager**), Ben (**Behalf of AUGSS**), Hector (**Behalf of NZOSS**), Seng Wyn (**Behalf of AUPHSA**), Peter Shand (**CFT Academic Lead**), Bridget Kool (**PVCE**), Joanne Brown (**Director, Academic Services**), Rebecca White, Jamie King (**Professor of Law**).

LATE: Sarah White (**AUCSA**), Rhea Yin (**AULSS**), Nadia Snegirev (**SciSA**),

APOLOGIES: Noor Randhawa (**AUCSA**), Anna Sue (**AUGSS**), Kirti Raju (**ESSA**), Folau Tu'inukuafe (**EnVP, AUSA**), Atakura Hunia (**MSO, AUSA**), Kauri Tangohau (**MSO, AUSA**), Theo van de Klundert (**QRO, AUSA**) and David Tuifua (**PISO, AUSA**).

Meeting opened at 6.00pm

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS (TIME & DURATION)

○ **Welcome and Introductions**

The chair welcomed all.

○ **Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of interest.

○ **Approval of leave.**

Leave approved for Noor Randhawa (**AUCSA**), Sarah White (**AUCSA**), Anna Sue (**AUGSS**), Kirti Raju (**ESSA**), Folau Tu'inukuafe (**EnVP, AUSA**), Atakura Hunia (**MSO, AUSA**), Kauri Tangohau (**MSO, AUSA**), Theo van de Klundert (**QRO, AUSA**) and David Tuifua (**PISO, AUSA**).

○ **Previous Minutes.**

CHAIR/WVP

Chair moves minutes of the previous Student Council to be accepted and deemed as an accurate record.

Unanimously carried

2. STUDENT SERVICES

- Presented by Sue Roberts (University Librarian and Director, Library and Joanna Brown (Director, Academic Services).
 - It was noted that the university is aware of the current issues with student hubs including:
 - Large wait times.
 - Lack of specialised information relating to programmes.
 - It was noted that 2023 sem 1 was seen as a trial year with large optimizations to be made over sem 2 and 2024.
 - It was noted that a course specialist will be on site to help with more complicated degree planning questions in the future.

3. CFT UPDATE 1

- Presented by Jaime King, Professor at the Faculty of Law and Peter Shand, Academic Lead for CFT.
 - General updates provided on CFT
 - Informed student council of the 3 pilot transdisciplinary project topics to take place:
 - Environmental Action
 - Human Rights
- Students from a limited number of programmes will be able to enrol in the pilots in the near future.
- Asked the student council how to market this study option.
 - Use UoA Social Media.
 - Through SC Channels.
 - Give Away Stalls
 - IG Ads
 - Promote with niche clubs like Velocity, SINZ, MCC, etc.- innovative and social cause oriented clubs.

4. ACADEMIC QUALITY OFFICE

- Presented by Rebecca White, Senior Academic Quality Analyst.
 - Turnitin has launched a new AI Detection Tool for models such as ChatGPT.
 - The University of Auckland as of current has not opted to use it as they are unsure of its accuracy.
 - Rebecca has requested a group of students to pilot this new detection tool.

- She has requested that SC circulate this information within their circles to ask for students.
 - Get in touch with her if interested: rebecca.white@auckland.ac.nz
5. GenAI Guidelines for Consultation
- Rebecca presented GenAI guidelines to the SC.
 - She acknowledged that perhaps SC had not had enough time to look through it and to get in touch with her if you have any suggestions.

6. STUDENT VOICE FRAMEWORK

- Bridget Kool, Julia and Temi presented the progress so far on the Student Voice Framework
- They presented a background to the project (i.e. inconsistency in student voice, a lack of “closing the loop”). All of these issues created the need for a Student Voice Framework.
- They presented the policy and guidelines
- The next step is to go to official consultation
- A mix on the working group, and it is co-chaired by students

7. CFT UPDATE 2: PROGRESS ON PG STRUCTURE

- There are key recommendations that were focused on for the PG structure:
 1. Consistently apply faculty criteria for determining whether to offer a ‘named’ programme versus a ‘specialisation under a generic’ to ensure an easily navigable, coherent and successful suite of masters programmes.
 2. Offer research components in increments of 30-points.
 3. Review the structure of each programme in relation to its purpose; determine whether the structure best serves the student market and programme purpose and make changes where necessary. Review the following structural elements:
 - a) Programme size: 120, 180 or 240 points may be appropriate, with 180-points preferred (reduce programme length to the shortest period that still achieves the educative goals of the programme)
 - b) Research component size(s): may offer 90 or 120 points for research-focused and 0, 30, or 60-points for coursework-focused
 - c) Research component options: ensure these meet a clear educative purpose and do not cause confusion, and offer the smallest number of research size options possible
 - d) Alignment of structures in generic programme specialisations: where possible align the structure across all specialisations
 4. Introduce a new 120-point Master of Research (MRes) degree consisting of a 120-point thesis for students who hold a Bachelors Honours qualification or equivalent and who meet appropriate admission requirements, as an option within the curriculum.

8. #KNOWTHECODE NZQA PRESENTATION

- An NZQA's presentation was showcased by AUSA WVP Qun Ma to help SC better understand the Code and the obligations it places on the University.
- Qun will also be running a stall in sem 2 to raise awareness about the pastoral code.

9. SEXUAL ASSAULT HANDBOOK FOR HELP

- Layba Zubair, Women's Rights Officer AUSA has created a Sexual Assault Handbook. She has requested SC sign it and make suggestions for improvement as well as make the student population aware about the resource through their channels.
- Information in the handbook is a compilation of resources that are advertised on different websites in one easy to find place.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

- No significant reporting from the Sub-Committees.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Elections:**
 - The chair noted that AUSA has started planning for the 2024 AUSA election which will take place in Semester 2.
 - Student council is encouraged to run for the roles for 2024.
- **Student Levy Consultation:**
 - Chair to remind the Student Council that consultation for the Student Levy is open and it is encouraged we take this opportunity to voice our concerns about the Levy and financial resource allocation.
- **Student Council Semester 2 Meeting Dates:**
 - SC semester 2 dates to be calendared over next month.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next student council meeting will be held in July, date TBC, 6.00pm. Location: TBC.

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD



Alan Shaker (Chair), President of AUSA