

MINUTES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING · 08/08/2023



Location: **B109-G07** | 6.00PM - 8:00PM

PRESENT: Noor Randhawa (**AUCSA**), Sarah White (**AUCSA**), Talisa Gan-Setu (**SciSA**), Anna Sue (**AUGSS**), Kirti Raju (**ESSA**), Juliette Lim (**NZOSS**), Madeleine Roe (**APSA**), Julia Stjarnhage (**PGSA**), Francine Mula (**MISA**), Hala Barakat (**UoA Council Rep**), Alan Shaker (**President, AUSA**), Qun Ma (**WVP, AUSA**), Mahek Nagar (**ISO, AUSA**), Folau Tu'inukuafe (**EnVP, AUSA**), Amol Kumar (**Treasurer-Secretary, AUSA**), Varsha Ravi (**EVP, AUSA**), Layba Zubair (**WRO, AUSA**) & Theo van de Klundert (**QRO, AUSA**).

IN ATTENDANCE: Kate (**AUMSA**), Rebecca White (**Senior Academic Analyst, Academic Quality Office**), David Fulton (**General Manager, AUSA**) & Tom Tremewan (**General Manager, 95bfm**).

LATE:

APOLOGIES: Rhea Yin (**President, AULSS**), La-Marie Fernandez (**Co-President, SUPA**), Ivan Zhang (**SOMSA**), Jenny Luo (**AUMSA**) & Celesti Tan (**AUPHSA**).

Meeting opened at 6.00pm

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS (TIME & DURATION)

1.1. *Welcome, Opening Karakia and Introductions.*

- Varsha opened with and taught the Student Council a new karakia.

1.2. *Approval of leave.*

- Apologies from Jenny, Kate has come in place.
- Apologies from Ivan, Celesti and La Marie.
- Apologies from Rhea as she will be late.

1.3. *Declarations of Interest.*

1.4. *Previous Minutes.*

- To fix spelling of "Symonds "

Supporting Documents:

1.4a. [Minutes of AUSA Student Council Meeting 24/07/2023](#)

Chair/MA (AUSA, WVP)

THAT the previous Student Council minutes of the previous meeting held on 24/07/2023 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Carried Unanimously

2. UPDATE ON TURNITIN AI DETECTION TOOL - ACADEMIC QUALITY OFFICE.

- Rebecca White (Senior Academic Quality Analyst) provided an update regarding the recently trialled Turnitin AI Detection Tool.
 - Rebecca requested for technical questions to be sent to the project manager.
 - The tool is used to check for generative AI within class work.
 - UoA is not using for now:
 - Turnitin did not provide enough information on how it arrived at the outcomes.
 - UoA wanted to give staff communications on how to use the tool and wanted to give them time to understand how it worked.
 - Current Status:
 - Turnitin has reduced the rate of false positives to less than 1%.
 - UoA has not detected any false positives but other institutions have.
 - Recommendation to come to the teaching and learning qualities committee on the use of this will occur in October 2023.
- Through consultation a recommendation has been made to focus on assessment redesign rather than using AI detection tool.
- UoA does not have a policy regarding AI in coursework but does have guidelines:
 - As of current it is up to the course director if AI is to be used.
 - There has been some instances of course directors not disclosing and listing apps people can use.
 - Causes confusion and students have had academic issues regarding this.
 - Students are able to appeal misconduct if a course director has not made it clear what tools cannot be used.
 - Point made that students are not aware that they can appeal decisions.
 - Questions on how the assessment redesign approach would work?
 - Potentially use a ChatGPT output and to critique this answer.
 - Questions regarding how to communicate this to international students who are new to the English language system.
 - They may not understand the rules and guidelines and accidentally undertake academic misconduct.

- A recommendation is made to offer academic integrity guidelines in other languages.
- Rebecca asked if there are any other reasons that turnitin should not use AI detection.
 - An issue is raised where what “Lecturers says, goes”.
 - Sometimes we don't even know if the students carried misconduct and cases are referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
 - Noted to reach DC, repeat offences must occur or must be a major offence.

3. NO MORE EXCUSES CAMPAIGN & POLITICS WEEK

- Presented by AUSA President Alan Shaker, Engagement Vice-President Folau Tu'inukuafe and Education Vice-President Varsha Ravi.
- Discussing the New Zealand Union of Student Associations Campaign, policies, and tactics on how we as students can promote these policies and rally our student voice in the right direction.
- AUSA President, EVP and EnVP went to Wellington to help launch a campaign.
 - Campaign called ‘No more Excuses’ by NZUSA.
 - Focusing on the general election.
 - Time to put tertiary issues in the centre rather than as a background issue.
 - We are sick of politicians hiding behind excuses.
 - AUSA joined this because we didn't want the campaign to be Wellington centric.
 - There were a lot of other university representatives present.
 - TEC
 - Electoral Commission.
 - 3 major policies:
 - **Realising Te Tiriti Ō Waitangi in all levels of tertiary education and governance.**
 - 2 policies
 - Pushing for one Tauria Māori Seat alongside a Student seat on council as well.
 - Embedding Te Tiriti structures in uni all levels by 2040.
 - UoA is doing a great job relative to other university.

■ **Debt free future by 2040:**

- Implement a study wage for all.
 - Universal financial support separate for parents income.
- Free and accessible education.
- Forgive student debt.

■ **Working in partnership:**

- Wanting to legitimise student voice, associations and representatives.
 - Strengthen Partnership.
 - Policy Commitment to student voice.
 - Empower student engagement.

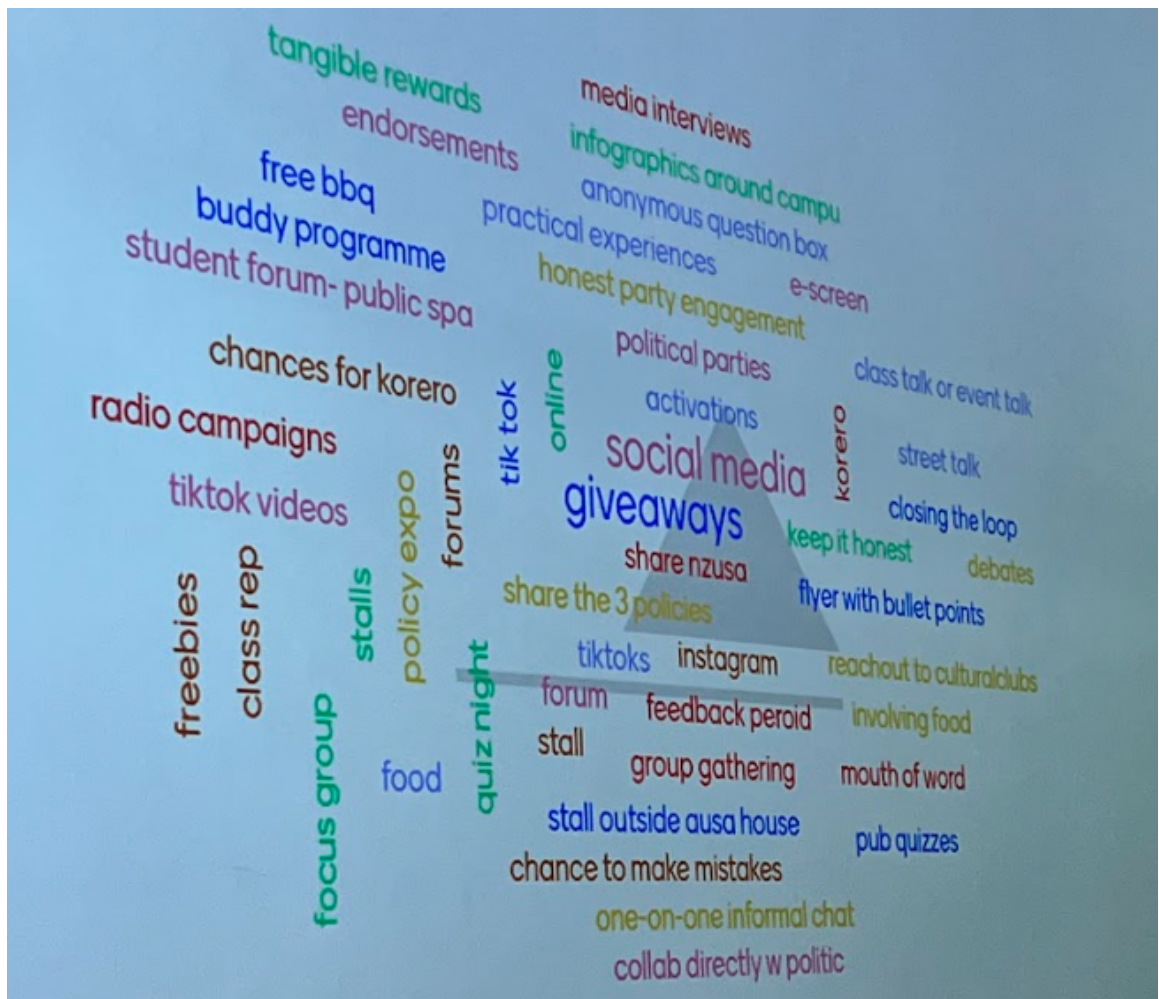
- The Campaign went live last Thursday:

- @nomoreexcuses.nz on IG and also a facebook page.
- Between now and elections we are trying to make as much noise as possible for parties to hear about it.
- Lots of pop up events to come over in the next few weeks.

➤ **Politics Week Presented by AUSA EnVP:**

- Monday:
 - Public Policy Club: Auckland Central Debate.
- Tuesday:
 - AUPHSA - Health Election Speaker Panel.
 - UoA Film Soc - Politics Film Night.
- Wednesday:
 - AUSA Politics Stall Day.
- Thursday:
 - Tea Talks - Women in Stem.
 - Gen Z - Panel Discussion on Climate Action.
- Friday:
 - UOA GREENS X TIB - TE AORERE KURA POLICY KORERO
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- AUSA and Student Council went onto menti.com and together brainstormed on “how should you/we engage with students” when it comes to the campaign? Responses:



4. OPEN FORUM

- Presented by Education Vice-President Varsha Ravi and Engagement Vice-President Folau Tu'inukuafe.
- We brainstormed and discussed a possible agenda, and ways to facilitate the open forum - as well as create a working group.
- OPEN FORUM
 - We want a place where we can have meaningful exchange between AUSA, SC and clubs.
 - We want to create a platform where people can collaborate.
 - Create a platform where people can just have a rant about everything.
 - We don't have to find solutions here but we would love to have a place where we can list issues.
 - Wanting student council to lead this and run little focus groups.:

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- engage
- pay for presidents
- space booking
- continuous engagement
- affordable food
- grants - funds externally
- satellite campus support
- rec centre expensive
- who'll get rid of bra
- foodbank
- financial literacy
- exec trainings
- menstrual equity
- access to spaces on campus
- club rules regulations
- better recognition
- orientation
- lost property
- tension between faculty
- student hubs
- mental health support
- student voice framework
- faculty clubs x faculties
- health food on campus
- booking locations events
- elections
- and central policies
- disability student support
- ausa managing clubs
- free bbq
- budgeting
- event fund
- club ori
- international space
- public transport
- owning lockers
- varsha on trial
- parking
- pur
- faculty support
- spaces
- transition
- satellite campus engagmnt
- student spaces
- space availability
- putting varsha on trial
- renting resources from un
- student consultation
- advertisement opportunity
- faculty space for club
- faculty partnerships
- student services levy
- politics
- no more excuses
- general elections
- more engaging events

- ## 5. PORTFOLIO UPDATE

- AUSA Executive Portfolios provide an update of issues ongoing within their community, matters discussed at their respective subcommittees/councils and raise any other points they'd like to discuss with our Presidents.
 - [Mana-Wahine Reflection](#)
 - [International Subcommittee](#)
- Queer council minutes defaulted.
 - Meeting every 2 weeks.
 - AUSA WRO went through the structure of their committee.
 - Project to merge rainbow science with rainbow FMHS
- WRO reasoned from change of minutes to reflections:
 - Provides a holistic approach and provides a general consensus.
- Minutes attached for ISO are drafts.

- Final year medical interns get a trainee intern grant about \$200 a fortnight.
 - This however is not available to international students.
 - Conversations started with TEC and aiming to speak with NZISA.

6. 95bFM - GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

- Tom Tremewan (General Manager) provided an update regarding 95bFM, as well as to engage with students and gather feedback.
 - Involved in student radio for the last 10 years.
 - Tom puts a big importance on student media.
 - Wanting to strengthen relationships with university and student media.
 - Working financial strategy.
 - Vinyl Sale.
 - Looking for students to get more involved:
 - Public speaking,
 - Graphic design
 - Audio engineering,
 - Hosting a show.
 - Etc
 - Have had 88 student volunteers register their interest.
 - 14k of income from record sales.
 - 10k incoming from alumni.
 - Looking for a cash injection from NZ on Air.
 - 95b fm is the cheapest to fund per listener.
 - Possible ways to increase engagement:
 - Used an AGM at Otago to let students do podcasts on air.
 - Did 8 flagship podcasts a semester and used it as a platform to promote them.
 - Possibly start a mental health show with anonymous requests.
 - Tom's Email: Tom@95bfm.com

7. REMINDERS & OTHER MATTERS

- An opportunity to bring up any other business.
- Auckland university international students association was a club society before.
 - It was deactivated due to low engagement due to covid.
 - An AGM will be run at the end of the semester where they will try to reinstate the club.
- Policy on returning student assessments.
 - Policy is 3 weeks.
 - This has not always been the case.
 - To chase on this.

The next student council meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th September 2023, 6.00pm. Location: TBC

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.54

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

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

Alan Shaker (Chair), President of AUSA