

MINUTES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING · 19/03/2024



Location: 109-G07 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Present: Alan Shaker (President, AUSA) (Chair), Sarah White (Treasurer-Secretary, AUSA), Layba Zubair (EVP, AUSA), Jade Butler (EnVP, AUSA), Jennifer Setefano (WVP, AUSA), Yueyang Chen (ISO, AUSA), Ben Bonné (PGO, AUSA), Te Tuhiwhakaura o te Rangi Wallace-Ihakara (MSO, AUSA), Jimah Ruland-Umata (MSO, AUSA), Anna Sue (WRO, AUSA), Andrea Vaai (PISO, AUSA), Jenny Lyu (President, AUPSS), Tiran Archary (President, APSA), Jack Towers (President, AUES), Isabel Possenniskie (President, AUGSS), Lachlan Markovina (President, AUMSA) via Zoom, Nicola Lay (Co-President, AUPHSA), Thomas George (Co-President, AUCSA) on behalf of Co-President Ruchitha Narayan, Kirti Raju (President, ESSA), Emily McIntosh (Co-President, NASA) on behalf of Co-President Amelia Brown, Hector Leong (President, OPTOM), June Jeong (President, SAMS), Jack Chen (Co-President, SCISA) on behalf of Co-President Anotida Chitando, Ivan Zhang (President, SOMSA), Carmen Tan (Co-President, SUPA), Julia Stjärnhage (President, PGSA).

Apologies: Ayolabi Martins (President, AUDSA), Luna Lyra le Fay (QRO, AUSA), Will Dalzell (President, AULSS).

In attendance: David Fulton (GM, AUSA), Mauricio Lozano (Student Voice Manager, AUSA), Peter Shand (Academic Lead, CFT), Valerie Linton (Provost), Nissa Anderson (Product Owner).

Not Present: Mandy Peng (Co-President, SUPA), Raewyn Wang (President, MISA), Hala Barakat (UOA Council Rep), Samia Ali (President, ASA).

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. Welcome and opening Karakia.

1.2. Apologies

Apologies noted for Ayolabi Martins (President, AUDSA), Luna Lyra le Fay (QRO, AUSA), and Will Dalzell (President, AULSS).

1.3. Declarations of Interest.

- None Declared.

2. CFT UPDATE

- Presented by Peter Shand.
- Peter Shand to send through documentation regarding the 90point (or greater) research component.
- Student engagement will be involved in the pilot transdisciplinary courses. An ideation session with the Student Consultative Group will take place in the April meeting.
- Future of Food, AI, Migration Pathways, and Indigenous Learnings are the four TD new courses from next year.
- There will be a negative EFTS impact for some faculties due to the phasing out of Gen Ed. This will mean a drop in enrolments for some of their courses.
- Transitions regulations - These are continuing to be worked on with a clear set of parameters and rules.
 - Science students are most impacted. A significant shift in the sizes of majors.
- Associate Deans Academic Community of Practice. Which faculties are connecting with students?
 - The Student Council indicated that their Faculties have yet to reach out.
 - Peter Shand to follow up with faculties regarding this.

3. USE OF GENERATIVE AI ANNOUNCEMENT

- Nissa Anderson (Product Owner), on behalf of Gemma Sinclair presented this item.
- Generative AI statement on Canvas.
 - The statement was generally perceived to be ok by the Student Council. It was good and it had to be read unless you manually went and hit the "X" to close it.
- Concerns were raised about the use of Grammarly and this potentially being picked up as plagiarism. This is to be passed to the Academic Quality Office.
- Who do students contact to confirm if they can/cannot use AI?
- Guidance is needed on what if your lecturer does not clarify whether you can use it or not. Some lecturers stay silent and the students are unsure.

4. FEEDBACK ON DIGITAL SIGNAGE

Discussion on Building Displays with classes for that day.

- 20 seconds was decided to be the optimal display time. The current 2 minutes display time is too long.
- Course names on displays to be shortened to read easier.

5. CONCERNS RAISED RE: STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- Not presented due to AUSA being an apology for this meeting.

6. AUSA MONTHLY REPORTS

- No questions were raised regarding the monthly reports.

7. PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Student Council Sub-Committees begin over the next month.

- PGO discussed the minutes of the first PG subcommittee meeting.
- Reminder for business, law and engineering faculties to find a post-grad representative for the subcommittee.

AUSA PISO asked the Student Council about CAI representation.

- Ideas of a Pacific CAI Student Association - to catch up with Ivan Zhang (SOMSA) as a CAI representative.
- CAI is currently the only faculty without a Pasifika Association.
- PGSA noted that there is not a lot of cultural sensitivity within the faculty and has received complaints.

Women's Rights Sub-Committee:

- Wanting more faculty association representation.
- Faculty Presidents have all been contacted.

Māori Sub Committee

- Business, Law, and Science faculty to engage. SCISA to reach out to AUSA MSOs.
- Connected with your Maori Students Association within your faculty.
- NTM support is always there.

ISO is forming a sub-committee.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The News Editor from Craccum asked to sit in on the Student Council and report on student issues. The Student Council had no issues with this and the News Editor will be invited to the next meeting.
- AUES thanked AUSA for O week.

Meeting Closed at 6:51 pm

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday 16th April at 6 pm. Location TBC.

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD



Alan Shaker, Chair of the AUSA Executive.