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# MINUTES OF THE AUSA EXECUTIVE MEETING FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2021



4 Alfred Street, AUSA Meeting Room | 12pm - 1pm

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**Present:** President, PGO, EVP, Treasurer-Secretary, ISO, MSO (Te Rina), QRO, eNVP, WRO

**Apologies:** MSO (Mihi), WVP

**In Attendance:** Will Watterson (AUSA General Manager)

*Meeting opened at 12:04*

## 1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

### 1.1. Leave

#### CHAIR

*THAT the WVP and MSO (Mihi) be granted leave from this meeting as she had work commitments.*

*Carried Unanimously*

### 1.2. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interests were noted.

### 1.3. Confirm previous minutes

#### CHAIR

*THAT the minutes of the AUSA Executive Meeting held on Thursday 25 March 2021 be approved and accepted as a true and accurate record.*

*Carried Unanimously*

## 2. REPORT FROM OFFICERS

The reports from the Officers detail their actions to date for the previous 2 weeks which primarily cover their participation in the Orientation Week and Clubs Expo Week.

#### CHAIR/SHAKER (EVP)

*THAT the fortnightly reports from the AUSA Executive detailing the work done by the Executive be accepted and approved as a true and accurate record.*

*Carried Unanimously*

### **3. MENTAL HEALTH HUI DEBRIEF**

The Executive discuss how they felt about running the physical mental health hui. Overall, the City Campus and Grafton did provide disappointing numbers, but Epsom showed how good these could turn out to be. The problem with rescheduling or postponing the physical hui is that AUSA does not have the manpower or resource to hold more physical hui. This builds on the fact that students would have mid-semester tests during the first week.

The WRO is still wanting to run a mental health hui for Womxnspace as there has been a request for it. This is agreed upon by the executive as this is small enough to be hosted and won't be needing much manpower or resources.

The Executive discuss the possibility of having the mental health hui during the Student Council meeting in 2 weeks rather than hosting another in person mental health hui. The Executive agree that this is the best option as attendance is guaranteed and to also push the online platform for students to submit responses.

### **4. PARTY IN THE SPARK DEBRIEF**

The General Manager presents the final reconciliation of finances due to the loss made with Party in the Spark. In total, AUSA incurred approximately a \$113,000 loss. However, savings from different budget lines allow for the mitigation of most of the loss. The General Manager discusses with the Executive the financial failure and lack of engagement and possible avenues as to how this came to be:

- Losing momentum from Orientation Week and having Party in the Spark on a different week.
- Moving the event to a week with mid-semester tests.
- Lack of promotion

*eNVP left the meeting at 12:16pm*

Things that the General Manager advise the Executive to think about are:

- A secondary booking for week 1 semester 2
- Building relationships directly with acts, production managers, etc.

*eNVP comes back 12:18pm*

AUSA will be having a meeting with the Events Manager to debrief about Orientation and Party in the Spark next week.

**CHAIR/SHAKER (EVP)**

*THAT the AUSA Executive accept and approve the changes being made to the Re-Orientation and the Class of 2021 budget lines in the AUSA Budget 2021 as outlined by the General Manager.*

*Carried Unanimously*

*Meeting entered the Committee of the Whole at 12:23pm*

*QRO leaves at 1:01pm*

*Meeting exited the Committee of the Whole at 1:03pm*

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**5.1. March against Sexual Violence in Tamaki Makaurau**

AUSA will be hosting the painting in Womxn-space for the march against sexual violence. The WRO has noted that this is the official sign posting event. If weather permits, this may be moved to the Atrium. The Chair encourages the rest of the executive to attend the sign painting event if they are free. The EVP sends his apologies for the event due to sports commitments.

**5.2. Student Council reminder**

The Executive is reminded about the Student Council that is in 2 weeks.

The General Manager alerts the Executive about someone who wishes to talk to the Student Council about how to increase university student engagement within the census. The Chair advises that this may be too late to add to the upcoming Student Council agenda, and due to the deadline of the information, perhaps an Executive meeting would be better.

*MSO left the meeting at 1:05pm*

**5.3. Other matters**

There have been concerns by some students around the 'x' within 'Womxn-space'. They see this as being exclusive rather than being inclusive, which contradicts the feeling of some who

think the opposite. A lecturer has also contacted the WRO regarding this matter and has offered some suggestions. The WRO also notes that 'Women in Law' were going to change theirs to an x but then they didn't.

*PGO left the meeting at 1:11pm.*

However, the Chair notes that although these have been raised, the WRO has full discretion to change it or not depending on her interpretation and understanding of the 'x' within the name. She also notes that the 'x' was included as her idea which came about through many comments by others who argued that the exclusion of the 'x' was not providing an inclusive environment.

This matter is left with the WRO to decide on the removal or keeping of the 'x'.

#### **6. NEXT MEETING**

The next executive meeting is scheduled for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 12-1pm in the AUSA Meeting room. Any changes will be communicated to the Executive as soon as possible through social media channels.

*Meeting closed at 1:13pm*

**Signed as a TRUE and ACCURATE RECORD**

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**Anamika Harirajh**

President and Chair of the AUSA Executive Meeting, 2021