
MINUTES OF THE AUSA STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2021



ZOOM MEETING ROOM | 6PM - 8PM

PRESENT: *Anamika Harirajh (President, AUSA), Alan Shaker (EVP, AUSA), Makayla Muhundan (eNVP, AUSA), Ishie Sharma (WVP, AUSA), Alofa So'olefai (Treasurer-Secretary, AUSA), Emma Cooper-Williams (PGO, AUSA), Lavi Abitbol (QRO, AUSA), Vivien White (WRO, AUSA), Te Rina West (Tumuaki, NTM), Ash Singh (President, SAMS), Rishi Khattar (President, OPTOM), Hannah Colquhoun-Petherick (President, SciSA), Holly Mace (President, ALES), Lucy Collier (President, ESSA), Blake Scanlen (President, SOMSA), Ishita Chawla (President, AUCSA), Jessica Kim (President, APSA), Vanessa Falcunitin (President, ASO), Kevin Guo (ISO, AUSA), Nikita Turoa (Sports Rep, AUPHSA), Junyi Wang (UoA Student Council Rep), Likhit Dukkipati (Vice-President, AUMSA)*

LATE: *Vira Paky (President, AUGSS)*

IN ATTENDANCE: *Samuel Snell (Tertiary Education Union), Temi Adelekan (Class Rep Manager), Caitlin McIlhagga (General Manager, 95bFM), Brian Gu (Craccum Co-Editor), Eda Tang (Craccum Co-Editor)*

APOLOGIES: *Alan Shaker (EVP, AUSA), Sam Robertson (AUMSA), Tanuvi Garimella (AULSS)*

MEETING COMMENCED 6:03PM

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed each President and President representative.

1.2. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no questions regarding the previous minutes. Minutes were formally approved and taken as an accurate record.

Action: [Treasurer-Secretary to upload minutes to the AUSA Websites.](#)

3. TERTIARY EDUCATION UNION (TEU)

SAMUEL SNELL (TEU) ENTERED THE MEETING AT 6:05PM

Samuel Snell, TEU Under-35 Representative, who informed the Student Council about the role of the Tertiary Education Union. The current dismissals and redundancy at the University show that the University is not in a stable position to cater to all their staff appropriately. TEU is extending the invitation to AUSA to inform students about their services so that they can push for change to happen within the workforce of the University in general. This message is meaning to cater for the underrepresentation of students and staff at the university who deserve better treatment and pay which can be debated through TEU's bargaining power.

SAMUEL SNELL LEFT THE MEETING AT 6:18PM

4. CRACCUM

BRIAN GU & EDA TANG ENTERED THE MEETING AT 6:20PM

The Editors of Craccum attended to answer the questions of the AUSA Student Council regarding their pending attendance of future Student Council meetings. They outlined that the main purpose of their attendance was to foster a relationship with the AUSA Student Council and to promote the good things that the AUSA Student Council are fighting for within the university. This opportunity would allow them to report on news from specific faculties on top of building a relationship with the faculties through the Faculty President.

VIRA PAKY ENTERED THE MEETING AT 6:26PM

Questions posed by the AUSA Student Council Presidents include the following:

- *'How can Craccum ensure the integrity of the AUSA Student Council Presidents regarding personal opinions vocalised during meetings?'* Craccum responded: Presidents will be consulted about any publication that they wish to make regarding this; however, specific faculty news may be consulted with faculty specific Presidents.
- *'How open are Craccum to signing an agreement outlining the guidelines and regulations regarding their attendance to the AUSA Student Council meetings?'* Craccum are more than happy to sign an agreement if this is the case.
- *'Will we communicate in the moment what a sensitive matter is, and therefore what Craccum wouldn't publish at that time?'* The line as to what Craccum will and will not publish regarding sensitive matters of faculties will be drawn wherever the Presidents wish to draw them. For example, bringing items to the AUSA Student Council for discussion and opinion before confronting the Head of Faculties would be considered sensitive matter that Craccum will allow Presidents to view before publication.
- *'Why would Craccum come to AUSA Student Council if their goal is to build a relationship with the faculties? Wouldn't they go straight to the faculties themselves?'* Craccum responded: Craccum are working on a tight schedule with publication and the AUSA Student Council allows for all the Faculty Presidents to be in a space at one time.

Moving forward, the AUSA Student Council will discuss the likely of Craccum's attendance under Other Matters.

BRIAN GU & EDA TANG LEFT THE MEETING AT 6:40PM

5. AUCKLAND TRANSPORT

PIOTR GRABOWIECKI ENTERED THE MEETING AT 6:41PM

Auckland Transport is currently looking to accommodate the predicted Auckland growth for the next 10-20 years which is estimated to be about 300,000 people with 30,000 in the CBD alone. The idea behind the new developments will be to consider other modes of transport besides cars and public transport.

Auckland Transport are currently consulting different groups of people about the 5-year plan for New North road which will impact the to and from the city, especially the University commute that occurs along New North road. Auckland Transport are gathering information through the consultations to analyse their findings and the feedback to design the proposal in order to ensure that travel is not too affected.

A member of the AUSA Student Council questioned the reasoning behind asking University Students. Piotr clarifies that the needs of the University differs to the specific needs of students. [Letschat.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/new-north-road-upgrade/](https://letschat.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/new-north-road-upgrade/) is a website that allows for feedback from the public to be recorded onto the Auckland Transport database.

A member of the AUSA Student Council questions the impact of COVID-19 on the upgrade plans. Piotr answers that given the governments response, under certain Alert Levels the work for the upgrade will continue to roll out whereas the worst-case scenario is that this project is delayed. However, with the roll out of the vaccines soon will perhaps mitigate this risk.

The work of the Student council has been private since it's humble beginnings and it does not receive the recognition that it should. To rectify this, AUSA will be including a Student Council section on the AUSA website where a photo of the Student Council Members, their respective faculty club, and a short bio shall be uploaded for the student body to view.

JESSICA KIM (APSA) ENTERED THE MEETING AT 6:59PM

PIOTR GRABOWIECKI LEFT THE MEETING AT 7:00PM

Action: Email the presentation from Auckland Transport to the AUSA Student Council members.

6. 95BFM

CAITLIN MCILHAGGA ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7:00PM

95bFM started out as a capping stunt in 1969 originally broadcasting on short term licenses for a few hours a day. AUSA assisted with the reorganisation that built 95bFM into what it is today. They are limited liability company that reports to a board of directors. They have been known to support NZ artists and have been recognized nationally by other radio stations for their work.

Caitlin, General Manger of 95bFM, is here to gage the Student view of 95bFM and what they would recommend that would seek to increase popularity as well as volunteers. The AUSA Student Council recommended the following:

- Targeting halls and the first years as many do not know about 95bFM until their later years at university.
- Creating opportunity for the Media students at the university

- Working with CDES when they host volunteer expos to scour for potential volunteers.

Questions posed by the AUSA Student Council members include the following:

- *'What is your engagement like regardless of the volunteers dropping?'* Caitlin responded: Numbers go up during lockdown compared to being on campus.
- *'What are the options around promoting at Grafton and Epsom?'* Caitlin responds that 95bFM would play music during market days at Grafton, but this was a rare occurrence in the past.
- *'Why don't 95bFM advertise through Craccum?'* Caitlin responded that this was a common occurrence in the past but has not been a continuous relationship.
- *'How much funding does 95bFM get over the years?'* Caitlin responded that they turn over approximately \$1million annually, receiving just under 20% of their funding from NZ on air. They also have a B card subscription which is becoming a significant figure on their financial statements. On the other hand, most of their income comes from commercial advertising and sponsorship amongst other things.

CAITLIN MCILHAGGA LEFT THE MEETING AT 7:22PM

7. MENTAL HEALTH HUI

The initial idea of the Mental Health Hui was to host multiple Hui in the majority of the faculties but due to the lockdown and the time constraints, the AUSA Officers have discussed changing this into hosting a Hui at each of the three campuses – City, Grafton, and Epsom – with the equity groups being hosted on a different day. This is to cater to the 'taboo' nature of Mental Health within the respective equity groups. In addition, an online platform (e.g. google form) would be utilized to allow those unable to make the physical Hui to share their stories through an online medium. Currently this is the set out:

- Monday 29 March: City Campus, 11-2pm
- Tuesday 30 March: Grafton Campus (morning), and Epsom Campus (afternoon)
- Wednesday 31 March: Equity groups: C-Space, Queer Space, WomxnSpace, Hineahuone.

The Hui will each have a facilitator and a member of the AUSA Executive where the layout would exude a casual and welcoming atmosphere. Ground rules would be laid out as well as the purpose of the Hui which is the raise issues that the University need to address. The categories that the Hui will cover will be: Systems and services, education, and other. We will need to ensure that students understand that this space is not for complaints but for students to provide potential solutions to the problems that they encountered accessing these university services. The AUSA Student Council Presidents questioned the following:

- *'How will AUSA reach the students besides the faculties?'* AUSA will be sharing promoting through their social media channels and emails to their student base.
- *'Mental Health Hui has been used as a buzzword. Will we be changing the name?'* The AUSA Student Council Presidents are welcome to bring forth any suggestions that they might have.
- *'Will AUSA send some general statements for promotion by the faculties?'* AUSA will be creating an event page and sharing their own posts. Faculty Presidents are encouraged to share these with a caption on their social media.

The Presidents for Grafton and Epsom will be contacted by a member of the AUSA regarding the booking of rooms for the Hui in these campuses.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1. **AUSA Student Council Website Section**

The AUSA Student Council Presidents are reminded to send a photo to the Treasurer-Secretary as soon as possible.

8.2. **Living Wage**

As the Living Wage Movement representative have not yet sent their resources to distribute to the AUSA Student Council Presidents, we will table this item for the next meeting.

8.3. **Party in the Spark**

All the AUSA Student Council Presidents are encouraged to promote Party in the Spark on their social media to all their students.

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8.4. **Craccum**

Going back to the agenda item for Craccum, the AUSA Student Council offer their opinions below:

- One President know the Craccum Editors and they believe it would be good for the student culture. The Class Rep Manager agrees with this provided that the rules are clear-cut.
- The President for the Grafton Campus is indifferent to the presence of Craccum at the meetings as they do not have a big presence at Grafton. If this was to change, then they would lean towards granting Craccum attendance rights. Another member of the AUSA Student Council comments that perhaps their presence on AUSA Student Council may help increase their presence at Grafton.
- Another student raised the point that although the relationship with the Craccum Editors is good right now, but what about the future? Many of the members of the AUSA Student Council agree with this point.

The Chair posits whether the AUSA Student Council would be okay with the presence of Craccum so long as they sign a Memorandum of Understanding, and that this MOU is iron clad. The AUSA Student Council agree on this point. As a result, the Memorandum of Understanding will be drafted by a member of the AUSA Executive and shown to the AUSA Student Council for approval at the next meeting.

Action: AUSA to draft up the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Craccum's attendance rights.

--STRICT ENDED--

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:00PM

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

Action 1: Treasurer-Secretary to upload minutes to the AUSA Websites.

Action 2: Email the presentation from Auckland Transport to the AUSA Student Council members.

Action 3: AUSA to draft up the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Craccum's attendance rights.

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anamika Harirajh", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large initial "A" and a cursive "Harirajh".

Anamika Harirajh, Chair of AUSA Student Council