

MINUTES OF THE AUSA STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING · 23 MAY 2022



105-012 (Clocktower, Room 012) | 18:00 - 20:00

PRESENT:

Alofa So'olefai (President, AUSA), Steven Wijaya (Treasurer-Secretary, AUSA), Alan Shaker (EVP, AUSA), Ishie Sharma (WVP, AUSA) Varsha Ravi (ISO, AUSA)

Hyunsang Lim (President, AULSS), Dania Shafiq (President, SciSA), George Perry (President, AUES), Anmol Ghuman (Co-President, AUCSA), Danica Loulie-Wijtenburg (President, AUGSS), Angela Wong (President, SUPA), Jessica Chun (President, SAMS), Samantha Samaniego (President, AUPHSA), Crystyn Pask (President, ALES), Benjamin Elwood (President, DSA), Wilene Shen (President, MISA),

IN ATTENDANCE:

Temi Adelekan (AUSA Student Voice Manager), Peter Shand (Curriculum Transformation Academic Lead), Bridget Kool (Pro Vice-Chancellor Education)

ABSENT: *Johnnie Wang (President, UoA Council Rep), Olympia Robb (President, ASO), Theo van de Klundert (QRO, AUSA), Folau Tu'inukuafe (WRO, AUSA), Kelly Misiti (PGO, AUSA), Seini Pua (PISO, AUSA/AUPISA), Piripi Gordon (Co-Tumuaki/MSO, NTM/AUSA), Anipātene Biddle (Co-Tumuaki/MSO, NTM/AUSA)*

APOLOGIES: *Gareth Jones (AUSA General Manager), Makayla Muhundan (EnVP, AUSA), Joseph Nganu (President, ESSA), Eilish Wood (President, NASA), Rhea Colaabavala (President, APSA), Sahan (President, PGSA), Nick (President, SOMSA), Tom Swinburn (President, AUMSA), Georgia Cheng (President, NZOSS)*

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. *Karakia & Welcome*

The Chair welcomed everyone and the AUSA WVP opened with a Karakia.

1.2. *Apologies*

The chair noted the apologies.

1.3. *Declarations of Interest*

No declaration of interest.

1.4. *Approval of Previous Minutes & Matters Arising*

CHAIR

Agreed that the AUSA Student Council of the previous Student Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20 April 2022, be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Carried Unanimously

2. STANDING AGENDA ITEM: CURRICULUM TRANSFORMATION UPDATE (PETER SHAND)

Peter Shand briefed the council regarding the consultation phase and opened the floor for discussion regarding the Taumata and some of the recommendations.

Peter Shand specifically discussed recommendation number 8:

“Faculties will enable students in all programmes to experience work- and/or community-integrated learning.”

The floor was opened for discussion. In summary, it was highlighted that there are some concerns with the recommendation. Specifically:

- It was flagged that such an idea would be of concern especially with the idea of non-paying internship(s) provided to students.
- It was noted that if such a recommendation is a ‘one-size approach’, it would prove to be an issue.
- The DSA President enquired whether such a component is a requirement. Peter Shand emphasised that the requirement is a question for respective faculties to sort out and decide.

- The AULSS President enquired what the internship enrolment process would entail. Peter Shand noted that it involves a more complex process which includes meeting certain requirements.
- It was further understood that it will be integrated over the respective courses/area(s) of learning.
- The AUSA WVP further emphasised potential equity issues and concerns when employing students as unpaid interns. Peter Shand noted whether students are paid depends on the type of employment. (E.g., Community Projects usually are not paid). He further noted that further considerations would be made.
- The AUGSS President highlighted that it could not be applied to certain faculties/studies (e.g. Maths) as there are not many internship opportunities for such faculties/studies. Peter Shand noted that gaps (like this) are audited and would further consider eliminating such biases
- It was overall understood that the context of the conversation involves how such an internship could be streamlined, risk of exploitation and potential equity issues.

Peter Shand noted that the first phase of the consultation would close by Monday, 30 May 2022. He further noted that the second phase would revolve more around specific groups such as teaching and learning.

PETER SHAND AND BRIDGET KOOL LEFT THE MEETING AT 19:00

3. AUSA CFT CONSULTATION SUBMISSION

As we are in Phase 1 of the Consultation Phase, the Chair explained how the AUSA Executive & AUSA Student Council will be looking to provide a group submission to provide feedback to the University. This will be coordinated by the AUSA Student Voice Manager, supported by the President and Education Vice-President.

The floor was opened to discuss initial feedback on the CFT and the plan for the submission of feedback.

Feedback from the recommendations were discussed and captured in this Google Doc. This will be used for AUSA's group submission for Phase 1 of the Consultation. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qqvOiRqSvattue7QR_63ks6oUYjH2uYS16V1mvme1Rc/edit?usp=sharing

4. SGM & NZUSA

The AUSA President discussed the AUSA's upcoming Special General Meeting, as well as a more detailed discussion on NZUSA, an item that was raised at the last Student Council meeting.

The AUSA SGM will take place at Shadows on Friday, 27 May 2022 (12:00 - 13:00). The Chair reminded the council that under one of the clauses of the MOU, members of the council need at least 5 students to attend any general meeting to represent their society.

The floor was opened for discussion.

- The Chair noted that rejoining NZUSA will be a much easier process than leaving as it requires the organisation to give a one-year notice of leave before officially leaving NZUSA.
- The Chair highlighted that NZUSA did not do much ever since AUSA gave the notice of leave. The Reformation of NZUSA (conversation) has been very slow and not much has been done until relatively recently.
- The AULSS President enquired what are the things to look out for when rejoining NZUSA. The Chair directed the council to the supporting document (SGM FAQ's Sheet - Number 8) in which she briefly pointed out:
 - Levy Structure - See NZUSA to be more cost-efficient
 - Expand the reach of their campaigns to allow for region-specific topics to be presented at a national level
 - Facilitate collaboration between associations at the grass-roots level
 - Open their doors to associations that are currently not members like AUTSA and UCSA.
- The Chair highlighted that the 45k is solely for membership fees and does not include extra costs such as travel and accommodation or conference costs.

MOTION PROPOSED FOR THE UPCOMING SGM:

That the student body accepts the proposed recommendation:

- *At the end of the 12 months' notice, 2 June 2022, AUSA will cease being a paying member of NZUSA, terminating their membership as per the NZUSA Constitution*
- *AUSA will uphold their commitment to work with Te Mana Ākonga and Tauria Pasifika to ensure Māori and Pacific voices are heard on a national level.*

CHAIR

That the AUSA Student Council endorses AUSA's decision to terminate their NZUSA membership in accordance with the AGM decision in 2021.

Carried Unanimously

5. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

The floor was opened for members to raise questions regarding the subcommittee minutes attached.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Student Council meeting will be held on **Monday 27 June 2022 · 18:00 - 20:00**. Meeting format and venue will be confirmed at a later date. Our preference is for in-person meetings, however, we may need to meet via Zoom depending on the Covid situation.

MEETING CLOSED AT 20:04

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

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

Alofa So'olefai, Chair of the AUSA Student Council