

# MINUTES OF THE AUSA STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING · 27 JUNE 2022



260-317 (OGGB) | 18:00 - 20:00

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## **PRESENT:**

*Alofa So'olefai (President, AUSA), Steven Wijaya (Treasurer-Secretary, AUSA), Alan Shaker (EVP, AUSA), Ishie Sharma (WVP, AUSA), Makayla Muhundan (EnVP, AUSA), Varsha Ravi (ISO, AUSA), Folau Tu'inukuafe (WRO, AUSA)*

*Hyunsang Lim (President, AULSS), Dania Shafiq (President, SciSA), Anmol Ghuman (Co-President, AUCSA), Jessica Chun (President, SAMS), Samantha Samaniego (President, AUPHSA), Wilene Shen (President, MISA), Joseph Nganu (President, ESSA), Benjamin Elwood (President, DSA), Angela Wong (President, SUPA), Crystyn Pask (President, ALES)*

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Temi Adelekan (AUSA Student Voice Manager), A/P Peter Shand (Curriculum Transformation Academic Lead), Professor Bridget Kool (Pro Vice-Chancellor Education), Professor Gillian Lewis (Sustainability Working Group Lead), Jo Hammer (Programme Change Manager), David Hayward (Academic Quality Manager), Jasper (Student Rep), Sahan (President, PGSA)*

**ABSENT:** *Gareth Jones (AUSA General Manager), Johnnie Wang (President, UoA Council Rep), Olympia Robb (President, ASO), Theo van de Klundert (QRO, AUSA), Kelly Misiti (PGO, AUSA), Seini Pua (PISO, AUSA/AUPISA), Piripi Gordon (Co-Tumuaki/MSO, NTM/AUSA), Anipātene Biddle (Co-Tumuaki/MSO, NTM/AUSA), Nick (President, SOMSA), Eilish Wood (President, NASA)*

**APOLOGIES:** *Danica Loulie-Wijtenburg (President, AUGSS), George Perry (President, AUES), Georgia Cheng (President, NZOSS), Tom Swinburn (President, AUMSA), Rhea Colaabavala (President, APSA)*

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## 1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

### 1.1. *Karakia & Welcome*

The Chair welcomed everyone and 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 Monday, 23 May 2022, be adopted as a true and accurate record.*

Carried Unanimously

## 2. SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

Gillian Lewis and Jo Hammer presented to the Council about the University's Sustainability Strategy and Net-Zero Carbon Strategy.

The floor was open for discussion. It was noted that:

- The AUSA ISO questions what the University plans to do when it comes to accounting for International Student's carbon footprint.
- The PGSA President further discusses the previous point made and briefly emphasises on the impact of commuting students
- The AULSS President questions what the University plans to do when it comes to liaising and coordinating with other universities when it comes to sustainability. He further emphasises whether such a plan will affect the cost for students.

The Chair noted that AUSA will make a submission during the consultation period. Such a topic will be discussed in the future Student Council Meeting(s).

### 3. LEARNING AND TEACHING SURVEY

The University is changing a couple of its Learning and Teaching Survey questions to make them clearer and capture their intended meaning. David Hayward (Academic Quality Manager) briefly talked about this survey to the Council and continues to distribute the proposed learning and teaching survey to the council for feedback and observations.

### 4. STANDING AGENDA ITEM: CURRICULUM TRANSFORMATION UPDATE

Peter Shand (Academic Lead for the CFT) & Bridget Kool (PVC Education) gave the Council an update about what has been happening in the CFT space.

The Chair gave a brief (general) comment in the CFT Space, specifically highlighting and taking the different feedbacks received from students. As a Review Committee, the Chair highlighted the importance of understanding different opinions and balancing them into the Taumata Teitei and aligning it better to what the CFT is doing.

It was also specifically discussed regarding the change in optionality requirement regarding recommendation #10. Specifically, students (now) must take a minimum of 45 points out-of-discipline study. The floor was open for discussion.

- The Chair further outlined recognising the discussion of having the 45 points breadth module. It was outlined that having such a structure does take away a significant amount for students to do within their actual major.
- The true purpose of this recommendation is for students to explore and experience outside of students specialisation. The recommendation is similar to the General Education structure in essence.
- The difference between General Education and this recommendation is the level of restrictions imposed on students when taking certain courses/papers although it still must be outside of what the student is studying.
- Such an arrangement is made with a minimum of 45 points instead of 30. With 45 points it could be batched into a module.

Peter Shand further noted that another recommendation that the review committee suggested that they are not in favour of recommendation #14. Specifically, discontinuing 120-point honours program. This allows extra flexibility for student learning.

It was noted there was a slight change in the consultation process. Peter Shand noted rather than a formal consultation, it was understood that a more investigative process will occur instead.

**PETER SHAND & BRIDGET KOOL LEFT THE MEETING AT 18:54**

## **5. ACADEMIC AUDIT**

David Hayward (Academic Quality Manager) briefly spoke about Cycle 6 (Externally Driven) Academic Audit process which will be conducted by the AQO. David noted that the AQO will be doing a panel site visit and interviews from Monday, 25 July 2022 and would like to meet students and representatives of student organisations.

**DAVID HAYWARD LEFT THE MEETING AT 19:01**

## **6. PGSA**

The Chair gave a brief overview to the Council regarding the working relationship between AUSA and PGSA. The Chair highlighted the form of structure will be similar to AUPISA x AUSA MOU. Such considerations take into account the level of workload and deciding what is best for both the student body and University.

It was highlighted that elected PGO (through the AUSA General Election) will automatically sit in PGSA and AUSA although the President of PGSA will not be directly a part of AUSA.

## **7. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

Please note there are no minutes attached from our International, Postgraduate, Women's and Queer Rights subcommittees. No comments were made regarding the Accommodation subcommittee minutes.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 8.1. *Sustainability Panel*

The Chair noted that she was asked to sit on the sustainability panel and enquired the Council whether there is any particular topic to bring up. The floor was opened for discussion.

- To enquire about running a sustainable accommodation facility (E.g. Utilities)
- To enquire about air travel carbon footprint, specifically from International Students, Student Exchanges
- To highlight more regarding Te Ao Māori and Mātauranga Māori within the University's Sustainability Strategy and Net-Zero Carbon Strategy
- To highlight more regarding the breakdown of numbers
- To enquire about construction wastage
- To enquire about general sustainability restructure (E.g. use of solar power)

## 9. NEXT MEETING

The next Student Council meeting will be held on **Monday 25 July 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 19:58**

**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**