

MINUTES OF THE AUSA EXECUTIVE MEETING ·

1 SEPTEMBER 2022



AUSA HOUSE | 8:00 - 9:00

PRESENT: Alofa So'olefai (President), Steven Wijaya (Treasurer-Secretary), Alan Shaker (EVP), Makayla Muhundan (EnVP), Varsha Ravi (ISO), Kelly Misiti (PGO), Theo van de Klundert (QRO), Seini Maryanne (PISO), Anipātene Biddle (MSO), Piripi Gordon (MSO), Ishie Sharma (WVP), Folau Tu'inukuafe (WRO)

APOLOGIES: Gareth Jones (General Manager)

MEETING COMMENCED AT 8:05

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. Welcome and Karakia

The Chair welcomed each President and opened with a Karakia. The Chair requested for the Executive for a round of check-ins.

1.2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

1.3. Approval of Leave

The Chair noted the apologies.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CHAIR/QRO

THAT the minutes of the AUSA Deeds meeting held on Thursday, 2 June 2022, to be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIR/QRO

THAT the minutes of the AUSA Executive meeting held on Tuesday, 12 July 2022, to be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIR/QRO

THAT the minutes of the AUSA Senior Leadership Team meeting held on Wednesday, 3 August 2022 and Tuesday, 16 August 2022, to be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Carried Unanimously

3. STANDING AGENDA: GENERAL MANAGER ADDRESS

This section is allocated for the General Manager to report to the Executive of current affairs. With the General Manager on apologies, such agenda item was not discussed.

4. EXECUTIVE HANDOVER

The Education Vice President/future President noted a couple of key points:

Key Dates to remember

1. The Executive Handover Document should be completed by 1 November 2022
2. The Education Vice President noted that he will be arranging a Key Register and requesting current executive members (including returning members) to hand back their keys by the end of their term. Such keys will be redistributed to the coming executive members.
3. The Education Vice President noted and encourages the current Executive members to meet one-on-one with their successors. It was understood that Shadowing is highly recommended.
4. It was noted that the training day for the coming executive will be held from 23 November to 25 November 2022.

5. STANDING AGENDA: SOCIAL MEDIA

Due to time constraints, such agenda was not raised in this meeting.

6. STANDING AGENDA: HEALTH AND SAFETY

Due to time constraints, such agenda was not raised in this meeting.

7. STANDING AGENDA: ADVISORY BOARD

Due to time constraints, such agenda was not raised in this meeting.

8. 95BFM (STRICT)

The Chair noted the current situation with 95bFM. It was noted that 95bFM is currently insolvent and has been over the years. It was further noted that the entity has not been issuing dividends over the years and requested AUSA for a capital injection. 95bFM presented three options to AUSA (\$250,000 or \$200,000 or none). The Chair further noted that there will be no monetary value if AUSA decides to pull-out from such investment/service.

The floor was opened for discussion regarding such matter, more specifically on “What does AUSA see 95bFM as”.

THE WELFARE VICE PRESIDENT ENTERED THE MEETING AT 8:33

THE WOMEN RIGHTS’ OFFICER ENTERED THE MEETING AT 8:42

Following such discussion, it was understood that the AUSA Executive request the following before making further decisions.

- Financial Strategy of 95bFM on fixing current financial challenges
- Detailed proposal regarding what 95bFM will be and change in the near future
- Data (Survey) regarding University of Auckland Students' engagement with 95bFM
- Enquire a detailed explanation for the reasons for liquidation and debt obligations

It was noted that the following factors will be the Executive's important factors when considering such notion:

- The entity's ability to adapt and change to meet current and future trends (more specifically catered to Auckland University Students)
- Benchmarking against similar/comparable radio stations.

The Chair noted that more conversations regarding such matters will be made in the near future.

9. BANKING CHANGES (STRICT - INTERNAL)

The Accountant recently raised that currently, AUSA holds an AUSA's welfare donation account and further proposed to close off one of its bank accounts, more specifically, 06-0158-0236160-03, due to no use. The Accountant further noted that the standing balance sitting in such an account will be transferred to other accounts, ANZ suffix -02.

CHAIR/QRO

That the AUSA Executive approves the closure of AUSA's Welfare donation account, with an ending suffix -02, due to inactivity.

Carried Unanimously

10. PGSA

The Chair briefly noted that even though the Annual General Meeting did not take place, she emphasised that AUSA will abide by the drafted Memorandum of Understanding between both associations once signed.

The Chair noted that AUSA will be revising the Memorandum of Understanding with NTM and AUPISA in ensuring that such a contract is up to date and consistent with the constitutions and other relevant policies.

11. AUSA STUDENT SUPPORT

The Welfare Vice President briefed the executive regarding proposed changes in the realm of student support.

11.1. *Food Bank*

The Welfare Vice President briefed the executive regarding the logistics and current trends of the program. It was noted that AUSA currently does not have the capacity to continue with such an initiative, additionally, lacks demand for it. She further added a notion to reallocate such funds for period poverty (just for this year) as there was more demand for period products than any other.

The floor was opened with discussion.

11.2. *Hardship Grants*

The Welfare Vice President further noted the need to increase the monetary value granted to students (Non-dependents - \$300, with dependents \$400). The increase helps take into account the rising cost of living and other factors. It was understood that the Executive deemed such notion as fair and reasonable.

12. OPERATIONS PLAN

The Chair briefed the Executive regarding such matter and more specifically wanted to see more progress and tie up any loose ends.

13. EXECUTIVE MONTHLY REPORT

The Chair briefly noted that the Executive's July monthly report was taken to the Advisory Board. It was noted that the feedback from the Advisory Board was overall positive although noted some room for improvement.

The Chair further noted that August's monthly report is due on 15 September 2022. Additionally, the Executive Semester 2 Report is due on 1 November 2022.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.1. *Executive/Staff Parking*

The Post-graduate Students' Officer proposed the need for Executive members to have parking. It was understood that having 3 parking spots (including the President's) for the Executive is ideal. Such proposal will be taken to the next Finance Committee Meeting.

14.2. *End-of-year function*

The Chair noted that there will be a year-end function on 15 November 2022 from 12:00 - 13:30. Such event is to formally recognise all the work AUSA has done.

14.3. *Queer Space*

The Queer Rights' Officer highlighted recent harassment that took place around Queerspace. Such complaints have been raised to Anne-Marie. Further actions will be taken.

15. NEXT MEETING

Executive meetings will be held once every three weeks and will be pre-arranged by the Treasurer-Secretary. Calendar invites have been set on the Google Calendar for the whole semester two. Such meetings will usually be placed on Thursday, from 8 am.

The Executive is reminded to update their Google Calendar to prevent any future clashes in ensuring all relevant members' attendance.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:18

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/Senior Leadership Team)