

# MINUTES OF THE AUSA EXECUTIVE MEETING ·

## 12 JULY 2022



AUSA House/Zoom | 9:00 - 12:00

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**PRESENT:** Alofa So'olefai (President), Steven Wijaya (Treasurer-Secretary), Alan Shaker (EVP), Ishie Sharma (WVP), Theo van de Klundert (QRO), Folau Tu'inukuafe (WRO), Makayla Muhundan (EnVP)

**ABSENT:** Seini Maryanne (PISO), Anipātene Biddle (MSO), Piripi Gordon (MSO), Gareth Jones (General Manager)

**APOLOGIES:** Kelly Misiti (PGO), Varsha Ravi (ISO)

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**MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:55**

### 1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

#### 1.1. **Welcome and Karakia**

The Chair welcomed each President and opened with a Karakia.

#### 1.2. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest

#### 1.3. **Approval of Leave**

##### **CHAIR**

*THAT the Postgraduate Students' Officer and International Students' Officer be excused from this meeting.*

*Carried Unanimously*

## 2. STANDING AGENDA: GENERAL MANAGER ADDRESS

The General Manager briefed the Executive on current affairs.

### 2.1. **Monthly Reports (May)**

The General Manager gave a brief overview regarding reports and highlighted that AUSA is financially doing well. The General Manager highlighted a recent grant from the property trust.

### 2.2. **Advocacy Manager Role**

The General Manager is looking at hiring a new advocacy manager and would be recruiting internally rather than externally.

### 2.3. **Receptionist/Welfare Coordinator Role**

The General Manager noted that interviews were still ongoing.

### 2.4. **Auditing Process**

The General Manager updated the Executive regarding collating, amalgamating and Streamlining the auditing process. It was noted that amalgamating such a process could be difficult as each trust has different financial years.

### 2.5. **Investment Trust - Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO)**

The General Manager is looking at writing a SIPO, which will be brought to the next Executive Meeting. This will act as a guideline for what the Investment Trust Committee to consider when making the necessary decisions (e.g. values AUSA Support).

## 3. STANDING AGENDA: SOCIAL MEDIA

The Engagement Vice President gave a brief update regarding the takeover Tuesdays. A roster regarding such an initiative will be sent out in the near future with the Treasurer-Secretary's help. More details will be covered under the related document.

#### 4. STANDING AGENDA: HEALTH AND SAFETY

This standing agenda item is to ensure that any items that may need more advice can be taken to the Health & Safety Committee. The floor was opened for discussion regarding any news/issues/concerns. No concerns were raised.

#### 5. STANDING AGENDA: ADVISORY BOARD

This standing agenda item is to ensure that any items that may need more advice can be taken to the advisory board. The floor was opened for discussion regarding any communication that needs to be addressed to the Advisory Board.

#### 6. STANDING AGENDA: NZUSA

The Chair noted that AUSA had officially left NZUSA although still currently sits on some of the committees. It was noted that NZUSA is looking at hiring a reform manager.

#### 7. GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

The Chair, on behalf of the PGO, briefed the Executive regarding such issue and highlighted AUSA's response and actions going forward regarding such GTA matters. Apparently, the issue at hand is that GTA's are being 'let go' after the discovery of a clause within their contracts. Although they are students, it was understood that such a matter could be deemed as an employment matter between the University and the employee. However, these students have approached AUSA for assistance.

The Chair was particularly concerned about whether AUSA has the ability on such a matter.

#### 8. TE TAI TOKERAU TRIP

The Chair briefed the Executive regarding the upcoming Te Tai Tokerau Trip (on Tuesday, 26 July 2022 - Whangārei).

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.

**THE QUEER RIGHTS' OFFICER LEFT THE MEETING AT 12:40**

## 10. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive meeting will be a fortnightly meeting and will be pre-arranged by the Treasurer-Secretary. Calendar invites have been set on the Google Calendar for the whole semester two. The Executive is reminded to update their Google Calendar to prevent any future clashes in ensuring all relevant members' attendance.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 12:55**

**SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD**

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

**Alofa So'olefai, Chair of the AUSA Executive**