

MINUTES OF THE AUSA STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING · 22 AUGUST 2022



303-B05 (Science) | 18:00 - 20:00

PRESENT:

Alofa So'olefai (President, AUSA), Steven Wijaya (Treasurer-Secretary, AUSA), Alan Shaker (EVP, AUSA), Makayla Muhundan (EnVP, AUSA), Ishie Sharma (WVP, AUSA), Varsha Ravi (ISO, AUSA), Folau Tu'inukuafe (WRO, AUSA), Jessica Chun (President, SAMS), Samantha Samaniego (President, AUPHSA), Wilene Shen (President, MISA), Crystyn Pask (President, ALES), Danica Loulie-Wijtenburg (President, AUGSS), Rhea Colaabavala (President, APSA), Tom Swinburn (President, AUMSA), George Perry (President, AUES)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Temi Adelekan (AUSA Student Voice Manager), A/P Peter Shand (Curriculum Transformation Academic Lead), David Hayward (Manager, Academic Quality Office), Steve Leichtweis (Manager, Ranga Auaha Ako, UoA Learning Design Team), Rebecca White (Senior Academic Quality Analyst), Juliette Lim (Student Representative, NZOSS), Michelle Hoang (International Students Officer, SciSA)

ABSENT: *Gareth Jones (AUSA General Manager), Johnnie Wang (UoA Council Rep), Theo van de Klundert (QRO, AUSA), Kelly Misiti (PGO, AUSA), Seini Pua (PISO, AUSA/AUPIA), Piripi Gordon (Co-Tumuaki/MSO, NTM/AUSA), Anipātene Biddle (Co-Tumuaki/MSO, NTM/AUSA), Olympia Robb (President, ASO), Anmol Ghuman (Co-President, AUCSA), Simran Wadhawan (Co-President, AUCSA), Angela Wong (President, SUPA), Eilish Wood (President, NASA), Jasper Poole (Disability Student Representative), Nick (President, SOMSA)*

APOLOGIES:

Professor Bridget Kool (Pro Vice-Chancellor Education), Hyunsang Lim (President, AULSS), Georgia Cheng (President, NZOSS), Dania Shafiq (President, SciSA), Sahan Jayatissa (President, PGSA), Jennifer Lee (President, ESSA), Benjamin Elwood (President, DSA)

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. *Karakia & Welcome*

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting 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, 25 July 2022, be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Carried Unanimously

2. LEARNING AND TEACHING SURVEY + ACADEMIC INTEGRITY UPDATE (REBECCA WHITE)

Rebecca White briefed the Student Council regarding the upcoming Learning and Teaching Survey (LTS). This survey puts an important emphasis on the entire learning and teaching experience.

Rebecca White further briefed the council regarding the University's new Academic Integrity Case Management System

The Council enquired how students are selected for such surveys. It was understood that the survey will go through random sampling.

Rebecca White enquired the Council in regards to the best way to communicate/reach out to students regarding such surveys. The floor was opened for suggestions.

3. SET REVIEW (DAVID HAYWARD)

David Hayward (Manager of the Academic Quality Office) briefed the Council regarding the revision of the SET review process. David Hayward noted notable changes from the different domains, more specifically on student learning experiences.

The floor was opened for discussion for perspective on SET, more specifically on:

- How it could be improved?
- How can we engage with students better?
- What is the role of Class Reps in gathering feedback?

The council pointed out some concerns regarding SET, touching on how the University reviews student feedback, who is responsible for overlooking such concerns, and the correlation of the effectiveness of SET when it comes to changes.

PETER SHAND ENTERED THE MEETING AT 18:50

4. CONSISTENCY IN CANVAS (STEVE LEICHTWEIS)

Steve Leichtweis (Manager of Ranga Auaha Ako, UoA Learning Design Team) briefed the Council regarding the consistency in Canvas and what consistency actually means to students. Steve Leichtweis opened the floor for discussion regarding this matter, more specifically on what students see as the most prominent variables that might contribute to this experience of consistency.

- Reading List - Having such resources available prior
- Cutting down the different ways to access file/navigation panel to prevent confusion
- Inconsistency between to-do function and actual assignments
- Piazza - Inconsistency regarding lecturers' use of piazza.
- Groups Function
- Things turning up under assignment tabs although they aren't assessed (e.g. practice/mock tests/exams) but will alter the score
- Turn-it-in inability to do multiple submissions
- Canvas Quizzes

5. STANDING AGENDA ITEM: CURRICULUM TRANSFORMATION UPDATE (PETER SHAND) 19:00 · 20 MINUTES

Standing Agenda Item where Peter Shand (Academic Lead for the CFT) gave a brief update about what has been happening in the CFT space.

Peter Shand noted that matters arising from the taumata and recommendations from the Council meeting have been submitted for review.

Peter Shand asked for feedback from the Student Council, more specifically on:

- moving to a much more consultative approach when it comes to student engagement in certain processes
- Deriving from Monash University, the idea of integrating indigenous studies as a compulsory module.

6. EQUITY POLICY CONSULTATION

The new Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland Equity Policy affects everyone, including you. You are encouraged to review [Te Ara Tautika the Equity Policy](#) and forward your feedback by 6 September to equitypolicyfeedback@auckland.ac.nz

The floor was opened for discussion:

- Acknowledged Maori values
- Noted the Equity Policy needs to be a living document for it to remain fit for purpose, it should be reviewed annually to ensure it is keeping up with the changing and dynamic nature of equity over time
- Stronger language should be used (e.g. talking to a prelude for actual)
- Fall back if the implementation does not work
- Clearer definition of Equity Groups (Either make it broad or more specific)

7. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

It was acknowledged that the subcommittee minutes were taken as read. No questions were raised regarding this.

8.1. Elections

The AUSA EVP requested council members to pass on details of future Presidents and Executive members once sorted

8.2. Exam Seminars

The AUSA EVP briefed the Executive regarding Exam Seminars. The AUSA EVP noted that advertisements would be put out in the near future and requested the Council to further spread the word.

8.3. Ubuntu & Kate Magazine

The AUSA ISO & WRO noted that the submissions for Ubuntu and Kate Magazine are due in the next few weeks. They further requested the Council to further spread the word and encouraged council members to make submissions.

8.4. Break-up Party

With the year ending soon, the AUSA EVP briefed the Council regarding AUSA's Student Council's end-of-year function on Monday, 21 November 2022. More information is to be updated and confirmed.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Student Council meeting will be held on **Monday, 26 September 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 20:02

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD



Alofa So'olefai, Chair of the AUSA Student Council