

# MINUTES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING · 10/10/2023



Location: 109-G07 | 6.00PM - 8:00PM

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**PRESENT:** Noor Randhawa (**AUCSA**), Sarah White (**AUCSA**), Rhea Yin (**President, AULSS**), Talisa Gan-Setu (**SciSA**), Anna Sue (**AUGSS**), Kirti Raju (**ESSA**), Juliette Lim (**NZOSS**), Madeleine Roe (**APSA**), Jenny Luo (**AUMSA**), Celesti Tan (**AUPHSA**), Julia Stjarnhage (**PGSA**), Francine Mula (**MISA**), Alan Shaker (**President, AUSA**), Qun Ma (**WVP, AUSA**), Mahek Nagar (**ISO, AUSA**), Folau Tu'inukuafe (**EnVP, AUSA**), Amol Kumar (**Treasurer-Secretary, AUSA**), Varsha Ravi (**EVP, AUSA**), Layba Zubair (**WRO, AUSA**) & David Tuifua (**PISO, AUSA**).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** David Fulton (**General Manager, AUSA**), Peter Shand (**CFT Lead, UoA**) & Louis (**PG Oversharing Session Lead**).

**LATE:** Lachlan Pearce (**President, AUES**).

**APOLOGIES:** La-Marie Fernandez & Mike Sun (**Co-President, SUPA**), Ivan Zhang (**SOMSA**), & Hala Barakat (**UoA Council Rep**).

**MEETING OPENED AT 6:05PM.**

## 1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS (TIME & DURATION) - 6:05 - 6:10 [5 MINS]

1.1. *Welcome, Opening Karakia and Introductions*

1.2. *Apologies.*

1.3. *Declarations of Interest.*

1.4. *Previous Minutes.*

**Supporting Documents:**

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1.4a. [Minutes of AUSA Student Council Meeting 19/09/2023](#)

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- No corrections needed.
- Minutes Accepted.

## 2. UPDATE REGARDING CANVAS BASELINE PROJECT

- Steve Leichtweis provided an update regarding the ongoing Canvas Baseline Project.
- An opportunity was presented for the Student Council to raise queries/comments regarding the update.
  - The aim of the project is to make the student learning experience more consistent.
  - Steve showed 'Canvas Baseline Practices Update' where a 'Reddit rant' was shown highlighting annoyance on how lecturers cannot properly use Canvas.
  - Canvas baseline practices overview:
    - Intended to provide students with a consistent, easy-to-use, and inclusive online learning experience across all programmes.
      - Will help with equity issues.
    - A big focus will be on improving the structure and navigation of courses on Canvas.
    - Current State:
      - 70 out of 2700 courses have been completed.
      - All faculties will be included in this.
        - Health courses to start a year later.
      - The team is working with academic staff to build courses.
      - All courses as been assessed by the baseline practices.
        - ⅓ courses are already doing Canvas well.
        - The majority need work
        - 10% needs major work.
      - Biggest staff issues:
        - Not using pages properly.
        - Creating effective rubrics.
      - The following will be common Canvas components across courses:
        - Getting started.
        - Meet the team.
        - Course schedule.
        - Assessments.
        - Learning support hub.
        - FAQs
        - Syllabus.
        - Modules.
      - It was also noted that 40% of Canvas access is through the mobile app.
        - Rebuild will take this into consideration.
    - Questions/Issues raised by SC.
      - It was raised if files should be turned off as it is handy for some classes.

- For staff who are not good at creating organizational structures, files should be turned off and the other structure used.
- An issue was raised around how quizzed and flipped lectures may be accessed.
  - There will be a method for this.
- Will there be any policies going around regarding rubrics?
  - The university is encouraging teaching staff to provide a rubric.
    - There will be arguments about this, but the people on this team will provide professional development to staff on how to develop a consistent and successful rubric.
- Feedback from the education course:
  - Positive feedback was received.

### 3. CFT WRAP UP

- CFT Academic Lead Peter Shand will be provided an end-of-year wrap-up of the Curriculum Framework Transformation.
- An opportunity for the Student Council was given to provide feedback, and raise queries regarding CFT and what it will look like in the coming year.
- Peter gave thanks to all the students who have been a part of this and to Bridgit Kool.
- Peter then gave a end of year wrap-up of the project so far.
  - The whole purpose of the project is bettering the student experience and improve the graduate profile.
  - The project wants to take a students-partners approach.
  - CFT will include a:
    - Foundational course 'Waipapa Taumata Rau Course'
    - Transdisciplinary learning.
      - Open space/clusters 45 points of free choice.
      - 'Enriched learning' opportunity.
    - Work-integrated learning.
      - Extends to internships
      - Professional and community learning
        - Eg exhibition publicly if you are a CAI student.
- Noted that over the years new things will slowly be phased in as old things like Gen Eds are phased out.
- A summary was then presented all progress of the project to date with future areas of focus.

- The student council noted its appreciation for Peter for always coming to all SC meetings and providing updates. SC hopes in the future:
  - Student voice remains open on this project through work with the SC.
  - Remuneration for student input.
  - The project leads can reach out to next student leaders early during handover to let them know they are not bystanders on this project and can contribute.
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#### 4. PGSA & AUSA MERGE

- Presented by Julia Stjarnhage (PGSA President) and Alan Shaker (AUSA President).
- An opportunity was provided for the Student Council to engage in discussion and raise comments/queries to hold AUSA and PGSA accountable.
- AUSA and PGSA are to be merged in the future.
  - Currently looking at legal technicalities and what the future structure of AUSA would look like.
  - Student Council for their input and their thoughts and 'approval'/consultation.
    - It was noted it was difficult for post graduate students to manage their PGSA duties without AUSA support as they are so busy.
- In the future with the Merger going forward, The EVP extended to two roles:
  - EVP Undergraduate.
  - EVP Postgraduate (must be a doctoral student) to sit on important committees.
- PG student officer to still exist.
  - The PG lounge will be kept with the office for PGO. They will be more front-facing.
  - PGO will manage PG Lounge and PG News Letter.
- Question on if PGSA merge means that faculties should merge with AUSA as well.
  - It is up to the faculties.
- University staff seem to think this is a positive thing.

#### 5. REFLECTION LETTERS & FEEDBACK

- Faculty Presidents were given a chance to leave a little letter reflecting on their year as Presidents, Student Council, leading an executive, your struggles /tips and tricks etc. - this letter will be passed on to your successors.
- Student Council then got into small groups of 4-5 members and provide feedback to AUSA on what was great about Student Council this year, but also what we can do better for next year.

#### 6. PORTFOLIO UPDATES

- No issues or updates to raise.

#### 7. REMINDERS & OTHER MATTERS

- An opportunity to bring up any other business.

- Handover
  - Student Council was let know to ask AUSA, SVM, EVP or President for support with their handover if needed.
- End of year farewell dinner.
  - White and Wong New Market on Monday 13/11/2023.
  - You will also receive your AUSA goodie bag and remuneration for the year here..
- Student Finance Issue in the Healthcare degree.
  - UoA wants to make it a post-grad degree.
  - TIA stipend has not been adjusted for inflation for the last 20 years, and students do not get paid for the placement at all.
  - Very expensive to do unpaid clinical placements, pay for clothes, and live in new cities.
    - Lots of people are leaving the course as they can't afford it.
  - To be raised at the next student council.
- Louis a PG student, came in to let SC know that AUSA has partnered with AUSA for oversharing session.
  - Invited SC and those interested to come to have a look at the oversharing session about biological sciences

**This is the last Student Council meeting for the year 2023. The next Student Council meeting will be in 2024 and will be convened by the incoming AUSA Executive, attended by the incoming Faculty Association Presidents.**

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.56 PM**

**SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD**



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**Alan Shaker (Chair), President of AUSA**