

MINUTES OF THE AUSA EXECUTIVE MEETING. 19/08/2024



AUSA HOUSE | 5 PM - 7 PM

PRESENT: Alan Shaker (President, AUSA), Sarah White (Treasurer-Secretary, AUSA), Layba Zubair (EVP, AUSA), Jennifer Setefano (WVP, AUSA), Yueyang Chen (ISO, AUSA), Luna Le Fay (QRO, AUSA), Ben Bonn  (PGO, AUSA), Sara Mckoy (Acting WRO, AUSA).

IN ATTENDANCE: David Fulton (GM, AUSA)

LATE: Andrea Vaai (PISO, AUSA), Jade Butler (EnVP, AUSA)

APOLOGIES: Te Tuhiwhakaura Wallace-Ihakara (MSO, AUSA), Jimah Ruland-Umata (MSO, AUSA).

NOT PRESENT:

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. Welcome and Karakia

1.2. Approvals of Leave

CHAIR/WHITE (TREASURER-SECRETARY)

THAT Te Tuhiwhakaura Wallace-Ihakara (MSO, AUSA), Jimah Ruland-Umata (MSO, AUSA) be granted leave from this meeting.

Carried unanimously.

1.3. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

1.4. Check-Ins

2. MATTERS ARISING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. Matters arising.

Chair went over the action points from the last meeting.

- Formation of Strategic Plan working group, pausing till the next AB meeting.
- Shadows bathrooms fixed.
- The last of the furniture is to be moved this week.

2.2. Approval of previous minutes.

- T/S to add attendance to the minutes.

CHAIR/SETEFANO (WVP): *THAT the minutes of the AUSA Executive meeting held on Tuesday, 6th August, to be adopted as a true and accurate record.* **Carried unanimously.**

3. STANDING AGENDA ITEM: HEALTH AND SAFETY

- C space wall of outlets not working (only by the wall closest to the balcony).
- Women's bathroom lights are out in C Space.
- All PG access has been revoked from the PGSA Lounge.
- Some of the spaces have been robbed. Security advised a homeless person is roaming.
- **Reminder to lock the house after 5 pm. Be aware of when reception is unlocked and no one is there.**

ACTION: GM to follow up on spaces health and safety/maintenance concerns.

4. STANDING AGENDA ITEM: ADVISORY BOARD

- The next meeting is about the strategic plan.
- Simon is resigning from the Board, but happy to stay on to mentor Ben until the end of the 2024 Executive term.

5. STANDING AGENDA ITEM: GM UPDATE

- GM gave an update from June and July.

July report summary.

- ReO was reasonably successful. Worked commercially well and well from the budget perspective.
- Property Trust - potential for next year a lot lower levels of dividends. Major impact for next year financially.
- Nayoung from the Advocacy team has left. Start the process of replacement within the next few weeks.
- H&S no issues with ReO. Staff and Exec drinking at events should be flagged.
- Student Voice Conference is coming up. Please get your tickets.
- Elections going well.
- Buddies is activating at a lot higher level.

6. FUNDING UPDATE

- Provisional \$250k tied to Student Voice and Advocacy initiatives.
- Levy is currently being consulted on by the students.
- Lease should continue under the new agreement. Move to the same terms as the non-commercial lease.

7. COURSE CUTS FORUM

- Chair discussed and outlined an upcoming Forum regarding the Course Cuts.

Valerie Linton in attendance from 5:45 pm.

Valerie's key points:

- Going through a regular process for "tidying up" and working together with the faculties to achieve this.
- These are changes for 2026.
- Faculties themselves wanted to go fast so it actually happens. Comms had happened for staff and students, but the Provost acknowledged that this could've been wider spread.
- Tomorrow the list of courses will be discussed. Any decisions will need to first go into Retirement then suspension, not just automatic suspension.
- Everyone will be able to graduate, it gets taught out.
- A lot of new courses are being introduced.
- Timetable is only so big, only so many rooms and teaching hours available. To prevent the teaching day stretching into the weekend or going from 7am-10pm, a regular review of courses is required.

EnVP arrived at 5:53 pm.

Questions from Exec answered:

Comms - updated staff and student comms have been sent out today. Chair can circulate this publicly.

Faculties have been asked to have meetings with their student leaders.

These reviews have happened in previous years.

Not a lead into job and discipline losses. The University is committed to remaining comprehensive.

Meeting deadline for 2026 prospectus.

Forum on Thursday.

- If it's an information session - then Valerie will attend and answer questions.
- The foyer is closed. Chair to communicate this to the students who are organising.
- Autonomy has been given to faculties.
- Valerie will also be at the Student Council tomorrow to answer questions from the Faculty Associations
- The executive agreed AUSA should be at the forum.

Valerie Linton left the meeting at 6:17 pm.

8. UPDATE FROM ADS ON PADS

- Support from AUSA with this program.

- Promo on socials. Volunteers to change over the ads. Process of getting a stall for O week. Week 2 stall.

ACTION: Summary in an email to the Executive from Acting WRO to come.

9. UPDATE FROM RECENT MEETING WITH ANDREW JULL

- Treasurer-Secretary and EVP provided an update on a recent request and meeting with School of Nursing Professor and Senate Member Andrew Jull.
- Andrew reached out to us regarding a motion he wishes to gain support for from Senate, regarding disinvestment from organisations that have serious human rights implications. He highlighted the impact on Education institutions, many students and staff have lost their lives as a result of these weapons. The University of Auckland should thus consider not investing in such organisations that cause such harm.
- Vice-Chancellor is seeking legal advice on whether the motion can come to Senate.
- Support from AUSA would require all six student members (President, Treasurer-Secretary, EVP, PGO, ISO and MSO) to be present at the meeting and vote in favour of the motion.
- If passed in Senate, it would then go to Council for approval. Andrew has asked if we would discuss this with the Student Representative on Council.
- If it does not pass, the motion may be broken down into individual pieces.

Executive agreed that this is something we should support.

10. OPEN DAY

- Open day is this Saturday.
- Basketball hoop outside the house.
- Chair will create roster.

PISO and WVP left at 6:37 pm.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Upcoming events and reminders of expectations.
 - Register with a ticket for Student Voice Conference.
- FYI the Van is working!
- Celebrated our Treasurer-Secretary's birthday!

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd September at 5pm in the AUSA House.

Meeting closed at 7pm.

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A Shaker", written over a horizontal line.

Alan Shaker, Chair of the AUSA Executive.