

MINUTES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

MEETING · 24/09/2024



Location: 109-G07 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Present: Alan Shaker (President, AUSA) (Chair), Sarah White (Treasurer-Secretary, AUSA), Layba Zubair (EVP, AUSA), Jennifer Setefano (WVP, AUSA), Jade Butler (EnVP, AUSA), Sara Mckoy (Acting WRO, AUSA), Yueyang Chen (ISO, AUSA), Jenny Lyu (President, AUPSS), Tiran Archary (President, APSA), Jack Towers (President, AUES), Isabel Possenniskie (President, AUGSS), Will Dalzell (President, AULSS), Lachlan Markovina (President, AUMSA) via Zoom, Nicole Lay (Co-President, AUPHSA, on behalf of Co-President Celesti Tan), Ruchitha Narayan (Co-President AUCSA), Thomas George (Co-President AUCSA), Kirti Raju (ESSA) via Zoom, Emily McIntosh (Co-President, NASA on behalf of Co-President Amelia Brown), Hector Leong (President, OPTOM), June Jeong (President, SAMS), Jack Chen (Co-President, SCISA on behalf of Anotida Chitando), Ivan Zhang (President, SOMSA), Carmen Tan (Co-president SUPA, on behalf of Mandy Peng), Hala Barakat (UoA Council Representative), Ayolabi Martins (AUDSA), Raewyn Wang (President, MISA).

Apologies: Ben Bonné (PGO, AUSA), Alan Wu (Craccum News Editor).

In attendance: Peter Shand (CFT Lead), Valerie Linton (Provost), Ben Kao (Senior Academic Quality Analyst, Academic Quality Office), David Fulton (GM, AUSA), Bridget Kool (Pro-Vice Chancellor Education)

Not Present: Julia Stjärnhage (President, PGSA), Luna Lyra le Fay (QRO, AUSA), Andrea Vaai (PISO, AUSA), Te Tuiwhakaura o te Rangi Wallace-Ihakara (MSO, AUSA), Jimah Ruland-Umata (MSO, AUSA), Louis Hewitson-Townley (President, ASA).

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. **Welcome and opening Karakia.**

1.2. **Apologies**

- Noted that AULSS, SOMSA and AUSA EVP to leave at 7pm.

1.3. **Declarations of Interest.**

- None Declared.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

CHAIR/EVP:

THAT the minutes of the Student Council, Tuesday 24th August, be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Carried unanimously.

3. STUDENT CONSULTATION: NAMING OF THE NEW FACULTY

Presented by the Dean of the New Faculty, Nuala Gregory.

- Benchmarking was done around the world within similar faculties for names and proposals. This showed a number of similar names; Humanities, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and multiple variants.
- Staff preferences were similar to students- greater scepticism for student responses for alternative names. Staff suggested more use of the word Education.
- 344 student responses, 350 staff responses.
- 142 preferred humanities & social sciences (students).
- 149 students provided alternative responses.
- 54 students support Humanities.
- Preference for inclusivity, desire to retain Arts.
- Creativity and disciplinary emphasis.
- Balance with traditional and innovation
- 3 Hui workshops starting next Monday. Payments provided. 1:30 pm-3 pm. Link for registration. EA Jenette.
- Getting students to come along is the role of student council. 12-15 places per Hui.
- Chair will pass on contacts of specific school emails.

Te Reo name will be done through Michael Steedman's office.

- 22nd October - UEC for UE's perspective. Then, it goes to the Senate on 11th November. Then to Council, 9th December for approval.

4. A REPORT ON THE LEARNING AND TEACHING SURVEY

Presented by Ben Kao from the Academic Quality Office.

- 70 questions with 8 sections.
- Early bird reward increase responses.
- Thank you letter to students and infographic analysis.
- Canvas announcement but link in the email.
- Academic quality report per faculty.
- General increase since last year. High response.
- A general increase in satisfaction.
- Plan toward improving.
- Data goes to faculty then they come back as why.

Gen AI Survey

- Students are most concerned of breaching Academic Integrity with GEN AI use.
- The majority of students go straight to AI first.
- 5% said yes to using AI in assessment.
- 60% said it is important for the future.

5. COUNCIL REP ELECTIONS

Endorsements as per the AUSA elections: How does this impact Council elections?

Policies vs. candidate endorsements.

Student Council to consider the future usage of endorsements.

6. CFT UPDATES

Presented by Peter Shand, CFT Lead.

Special senate item.

- In a Special Senate meeting, it was voted to pause CFT regarding Course optimisation. Passed motion of recommendation to Council.
- Papers prepped for Council. Approval 9 October.
- The course cuts anxiety is continuing.

- Individual faculties course optimisation, not a collaboration across faculties.
- Options for FMHS (None proposed for cut), health focus and contribution.
- Business as usual process.

7. PORTFOLIO UPDATES

- AUSA ISO noted that International students are concerned by the doubling in Visa fees.
- Call for Ubuntu international magazine submissions, please send to ISO ASAP. The theme is "Home."
- The Student Voice Manager is redesigning the Class Rep Program and is requesting that former class reps please give their perspective on the program. There is a drop in session on the 11th of October from 1:30pm to 3:30pm in Workshop 101 (Kate Edgar Building). Only need to come for 15 mins (and get free food!).

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday 15th October at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7:40pm.

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.