

MINUTES OF THE AUSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING · WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2024



SHADOWS BAR | 1PM - 3PM

PRESENT: *Alan Shaker (President, AUSA), Sarah White (Treasurer-Secretary, AUSA), Jennifer Setefano (WVP, AUSA), Layba Zubair (EVP, AUSA), Jade Butler (EnVP, AUSA), Jimah Ruland-Umata (Co-MSO, AUSA), Nick Withers (AUSA Life Member), Sharon Zhang (AUSA Life Member), Bob Lack (AUSA Life Member) and 150+ Members (In Person with 9 on Zoom).*

IN ATTENDANCE: *David Fulton (AUSA General Manager), Mauricio Lozano (AUSA Student Voice Manager)*

MEETING OPENED AT 1.

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS.

1.1. **Welcome and Karakia.**

- The Chair of the meeting and AUSA's President Alan Shaker welcomed everyone and was appreciative of the level of attendance both in person and via Zoom.
- Jimah Ruland-Umata Co-Tumuaki of Ngā Tauira Māori and AUSA Māori Student Officer opened the meeting with a karakia.
- The Chair of the meeting went through the standing orders of the AGM:
 - AUSA Executive, the Association's General Manager, and relevant staff will have the right of reply to any questions posed by members.
 - Any comment or question posed will be final and supplementary questions will not be permitted, unless allowed by the Chair
 - Members will have 5 minutes maximum to allow for any other questions

1.2. **Acceptance of the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 4th August 2023**

CHAIR

THAT the Minutes of the AUSA Special General Meeting held on August 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Carried Unanimously

2. ANNUAL REPORT 2023

➤ ***The Chair spoke on the Annual Report for 2023.***

- *By issue of Chair, current members of the Executive or the Associations General Manager had the right of reply to respond to questions or comments raised in relation to the debate for each motion.*

CHAIR

THAT the Annual Report and Audited Accounts as at 31 December 2021 be received and adopted.

Carried unanimously

Governance

Class reps - 2000

Student voice highlights: PGSA merger, Student voice framework, no more excuse campaign.

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➤ ***Questions from members:***

- *Funding arrangements: \$1.6 million from the uni, thoughts of diversifying funding model as a registered charity?*
 - *Yes. Investment opportunities, sponsorships. Investment trust, separate from the Exec - to look at investment opportunities.*
- *Profitability of student bar and UBIQ?*
 - *Underperforming. Set up separately from AUSA, managed in trusts and AUSA is a beneficiary. Confidence in the management of these two organisations. Service to students and AUSA doing everything we can to continue this.*
- *Selection of trustees that own the other investments - reports from those trustees how those trusts are performing?*
- *Bob: Income comes from the students from compulsory fee. Cost saving - The President stepped in as GM!*

- *Hardship grants*
 - *Advertised through our website. Instagram post.*
 - *Uni runs their own hardship grant.*

CHAIR

THAT the Annual Report and Audited Accounts as at 31 December 2023 be received and adopted.

Carried Unanimously.

4. ELECTION RESULTS 2023

CHAIR

THAT the results for the 2024 Officers, Portfolio holders and Craccum Editor be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

5. PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Last update since 2019.

Some changes driven by Incorporated Societies Act.

7 key changes.

Question:

PGO role with the new EVP PG

- EVP responsible for committees and academic matters.
- PGO role more social engagement approach. Running lunch and learn events.

AB Function:

- Does the AB support this SGM power? Student run their affair why should we delegate this to AB. Kaupapa of by students for students.
 - AB were not wholly supportive of the change
 - Written advice first
 - Students should know what is happening with the association.

New roles election date:

- 22nd July nominations open.

Constitution

2 against

1 abstaining

Carried unanimously.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

CHAIR

THAT Walker Wayland be appointed as the AUSA External Auditors for non-consolidated accounts.

Carried Unanimously

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Carried Unanimously

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- No other business proposed by members.

Any update about the leases - like the Law faculty that expire in 2026? Cost pressures of renewing those leases?

- No we have not heard a lot. The lease is expiring and there are plans to move the faculty onto the city campus. When and the cost is unknown.

Quad spaces, any updates on improvements in these spaces and a timeline of the quad improvements?

- Our spaces have a long term lease (¾)
- Very long term plans to redevelop that space. Early in discussions.
- Temporary location, then rebuilding, moving the spaces into the new building
- 2030 onwards.

Closed with a Karakia.

8. CLOSING

MEETING CLOSED AT 1:56 pm

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD



Alan Shaker (Chair), President of AUSA