



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -
auckland university
students' association**

MINUTES OF THE TRK AUSA EXECUTIVE MEETING · [17/04/25]

[Via - Teams] | [16:00 P.M. – 18:00 P.M.]

PRESENT: GABRIEL BOYD (AUSA PRESIDENT), PRANEEL GUPTA (FINANCE & OPERATIONS VP), MATTHEW LEE (UNDERGRAD EVP), KALANA PIRAMANAGE (ENGAGEMENT VP), EMELIA MARTIN MOSES (WRO), HISHAM HAQ (ISO), MICK MCDONOUGH (PGSO), LOLA VAELUA AFEAKI (WELLBEING & EQUITY VP), RONETTE VAA'I (PISO), FANIA KAPAO (POSTGRAD EVP) ARTIE HO (QRO), AYOLABI MARTINS (DRO)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Stinear (Pro Vice-Chancellor Equity), David Fulton (AUSA General Manager)

LATE:

APOLOGIES: HIWA MAJUREY (MSO), MATIU REI (MSO)

MEETING COMMENCED AT [16:04 P.M.]

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. Welcome and Karakia

1.2. Approvals of Leave

CHAIR/GUPTA (FOvp)

That HIWA MAJUREY (MSO) and MATIU REI (MSO) be granted leave from this meeting.

Carried unanimously.

1.3. Declarations of Interest

None were declared

2. DEI UOA

- **Introductions - Professor Cathy Stinear (Pro Vice-Chancellor Equity).**
- **The focus is to make the university a safe, inclusive, and equitable place to study and work where everyone has a secure sense of belonging.**

Question (Ayolabi Martins [DRO]) – For the Disability Action Plan (DAP) workstream 1, what resources and groundwork has been laid?

- The DAP is a requirement by the Tertiary Education Commission. DAP was first made in 2023 for the time period of 2023 to 2025 and will now be refreshed this year for the time period of next three years.
- Informing students about the services and the support provided by the university for anyone with any disability takes priority. This is also done during the orientation.
- Improvement in the marketing team.
- Discussed a specifically designed survey for students with disabilities.
- A pathway for neurodivergent students was touched upon.

Question (Gabriel Boyd [Chair]) – There has been an increase in the gender pay gap, what can we expect in the coming future?

- Speculations cannot be made yet.
- Professor Cathy Stinear (Pro Vice-Chancellor Equity) recommended a TRK AUSA executive to join the reference group for the Gender and Ethnic Pay gap.
- A push for transparency and **more** flexible working arrangements.

Question (Emelia Martin Moses (WRO)) – In terms of implementation, who does the Harmful sexual behavior action plan come under, PVCE or any other portfolio?

- The PVCE role is about equity for everyone and also a role that connects different departments and people to one another.
- The harmful sexual behavior action plan primarily sits with Campus Life and the role of PVCE is similar to that of an **advisor**.

Question (Artie Ho (QRO)) - Given the changes in Campus Life would affect the Rainbow Support Advisor Role turning it more into a pastoral role than one that was a bit more visible, or event focused, would you be able to elaborate on this?

- Changes in the role of Adrienne Cleland (DVCO) will result in changes in Campus Life.
- The Rainbow support advisor role is ministry funded and there is an absolute commitment to continuing it. There may be a bit of a change in the scope of the role.

Question (Ayolabi Martins (DRO)) - Given that the university is dealing with the faculty management changes to the spaces, are there any ongoing projects or the planning projects where they are actively seeking consultation to make sure they are disability assessable.

- The University has an excellent **leader** in the property services **division** by the name of John Carter and he's part of our equity practitioners' group (it is an informal group that meets every month).
- Acutely aware of the concerns of our communities from an accessibility perspective and also an inclusion perspective.
- As for more clarification on the formal input, channels and point of contact, PVCE can ask that of John in the upcoming equity practitioners' meeting

Question (Gabriel Body (Chair)) - With everything that has been going around the world, how can we ensure to students that Auckland is a safe space for everybody and what is the university doing to ensure this remains the case?

- The university has a solid foundation of DEI.
- The university has a strong commitment of not taking a step back and being steadfast in its commitments to DEI and not being bullied or cowed by change of direction.

Question (Gabriel Boyd (Chair)) - How can the Student Association help you in your portfolio and in the DEI space?

- One of the most important factors for the role of PVCE is being in touch with what are the real concerns of people.
- Constant trade of information and regular communication is the key.

Thank You Professor Cathy Stinear (Pro Vice-Chancellor Equity).

2. MATTERS ARISING AND THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. Chair went over the action points from the last meeting.

2.2. Approval of Minutes

CHAIR/MARTINS(DRO)

THAT the minutes of the TRK AUSA executive meeting held on Thursday, 03rd April 2025, to be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Carried unanimously

3. HEALTH AND SAFETY

- DRO reported the problem with the University Elevators.
- PGSO reported the student access problem to PG Space
- PGSO to provide General Manager with information of the students for access to the PG lounge.

4. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- **Ubiq is going through a restructuring process.**
- **Hiring for two new part time TRK AUSA employees for the Independent Student Advisory Services.**
- **250k additional funding from the university approved.**
- **New CRM system.**

5. SPACES CONVERSATION

- **QRO mentioned the meeting with the Head of Security to have been productive but lacked tangibility.**
- **Door access with campus card was discussed.**
- **WRO brought up the fact that students may feel hesitant on calling the security.**
- **PISO mentioned that they found the meeting very helpful.**
- **Chair mentioned How we are able to make students more comfortable or how security is able to engage?**
- **General Manager mentioned that calling the security is the only way to get an immediate response from the security.**

6. TRK AUSA SURVEY

- **PGSO mentioned we need ethics committee approval for the survey.**
- **PGEVP mentioned that from their meeting they have concluded that Ethics Committee approval is not required.**
- **Some additions to the survey were recommended.**

7. AUSA THEMED WEEKS – ARTS WEEK

- **ENVP discussed their plan for the Arts week.**
- **TRK AUSA executives acknowledged that Udaya Bakehouse (Envp Kalana Piramanage Family Catering Business) will be used for Catering.**

8. OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

The next executive meeting is to be held on Thursday 01st May 2025

MEETING CLOSED AT [17:25 P.M.]

Action Table

TASK	OWNER	DELEGATED	DEADLINE
PGSO to provide General Manager with the information of Students for the access.	PGSO		ASAP
Finalising the survey	Chair		5 May, 2025

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

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Gabriel Boyd - Chair of the TRK AUSA