



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

MINUTES OF THE TRK AUSA EXECUTIVE MEETING · [20/03/25]

[TRK AUSA HOUSE] | [15:00 P.M. – 17:00 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), HIWA MAJUREY (MSO), MATIU REI (MSO), MICK MCDONOUGH (PGSO), LOLA VAELUA AFEAKI (WELLBEING & EQUITY VP), RONETTE VAA'I (PISO), FANIA KAPAO (POSTGRAD EVP) via zoom ARTIE HO (QRO),

IN ATTENDANCE: Mauricio Lazano (Student Voice Manager)

LATE:

APOLOGIES: AYOLABI MARTINS (DRO)

MEETING COMMENCED AT [15:05 P.M.]

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. Welcome and Karakia

1.2. Approvals of Leave

CHAIR/GUPTA (FOvp)

THAT AYOLABI MARTINS (DRO) be granted leave from this meeting.

THAT EMELIA MARTIN MOSES (WRO) is allowed to leave the meeting at 16:00.

THAT FANIA KAPAO (POSTGRAD EVP) be excused from the meeting till 15:45.

THAT MICK MCDONOUGH (PGSO) is allowed to leave the meeting at 16:15.

Carried unanimously.

1.3. Declarations of Interest

None were declared

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

THAT the minutes of the TRK AUSA executive meeting held on Thursday, 06th March 2025, to be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Motion Passed

3. HEALTH AND SAFETY

- A problem with the door in C – Space was reported.

4. AUIS COLLABORATION

- Hisham Haq (ISO) introduced TRK AUSA's collaboration with the Auckland University Indian Society for a Meet and Greet panel with the Consul General of India.
- The event is being held on Mach 27 – 18:00 to 20:00.

5. PRESIDENT CATCH - UPS

- Chair discussed their idea for monthly president catch ups with the executive and urged the executives to reach out to him in case of any problems.

6. STUDENT COUNCIL REFLECTION

- Feedback to contextualize ideas was received.
- Sitting formation and the layout of the room is to be discussed and changed.

- A small executive meeting before the Student Council has been recommended.

7. MACLAURIN CHAPEL – SHAHELA QURESHI

- Introductions - Shahela Qureshi, the Muslim Chaplain at Maclaurin Chaplaincy.
- Discussed how students coming from faith background have a hard time with counselling and not being very useful to them.
- Shahela's role – Pastoral care and educator, a volunteer role at the university.
- Discussed problems faced by the international students and support provided.
- Discussed how the university is a secular place, and it should have an umbrella faith of spirituality.

Question – How can AUSA help?

- Spiritual wellbeing is not getting much support from the university.
- Advocating for spiritual wellbeing

Question – Is the Chaplaincy independent from the university?

- Yes, it is not serviced by the University
- They are not part of any wellbeing meetings that the university holds.
- Student concerns regarding spiritual wellbeing need to be brought to these meetings.

8. CRACCUM EDITOR IN CHIEF – HARRY SUTTON

- Introductions – Harry Sutton [Craccum editor in chief 20225].
- Magazines are released fortnightly now.
- More focus on Online publications.
- Craccum wants to increase it's engagement with students and have a more diverse voice.
- Harry Sutton discussed his idea of doing a biweekly update, sharing engaging news from all around the campus, collaborating with other university magazines and also covering university sports.
- Craccum highlighted it's core duties including holding the AUSA executives to account.

- Discussed taking more submissions from students.
- Discussed having a diverse representation and connecting different schools of thought.

Fania Kapao (PGevp) joins the meeting at 16:27 p.m.

9. SPORTS WEEK

- Kalana Piramanage (EnVP) presented the plan for the sports week, discussed the run-sheet and set duties for the executives.

10. COMPLAINT SUB-COMMITTEE.

- Mauricio Lazano (Student Voice Manager) introduces the Complaint Sub Committee.
- Recommended reaching out to the General Manager for more details.

Alexa Mick McDonough (PGSA) leaves the meeting at 16:40 p.m.

11. GABRIEL AND AUSA STAFF MEETING UPDATE.

- Chair emphasised keeping the security of the house in mind.

12. WELLBEING EVENTS

- Lola Vaelua Afeaki (WEVP) discussed the wellbeing events that are going to take place throughout the semester.
- Dates and more details for these events to be released soon.

13. PUNCTUALITY

- Chair emphasised the need to be punctual to the meetings.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

- Huge congratulations to Ronette Vaa'i (PISO) for the success of DUAVATA.
- Chair was advised to share ATSA agendas, minutes and consult the executives on topic that effect TRK AUSA as a whole.
- Praneel Gupta (FOvp) to add ATSA update as a standing agenda item.

NEXT MEETING

The next executive meeting is to be held on Thursday 03rd April 2025

MEETING CLOSED AT [16:58 P.M.]

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

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Gabriel Boyd - Chair of the TRK AUSA