

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE A.U.S.A. EXECUTIVE HELD ON MONDAY,  
7 MARCH 2011 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM IN THE EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

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**PRESENT:**

President (Chair), AVP, EVP, Treasurer, NAO, EAO, MO, SO, Epsom Rep, Grafton Rep, WRO (2), IAO (2), Tamaki Rep (2), SF Chair (Lymer), CAO (Govindasamy), ISO (arrived 6.08pm), WO (2) (Bookman arrived 6.08pm).

**APOLOGIES:**

Tom O'Connor, CSO, PISO (Fesili), SF Chair (Doherty).

**ABSENT:**

MSO (2), CAO (Amir), PISO (Baice).

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chris Donnelly (UASC), Rachel Davies-Colley (UASC), Michael Lai, Snow Lin.

**Meeting Opened:** 6.01pm

**Visitors Business:**

- **University of Auckland Snowsports Club** — Constitutional Amendments

CHAIR

E 101/11 THAT Chris Donnelly and Rachel Davies-Colley be given speaking rights at this meeting of the executive.

Carried U

Rachel and Chris detailed the changes being made to the UASC Constitution and that these require sign-off from AUSA in order to be ratified. Changes were required to qualify for charitable society status so the UASC may apply to external bodies for grants, as well as removing obsolete clauses and language.

**STANDING ITEMS:**

**Leave:**

CHAIR

E 102/11 THAT the Sports Officer be granted leave from the meetings on 14 March, 4 April, 11 April and 2 May due to sporting commitments.

Carried U

CHAIR

E 103/11 THAT the PISO (Fesili) be granted leave from this meeting due to illness.

Carried U

CHAIR

E 104/11 THAT the CSO be granted leave from this meeting due to work commitments.

Carried

*Abstention:* CAO, Grafton Rep

CHAIR

E 105/11 THAT the SF Chair (Doherty) be granted leave from this meeting due to illness.

Carried U

**Minutes Of The Previous Meeting:**

CHAIR

E 106/11 THAT the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 28 February 2011 be received and adopted as a true and correct record.

Carried U

### **Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:**

The President noted several matters arising:

- The Buskers Festival was still to be organised
- The specifics of the Vigil still require discussion, with or without formal support.
- The tally for the Christchurch Earthquake appeal is presently sitting at approximately \$20,000
- The Women's Refuge approached AUSA for Appeal support, they face significant financial stress without the profile Red Cross and other such organisations have.
- The Book Drive has been cancelled due to the organisational issues and the organiser feeling that there was no longer a need to pursue it.
- Summer Series has been postponed until 13 March, the traditional date for the event.
- Joe's 95bFM breakfast slot went well
- The NZUSA Report and the T-Shirts are still outstanding due to Orientation.

### **Correspondence:**

CHAIR  
E 107/11 THAT the correspondence 17/11 to 18/11 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.  
*Carried U*

### **Health and Safety:**

- President noted the bees swarming around the Quad due to the inclement weather, unusual season patterns, and some attractive food. The University is dealing with the issue.

### **Consideration of the Agenda:**

- The Chair, by leave, moved some items on the agenda and admitted four motions without notice and three items without notice.

### **WORK REPORTS:**

CHAIR  
E 108/11 THAT the President's report be received and noted, noting lateness due to Orientation.  
*Carried U*

6.18pm – Tamaki Rep (Verstappen) left the meeting.  
6.20pm – WO (Carter) left the meeting.  
6.22pm – NAO left the meeting.  
6.23pm – NAO and WO (Carter) returned to the meeting.  
6.30pm – Tamaki Rep (C. Lim) left the meeting.  
6.33pm – ISO left the meeting.  
6.34pm – ISO and Tamaki Rep (C.Lim) returned to the meeting.

T. LIM/CASTLES  
E 109/11 THAT the Treasurer's report be received and noted, noting lateness due to workload.  
*Carried U*

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

#### **Items For Noting:**

- **WRO Vacancy**

CHAIR  
E 110/11 THAT the Executive welcome the appointment of new Women's Rights Officers Alana Chang and Sophie Buchanan.  
*Carried with acclamation*

#### **Items for Discussion:**

• **International Affairs –**

HAINES/YIM

- E 111/11 THAT the money allocated to IAO for the next IAC Committee be increased to \$60 per meeting in order to pay for delivery costs to the University.  
Carried Abstention: CAO, ISO, Tamaki Rep, WO

There was a discussion regarding the necessity of the costs for the meeting with many other Executive members offering alternative suggestions. The Chair noted that the only catered AUSA committee meetings are the Clubs Grants Committees and the Blues Committee. The Chair noted that an admin policy should cover this area in the future.

HAINES/GOVINDASAMY

- E 112/11 THAT money taken from the IAO account be used to pay for candles and plastic cups to hold a vigil on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March, up to but not more than \$40 for purchasing plastic cups, 200 candles and matches.  
Carried Against: EVP  
 Abstention: CAO, Epsom Rep, SO, WO

There was an expansive discussion regarding the costs and environmental issues of the purchases with many Executive members offering their alternative suggestions.

6.43pm – EAO left the meeting.  
 6.43pm – EAO returned to the meeting.

- **Running a Balanced Budget –** NAO spoke to this item, and a general discussion was held. Many members were broadly in support of the intention, some raised concerns as to the feasibility of the timeframes. AVP was against any amendment to the Strategic Plan as it would create policy which would not be comprehensive.

CASTLES/DURBIN (Pro Forma)

THAT the Auckland University Students' Association to have reduced the budget deficit to zero at the commencement of the 2013/2014 financial year.

**Amendment**

CHAIR

- E 113/11 THAT the motion be amended to read "THAT the AUSA Executive commit to reducing the budget deficit to zero at the commencement of the 2013/2014 financial year."  
Carried U

**The motion as amended was put**

CASTLES/WILLIAMS

- E 114/11 THAT the AUSA Executive commit to reducing the budget deficit to zero at the commencement of the 2013/2014 financial year.  
Carried For: EVP, Epsom Rep, Grafton Rep, IAO, ISO, MO, NAO, SO, SF Chair, Treasurer, WO, WRO  
 Against: AVP  
 Abstention: CAO, EAO, Tamaki Rep

A general discussion was held on the following motion. AVP was against the motion as it would create policy which would not be as comprehensive as a document.

CASTLES/SMITH

THAT the Executive runs budget neutral every financial year from the 2013/2014 financial year.

**Amendment**

WILLIAMS/LEITHEISER

- E 115/11 THAT the motion be amended to read "THAT the Executive runs budget neutral every financial year from the 2013/2014 financial year, pending review by the Finance Committee."  
Carried U

E 116/11 **The motion as amended was put**  
Carried For: EAO, Epsom Rep, EVP, IAO, ISO, MO, NAO, SO, SF Chair, Tamaki Rep, Treasurer, WO  
Against: AVP  
Abstention: CAO, Grafton Rep, WRO

7.19pm – CAO left the meeting.

7.20pm – CAO returned to the meeting and WO (Carter) left the meeting.

- **J-Days of Action** – CAO (Govindasamy) raised this item and a brief discussion was held.

WILLIAMS\CASTLES  
E 117/11 THAT the Executive enter Committee of the Whole AND THAT any strangers be excluded, excepting Michael Lai.  
Carried U

7.57pm – The Executive left Committee of the Whole and strangers were included.

GOVINDASAMY/HAINES  
THAT the AUSA endorses the Cultural Affairs Officers' pursuit to organise and run 2011 J-days of action, debate, peaceful protest and good vibrations.

**Amendment**

DURBIN/

THAT the motion be amended to read "THAT AUSA endorses the Cultural Affairs Officers' pursuit to organise and run 2011 J-days of action, debate, and peaceful protest"

Lapsed for want of a seconder

**Amendment**

WILLIAMS/LEITHEISER

E 118/11 THAT the motion be amended to read "THAT AUSA acknowledges the Cultural Affairs Officers' pursuit to organise and run 2011 J-days of action, debate, peaceful protest and good vibrations"

Carried U

**Procedural motion**

CHAIR

E 119/11 THAT leave be granted to amend the previous amendment.

Carried U

**Amendment to amendment**

WILLIAMS/YIM

E 120/11 THAT the amendment be amended to read "THAT AUSA acknowledges the right of students to organise and run 2011 J-days of action, debate, peaceful protest, and good vibrations"

Carried U

E 121/11 **The motion as amended was put**

Carried For: AVP, EAO, EVP, Grafton Rep, IAO, MO, NAO, SF Chair, WO  
Against: Epsom Rep, ISO, Tamaki Rep, Treasurer, WRO  
Abstention: CAO, SO

7.31pm – WO (Bookman) left the meeting.

7.31pm – WO (2) returned to the meeting.

**Items Without Notice:**

- **Studylink Changes** – EVP updated the Executive on the progress fighting these changes. Questions will be put to MPs and Ministers, and meeting will be arranged within the week.

8.08pm – EVP, EAO, ISO, and WO (Bookman) left the meeting.

**Motions Without Notice:**

• **Welfare Committee**

CHAIR

E 122/11 THAT Alana Chang be appointed to the Executive vacancy on the AUSA Welfare Committee.

Carried U

• **Common Seal -**

CHAIR

E 123/11 THAT the New Zealand Community Trust grant application be endorsed and the Common Seal be affixed.

Carried U

CHAIR

E 124/11 THAT the Pub Charity grant application be endorsed and the Common Seal be affixed.

Carried U

CHAIR

E 125/11 THAT the Four Winds Foundation grant application be endorsed and the Common Seal be affixed.

Carried U

**Reports, Memorandums, Other Documents:**

• **UASC Constitution –**

CHAIR

E 126/11 THAT the University of Auckland Ski Club Inc. Constitution be noted.

Carried U

CHAIR

E 127/11 THAT the Minutes of the University of Auckland Ski Club Inc. SGM held on 21 February 2011 be received and noted.

Carried U

CHAIR

E 128/11 THAT the proposed University of Auckland Ski Club Inc. Constitution be received and noted.

Carried U

CHAIR

E 129/11 THAT the proposed changes to the Constitution of the University of Auckland Ski Club Inc. be approved by AUSA, as per rule 3a of the current UASC Constitution.

Carried U

**Date of Next Meeting:** 6pm on Monday, 14 March 2011 in the Executive Chambers

**Meeting Closed at:** 8.17pm

**Signed as a true and correct record**

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**Joe McCrory, President, CHAIR**