

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE A.U.S.A. EXECUTIVE HELD ON MONDAY,  
10 MAY 2010 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM IN THE EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

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**PRESENT:**

President, AVP, EVP, Treasurer (arrived 6.04pm), ISO, CAO, NAO, Tamaki Rep, Epsom Rep, EAO (2), SO (2), IAO (2), CSO (2) (arrived 6.06pm), MO (Blumgart), PISO (Watts), Grafton Rep (Riddell), SF Chair (2) (arrived 6.10pm), Grafton Rep (Nelson) (arrived 7.04pm).

**APOLOGIES:**

WO, WRO.

**ABSENT:**

MSO (2), MO (Brownlee), PISO (Tiria).

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tom O'Connor (AUSA GM & Minute Taker), Sophia Blair, Craig Robertson, Dan Sloan (Craccum Ed), Elisa Brown, Kate Dawson.

**Meeting Opened:** 6.01pm

**Visitors Business:**

• **Sophia Blair, Campaign to Keep MMP –**

CHAIR

E 180/10 THAT Sophia Blair be given speaking rights at this meeting.

Carried

Sophia spoke about the upcoming MMP referendum, the issues surrounding the proposed wording, and handed out a document giving a full explanation on MMP. The campaign is currently gathering material for submissions. Peter Shirtcliffe's campaign is also looking at the 99 MP question, the focus should be on one issue not including the referendum on the number of MPs in Parliament. AUSA could write a submission either as a group or individual ones. There is a meeting at 3pm tomorrow.

6.03pm – SO (Carver) left the meeting.

6.05pm – SO (Carver) returned to the meeting.

6.06pm – CSO (2) arrived at the meeting

6.10pm - SF Chair (2) arrived at the meeting.

NELDER/VERSTAPPEN

E 181/10 THAT AUSA support the Campaign to Keep MMP.

Carried Abstentions: SF Chair, SO, CAO, IAO.

**Leave:**

CHAIR

E 182/10 THAT the Welfare Officer be granted leave from this meeting as he has a prior meeting he needs to attend.

Carried Abstention: 1

CHAIR

E 183/10 THAT the WRO be granted leave from this meeting as she needs to work on an assignment.

Carried Abstention: 1

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- CHAIR  
E 184/10 THAT the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 3 May 2010 be received and adopted as a true and correct record.  
Carried

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- None.

### **Correspondence:**

- CHAIR  
E 185/10 THAT the correspondence 47/10 to 49/10 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.  
Carried

### **Health and Safety:**

- Bus line markings are being removed at the moment for safety reasons.

### **Regular Reporting to the Executive:**

- CHAIR  
E 186/10 THAT the President's report be received.  
Carried

- CHAIR  
E 187/10 THAT the EVP's report be received.  
Carried

Note: EVP elaborated on his report at length and took questions from the Executive.

- CHAIR  
E 188/10 THAT the Treasurer's report be received.  
Carried

Note: Treasurer elaborated on her report at length and took questions from the Executive.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **• Welfare Minutes**

- NELDER/TOPHAM  
E 189/10 THAT the minutes of the Welfare Committees held on 9, 16, and 19 March be received.  
Carried

- MCCRORY/DURBIN  
E 190/10 THAT the minutes of inquorate meetings of the Welfare Committee held on 24 March and 1, 20, 26 April be referred to the full Welfare Committee for review.  
Carried

### **• Faculty Association Funding Committee Minutes –**

- MCCRORY/MANSON  
E 191/10 THAT the Minutes of the Faculty Association Funding Committee held on Tuesday, 27 April 2010 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.  
Carried Abstention: Grafton Rep

7.04pm – Grafton Rep (Nelson) arrived.

### **• Delegated Powers (External Contracts) Policy –**

- MCCRORY/NELDER  
E 192/10 THAT the AUSA Delegated Powers (External Contracts) Policy be received and adopted.  
Carried Abstention: CSO, SO, CAO.

7.10pm – CSO (Watts) left the meeting.

- **Executive Meals –**

MCCRORY/NELSON  
E 193/10 THAT E 25/08 be repealed.  
Carried unanimously

MCCRORY/NELSON  
E 194/10 THAT all Executive members shall be provided with a meal before each ordinary Executive meeting, to reduce costs.  
Carried unanimously

MCCRORY/GOVINDASAMY  
E195/10 THAT Finance Committee be directed to review line 69330.  
Carried unanimously

- **Student Representative Vice-Chancellor Meeting** – AVP noted that the next meeting is 17 May at 1pm, Room 204 in the Clocktower.

- **American University Visit** –12pm lunch in the Business School next Monday 17th. The President recorded the names of those who will attend.

- **Distribution of a local tertiary newspaper** – AVP raised the issue, speaking to the letter from the organizers attached to the agenda. Executive will need to obtain a copy prior to any agreement, and were generally disapproving.

- **O Whakaaroa on Friday, 14 May at the Quad** – AVP gave an update, and ran through the draft agenda - 11.15am is the Haka Being Disrespected, 1.00pm Super City or Super Left Out with Rodney Hide and Helen Te Hira.

- **Arts Graduation Action Group –**

MCCRORY/DURBIN  
E 196/10 THAT AUSA extend support to the general aims of the Arts Graduate Action Group (AGAG) in campaigning for improvements to the Arts Graduate Lab AND THAT a liaison group be formed by resolution of Executive to work with the AGAG.  
Carried

MCCRORY/DURBIN  
E 197/10 THAT the AVP, EVP, and NAO form the AGAG Liaison Group.  
Carried

- **Government Tertiary Education ‘Proposals’** - EVP outlined the proposals to the Executive, who debated the following resolutions.

NELDER/DURBIN  
THAT AUSA opposes any changes to Fee Maxima that would have the effect of raising the rate of the increases.  
Carried unanimously

**Amendment**

MANSON/RIDDELL  
E 198/10 THAT the motion be amended by adding, “raising the rate of fee increases” and deleting “raising the rate of the increases.”  
Carried

E 199/10 **The motion as amended was put**  
Carried

E 199/10 NELDER/DABBOUR  
THAT AUSA opposes introducing a 'lifetime limit' on student loans. (Note: The current proposal would see students who took more than six or seven years to complete undergraduate education would no longer be eligible for a student loan)  
Carried unanimously

E 200/10 NELDER/LEITHEISER  
THAT AUSA opposes the proposal that new permanent residents and Australians would be denied access to a student loan until they have lived in the country for two years. (Note: Currently, students in the 0-2 year period can get loans but not allowances)  
Carried

E 201/10 NELDER/DURBIN  
THAT AUSA opposes linking the funding of courses to rates of course completion.  
Carried unanimously

E 202/10 NELDER/CARVER  
THAT AUSA opposes the proposed \$50 yearly fee for all students, and former students with a student loan.  
Carried Abstention: SO

E 203/10 NELDER/RIDDELL  
THAT AUSA, in the interest of democracy and transparency, calls on Steven Joyce to announce tertiary education policy in the House of Representatives rather than on breakfast television.  
Carried For: 11  
Against: 1  
Abstentions: 4

• **Welfare Minutes**

E 204/10 BOYCE/BLUMGART  
THAT the minutes of the Welfare Committees held on 4 and 6 May 2010 be received.  
Carried

- **Ecofest** – EAOs gave a briefing on the events for the week, covering the programme so far and letting the Executive know what was going on.
- **Student Forum** – It was noted that the OXFAM Coffee Break would be held on Wednesday.
- **Budget Breakfast** – SO (Manson) asked if this would be happening, the NAO will look into it.
- **Meeting Conduct** – The President and the AVP asked that Executive do not conduct side conversations or talk over each other.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 6pm on Monday, 17 May 2010 in the Executive Chambers

**Meeting Closed at:** 7.57pm

**Signed as a true and correct record**

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**Elliott Blade, President, CHAIR**