

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE A.U.S.A. EXECUTIVE HELD ON MONDAY,
16 MARCH 2009 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM IN THE EXEC CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

President (Chair), EVP, Treasurer, MSO, SF Chair (2), NAO (2), CSO, MO, SO (2), CAO, WO, IAO, WRO, Tamaki Rep, EAO (2).

APOLOGIES:

AVP, PISO, OSO, ETTSA President.

ABSENT:

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tom O'Connor (GM & Minute Taker), Craccum Editor (Matthew), Kerry Manson, Omar Hamed, Steven Cooper.

Meeting Opened: 6.00pm

Leave:

CHAIR
E 61/09 THAT the AVP be granted leave as he is attending the TAMU Council Governance Training in Wellington.
Carried

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

CHAIR
E 62/09 THAT the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 9 March 2009 be received and adopted as a true and correct record.
Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- None

Correspondence:

CHAIR
E 63/09 THAT the correspondence 10/09 to 12/09 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.
Carried

Health and Safety:

- The tiles near the Recreation Centre are dangerous when wet.
- There is no room for cyclists in Symonds St. The situation is dangerous – GM to raise with Council and Fulton Hogan.

Regular Reporting to the Executive:

The President gave a verbal report and expressed the view that reports could all be verbal. The Craccum Editor raised the issue of verbal reports as opposed to written ones. The written reports gave an opportunity for students not at the meeting to read them.

CHAIR
E 64/09 THAT the President's report be received.

Carried

E 65/09 CHAIR
THAT the EVP's report be received.
Carried

E 66/09 CHAIR
THAT the Treasurer's report be received.
Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

• **Education Action Group –**

CHAIR
E 67/09 THAT Omar Hamed be allowed speaking rights.
Carried

Omar Hamed spoke about the Education Action Group regarding costs for students and continuous increases. He wants to have a protest group meeting in the Quad and a march to protest against fees increases etc. Akif explained further regarding the motion required for a Day of Action. EAG will discuss what they wish to do, then decide when and what would happen next. The CAO raised the issue of AUSA in previous years and the lack of interest and direction. We (AUSA) need something interesting to generate numbers and create an interest. The President cautioned that we need to see what it was specifically that the EAG were planning prior to AUSA voting to support them completely.

CHAIR
E 68/09 THAT AUSA supports the EAG organising a Day of Action in the 1st Semester which will be detailed to the Executive Committee.
Carried

6.23pm – Omar Hamed left the meeting.

• **Student Forum Minutes -**

WOODS/MALIK
E 69/09 THAT the minutes of the Student Forum meeting held on 4 March 2009 be received and the recommendations therein adopted excluding S0909 which is a contentious issue (re. young lady who walked naked).
Carried

Note: There was a correction made – the Tamaki Rep was at the meeting.

• **CAB Minutes –**

CARVER/MALIK
E 70/09 THAT the minutes of the CAB meeting held on 9 March 2009 be received and noted.
Carried

• **Verbal Reports –**

CHAIR
E 71/09 THAT verbal reports are acceptable from the President, AVP, EVP, Treasurer and General Manager.
Carried

• **UN Speaker –** The Treasurer explained about the UN Speaker, Salil Shetty (Director UN Millenium Campaign), and invited all to come and listen (Thursday, 19 March at 7pm in ENG 1439).

- **Disability Ramp** – Darcy would like to propose at the next VC Meeting that the 3 stairs at the Engineering Underpass be replaced with a ramp for people with disabilities and cyclists.
- **Portfolio Reports** – Due next Monday. Template is required to be distributed. Not more than a page.
- **Goals** – General discussion was held on whether AUSA should have some overall goals. Elliott questioned what AUSA's long-term goals are and what plans and goals we should have for this year.
- **Library Meeting** – Keri. The GM raised an issue regarding short-term loan books where a student had left a book on a market stall on Thursday. The book was due back Friday and she was charged \$25 for no return and \$5 for each five minutes the book was late. She was also told that if the book was lost she would have to pay \$260 to replace it. The same book was for sale at UBS for \$65.
- **Student Forum** – Each Executive Committee member has to give one verbal report each Semester at the Student Forum. Attendance has been a little low and needs to be improved. President: Student Forum is a great opportunity to engage with the students.
- **Lost Property Sale** – Allison (WO) asked for attendance and assistance at the Lost Property Sale tomorrow (17th).

Date of Next Meeting: 6pm on Monday, 23 March 2009 in the Executive Chambers

Meeting Closed at: 7.00pm

Signed as a true and correct record

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Darcy Peacock, President, CHAIR