

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE A.U.S.A. EXECUTIVE HELD ON MONDAY,
17 AUGUST 2009 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM IN THE EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

PRESENT:

President (Chair), AVP, EVP, Treasurer, EAO (Stoltz), WO, NAO (McMaster), Grafton Rep, CAO, PISO, SF Chair (Amir), Tamaki Rep, IAO, ISO, SO (Ellison arrived 6.07pm), EAO (Christenson arrived 6.07pm), NAO (Hall arrived 6.26pm).

APOLOGIES:

SF Chair (Woods), CSO, WRO, AVP (for lateness).

ABSENT:

CSO, MSO, MO.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tom O'Connor (AUSA GM & Minute Taker), David Do, Kerry Manson, Toni Haraldson, Evan Blumgart, Craccum Editor (Harnett), Craccum Editor (Watkins arrived 6.07pm).

Meeting Opened: 6.03pm

Leave:

E 266/09 CHAIR
THAT leave be granted to the WRO for this meeting.
Carried

Visitors Business:

- **Toni Haraldson** to speak to Executive re: Take Back the Night. The Quad was requested for 6.30pm on October 6th. *Agreed, pending BM consent.*
- **David Do** to speak to Executive re NZUSA Co-Presidential Elections – *moved to General Business.*

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

E 267/09 CHAIR
THAT the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 10 August 2009 be received and adopted as a true and correct record, EXCEPTING E 264/09 which shall be AMENDED to read:

E 264/09 CHAIR
THAT the following motion be declared contentious:
THAT AUSA areas become a smoke free zone from 1 January 2010.
Carried For: 7 Against: 2 Abstention: 2

Carried

Explanation: *Intent of the motion is clearer, including the definition of a motion as contentious as a required by Rule 23(i).*

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- None.

Correspondence:

E 268/09 CHAIR
THAT the correspondence 70/09 to 78/09 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.
Carried

Note: Procedural question regarding the Winter General Meeting – If the Chair is to move a motion the AVP may Chair.

Health and Safety:

- **Leak in Clubspace** – Paint damage in the centre of the room, emanating from pipes inside the ceiling perhaps. GM to follow up with BM. *Craccum* suspected culprits.

Regular Reporting to the Executive:

E 269/09 CHAIR
THAT the President's report be received.
Carried

E 270/09 CHAIR
THAT the AVP's report be received.
Carried

Note: The AVP covered the University Council meeting. Fee Setting will be held in October.

E 271/09 CHAIR
THAT the General Manager's report be received.
Carried

Tabled Item:

- **UN/Amnesty Recommendation** – on Human Rights inclusion in the Constitution. *Item covered in President's report.*

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **AUPISA Sports Day** – AUPISA is hosting their Sports Day on the 22nd of August. A goal of AUPISA, along with the PISO, is part of to strengthen and promote ties between the ethnic clubs and faculty associations under AUPISA, as well as AUSA, and in turn promote healthier lifestyles amongst Pacific Island students with the Sports Day. The PISO put the motion.

Tabled KWAN/
THAT AUSA allocate \$330NZD from the Executive Projects fund towards AUPISA to assist with costs of booking the Recreational Centre.

Treasurer to assess Exec Projects budget and report back at the next meeting.

- **NZUSA Co-President Candidates** –

E 272/09 MCCRORY/CHRISTENSON
THAT David Do's CV for NZUSA Co-President be noted.
Carried

E 273/09 MCCRORY/BIER
THAT Pene Delaney's CV for NZUSA Co-President be noted.
Carried

E 274/09 MCCRORY/KWAN
THAT Alex Sorenson's CV for NZUSA Co-President be noted.
Carried

E 275/09 MCCRORY/SERGEANT
THAT Filimini Lemisio's CV for NZUSA Co-President be noted.
Carried

E 276/09 MCCRORY/BLADE
THAT Kent Lambert's CV for NZUSA Co-President be noted.
Carried

David Do:

Presented in person to the Executive. "I believe I am your best choice. I am organised, efficient, media savvy. Experience both inside and out of NZUSA. I will increase communication to the Federation Executive." The Executive were invited to ask questions of David.

Q: *Who would you like to be Co-President with next year?*

A: I can work with anybody; the other candidates all bring certain strengths I can compliment.

Q: *What are you going to prioritise?*

A: Executive buys in and supports NZUSA, the feeling that all students are supported.

- Q: You have a *good CV*; will you bring more communication to the role?
 A: Yes, they are not communicating as much as they could.
 Q: *You are happy to communicate, how will you get buy-in from other Unions? This year for example there has been tension between Polytechs and Uni presidents.*
 A: One thing I have noticed, not enough students are aware of NZUSA. We need to sell ourselves. Polytechs and Unis have more similarities than differences. There should be no barriers to education.
 Q: *What are you going to do for AUSA?*
 A: Help direct with campaigns, you will be more included, I know the campus!
 Q: *It has been a difficult year, how would you give Fedex more guidance?*
 A: A bit of a lottery, but I agree it needs to improve.
 Q: *This year NZUSA is failing?*
 A: Failing to contact students enough.

Kent Lambert (on phone):

"Why you should support my candidacy... I am committed to the ITP sector. Studying counseling with will help on Fedex."

- Q: *What will be your line with the Government?*
 A: I can work with National; I am very apolitical, work with anyone in any forum at any time.
 Q: *What positive measures will you bring to NZUSA?*
 A: Campaigns to save Fee Maxima, retain interest off student loans, build up NZUSA to a better position.
 Q: *What other goals would NZUSA take, beyond fees, loans, and allowances?*
 A: I would want input from all parties to NZUSA.
 Q: *Again, What other goals would NZUSA take, beyond fees, loans, and allowances?*
 A: I want to work with more people, like WITT and Nelson. That's all I can answer.
 Q: *What do you think of NZUSA today? Has it a positive image?*
 A: Not a positive image, the voting structure is flawed. It's fractured. I will focus on these internal things.
 Q: *Can you outline your involvement with NZUSA/Fedex, or governance boards in general?*
 A: I have been involved in some student councils. I am the candidate to make change happen.

Fili Lemisio (on phone):

"I am a product of the ITP sector, a qualified builder and have put my hand up for the position. Since 2004 no one from the ITP sector has been represented."

- Q: *How well are you qualified to represent Universities?*
 A: I have 4-month period after the election to get up to speed with everything related to NZUSA.
 Q: *What are the major weaknesses of the Government's student policy?*
 A: The Government doesn't listen to us when they write policies, I will change this.
 Q: *What should we focus on next year?*
 A: We need to come back to NZUSA and fix it first, before we do anything.
 Q: *What other goals would NZUSA take, beyond fees, loans, and allowances?*
 A: I don't know. There is too much to that to answer over the phone.
 Q: *Will you seek greater penetration of students?*
 A: I would use NZUSA travel to fly around New Zealand and meet all of the student associations face to face during the year.
 Q: *Who would best complement you as Co-President?*
 A: I can't answer that, the plenary will choose.

Pene Delaney (on phone):

"For NZUSA, I have qualifications in Business Management, both undergrad and post grad. With 4 years I have moved through the ranks to become President."

- Q: *What communication tools are we talking about?*
 A: Issues that wider society don't understand – students have a perspective on many issues as part of society that we can expand.
 Q: *WSU voted against AUSA motions at July because they weren't "core business", what is your position now?*
 A: I agree, with a strong voice we can get traction. NZUSA does have a social justice role; we were involved in the Springbok tour in 1981 for example.

Q: *What value is NZUSA to associations, do you think?*

A: I agree that NZUSA is not well known enough, I would increase support.

Q: *National will still be in power in 2010, we have to work with the Government and try to influence tertiary policy no matter who they are. What will you do?*

A: My background in education allows me to understand the sector. I can always work towards campaigns. Asset sales for example – we can lobby to prevent this.

Q: *Is that a primary function of the Co-President though, to create issues?*

A: Yes, the Co-President should do these things.

Q: *Who would best complement you as Co-President?*

A: Alex Sorenson or David Do would.

General discussion was held amongst the Executive on the above candidates.

Darcy summarised the performance of FedEx this year – there has been a lot of time wasted, as the Presidents are factitious, without goals or direction.

David Do's candidacy was fully supported.

There was general debate on balance with analysis of Ben and Fili – it was acknowledged by consensus that it was a difficult decision to make, as more candidates may emerge.

MCCRORY/MALIK

E 277/09 THAT Executive directs the NZUSA delegates to vote for David Do in all rounds.

Carried unanimously with acclamation

8.20pm - The Treasurer left the meeting.

MALIK/MCCRORY

E 278/09 THAT Executive directs the NZUSA delegates to cast a vote for either Fili Lemisio or Pene Delaney, pending on the outcome of the Election Plenary debate.

Carried

ELLISON/BIER

E 279/09 THAT Darcy Peacock, Joe McCrory, and Elliott Blade be the AUSA delegates to NZUSA September Conference at Lincoln.

Carried

ELLISON/BIER

E 280/09 THAT Darcy Peacock and Joe McCrory be the AUSA Chief Delegates to NZUSA September Conference at Lincoln.

Carried

- **Welfare Lost Property Sale** – The sale will raise money for the Financial Assistance Fund, and will be held in the Quad on 18 August 2009.
- **IAO** – Cluster Munitions talk is going to be next Wednesday at the Clocktower 039. IAO to liaise with President regarding AUSA attendance.
- **Clubs Ball** – 6 Executive attended the Clubs Ball, except for the AVP, as he was unwell. The dancing was good, and everyone had a good time, especially EVP-elect Alexander Nelder.

• **Strict Committee –**

CHAIR

E 281/09 THAT Executive move into a committee of the whole AND THAT strangers be excluded, EXCEPT for the GM and the Craccum Editor.

Carried

• **Election Rules -**

MCCRORY/AMIR

E 283/09 THAT an ad hoc Election Rules Review Committee be formed following the portfolio election, comprising the 2009 and 2010 Officers and the GM AND THAT submissions be taken from 2010 candidates and relevant staff.

Carried

Date of Next Meeting: 6pm on Monday, 24 August 2009 in the Executive Chambers

Meeting Closed at: 8.35pm

Signed as a true and correct record

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Darcy Peacock, President, CHAIR