

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

PRESENT:

President (Chair), AVP, EVP, Treasurer, ETTSA President, CSO, SO (Howie), NAO (2), IAO, WRO, MO, MSO (Snelgar), PISO (Kwan), CAO, EAO (2), Tam Rep.

APOLOGIES:

SF Chair (Woods)

ABSENT:

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Tom O'Connor (AUSA GM & Minute Taker), Craccum Editor (2), Kerry Manson, Stuart Colquhoun (Justice for Tamils), 6 other members of the Association.

Meeting Opened: 6.04pm

Leave:

CHAIR
E 155/09 THAT leave be granted to the SF Chair as he will be a speaker at the Human Rights Film Festival and can't attend the Exec Meeting.
Carried

Visitors Business:

• **Sri Lankan Situation**

CHAIR
E 156/09 THAT Stuart Colquhoun be given Speaking Rights.
Carried

The Justice for Tamils Student Association, an as yet unaffiliated group, are hoping to hold a vigil in the Quad overnight. Stuart is on a hunger strike. Stuart distributed a manifesto.

MCCRORY/MCINERNEY
E 157/09 THAT leave of the meeting be given to table the Justice for Tamils Students Association manifesto.
Carried

General discussion was had on the issue in Sri Lanka. The Sri Lankan Government has ignored a cease-fire offer by the Tamil Tigers. The students in the group supporting Stuart left the room. A very lengthy and polarised debate followed.

As Chair the President outlined the separation of issues before the meeting, a political decision on the situation, and a logistical decision on the club request to use the quad.

General discussion with Standing Orders for debate (Const. Schedule 1, 15iii) employed by the Chair (each speaker once only).
EVP – Neutral
CSO – Neutral
WRO – Figures distorted. Supports a cease-fire request
EAO (Hana) – Genocide is not right.
EAO (Amanda) – We should take a side, it is unjust.
EVP – Point of information – civil war not genocide.
ETTSA – We should support the motion.
CAO – Lets not get caught up in bureaucracy. Support.

MCINERNEY/MALIK
E 158/09 THAT AUSA supports the UN call for a cease-fire in Sri Lanka, the cessation of violence, and that international aid, humanitarian, and media organisations be allowed access.
Carried Against: 1 (CAO) Abstention: 1 (AVP)

The Chair moved Executive through to the second issue. A general discussion was held on the rights and wrongs of AUSA approving the group to use the Student Quad.

ETTSA – It will support the vigil.
AVP – The next SRC to affiliate is on Wednesday. Logistically, they are still a non-AUSA group before then. Discussed setting a precedent for external groups. The issue comes down to fairness and right of access as well as the club rules, as an Executive we need to decide.
EVP – there are no special rights here. Noted the precedent is a good precedent. It is clear Akif studies law/debating. (Through the Chair) Tom O'Connor – Overnight in the Quad is not possible, it takes longer to organise
SO (Bella) – Why give a group special privileges, coming here doing a hunger strike. They should affiliate first.
EAO (Amanda) – There are a hell of a lot of protests out there.
EAO (Hana) – What is after hours access? Tom O'Connor answered through the Chair (midnight to 5am).
MSO – Whole purpose is to build student support, is there any situation where we should do this? Students will be there during the day so lets help the group.
NAO (Ralph) – AUSA should be flexible.
CAO - How are trespass notices used and issued? Tom O'Connor answered through the Chair (explained the process).
CSO – Against. It is unfair to other clubs who use the procedure. What of the other Sri Lankan clubs, who have been at AUSA for years?
Treasurer – Have we had vigils in the past?
MO – I would know where I would stand on this, its all about fairness.
CAO – Didn't foresee any problems.

MALIK/FERGUSSON
E 159/09 THAT the motion be put.
Carried

WATTS/MCCRORY
E 160/09 THAT the club booking procedure be upheld.
Lost For: 4 (CSO, ETTSA, AVP, Tam Rep)

Debate returned to the AUSA response to the club request. The Association Officers acknowledged the quality of the robust debate.

Tam Rep – Did we just rescind all of the club rules? The AVP replied that in this situation they would not be upheld, but that was all.
AVP – We also need to respect the fact that SRC/Student Forum will see the club affiliated or not, we cannot assume in this case, just to be safe.
MO – Can we allow access from now till midnight, and from 5 am to midnight for Tuesday and Wednesday morning solely? The CAO agreed.
CSO – Clubs still have to book properly, it is about fair play to all of them. We often remind clubs of procedures, lets uphold them.

BLADE/MCCRORY
E 161/09 THAT the Justice for the Tamil Students' Association be allowed in the Quad as a group until the Student Forum this Wednesday, provided they abide by previous AUSA club policies.
Carried Abstention: CSO, Tam Rep, AVP

7.05pm – The students from the group re-entered the Executive Chambers.

The Chair explained to group the parameters of the resolution. They can set up their silent protest in the Atrium until midday, following their affiliation they can apply through the usual clubs channels for a position in the Quad/Atrium for a stall/stand.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

CHAIR
E 162/09 THAT the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 11 May 2009 be received and adopted as a true and correct record.
Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- None

Correspondence:

CHAIR
E 163/09 THAT the correspondence 34/09 to 35/09 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.
Carried

Health and Safety:

- **Womenspace Fire Callouts** – It has become an issue again. The GM explained that there had been another fire call-out and the guilty microwave and toaster have now been removed from the area. They will be removed from any other space that sets off an alarm in such a way.

Regular Reporting to the Executive:

CHAIR
E 164/09 THAT the President's report be received.
Carried

Note – The President drew attention to the Hikoi plans, the Club's Ball proposals, and the Fono resolutions from the weekend.

CHAIR
E 165/09 THAT the EVP's report be received.
Carried

Note – The EVP noted the Pakistani Students' Assoc. fundraiser, the WAVE review, General Education committee feedback, the Academic Audit process, SRC, that Epsom was a neat campus, and promised to follow up the WAVE website translation plan (with PISO).

CHAIR
E 166/09 THAT the Treasurer's report be received.
Carried

Note – The Treasurer noted the Property Trust meeting, the Oxfam Coffee Break, Strategic Planning, and the Academic Audit.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

• **SRC Minutes**

WOODS/
Tabled THAT the minutes of the SRC meeting held on 6 May 2009 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.

- **AUSA Business and Services Review** - AVP introduced an item that is coming up on the next Policy and Governance Committee Agenda. He explained the process and plan.
- **Minutes and Motions from NZUSA National Fonotaga** – The PISO explained the Fono.

KWAN/MCINERNEY
E 167/09 THAT leave of the meeting be given to table the PISO's NZUSA National Fonotaga report
Carried

- **Media** – The Media Officer apologised to the President for a media comment.
- **Ecofest** – The EAO's explained that the timetable for Ecofest is in Craccum. Planning is at the high level stages. The exec can help with Ecofest. If anyone is free to the EAOs need to get to Devonport tomorrow.

- **NTM Hikoi** – next Monday. We are to have another meeting to decide where we are going to meet and plan the route. It will be a peaceful protest – regarding the Maori seats on Council. The various streams will all congregate in Aotea Square.
- **ETTSA** – AUSA should promote the Sri Lankan resolution in the media. Angela also promoted the NZBR/Lion Nathan Recession Obsession event, Tuesday 5.30-8.00pm. Free pizza and beer. Carlton Gore Road.
- **Debate for Quad** – NAO (Ralph) asked to try and get your friends to attend. After the debate we could invite the candidates back to the Exec Chambers for a coffee and a chat.
- **Access to Offices** – Amanda asked about this. GM will have a chat with Albie. The AVP noted the new office is still being constructed.

Date of Next Meeting: 6pm on Monday, 25 May 2009 in the Exec Chambers

Meeting Closed at: 8.52pm

Signed as a true and correct record

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Darcy Peacock, President, CHAIR