

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

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**PRESENT:**

President (Chair), EVP, AVP, Treasurer, SRC Chair (2), MO, EAO (2), WRO, CAO, CSO, WO, IAO, Tamaki Rep, SO (Ellison), MSO (Snelgar) arrived 6.15pm, NAO (Hall) arrived 6.35pm.

**APOLOGIES:**

MSO (Snelgar) (lateness).

**ABSENT:**

PISO.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tom O'Connor (GM & Minute Taker), Craccum Editor (2), Natasha Bell, Kerry Manson, Omar Hamed, May Lee Wong, Liam McNamara, plus 4 other attendees.

**Meeting Opened:** 6.00pm

**Leave:**

**Visitors Business:**

- None received or notified.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

CHAIR  
*E 168/09* THAT the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 18 May 2009 be received and adopted as a true and correct record.  
*Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- Stuart Colquhoun (Hunger-striker representing the Tamils) thanks all AUSA Executive and the Staff for their support.

**Correspondence:**

CHAIR  
*E 169/09* THAT the correspondence 36/09 to 43/09 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.  
*Carried*

**Health and Safety:**

- The GM covered a number of Health and Safety matters, including the fire alarms.

**Regular Reporting to the Executive:**

CHAIR  
*E 170/09* THAT the President's report be received.  
*Carried*

*Note:* The President discussed the Tea Party project, modelling in the Ecofest Fashion Show, a radio show, and the Academic Audit. EAO Christenson recommended more detail. The President reported back on NZUSA Federal Executive.

E 180/09 CHAIR  
THAT the AVP's report be received.  
Carried

Note: The AVP distributed a detailed written report at the meeting.

E 181/09 CHAIR  
THAT the General Manager's report be received.  
Carried

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

MCCRORY/CHRISTENSON  
E 182/09 THAT Omar Hamed be dealt with as next business.  
Carried

MALIK/ELLISON  
E 183/09 THAT Omar Hamed be given speaking rights at this meeting.  
Carried

- Hamed works for the Unite Union and argued that the HSB Café staffs employed by Bacchid Ltd. And represented by the SFWU are working in extreme heat due to the lack of adequate air-conditioning in the HSB. Hamed also mentioned Unite's \$15 minimum wage campaign, wanting to approach a joint campaign with AUSA. Hamed also argued that the EVP has not worked on a Fee Setting campaign. The EVP responded that he was working with the AVP on a plan for further action.
- The General Manager, Tom O'Connor, explained (through the Chair) that he had discussed the matter some time ago (in the summer) with Hamed, and explained that the University operates the HSB, not AUSA, so we cannot control the temperature.

• **Student Forum Minutes**

WOODS/ELLISON  
E 184/09 THAT the minutes of the Student Forum meeting held on 6 May 2009 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.  
Carried

Note: There was a query over the spelling error in motion S38/09. SRC Chair Woods and the AVP noted the low Exec turnout on May 6.

WOODS/MCCRORY  
E 185/09 THAT the minutes of the Student Forum meeting held on 13 May 2009 be received and the recommendations therein adopted, excluding motion S43/09.  
Carried For: 11 Against: 1 Abstention: 3

Note: There was General discussion on what action should be taken regarding motion 44/09, including the possible legal ramifications.

CHAIR/  
E 186/09 THAT leave of the meeting be granted to table the Student Forum Minutes from 20 May 2009.  
Carried Abstention: 1 (SRC Chair)

• **Student Forum Minutes 20 May**

WOODS/CARVER  
THAT AUSA accept the minutes pending Student Forum approval.

The SRC Chair (Woods) read the minutes to the meeting. The President established that only the Lee motion was of concern to the meeting. The President noted that he had received letters and phone calls, along with other Officers and Staff at the Association. Students and the public were seeking clarification.

CHAIR  
E 187/09 THAT Liam McNamara be given speaking rights at this meeting.  
*Carried*

*SRC Chair (Woods)* – It was the largest Student Forum for a long time. Student Forum has a role – a watchdog around the world. Woods raised some political history and cited some national political examples to back himself.

*AVP* – There has been a lot of mixed reactions in media, but generally poor press despite a clarification press release put out by the President and AVP. Recommendatory motions do not become AUSA Policy until the Student Forum minutes are approved at Executive and adopted by motion. The AVP cited policy from 2004 regarding an allegation of racism from the then President.

Heated debate followed and a general discussion took place regarding the Melissa Lee wording and her intentions at the debate regarding South Auckland. The entire Executive spoke on the issue. Standing Orders (Schedule 1, Rules 14 and 15 - Debate) were cited and employed by the Chair.

*Liam McNamara* – The National Party had Melissa Lee and other MPs on Campus. At the meeting in Clubspace we have heard her talk about her time as a student. At the Student Forum meeting, comments were made out of frustration. I believe Omar Hamed is being disingenuous to her intent, given her subsequent public apology.

*Omar Hamed* – “The motion has been passed, the cat is out of the bag, you don’t have the power to rescind the SRC – You vote and if you try to stop me I will claim the issue is contentious - and you know what that means.”

A question was raised regarding the conduct of a contentious issue. The GM explained that it could go to referendum, which cost about \$3,000.

The President gave Hamed a verbal warning for making a threat against the AUSA Executive; with regard the contentious comment and Hamed’s general conduct tonight (interrupting other speakers).

WOODS/CARVER  
THAT AUSA accept the minutes pending Student Forum approval.

**Amended Motion:**

ELLISON/CHRISTENSON  
E 188/09 THAT the minutes of the Student Forum meeting held on 20 May 2009 be received and the recommendations therein adopted excluding the motion labelling Melissa Lee an official racist.

*Carried* For: 10 Against: 2 Abstention: 3

*Note:* The President noted that Executive had adopted the minutes without the “racism” motion, and that he would explain to Student Forum Executive’s reasons for doing so.

- **Faculty Association - AUSA Roundtable Meeting** – AVP to Chair. Will be held Tuesday at 1pm in the AUSA Executive Chambers – any AUSA Executive members are welcome to attend.
- **Policy and Governance Committee** – AVP to arrange a time and place with members of the committee through email (and consensus).
- **Strategic Planning Review Committee** – AVP to arrange a time and place with members of the committee through email (and consensus).
- **Fire Warden Meeting** - Wednesday 10 June. 10am in Exec Chambers. With the Building Manager, wardens to attend.

- **Quad Events Policy** – AVP plans to clarify and consolidate existing policy at Policy and Governance Committee.
- **AUPISA and Jordan Kwan** – Kwan has been experiencing difficulties with University Staff members becoming involved at AUPISA. AUPISA turn to AUSA for financial assistance most years. The CAO noted that Jordan is still the PISO but not the President of AUPISA.
- **Welfare Committee Meeting**– The WO noted that a meeting would immediately follow Executive tonight. There is a new grant process in place with welfare, we now can deposit grants straight to bank accounts.
- **Ecofest** – EAO Hana Christenson gave thanks to all those who assisted with Ecofest last week.
- **Craccum Columns** – The Editors requested that these be submitted to the MO by midday tomorrow to assist with turn-around.

8.27pm – SRC Chair (Woods) left the meeting.

- **CultureFest** – The CAO reported that Nesian Mystik would be performing *gratis* to the Association.
- **Hikoi for Maori Representation on the Super City-**  
SNELGAR/MALIK

E 189/09 THAT AUSA support dedicated Maori representation on the Super City Council and that a Media Release be issued to this effect.

Carried

*Note:* It was decided to write a submission to the Select Committee, and the AVP noted that the motion required action to back it up.

- **Media Complaints Tribunal** – A quick meeting is being held meeting immediately after Executive tonight.
- **Club Forum Minutes** – CSO asked the AVP to have these completed.
- **The 2009 Budget** – The National Budget is being presented in Parliament on Wednesday. The EVP is hoping to get Bill English to speak on campus for a debate about the Education budget after the Inter-Semester Break. An “English Breakfast” meeting idea/theme was suggested and endorsed by some.
- **Grafton Rep -**

CHAIR

E 190/09 THAT Natasha Bell be given speaking rights at this meeting.

Carried

Natasha Bell clarified her intent not to stand, and commented on several issues facing Grafton campus and Grafton student associations. A query about voting booths was answered through the Chair by the GM who stated that there was always a booth, near the café.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 6pm on Monday, 8 June 2009 in the Executive Chambers

**Meeting Closed at:** 8.37pm

**Signed as a true and correct record**

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**Darcy Peacock, President, CHAIR**