

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

PRESENT:

President (Chair), AVP, Treasurer, Grafton Rep, WO, EAO (2), NAO (2), SO (2), ISO, Tamaki Rep, IAO, SF Chair (2), MO, WRO (arrived 6.06pm), CAO (arrived 6.06pm), CSO (arrived 6.12pm).

APOLOGIES:

EVP

ABSENT:

MSO, PISO.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tom O'Connor (AUSA GM & Minute Taker), Craccum Editor (Watkins), Kerry Manson, Haimona Gray, Umesh Perinpanayagam, Anya Elgart (arrived 6.43pm).

Meeting Opened: 6.04pm

Leave:

CHAIR
E 246/09 THAT leave be granted to the EVP for this meeting as he is attending a Business Roundtable Conference.
Carried

Visitors Business:

- **Greenpeace "Sign On" campaign** - Umesh Perinpanayagam from Greenpeace gave an presentation about 'Sign On'. Greenpeace is lobbying the Government to reduce to a 40% by 2020 net emissions reduction target at the Copenhagen conference this year. Science should drive the decisions not politics. Umesh would like a statement from AUSA in support of the campaign.
 - What is the government target? A – 50% of 1990 by 2050 is rumoured.
 - Are you calling for any targets from developing countries? A – Not sure.
 - When you Sign On does your name get added to a petition. A – Yes.
 - What do you think of NZ buying credits from say, Russia? A – Kyoto doesn't involve that plan.
 - Can this include offsets? A – not sure.

Executive agreed they were in favour of a group Sign On photo and a quad stall. We will have a day of action in the Quad during the Student Forum, and will meet for a photo tomorrow at 1.15pm.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

CHAIR
E 247/09 THAT the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 27 July 2009 be received and adopted as a true and correct record.
Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- None.

Correspondence:

CHAIR
E 248/09 THAT the correspondence 62/09 to 64/09 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.
Carried

Health and Safety:

- Nothing to report.

Regular Reporting to the Executive:

CHAIR
E 249/09 THAT the President's report be received.
Carried

E 250/09 CHAIR
THAT the AVP's report be received.
Carried

E 251/09 CHAIR
THAT the General Manager's report be received.
Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **AUSA Draft Survey Presentation** – General Manager covered the Survey plans. President led general discussion on the survey. GM and AVP covered WAVE and other issues and how the University perceives them. AVP noted surveys at other institutions.

E 252/09 CHAIR
THAT Haimona Gray be granted speaking rights for this item.
Carried

Haimona Gray commented on the problems at VUWSA with their surveys (a prize was accidentally given to the wrong student). The General Manager warned of misinformation from some quarters of the University regarding what services we provide.

- **Portfolio Reports**

E 253/09 MENENDEZ-MARCH/MCCRORY
THAT the ISO's Semester 1 Report be received.
Carried

Note: Main goals were working with I-Space to promote AUSA, WAVE etc. Ricardo would also like to work with the International Office as well as Clubs and Student Forum etc.

- **AUT Prank** –

E 254/09 CHAIR
THAT AUSA send a letter to Paula Newbolt thanking her for her assistance.
Carried

- **Grants Panel** – CSO asked who was allowed to attend the meeting. AVP explained the relevant provisions.
- **Freedom Week** – IAO spoke. Amnesty International's Freedom Week this week, focusing on child soldiers. President to speak in the Quad (but not to campaign). Yasmin has worked on Child Alert with Fiona and Alan Bell – the next meeting is on Wednesday at 11, meet outside AUSA House.
- **AUSA Annual Report** – AVP said that this is one of the things he was going to do this year, so this will be progressed over the next few months. All Exec and Staff to author pieces.
- **Oxfam Workshop** – Treasurer spoke. Oxfam Campaign Workshop needs a theme – AVP suggested running an effective campaign on Campus – such as signatures, petitions and surveys, covering How to effectively get media and lobby.
- **Report on Cultural Week** – a major day of action. CAO noted special thanks to the WO, EAOs and SF Chair (Amir). Well over 1000 students packed the quad.

E 255/09 CHAIR
THAT AUSA send a letter to Craig Koning thanking him for his assistance.
Carried

- **Cannabis Protest** – SF Chairs spoke. An excellent result, no arrests, problems with the Police or University thanks to efforts by AUSA and AUSA staff. There were queues reported at some attractions.
- **Election Irregularities at VUWSA** – AVP has assessed AUSA procedures, and they "remain robust".

Date of Next Meeting: 6pm on Monday, 10 August 2009 in the Executive Chambers

Meeting Closed at: 7.07pm

Signed as a true and correct record

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Darcy Peacock, President, CHAIR