

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Tamaki Student Forum was poorly attended by Executive, and inquorate. AVP asked that the Executive attempt to attend Tamaki events if at all possible in future.

Correspondence:

CHAIR
E 241/10 THAT the correspondence 56/10 to 58/10 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.
Carried

Health and Safety:

- CSO (Topham) again raised the standard of cleaning in the group office.
- PISO (2) noted the locks are broken in the Culture Space toilets. General Manager to follow up with Building Manager.

Regular Reporting to the Executive:

CHAIR
E 242/10 THAT the President's report be received.
Carried

CHAIR
E 243/10 THAT the AVP's report be received.
Carried

CHAIR
Tabled THAT the General Manager's report be received.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

• **Finance Committee –**

FENG/DABBOUR
E 244/10 THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 18 May 2010 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.
Carried

FENG/MCCRORY
E 245/10 THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 28 May 2010 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.
Carried

• **Staff Movements**

CHAIR
E 246/10 THAT the Executive thanks Kirsten Robinson for her work at AUSA.
Carried with acclamation

- **Politics Week –** NAO noted that the timeslots available for Politics Week are coming up. Brief discussion on free weeks to hold the event was held.
- **ITSP Committee –** NAO noted that there was no way for items at this committee to find their way back to students, the Chair's answer was to use AUSA.
- **Group Office -** CSO (Watts) requested that the GM be asked to provide a date to have all of the Internet and phones working.
- **Womenspace Letter -** WRO is working on letters to send about equipment and replenishment of supplies in Womenspace. CSO (Watts) offered assistance after exams.
- **Student Liaison Committee –** President noted that 5 proposals had been taken to the SLC. These were outlined in order, the Northern Tertiary Challenge, the Ad Boxes, the PC/IT upgrade, Events, and the Australs. President noted the minimum period had been decided of bringing items to SLC, 14 days before the meeting. A question was raised about the Auckland Australs item (\$15k). Several members questioned the President about who had brought the item to the committee. President stated that the University placed the item on the agenda. Speaking rights were requested for Mr. Brad Ward.

CHAIR
E 247/10 THAT Brad Ward be granted speaking rights for this item.
Carried

- **Auckland Australs Proposal** – Mr. Ward noted that Australs approached the University for funding as well as AUSA, and sent the AUSA proposal to the President on April 7. The University noted that the item could be considered at SLC at this time. AVP and others raised the issue of process. AVP noted that the agreed procedure for SLC funding was to direct Finance Committee to prepare proposals, send these to the Executive for approval, and send these on to the SLC, and that this process had not been followed. AVP noted that the Executive is the gatekeeper for AUSA proposals to the SLC. The Australs document appeared at SLC without being approved by the Executive. CSO (Watts) noted that there was a problem with how the item was raised at SLC that had not been adequately addressed by the President. EVP noted that the SLC dealt with rental compensation to AUSA, it was not a contestable pool of funding for external bodies, and that the process used on this occasion presents a mixed message. Tamaki Rep asked the President why the document was presented to SLC without approval. President noted that the University struck off End of Daze this round, and AUSA struck off Blues. EVP noted that the different perceptions of the function of the SLC held by AUSA and the University was worrying, and that the poor process used to present the Australs proposal exacerbated this difference of perception. Tamaki Rep asked why the President did not remove the Australs item. CSO (Watts) noted that AUSA has already granted DebSoc money this year. EVP stated that he had been told by Australs that AUSA had approved the proposal, when the Executive in fact never discussed it. SO (Carver) asked why the proposal had not been to the Executive for approval. CSO (Topham) argued that due process had been railroaded. Treasurer noted that the Australs item did not appear on the agenda until Friday and the Finance Committee did not discuss or approve it. President noted that we were spending our own money and any items needed joint approval anyway. SF Chair (Williams) noted that the University, not AUSA, put the item forward. CSO (Watts) questioned the procedures used to take the item forward to SLC, and the perceptions held by each party as to what the committee was for. EVP and AVP noted that the SLC debate had raised concerns about the terms of the committee, that the legal standing of the SLC was not well established and understood, and the speed in which the proposals had been organized had created many problems for both parties. SO (Carver) expressed concern that the SLC had established a precedent where money could be spent outside internal AUSA procedure and without approval of the Executive. Mr. Ward presented the Australs proposal to the Executive at this point. Mr. Ward noted that Australs were not aware of AUSA procedure, apart from that the proposal was submitted to the President on 7 April, and informal discussions with other officers were held at around this time. A generous package was offered to AUSA in exchange for sponsorship.

8.15pm – Brad Ward left the meeting.

President ended discussion and outlined each proposal in detail. All 5 proposals were agreed to in principle, excepting the Australs proposal. NAO asked what benefit AUSA would gain from funding Australs. SF Chair (Williams) noted that more was being spent on sports tournaments than the Australs.

8.20pm – SF Chair (Amir) left the meeting.

President noted that he was not under the impression that it was his job to bring items forward to SLC. CSO (Watts) noted that no one had a problem with the SLC, only with the process used.

CHAIR
E 248/10 THAT AUSA approves expenditure of up to \$25,000.00 from the Rental Compensation Fund on IT equipment and upgrades.
Carried

E 249/10 CHAIR
THAT AUSA approves expenditure of up to \$3,250.00 from the Rental Compensation Fund on advertising boxes.
Carried

E 250/10 CHAIR
THAT AUSA approves expenditure of up to \$11,000.00 from the Rental Compensation Fund on new picnic tables.
Carried

E 251/10 CHAIR
THAT AUSA approves expenditure of up to \$12,000.00 from the Rental Compensation Fund on the Events department proposal.
Carried

E 252/10 MCCRORY/WILLIAMS
THAT AUSA approves expenditure of 80% of entry fees and associated costs for individual students to attend the Northern Tertiary Challenge tournament from the Rental Compensation Fund to a maximum of \$20,000.00.
Carried

8.40pm – Epsom Rep left the meeting.

EVP noted that as a sponsorship agreement, the threshold should be a lot higher for the Australs document. Grafton Rep (Riddell) noted that as a one off event, there should be procedure in place, presumably raising the item at Executive meetings. SF Chair (Williams) noted that the only highlight of the process had been that the Executive was acting now. Tamaki Rep noted that when business is raised with individuals that concerned the Executive as a collective, it must be brought to a meeting for consideration, or emailed to all members at least.

E 253/10 CHAIR
THAT AUSA sponsors the 36th Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships (“Auckland Australs”) 2010.
Carried

Those requesting that their votes be recorded:

For: AVP, EVP, NAO, Grafton Rep, Tamaki Rep, WRO, EAO, SF Chair, IAO, CSO, PISO, MO.
Abstention: Treasurer, SO.

E 254/10 CHAIR
THAT AUSA approves expenditure of \$15,000.00 from the Rental Compensation Fund for sponsorship of the 36th Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships (“Auckland Australs”) 2010.
Carried

Those requesting that their votes be recorded:

For: AVP, EVP, NAO, Grafton Rep, Tamaki Rep, WRO, EAO, IAO, CSO, PISO, MO.
Abstention: Treasurer, SO, SF Chair.

Date of Next Meeting: 6pm on Monday, 14 June 2010 in the Executive Chambers

Meeting Closed at: 8.52pm

Signed as a true and correct record

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Elliott Blade, President, CHAIR