

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF AUSA HELD ON
MONDAY, 4 MAY 1998 AT 1.00 PM IN THE STUDENT UNION QUAD**

PRESENT:

PSIO (Chair), Association Manager (Secretary), members of Executive and over 200 members of AUSA.

APOLOGIES:

Nil

ABSENT:

Richard Foster

Meeting opened: 1.10 pm

CHAIR OF THE MEETING:

CHAIR

Withdrawn THAT the former President Richard Foster be appointed to the Chair of the meeting.

WATSON/TAYLOR

RN6/98 THAT Efeso Collins (PISO) be appointed as the Chair of the meeting.

Carried

DRINKING HORN CLUB:

WATSON/TAYLOR

RN7/98 THAT a Club Grant of 7 cents per EFTS be given to the Drinking Horn Club, 2 cents as a publication grant, the remaining 5 cents to be spent on social activities at the absolute discretion of the club AND THAT such discretion include that a Drinking Horn be held at the conclusion of this meeting AND FURTHER THAT the PA system remain.

Carried

Abstention: Soc Rep

AUSA PRESIDENT:

Motion Discussed:

WATSON/TAYLOR

THAT AUSA has no confidence in Mark O'Brien as President.

Procedural Motion:

ISA/FA' ALOGO

RN8/98 THAT the motion be put.

Carried

For: 221

Against: 135

- A hand count was called for by the Chair.
- A division and exclusion of non-members was then called for.

Motion put to the Meeting:

WATSON/TAYLOR

RN9/98 THAT AUSA has no confidence in Mark O'Brien as President.

Lost

For: 214

Against: 218

Abstention: Soc Rep & 30 others

Foreshadowed Motion:

WATSON/TAYLOR

THAT AUSA censure Mark O'Brien and accept his sincere and humble apology for:

- Confusedly voting for the c.\$350 tuition fee increase
- Involvement in the prosecution of a student allegedly smoking cannabis on campus on the basis of smell
- His prime suspect and unmandated role in the \$1.5 million AUSA fees-overcharge fiasco
- His active role in the altering of meeting venues to avoid quorums
- His involvement in the disciplinary referral of a student for drinking a beer on a pub crawl, for dismantling of a Quad pyramid and for organising the crowd to carry kegs of beer into the Quad for a Drinking Horn.
- His attempts unconstitutionally to annul the affiliation of the Drinking Horn Club
- His direct contravention of a binding referendum of students to initiate a C.I.R. for a maximum tertiary fee of \$1,000 per annum
- His illegal lock-out of the 1997 Craccum staff and his failure to apologise as directed
- Inviting the University to exercise disciplinary jurisdiction over the Student Union area
- His repeated assumption that he knows better than ordinary students, in repeatedly overturning motions carried by the Members, effecting widespread disenfranchisement AND THAT the President commit himself to follow all non-frivolous student votes and to rectify immediately the above problems.

Amended Motion put to the Meeting:

(As agreed by Mover and Seconder)

WATSON/TAYLOR

RN10/98 THAT AUSA censure Mark O'Brien and accept his sincere and humble apology for:

- Confusedly voting for the c.\$350 tuition fee increase
- Involvement in the prosecution of a student allegedly smoking cannabis on campus on the basis of smell
- His active role in the altering of meeting venues to avoid quorums
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Carried

For: 140

Against: 90

AUSA POSITION ON CANNABIS:

Motion Discussed:

WATSON/MULHOLLAND

THAT AUSA support the legalisation of cannabis.

Procedural Motion:

ISA/FA' ALOGO

RN11/98 THAT the motion be put.

Carried

Motion put to Meeting:

WATSON/MULHOLLAND

RN12/98 THAT AUSA support the legalisation of cannabis.

Carried

Foreshadowed Motion:

WATSON/

Lapsed THAT AUSA support the decriminalisation of cannabis.

Meeting closed: 2.30 pm

Signed as a true and correct record.

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Efeso Collins, Pacific Islands Students Officer CHAIR