

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF AUSA HELD ON  
THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER 1998 AT 1.00 PM IN THE STUDENT UNION QUAD

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**PRESENT:**

Chair (Mark O'Brien), PISO, EVP, AVP, Treasurer, EAO, IAO, WO, Clubs & Socs, MO, SRC Chair, NAO, OSO, WRO, MSO, SO and over 200 members of AUSA.

**APOLOGIES:**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

RCO (Minutes Secretary), NZUSA President

**Meeting Opened: 1.22 pm**

CHAIR

*RN39/98* THAT Steven Oates be appointed the Chair of the Meeting.

*Carried*

**Amendment to Motion:**

WAKIM / BARTLETT

*RN40/98* THAT the substantive motion be amended as follows:

Errata: Rule 2(a) "Rule 38" should be "Rule 44"  
Rule 28A "Rule 41(ii)" should be "Rule 47(iii)"  
Rule 45(vii) "fifty" should be "two-thirds"

Replace proposed Rule 44(iii) with:

"44(iii)

(a) The members of Senate shall include the president (or one of the Presidents in the case of co-presidency) of each of the following groups:

- (i) Auckland University Commerce Students' Association
- (ii) Auckland University Engineering Society.
- (iii) Auckland University Law Students' Society.
- (iv) Auckland University Medical Students' Association.
- (v) Auckland University Pacific Island Students' Association.

(b) Each group shall be permitted to appoint a further three members to the Senate.

(c) For each 800 EFTS greater than 800 EFTS membership of each group, the group shall be permitted to appoint a further member of Senate up to a maximum Senate membership for each group of six members."

Replace proposed 45(ix) with:

"45(ix) In the event of a motion to ratify or reject the Budget, at least two thirds of the members of Senate present at the meeting must vote for the motion."

*Carried*

**Motion to Grant Leave**

WATSON/PATCH

*RN41/98* THAT the motion be split into two motions, the first being the parts of the motion up to and including amendments to Rule 13 and the balance forming a second motion.

Lost

## **Motion to Table**

WATSON/PATCH

RN42/98 THAT the motion be tabled until the Autumn General Meeting 1999.

Lost

## **Motion for Closure**

O'BRIEN/BARTLETT

RN43/98 THAT the motion be put.

Carried

ADAMS/O'BRIEN

RN44/98 THAT the following Rules and Schedules of the Constitution be amended as shown:

### 2(a) insert:

"Budget" shall mean an annual budget allocating financial resources of the Association.

"Senate" shall mean the Senate of the Association as constituted by Rule 44.

### 9(ii) delete:

Rules 9(ii)(b) and 9(ii)(c)

### **renumber:**

Rule 9(ii)(d) to 9(ii)(b)

### **delete:**

Rule 9(ii)(e)

### **renumber:**

Rule 9(ii)(f) to 9(ii)(c)

### **delete:**

Rules 9(ii)(g) to 9(ii)(j) (*passim*)

### 13(ii)(c) insert:

after "the Executive", the words "or the Senate"

### 28.A(i) insert:

after the words "Rule 26", the words "and Rule 47(iii)"

**Add** new Rule 28.C (with consequential renumbering of existing Rules 28.C to 28.D:

- 28.C (i) The Executive may, by formal instrument executed under the provisions of these Rules, delegate to the Senate such powers as the Executive, at its discretion, sees fit.
- (ii) In the event that the Senate exercises any power delegated to it by the Executive, the Senate shall report in writing to the Executive at the next meeting of the Executive on the use of the delegated power.
- (iii) Where the Senate acts in exercise of its delegated powers under Rule 28.C(i), the resolutions of the Senate shall have the affect as if the Executive had made the same resolution at the same time on the same day.

### 35(ii) add:

after the words "and Executive/SRC liaison" the words "and Executive/Senate liaison"

**37(l) add:**

the words "The Treasurer shall work in conjunction with the Senate to prepare and revise the Budget."

**Add new Rule 44:**

"The Senate

44. (i) The Senate as hereby constituted shall have the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon it by these Rules.
- (ii) All members of the Senate must be members of the Association.
- (iii) (a) The members of Senate shall include the president (or one of the presidents in the case of co-presidency) of each of the following groups:
- (i) Auckland University Commerce Students' Association
  - (ii) Auckland University Engineering Society.
  - (iii) Auckland University Law Students' Society.
  - (iv) Auckland University Medical Students' Association.
  - (v) Auckland University Pacific Island Students' Association.
- (b) Each group shall be permitted to appoint a further three members to the Senate.
- (c) For each 800 EFTS greater than 800 EFTS membership of each group, the group shall be permitted to appoint a further member of Senate up to a maximum Senate membership for each group of six members." (iv) The President and Administrative Vice-President shall have speaking rights at meetings of the Senate, but shall not otherwise be members of the Senate.

**Add new Rule 45:**

"Meetings of the Senate

45. (i) The Senate shall meet at least monthly during the Academic Year. Meetings of the Senate shall not coincide with meetings of the Executive, SRC or General Meetings of the Association.
- (ii) Meetings of the Senate shall not be scheduled during study breaks, examination breaks, the semester break or holiday periods nor at any time after the commencement of end of year examinations.
- (iii) Notice of any meeting of the Senate stating the date, time and place thereof shall be given by the Chair of Senate or by the Secretary of Senate at least five working days before the date fixed for any such meeting.
- (iv) Except as provided elsewhere herein the Chair of Senate may call meetings of Senate at her or his discretion.
- (v) A special meeting of the Senate may be called by five or more members of the Senate at a time and place specified in the notice (subject to other provisions under this Rule).
- (vi) Having been called, a meeting of the Senate may not be cancelled or deferred except where written apologies for attendance indicate a quorum would be impossible to obtain.
- (vii) The procedure at meetings of the Senate shall be in accordance with the Standing Orders contained in the First Schedule hereto which shall be and be deemed to be part of

these Rules, and in so far as such Standing Orders do not extend the Senate shall have the full power to determine and regulate its own procedure

- (viii) At any meeting of the Senate, two-thirds of the members of the Senate shall form a quorum, *provided that* if such quorum be not present within thirty (30) minutes of the time appointed for the meeting, no business may be discussed or dealt with and the meeting shall be void for all purposes and further if during the course of the meeting it be pointed out to the Chairperson that there are less than two-thirds members present and if the Chairperson on making a check finds this to be the case the meeting shall lapse.
- (ix) In the event of a motion to ratify or reject the Budget, at least two thirds of the members of Senate present at the meeting must vote for the motion.
- (x) There shall be no voting by proxy however postal ballots shall be accepted (provided that the postal balloter when not present at the meeting shall not be deemed to be part of the quorum for that meeting).-
- (xi) At any meeting of the Senate, a member may be substituted by her or his constituency by written authority from either the President or Secretary of that constituency, received at least 24 hours prior to the meeting by the Secretary of Senate.
- (xii) The position held by any member on the Senate shall be vacated if the member fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the Senate to which he/she has been duly summoned unless he/she has first obtained from the Senate leave of absence in respect of any such meetings or in respect of any period of time during which any of such meetings is held. For the avoidance of doubt, a member of the Senate is deemed to be duly summoned to a meeting called in accordance with Rule 39(ii) if a written notice of the meeting is mailed to the member at the address recorded for the member by the Secretary of Senate.
- (xiii) In the event that a position is vacated, it shall cease to be part of the calculation of a quorum for the meeting until both the position has been filled by its constituency and the member has commenced attending meetings."

**Add new Rule 46:**

"Officers of the Senate

- 46 (i) The Chair of Senate shall be elected by the Senate at its first meeting each year. The Chair shall thereupon become a member of the Executive.
- (ii) The Secretary of Senate shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Association and shall be a staff member of the Association, carrying out duties on behalf of the Secretary of the Association.
- (ii) (a) The Secretary of Senate shall keep all necessary or usual minute books, copies of all correspondence and such other books, papers and records as may be required by the Senate.
- (b) The Secretary of Senate shall be responsible to the Chair of Senate who may, in consultation with the Secretary of the Association, prepare a schedule of

duties for the Secretary of Senate, and if such a schedule is prepared it shall be negotiated as a condition of the employment of the Secretary of Senate.

- (c) The Secretary of Senate shall have no voting rights at any meeting of the Senate merely by virtue of his/her office."

**Add new Rule 47**

"Powers and Functions of the Senate

47. (i) The Senate may consider and pass resolutions on any matter raised by any member and make recommendations to the Executive accordingly.
- (ii) The Senate shall prepare a charter that shall be put a General Meeting once a year for endorsement.
- (iii) The Senate shall consider and make recommendations regarding the Budget of the Association, provided that the Executive cannot adopt a Budget without approval from the Senate.
- (iv) The Senate shall not consider an application for inclusion in any budgetary provisions unless and until the Senate has received from the applicant its audited statements of account relating to the financial year most recently complete.
- (v) The Senate shall exercise any and all powers delegated to it by the Executive.

**52(iv) replace:**

the words "of General Meetings of SRC meetings" with the words " or General Meetings or SRC meetings or meetings of the Senate "

Consequentially **renumber** existing Rules 44 to 64 (*passim*) to Rules 47 to 67 (*passim*).

**First Schedule: 1 add:**

After the word "SRC" the words "or any meeting of the Senate"

**Replace** existing Fourth Schedule with:

"FOURTH SCHEDULE

**Education**

The Education Committee is hereby given the following powers and duties:

- 1 For the avoidance of doubt, "University Senate" means the Senate of the University of Auckland and "Student Senate" means the Senate as defined elsewhere in the Constitution are the Senate of the Association.
2. (a) To consider and report on education matters of concern to students.
- (b) To make representations to the Executive and Student Senate regarding educational matters.
- (c) To co-ordinate and provide liaison between student representatives of the University Council, University Senate, Faculty and Departments.
- (d) To act as a source of information and as an adviser to student representatives on staff-student committees.
3. The Committee shall consist of the following:
  - (a) The Education Vice President who shall be Chair.

- (b) The President.
  - (c) One Faculty Representative from each Faculty.
  - (d) The Student Representatives on the University Senate.
  - (e) The Student Representative on the University Council.
  - (f) Two members to be appointed by the Student Senate
  - (g) Other members as the Committee may appoint at its discretion.
4. The Committee shall meet at least monthly during Semester time.
  5. The quorum of the meetings shall be seven of whom at least one shall be a University Senate Representative and at least four shall be Faculty representatives.
  6. A member of the committee (other than a member *virtute officio*) shall cease to be a member if he/she fails to attend two consecutive meetings unless he/she has first obtained from the committee leave of absence in respect of any such meeting or in respect of any period of time during which any of such meetings is held.
  7. The Education Vice President shall be required in the first semester of each Academic Year to bring together all student representatives on staff/student committees and shall ensure that at this meeting representatives are elected for Faculty and for the Education Committee."

Lost (For 138, Against 72)

- *A quorum count was called for.*

**Meeting lapsed for want of quorum at: 2.05 pm**

**Signed as a true and correct record.**

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**Steven Oates, CHAIR**