

**MINUTES OF THE AUSA SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 20 JULY 2015 AT 12PM IN THE STUDENT UNION QUAD**

1. PRESENT:

PRESIDENT (CHAIR), AVP, EVP (ARRIVED 12.19PM), WVP, TREASURER, CAO, CSO, GRAFTON REP, IAO, QRO, WRO (2), SEBASTIAN HARTLEY (SECRETARY), PLUS 200 + AUSA MEMBERS.

2. APOLOGIES:

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3. ABSENT:

ISO, MO, MSO, PISO, SF Chair, SO, Tamaki Rep.

4. MEETING OPENED: 12.17pm

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

CHAIR

G 4/15 THAT the Minutes of the Autumn General Meeting held on 25 March 2015 be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.

Carried U

6. DECLARATION OF ELECTION OF THE 2015 TREASURER & WOMEN'S RIGHTS OFFICER

CHAIR

G 5/15 THAT the results for the 2015 Treasurer and Women's Rights Officer by-election be adopted.

Treasurer	Dean Cutfield
Women's Rights Officer(s)	Penelope Jones & Dana Von Dincklage

Carried U

7. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

CHAIR

G 6/15 THAT the following Constitutional amendments be adopted:

1. That rule 2(i) be amended by, after the definition of "Female Member", deleting the phrase "a Female member of the Association", and inserting the phrase "a member of the Association who identifies as female" in its place
2. That rule 2(i) be amended by deleting "or takataapui" and inserting: "takataapui, or who identifies with any other queer identity"
3. That rule 2(i) be amended by inserting, after the definition of "General Meeting", the phrase "'International Student" shall mean "Any person enrolled as an international student of the University in accordance with the University's regulations.'"
4. That rule 26 be amended by deleting the word "Autumn" and inserting the word "Winter" in its place.
5. That rule 27 (iv)(b) be amended by deleting the phrase "Cultural Affairs" and inserting the phrase "Culture and Arts" in its place
6. That rule 27 (iv)(d) be deleted, deleting the "International Affairs Officer"
7. That rule 27 (iv)(e) be amended by deleting all words in parentheses and inserting the phrase "(who shall be either: (a) an international student, or (b) a student born outside New Zealand and who immediately prior to enrolling at a university in New Zealand was a resident of a country other than New Zealand)"

8. That rule 27 (iv)(g) be deleted, deleting the "National Affairs Officer"
9. That rule 27 (iv) (i) be deleted, deleting the "Sports Officer"
10. That rule 27 (iv)(k) be amended by deleting the words 'a woman or a group of women' and inserting the phrase "female member or group of female members"
11. That rule 27(iv) be amended by inserting a new sub-rule after 27(iv)(l) reading "Political Engagement Officer"
12. That rule 27(v) be amended to read "Every position set out in rules 27 (iii) and (iv) must be held by an individual member of the Association, subject to the exceptions in rule 28."
13. That rule 43 (ii) be amended by deleting its contents and inserting the words "The Culture and Arts Officer shall be responsible to the Executive for such matters that concern the Association that are connected with cultural and artistic activities and pursuits."
14. That rule 43 (iv) be deleted
15. That rule 43 (vii) be deleted
16. That rule 43 (ix) be deleted
17. That rule 43 be amended by inserting a new sub-rule, after 43 (xii), reading "The Political Engagement Officer shall be responsible to the Executive for promoting the engagement of members with all matters that concern the Association connected to domestic and international political affairs."
18. That Rule 1 of the Second Schedule to the Constitution be amended by inserting a new sub-rule that reads "That in the case of the International Students' Officer, they shall also be an international student"
19. That rule 5 (i) of the Second Schedule to the Constitution be amended by deleting "and a separate roll of the female members"
20. That rule 5 (ii) of the Second Schedule to the Constitution be amended by deleting the word 'each' and inserting the word 'such' in its place
21. That relevant paragraphs be re-enumerated accordingly.
22. That the content of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution be deleted.

Carried U

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

The meeting was opened up for General Discussion.

David Seymour spoke about the issue of Assisted Suicide.

The general consensus of those present agreed with the campaign for a right to assisted dying.

Yanni Cowie spoke about free range farming of pigs and condemning the conditions under which many pigs are factory farmed in New Zealand.

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9. MEETING CLOSED: 12.39pm

Signed as a true and correct record

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Paul Smith, President, CHAIR