

**MINUTES OF THE AUSA WINTER GENERAL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 1999 AT 1PM IN THE STUDENT UNION QUAD**

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**PRESENT:**

BOB LACK (CHAIR), PRESIDENT (CONVENING CHAIR), CAO, EVP (2), SRC CHAIR, TREASURER, EAO, TAM REP, MO, MSO (COPELAND), SOCS REP/PRESIDENT ELECT, AVP AND OVER 200 MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

**APOLOGIES:**

MSO (CONNELL)

**ABSENT:**

**MEETING OPENED:** 1.10pm

CHAIR  
RN 28/99 THAT the Chair be vacated in favour of Bob Lack.  
Carried

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

CHAIR  
RN 29/99 THAT the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 24 March 1999 be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried

CHAIR  
RN 30/99 THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Thursday 25 March 1999 be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried

CHAIR  
RN 31/99 THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Tuesday 20 April 1999 at 12pm be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried

CHAIR  
RN 32/99 THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Tuesday 20 April 1999 at 1pm be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried

CHAIR  
RN 33/99 THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 April 1999 be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried

CHAIR  
RN 34/99 THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Thursday 29 April 1999 received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried

CHAIR  
RN 35/99 THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Tuesday 1 June 1999 be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried

CHAIR  
RN 36/99 THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Wednesday 2 June 1999 be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried

- CHAIR  
 RN 37/99 THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Thursday 3 June 1999 received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried
- CHAIR  
 RN 38/99 THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Thursday 29 July 1999 be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried
- CHAIR  
 RN 39/99 THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Thursday 11 August 1999 received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried
- CHAIR  
 RN 40/99 THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Thursday 26 August 1999 be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried
- CHAIR  
 RN 41/99 THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Tuesday 31 August 1999 received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried
- CHAIR  
 RN 42/99 THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Friday 15 October 1999 be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Carried

**ELECTIONS:**

*The Chair declared the following successful candidates for the 1999 and 2000 formally elected Executive positions.*

**Results of Elections Executive and Craccum Editor 2000**

President	Declared Elected: Kane Stanford
Administrative Vice President	Declared Elected: Mark Van Zon
Education Vice President	Declared Elected: Eva Neitzert & Sherid Thackwray
Treasurer	Declared Elected: Vincent Radonich
Craccum Editor	Declared Elected: Olivia Kember & Jenni Quilter Note: subsequent recount displaced electees with Ben Thomas & James Cardno
Cultural Affairs Officer	Declared Elected: Clint Samaseia
Environmental Affairs Officer 2000	Declared Elected: Stuart Wilson
Clubs and Societies Rep	Declared Elected: Helen Sinclair & Blair Mulholland
International Affairs Officer	Declared Elected: Miriam Bellard
Media Officer	Declared Elected: Saffron Toms
National Affairs Officer	Declared Elected: Erica Poppelbaum
Overseas Students Officer	Declared Elected: Neerja Maharaj

Sports Officer	Note: subsequent recount displaced electee in favour of Pamela Skadiang Declared Elected: Anthony Roseman
SRC Chair	Declared Elected: Alexis Lam
Tamaki Rep	Declared Elected: Ross Burns
Welfare Officer	Declared Elected: Megan Hills
Women's Rights Officer	Declared Elected: Stacey Arnold & Renee Orr

### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:**

Administrative Amendment as to numbering:  
CHAIR  
RN 43/99 THAT the Secretary be empowered to amend numbering and cross-references to achieve consistency where the amendment would not make a substantive change to the Constitution.  
*Carried*

MULHOLLAND/VAN ZON  
RN 44/99 THAT the meeting grant leave to deal immediately with motion 9 (fees)  
*Lost*

Amendment to Rule 6:  
COLLINS/HUGGARD  
RN 45/99 THAT the Maori text and the English text of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi contained in Rule 6 be presented in reverse order, so that the Maori text is presented first and the English text second AND FURTHER THAT the following English translation of the Maori text and explanatory notes be added as part of Rule 6:  
**TE TIRITI O WAITANGI/THE TREATY OF WAITANGI 1840**  
translated by Prof Hugh Kawharau  
Victoria, the Queen of England, in her concern to protect the chiefs and the subtribes of New Zealand and in her desire to preserve their chieftainship (1) arm their lands to them and to maintain peace (2) and good order considers it just to appoint an administrator (3) one who will negotiate with the people of Zealand to the end that their chiefs will agree to the Queen's Government being established over all parts of this land and (adjoining) islands (4) and also because there are many of her subjects already living on this land and others yet to come. So the Queen desires to establish a government so that no evil will come to Maori and European living in a state of lawlessness. So the Queen has appointed "me, William Hobson a Captain" in the Royal Navy to be Governor for all parts of New Zealand (both those) shortly to be received by the Queen and (those) to be received hereafter and presents (5) to the chiefs of the Confederation chiefs of the subtribes of New Zealand and other chiefs these laws set out here.  
**The first**  
The Chiefs of the Confederation and all the Chiefs who have not joined that Confederation give absolutely to the Queen of England for ever the complete government (6) over their land.  
**The second**  
The Queen of England agrees to protect the chiefs, the subtribes and all the people of New Zealand in the unqualified exercise (7) of their chieftainship over their lands, villages and all their treasures (8). But on the other hand the Chiefs of the Confederation and all the Chiefs will sell (9) land to the Queen at a price agreed to by the person owning it and by the person buying it (the latter being) appointed by the Queen as her purchase agent.  
**The third**  
For this agreed arrangement therefore concerning the Government of the Queen, the Queen of England will protect all the ordinary people of New Zealand and will give them the same rights and duties (10) of citizenship as the people of England (11).  
[signed] William Hobson Consul & Lieut. Governor  
So we, the Chiefs of the Confederation of the subtribes of New Zealand meeting here at Waitangi having seen the shape of these words which we accept and agree to record our names and our marks thus.  
Was done at Waitangi on the sixth of February in the year of our Lord 1840.

### **Footnotes**

- (1) "Chieftainship": this concept has to be understood in the context of Maori social and political organization as at 1840. The accepted approximation today is "trusteeship".
- (2) "Peace": Maori "Rongo", seemingly a missionary usage (rongo - to hear i.e. hear the "Word" - the "message" of peace and goodwill, etc).
- (3) Literally "Chief" ("Rangatira") here is of course ambiguous. Clearly, a European could not be a Maori, but the word could well have implied a trustee-like role rather than that of a

mere "functionary". Maori speeches at Waitangi in 1840 refer to Hobson being or becoming a "father" for the Maori people. Certainly this attitude has been held towards the person of the Crown down to the present day - hence the continued expectations and commitments entailed in the Treaty.

(4) "Islands" i.e. coastal, not of the Pacific.

(5) Literally "making" i.e. "offering" or "saying" - but not "inviting to concur".

(6) "Government": "kawanatanga". There could be no possibility of the Maori signatories having any understanding of government in the sense of "sovereignty" i.e. any understanding on the basis of experience or cultural precedent.

(7) "Unqualified exercise" of the chieftainship - would emphasise to a chief the Queen's intention to give them complete control according to *their* customs. "Tino" has the connotation of "quintessential".

(8) "Treasures": "taonga". As submissions to the Waitangi Tribunal concerning the Maori language have made clear, "taonga" refers to all dimensions of a tribal group's estate, material and non-material - heirlooms and wahi tapu (sacred places), ancestral lore and whakapapa (genealogies), etc.

(9) Maori "hokonga", literally "sale and purchase". Hoko means to buy or sell.

(10) "Rights and duties": Maori "tikanga". While tika means right, correct, (eg "e tika hoke" means "that is right"), "tikanga" most commonly refers to custom(s), for example of the marae (ritual forum); and custom(s) clearly includes the notion of duty and obligation.

(11) There is, however, a more profound problem about "tikanga". There is a real sense here of the Queen "protecting" (i.e. allowing the preservation of), the Maori people's tikanga (i.e. customs) since no Maori could have had any understanding whatever of *British* tikanga (i.e. rights and duties of British subjects.) This, then, reinforces the guarantees in Article 2.

*Carried by 2/3 majority*

Amendment to Rule 6:

COLLINS/HUGGARD

RN 46/99

THAT the following be added to Rule 6:

The Association shall give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi and apply this through the agreement between the Association and Nga Taura Maori as set out in the Eighteenth Schedule hereto.

*Carried by 2/3 majority*

Addition of new Eighteenth Schedule:

COLLINS/HUGGARD

RN 47/99

THAT the following be added as a new schedule to the Constitution:

## **EIGHTEENTH SCHEDULE**

### **NTM / AUSA Agreement**

#### **Introduction**

Auckland University Students Association (AUSA) and Nga Taura Maori (NTM) recognise Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi as the founding document of Aotearoa/New Zealand. This necessitates a commitment to a bicultural partnership. AUSA and NTM share a mutual desire to serve, represent and advocate for their members.

Nga Taura Maori is the student association for tangata whenua at Auckland University, but as such has an inherent commitment to both Maori and non-Maori. The effect of this commitment will be: (1) to encourage and support Maori students in their academic, cultural and social development and achievement generally in the context of tino rangatiratanga and in a manner consistent with Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi, its principles and tikanga. (2) To provide for non-Maori; cultural awareness hui, powhiri (welcome) for new students - visitor student bodies - national and international dignitaries - general hui, Maori hospitality. (3) To visit regional High schools to promote tertiary education at Auckland University. NTM is accountable back to iwi.

AUSA is the association of students at Auckland University. AUSA continues to recognise its obligations in Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi and NTM shall have full control over its destiny and decisions therein. AUSA recognises and accepts this, under the concept of tino rangatiratanga.

#### **Decision-Making**

Communication is paramount to effective decision-making for a partnership. Consequently AUSA and Nga Taura Maori shall hereby establish a body consisting of equal AUSA and NTM representation. This body shall be the AUSA/NTM Liaison Group, and shall consist of three (3) representatives from each association. It shall meet a minimum of three times in each semester, although meetings shall be called in situations of emergency with proper notice. The Presidents of each association shall be members, ex officio. The Liaison Group is bound by the contents of this document, and shall work towards the fulfilment of the document, as well as issues as they come up from time to time. The Liaison Group shall act as an advisory and recommendatory body to the respective student association executives. The NTM Representative, as an Officer of AUSA and the President of NTM, shall be a central point of liaison during times where there is no meeting of the aforementioned group amendments shall be made at the mutual agreement of both groups, and forwarded to general meeting for ratification. Any substantial changes to staffing levels shall be subject to arbitration to be initiated by either party if agreement is not otherwise reached.

#### **Representation**

NTM shall be invited to appoint representatives to participate in all AUSA working parties, staff appointments, panels, and committees conducted by AUSA.  
 NTM and AUSA representatives shall endeavour to consult, or where appropriate notify each other on issues of consequence to the respective associations.  
 Where possible AUSA and NTM shall jointly endeavour to gain NTM representation on University committees. AUSA representatives on University committees shall be required to have a knowledge and commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi. Where AUSA is contracted to train representatives on University Committees, included will be material on Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi. When there is a student representative vacancy both NTM and AUSA students shall be invited to nominate an appointee.  
 AUSA and NTM shall work jointly on the campaign for barrier-free, publicly funded tertiary education.  
 AUSA and NTM shall work toward specific NTM positions on committees.  
 AUSA and NTM shall endeavour to acquire NTM representation on all bodies to which levies and contributions are made by Maori students.  
 AUSA Executive and new staff shall be strongly encouraged to attend a 'Cultural Awareness Hui', jointly hosted by AUSA and NTM at the start of each year.  
 The Association Manager shall also endeavour to ensure all custodial and administrative staff are strongly encouraged and offered training in 'cultural awareness' issues on a regular basis.  
 AUSA shall lobby the Craccum Administration Board for ongoing Maori content in Craccum. AUSA shall continue to fund and make available general services, entertainment, building resources and the like, accessible to all students Maori and non-Maori. NTM shall have input as to what and how these are offered, through these above representative structures.

### **Funding**

NTM shall receive 50% of the levies of Maori student members who join AUSA. Any additional funding items, for example, Te Mana Akonga funding, shall first be introduced to the AUSA/NTM Liaison Group, and where appropriate Finance Committee, before proceeding to AUSA Executive.  
 AUSA shall continue to pay national levies to Student Job Search, University Sport New Zealand and New Zealand University Students' Association for Maori students, whilst AUSA remains a member of these organisations.

In the event that membership of AUSA returns to being universal/compulsory, AUSA commits to funding at least one full time staff member of NTM.

*Carried by 2/3 majority*

### **Amendment to Rule 2: WATSON/VAN ZON**

RN 48/99

THAT the following be added to Rule 2:

"Ethnic and Faculty Organisations" shall mean and refer to the Auckland University Engineering Society, AUES, the Auckland University Law Students' Society (AULSS), the Carey Baptist Theological College Students' Association, the Auckland University Pacific Island Students' Association (AUPISA), the Auckland University Commerce Students' Association (AUCSA), the Auckland University Medical Students' Association, the Arts Students' Association, the Auckland University Asian Students' Council, the Auckland University Science Students' Association and the Auckland University Architecture Property and Planning Students' Association. To be included in this definition, an organisation must be a society incorporated by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

*Carried by 2/3 majority*

### **Amendment to Rule 7: WATSON/VAN ZON**

RN 49/99

THAT current Rule 7 be repealed in its entirety AND THAT the following be added as a new Rule 7:

The following persons shall be eligible for membership:

(a) Any student of the University of Auckland who shall become a member upon payment of the annual subscription provided in these Rules.

(b) All life members of the Association as defined by these Rules.

(c) The President of the Association, who shall become a member on the day she or he assumes office as President and hold membership as President until the office of President is relinquished.

*Carried by 2/3 majority*

### **Amendment to Rule 9: WATSON/VAN ZON**

RN 50/99

THAT subject to remit 9 establishing a fee, current Rule 9 be repealed in its entirety AND THAT the following be added as a new Rule 9:

9. (i) The Annual Levy shall be [insert fee1] including GST.

(ii) The Levy for one semester shall be [insert fee2] including GST.

(iii) Each member shall pay to the Registrar, the Secretary, or their agents on or before the last day of March each year an Annual Subscription equal to the Annual Levy or a Subscription equal to the Levy for one semester.

(iv) Any member whose subscription for the current financial year or current semester is unpaid after the 31st day of March in any year shall be debarred from the exercise of any of the privileges of membership until such subscription shall be paid unless the Executive shall otherwise determine.

(v) Any member whose subscription for the current semester is unpaid after the 31st day of July in any year shall be debarred from the exercise of any of the privileges of membership until such subscription shall be paid unless the Executive shall otherwise determine.

(vi) A member shall upon payment of their subscription be entitled to one and only one of the following options:

Either

(a) The member may approve the full subscription to remain with AUSA

(b) The member may approve 50% of their Association Levy to be paid to Nga Taura Maori;

(c) The member may approve [insert fee3] dollars to be paid to one Ethnic or Faculty Organisation of the member's choice;

(d) The member may receive a voucher to the value of five dollars redeemable by the member as payment only for the membership or activities of any Affiliated Body.

(vii) Upon presentation to the Association of vouchers specified under Rule 9.(vi)(c) which it has conceded as payment for membership or activities, an Affiliated Body shall be entitled to receive from the Association a credit of five dollars per voucher with the body's AUSA account.

Carried by 2/3 majority

Note: "Remit 9" was subsequently carried as RN52/99

Amendment to Rule 44(i):  
WATSON/VAN ZON

RN 51/99 THAT current Rule 44(i) be repealed in its entirety AND THAT the following be added as a new Rule 44(i):

44. (i) With the exception of the Ethnic and Faculty Organisations, which shall be recognised as catering to the needs of their student members, no body or group of students shall be deemed to have a corporate existence within the University or carry on any activities under any name purporting to be that of a University Club, Society or other body and shall not use the University name in connection with such activities, and shall not be capable of receiving a grant from Association funds unless and until such body or group shall have formed a body affiliated in accordance with the provisions herein contained.

Carried by 2/3 majority

Amendment to Rule 9:  
WATSON/HUGGARD

RN 52/99 THAT the fees shown as fee1, fee2 and fee3 be set as follows:

fee1: \$30                      fee2: \$20                      fee3: \$5

Carried by a 2/3 majority

Amendment:  
VAN ZON/STANFORD

RN 53/99 THAT the fee be \$30 (fee1 and fee2).

Carried

Foreshadowed Motion:  
COLLINS/HUGGARD

RN 54/99 THAT the fee be \$50 (fee1).

Lost

Amendment to Rule 7:  
COLLINS/VAN ZON

RN 55/99 THAT a category of Associate Membership be added, subject as follows:

Associate members, as approved by the Executive, on payment of the annual subscription provided in these Rules who shall have and exercise all powers of members except the power to vote in any election, general meeting or referendum and the power to stand for any office of the Association.

Carried by 2/3 majority

Amendment to Rule 9:  
COLLINS/VAN ZON

RN 56/99 THAT the fee for Associate Membership be \$30.

Carried by 2/3 majority

Amendment to Rule 11.A(iii):  
WATSON/COLLINS

RN 57/99 THAT the existing Rule 11.A(iii) be repealed and substituted with the following:  
(iii)(a) At any General Meeting two hundred (200) members present shall form a quorum except in the following circumstances:

I. When the Association consists of a total number of more than two hundred and fifty (250) members but less than one thousand (1000) members, in which case a quorum shall be formed by not less than one-fifth of the total number of members of the Association.

II. When the Association consists of a total number of less than 250 members, in which case fifty (50) members present shall form a quorum.

(b) 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 lapse and further if during the course of the meeting it be pointed out to the Chairman that there are less members present than the quorum required in Rule 11A(iii)(a) and if the Chairperson on making a check finds this to be the case the meeting shall lapse.

*Carried by 2/3 majority*

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 1.56pm  
To be reconvened at 1pm on 20 October 1999.

**Signed as a true and correct record**

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**Bob Lack, CHAIR**