

**MINUTES OF THE WINTER GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUCKLAND  
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION HELD ON TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER  
1997 AT  
1.00 PM IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE UNIVERSITY RECREATION CENTRE**

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**1. PRESENT:**

PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND OVER 200 MEMBERS OF AUSA

**2. APOLOGIES:**

MSO, WRO (EARLY DEPARTURE)

**3. ABSENT:**

**4. MEETING OPENED: 1.28 pm**

**5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

CHAIR

RN7/97 THAT the Minutes of the Autumn General Meeting held on Thursday, 17 April 1997 be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.

*Carried*

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Pacific Island Students' Association**

WATSON/KIRIFI-ALAI

RN8/97 THAT the meeting grant leave to deal with the Pacific Island students business as the first item.

*Carried*

Proposed amendment to the motion: -

SCHISCHKA/THOMAS

RN9/97 THAT part four of the constitutional changes be discussed separately to the motion in the agenda.

*Lost*

MARRIOTT/KIRIFI-ALAI

RN10/97 THAT the following amendments to the Constitution be made: -

1. AFFILIATED BODIES

Clause 44(i) **insert** after "catering to the needs of Māori students," the words:-

"and with the exception of the Pacific Island Students' Association, which shall be recognised as a body having separate corporate existence within the University catering to the needs of Pacific Island students,"

2. MEMBERSHIP

**Insert** a clause 7(vii): -

"Members of the Pacific Island Students' Association (PISA) shall retain and exercise full normal rights of membership of the Association despite payment of fifty percent (50%) of their subscription fees to PISA pursuant to Rule 9(ii)(g) hereof.

3. SUBSCRIPTION

**Insert** a new clause 9 (ii)(g): -

"In the case of a member who is also a member of PISA, fifty percent (50%) of their Annual Subscription remaining after the deduction of the Building Levy shall be paid to PISA on the last day of June, **provided that** the Association has received by the end of the first semester notification from PISA of the Annual Subscription paid by the member".

**Insert** a new clause 9(ii)(h): -

"In the case of a member who is also both a member of PISA and a member of AUES, AUMSA or AULSS and who is enrolled in an Engineering, Law, Medicine or Optometry course or who is a member of the Carey Baptist Theological College Students' Association or who is a member of the Auckland College of Education Students' Association that fifty percent (50%) of their Annual Subscription shall be paid to PISA and that a further fifteen percent (15%) of their Annual Subscription shall be paid to the Society representing that member for the last day of June **provided that** : -

- (i) The Association has received by the end of the first semester notification from PISA and from the members representative Society of the Annual Subscription paid by the member **and further provided that**
- (ii) 9(ii)(h) does not apply to any member who is a member of PISA and enrolled in an intermediate course but 9(ii)(g) shall apply AND THAT the Annual Levy be one hundred and twenty four dollars (\$124.00).

4. PACIFIC ISLAND STUDENTS EXECUTIVE MEMBER

**Amend** clause 32(i) to read: -

"The members of the Executive other than the Secretary, Māori Students' Officer, Women's Rights Officer and Pacific Island Students' Officer, shall be elected annually by means of a general and secret ballot of the members conducted according to the Rules contained in the Second Schedule hereto, which shall be deemed to be part of these Rules."

**Insert** a clause 32(iv) as follows and renumber existing clause 32(iv) to 32(v):-

"The Pacific Island Students' Officer shall not be elected but shall be appointed and removed by the Pacific Island Students' Association (PISA) according to any rules that they make for that purpose; and nothing in the Second Schedule shall apply to appointment of the Pacific Island Students' Officer.

**Insert** a clause 37(xv): -

"The Pacific Island Students' Officer shall be responsible for all matters that concern the Pacific Island students of this University.

Carried by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority

**O-Lagi-Atea-Moana (Cultural Space)**

MARRIOTT/KIRIFI-ALAI

RN10/97 THAT the General Meeting give in principle agreement to the Pacific Island Students' Association assuming responsibility for administration and operation of Ō-Lagi-Atea-Moana' (Cultural Space) in the Student Union AND

THAT regular operational expenditure items for this area continue to be covered by AUSA.

Carried

### **Publications Management Board**

WATSON/BRADBURY

RN11/97 THAT the Publications Management Board issue be the next item discussed.

Carried

BRADBURY/WATSON

RN12/97 THAT the motion be put.

Carried

CHAIR

RN13/97 THAT the following changes be made to the AUSA Constitution to give effect to the recommendations of the Publications Taskforce: -

**1. Rule 5: Powers:**

**(a) Rule 5(b)(iii)**

**Insert** the following at the end of this rule:

“, or as otherwise approved or authorised under provisions of this Constitution.”

**(b) Insert a new Rule 5(b)(xvii) (with consequential renumbering of the following paragraphs):**

“(xvii) For the accomplishment of any of the objects of the Association, to establish or acquire or subscribe to any corporation or trust or other body and to hold shares or stock in any such entity.”

**(c) Rule 5(b)(xviii) (now renumbered from (xvii)):**

**Change** this rule to read:

“(xviii) To join or enter into any contract or other arrangement with any other person association or corporation or other entity for the accomplishment of any of the objects of the Association.”

**2. Rule 37 (duties of Executive members) (Media Officer):**

**Delete** para (iv) and replace it with the following:

“(iv) The Media Officer shall be a member of the **Publications Management Board** established under the Tenth Schedule and shall be responsible for keeping the Executive informed of the work of that Board and for generally maintaining liaison between the Executive and the Board.”

**3. Second Schedule:**

**(a) Part I: Clause 2(ii) (last line):**

**Delete** the words:

“and for the position of Editor of Craccum”.

- (b) **Part II: Remaining Positions:**  
**Delete** from line 1 of the preamble to this Part the words:  
“of the Editor of Craccum and”.
  - (c) **Part III: Remaining Executive Positions:**  
**Clause 17**  
**Delete** the words:  
“and Craccum Editor
  - (d) **Clause 19(i)**  
**Delete** the words:  
“and the Editor of Craccum”
4. **Third Schedule:**  
**Clause 1:**  
**Insert** at the end of this clause:  
“, and except as specified in the Tenth Schedule as applying to the Publications Management Board”.
5. **Delete** existing **Tenth, Eleventh and Sixteenth Schedules**, and **replace** them with the following new Tenth Schedule (with consequential renumbering of all remaining schedules and consequential amendment of all relevant cross-references to the schedules affected):

## TENTH SCHEDULE

### *Publications Management Board*

1. All publications of the Association shall be managed by the **“Publications Management Board”** (herein called ‘the Board’).
2. **Application of Third Schedule to the Board:**
  - (a) The following provisions of the Third Schedule shall *not* apply to the Board:
    - (i) Clauses 2 and 3;
    - (ii) Clause 4(i);
    - (iii) Clause 5
  - (b) If there should be any conflict between any of the provisions of this Tenth Schedule and any of the other remaining provisions of the Third Schedule, those in this Tenth Schedule shall prevail.
3. **Independence and Responsibilities:**
  - (a) As a committee of the Association, the Board is bound by the Objects and all applicable provisions of the AUSA Constitution.
  - (b) The Board shall be wholly independent from intervention by the Executive.
  - (c) The Board shall be bound by all resolutions pertaining to it passed by the members of the Association in General Meeting, and by Referenda conducted by the Association.

- (d) The Board shall be bound by the Publications Management Board Charter and the Craccum Charter. These charters shall only be altered by way of a General Meeting or Referenda decision conducted by the Association.

**4. Membership of the Board:**

- (a) The following shall be members of the Board:
  - i) AUSA Services and Marketing Manager
  - ii) AUSA Media Officer, ex officio
  - iii) A Former student publication editor (or similar)
  - iv) A Nga Tauira Maaori nominee
  - v) An English Journalist or Media Studies academic staff member
  - vi) A person with expertise in community media (or similar)
  - vii) A person with publishing expertise (or similar)
  - viii) AUSA Treasurer, ex officio
- (b) The following shall be entitled to be in attendance at ordinary meetings of the Board:
  - i) Craccum Editor
  - ii) AUSA Association Manager
- (c) Staff of any of the publications managed by the Board shall, as the Board may request, be in attendance at the meetings of the Board.
- (d) Appointments to the Board under clause 4(a) (iii), (v), (vi) and (vii) shall be made by a General Meeting of the Association.

**5. Functions:**

- (a) The Board shall be solely responsible for the management of all AUSA Publications and AUSA Internet Publications, and shall from time to time determine the number and nature of such publications.
- (b) The Board shall have the power from time to time to discontinue any then existing publication and to initiate any new publication, except Craccum. The Board shall have the power to recommend to a General Meeting of the Association that Craccum be discontinued.
- (c) The Board shall receive annually an EFTS-based financial contribution from AUSA, and shall allocate this money as it sees fit *provided that* all of the money is used for the purposes of AUSA publications with the exception of such portion of that amount as the Board may allocate for the purpose of Publications Grants.
- (d) The Board shall be responsible for the engagement of all such staff (including any Editor or Editors) as it thinks fit for the purposes of AUSA publications and defining their duties and responsibilities, but shall give preference to applicants with student or community media expertise. The Board shall have

power to enter into any suitable employment contracts with such staff.

- (e) The Board shall be responsible for the purchase of all equipment to be used for AUSA publications.
- (f) The Board shall not interfere with the proper editorial autonomy of AUSA publications Editors, nor content of publications except via media complaints in clause 7.

**6. Publications Grants:**

- (a) The Board shall be responsible for the allocation of grants to any members or groups of members of the Association who wish to produce a publication for use by students.
- (b) The Board may make any grant subject to such other guidelines or conditions as it sees fit.

**7. Media Complaints:**

- (a) The Board shall be responsible for media complaints. It shall receive and consider formal written complaints about any material published in an AUSA Publication. It shall make a decision on each complaint. It shall notify the complainant of its decision.  
Where a complaint is found to be justified, it shall take action to remove or reduce the cause of the complaint.
- (b) The Board's decision on any media complaint shall be final and binding.

**8. Meetings:**

- (a) The Board shall elect a chairperson at the start of each calendar year, and as may be required during the year to fill any vacancy.
- (b) The Board shall meet at least once during each month of the calendar year.
- (c) Notice of meetings shall require at least 48 hours notice to members of the Board.
- (d) Minutes of the meeting shall be circulated to all members of the Board and to the Executive of the Association no later than 7 days after the meeting.
- (e) The quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be 4 members.
- (f) The chairperson of the Board shall have a casting vote but not a deliberative vote.

*Lost*

**Meeting Lapsed**

Meeting lapsed due to lack of quorum at 2.15 pm

Meeting Closed: 2.15 pm

Signed as a true and correct record.

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Phillip Stevens, President, CHAIR