



## **Minutes of the Emergency Executive Meeting**

Meeting Room, AUSA House  
Opened at 3.01 pm, 12.09.2108

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**Present:** President (CHAIR), EVP, FVP, AVP, SEO, QRO, WRO, PEO, WVP

### **Declaration of Interest**

SEO - Returning Officer for Referenda

## **1 Executive Motions on the Questions for the Referenda held 18 - 21 September 2018**

*E 317/18*

### **CHAIR**

THAT the AUSA Executive disqualify the referenda question “Should AUSA write a letter to the New Zealand Union of Students’ Associations (NZUSA) condemning their management of staff regarding unsolicited pictures of their penis being sent to sexual violence workers?” on the basis that it is biased and leading as per s 23F(a)(iv) in that it adopts a characterisation of events/internal matters at NZUSA which may not be entirely accurate, as per the legal advice received from AUSA’s lawyers.

Carried

For: WVP, EVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO

Abstention: SEO

*E 318/18*

### **CHAIR**

THAT the AUSA Executive allow the reformulated version of the question “Should AUSA write a letter to the New Zealand Union of Students’ Associations (NZUSA) condemning their management of staff regarding unsolicited pictures of their penis being sent to sexual violence workers” as being “Should AUSA write an open letter to the NZUSA expressing concern and seeking further information regarding NZUSA’s management of staff alleged to have sent unsolicited, sexually explicit pictures to other employees?”.

Carried

For: WVP, EVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO

Abstention: SEO

*E 319/18*

### **CHAIR**

THAT the AUSA Executive determines the referendum question “Should AUSA write an open letter to the NZUSA expressing concern and seeking further information regarding NZUSA’s management of staff alleged to have sent unsolicited, sexually explicit pictures to other employees?” to be binding on AUSA.

Carried

For: WVP, EVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO

Abstention: SEO

E 320/18

**CHAIR**

THAT the AUSA Executive disqualifies the referenda question "*Should AUSA publically upload its letter of condemnation to NZUSA, and NZUSA's response, onto the AUSA Facebook page and AUSA website as soon as practically possible?*" on the basis that it depends on the result of the referendum question on whether AUSA should write any letter to NZUSA at all, and instead that the AUSA Executive should allow the reformulated question "*If AUSA writes to NZUSA regarding the matters referred to in question 1, should AUSA publish NZUSA's response, onto the AUSA Facebook page and AUSA website as soon as practically possible?*" as advised to AUSA by its lawyers, AND THAT this reformulated question is binding on AUSA.

Carried

For: WVP, EVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO  
Abstention: SEO

3.33pm - The SEO left the meeting

3.35pm - The SEO returned

E 321/18

**CHAIR**

THAT the AUSA Executive disqualify the question "*Should AUSA disaffiliate from NZUSA?*" on the basis that it is contrary to AUSA's interests in serving students inclusively, proactively and positively as per s 23F(a)(ix), as per the reason set out in the Student Engagement Officer's 12 September 2018 announcement of the AUSA Referenda questions for the referenda from 18 - 21 September.

Carried

For: WVP, EVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO  
Abstention: SEO

**Note:** We understand the intent behind this question and we will be addressing it through the appropriate and required means. The AUSA Executive received legal advice reformulating the question, but does not believe that it has the authority under s 23F to reformulate a question put to referenda that impacts upon the substance of the question, without first consulting the member who put forward the question in the first place.

3.39pm - The EVP left the meeting

E 322/18

**CHAIR**

THAT the AUSA Executive disqualifies the question:

*"Will AUSA condemn anti-Semitism in all its forms as defined by the globally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition?"*

*Note: AUJS letter submitted to AUSA states that this is the working definition used by Australian and international Jewish representative bodies (New Zealand does not yet have an adopted definition) and that the definition states: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities"*

and instead allows a reformulated version of the question and appendices to be:

*"Should AUSA recognise the following International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of anti-Semitism and condemn anti-Semitism as so defined?"*

*"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."*

... on the basis that the wording of the question must allow for a yes or no vote, and that the phrase "globally recognised" is leading and biased as per s 23F(a)(iv)

... and that the AUSA Executive considers the question to be binding on AUSA:

Carried

For: WVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO  
Abstention: SEO

E 323/18

**CHAIR**

That the AUSA Executive disqualify the question:

“Will AUSA commit to working with the Australasian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS), as the peak representative body for Jewish students on campus in Australia and New Zealand, to ensure AUSA activist spaces, events and protests are inclusive and welcoming of Jewish voices and perspectives ensuring that there should be no pre-qualifications necessary for Jewish students to attend and/or feel included?”

... and reformulate and accept the question:

“Should AUSA commit to working with the Australasian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS), as the peak representative body for Jewish students on campus in Australia and New Zealand, to ensure AUSA activist spaces, events and protests are inclusive and welcoming of Jewish voices and perspectives ensuring that there should be no pre-qualifications necessary for Jewish students to attend and/or feel included?” and considers this question non-binding on the AUSA Executive

Carried

For: WVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO  
Abstention: SEO

E 324/18

**CHAIR**

THAT the AUSA Executive disqualify the question “Will AUSA formally recognise and publicise January 27, as designated by the United Nations General Assembly, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and work with AUJS in either partnering or sharing material designed to educate and commemorate the atrocities of the Holocaust?” on the basis that the current question contains two questions within it and also cannot be clearly answered “yes” or “no”.

Carried

For: WVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO  
Abstention: SEO

E 325/18

**CHAIR**

THAT the AUSA Executive reformulates the question “Will AUSA formally recognise and publicise January 27, as designated by the United Nations General Assembly, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and work with AUJS in either partnering or sharing material designed to educate and commemorate the atrocities of the Holocaust?” to being two questions, which are:

3(a). Should AUSA formally recognise and publicise January 27, as designated by the United Nations General Assembly, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day?

3(b). Should AUSA engage with the Australasian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS) in relation to material designed to educate students about, and commemorate, the atrocities of the Holocaust?

Carried

For: WVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO  
Abstention: SEO

E 326/18

**CHAIR**

THAT the AUSA Executive considers the reformulated question “Should AUSA formally recognise and publicise January 27, as designated by the United Nations General Assembly, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day?” as binding on AUSA

Carried

For: WVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO  
Abstention: SEO

E 327/18

**CHAIR**

THAT the AUSA Executive considers the reformulated question “Should AUSA engage with the Australasian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS) in relation to material designed to educate students about, and commemorate, the atrocities of the Holocaust?” as non-binding on AUSA

Carried

For: WVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO  
Abstention: SEO

E 328/18

**CHAIR**

That the AUSA Executive accept the question “Should the following provisions creating an AUSA Advisory Board be included in the Fifth Schedule to AUSA’s Constitution, and associated new Rule 35(vi) created?” And considers it binding on AUSA.

Carried

For: WVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO  
Abstention: SEO

E 329/18

**CHAIR**

That the AUSA Executive disqualify the question “Should the following Memorandum of Understanding between AUSA and the Post-Graduate Students’ Association be created and included in the Sixth Schedule to AUSA’s Constitution, and associated changes made to the constitution?” and in conjunction with the submitter, reformulates the question to be “Should the AUSA executive finalise a MOU with PGSA to have a closer working relationship subject to further negotiation between the parties” and considers it to be binding.

Carried

For: WVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO  
Abstention: SEO

4.59pm - The FVP left the meeting

5.01pm - The FVP returned

E 330/18

**CHAIR**

That the AUSA Executive accept the question “Should the following changes to the Seventh Schedule of AUSA’s Constitution, making the position of the Craccum editor appointed rather than elected, and associated changes to the constitution be made?” and considers it binding.

Carried

For: WVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO  
Abstention: SEO

E 331/18

**CHAIR**

That the AUSA Executive disqualify the question “Should Rule 29 of AUSA’s Constitution be amended to allow Executive meetings to be held fortnightly, rather than weekly, during semester?” and reformulate it to be “Should Rule 29 of AUSA’s Constitution be amended to allow Executive meetings to be held at least fortnightly during the semester?” and considers it binding

Carried

For: WVP, FVP, AVP, PEO, QRO, WRO  
Abstention: SEO

**2 Business pertaining to the transition from this year's Executive to next year's Executive, and the negotiations with the University on compensation for lost monies from the Student Union Building**

*E 332/18*

**BARTON/MCDONALD**

THAT, in the interests of ensuring a smooth and successful transition between the incumbent AUSA Executive and the incoming AUSA Executive for 2019, that the AUSA President be required to consult with, include and have regard to the wishes of the AUSA President-elect on all matters dealing with AUSA's negotiations on compensation for the loss of rental income pertaining to AUSA's ability to use and have access to the Student Union Building, with the University of Auckland and Campus Life.

Carried

For: WVP, PEO, WRO, QRO, SEO, President, FVP

Abstention: AVP

*E 333/18*

**BARTON/MCDONALD**

THAT the AUSA President be required to consult with, include and have regard to the wishes of the AUSA Treasurer on all matters dealing with the negotiations on compensation for the loss of rental income pertaining to AUSA's ability to use and have access to the Student Union Building, with the University of Auckland and Campus Life.

Carried

For: WVP, PEO, WRO, QRO, SEO, President, AVP

Abstention: FVP

**Meeting closed at 5:44 pm**

**Signed as a true and correct record**

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**Anna Cusack, President, CHAIR**