MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE A.U.S.A. EXECUTIVE HELD ON MONDAY, 10 MARCH 2008 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM IN THE EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

PRESENT:
President (Chair), AVP, EVP, Treasurer, MSO (2), CSO, EAO (2), IAO, MO, NAO (2), OSO (arrived 6.20pm), SRC, WO, WRO (arrived 6.15pm).

APOLOGIES:
CAO, OSO (lateness)

ABSENT:

IN ATTENDANCE:
Sergeant Doug Agnew (Youth & Community Co-ordinator – NZ Police), Matt Backhouse (Craccum), Nick Keesing (Student), Tom O’Connor (AUSA GM & Minute Taker)

Meeting Opened: 6.00pm

Visitors Business:
Sgt Douglas Agnew from the New Zealand Police. The GM explained that following the drive last year by the AVP (Beth Maples) regarding safety on the Campus and the surrounding area (such as Albert Park etc) the role of the Police is to be our first contact in the event of an emergency and to be nearby but not specifically patrolling the AUSA areas unless invited. A general presentation was given by Doug on what the role of the police is going to be on Campus. Nick Keesing questioned him on the police on campus policy and pot smokers? Doug allayed those fears and reinforced the GMs comments. General questions on how, what and when the Police will be on Campus. It will be more the case that either the GM or the Building Manager (Albie) will be the point of contact. Unlikely to be issued tasers.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:
CHAIR
E 80/08 THAT the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 3 March 2008 be received and adopted as a true and correct record pending amendment (the NAO did not leave the meeting).
Carried

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

• Phones and computers are being installed progressively in Exec Offices.
• ARTA – the GM explained the “disaster” around the bus ticket queues and the fact that there is a meeting scheduled to discuss the situation and possible remedies.

3. Correspondence:
CHAIR
E 81/08 THAT the correspondence 42/08 to 46/08 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.
Carried

Note: P. Hodgson and P. Sharples have responded to the Tertiary Issues letter. Bill English was on Campus last week along with Rodney Hide and John Key.

4. Health and Safety
• Wasp appears to still be around.

5. Regular Reporting to the Executive

**CHAIR**

_E 82/08_ THAT the President’s report be received.

_Carried_

Note: ASIA Club want more support (space). Some concern over precedent set if given permanent office, given other clubs’ needs. Will be sorted out with David, Jo and Albie. PIE CART – The GM explained issues regarding the business Trusts and our role. We cannot authorize any food outlet to come onto Campus, if people wish to make an application they should go through Property Services.

**CHAIR**

_E 83/08_ THAT the AVP’s report be received.

_Carried_

**CHAIR**

_E 84/08_ THAT the Treasurer’s report be received.

_Carried_

Note: Audit of clubs accounts ready for affiliation.

**Procedural Note:** Executive meetings will go into Committee of the Whole in future for the General Manager’s report due to sensitive staffing and Association matters.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS:

• Portfolio Plans

**CHAIR**

_E 85/08_ THAT the EAOs’ 2008 Portfolio plan be received.

_Carried_

Note: 3 points: Development of Environmental Policy, Ecofest over 3 days instead of a whole week to keep costs down, Increasing awareness.

**CHAIR**

_E 86/08_ THAT the NAOs’ 2008 Portfolio plan be received.

_Carried_

Note: 3 points: Issue based debates, Politics Week, Help out with Campaign.

**CHAIR**

_E 87/08_ THAT the OSO’s 2008 Portfolio plan be received.

_Carried_

Note: 3 points: Awareness of Mentor Programme, Links with I-Space, Cultural Mosaic.

**Tabled**

THAT the SRC Chair’s 2008 Portfolio plan be received.

Note: Darcy (SRC Chair) read out a speech and referred to Election promises regarding the Pigeon Suit. Written report to be put on next agenda. SRC Secretary is required as Caitlin is no longer doing it.

**CHAIR**

_E 88/08_ THAT the WRO’s 2008 Portfolio plan be received.

_Carried_

Note: 3 points: Women’s Space, Womensfest, Thursdays in Black.
• **SRC** – Darcy briefed Executive on what it is, and its relationship to students and the Executive.
• **Committees to Meet This Week** –
  - Election Working Group, Thursday at 12pm;
  - Policy and Governance, Friday at 2pm.

**CHAIR**

**E 89/08**

THAT the Education Action Group be activated for 2008.

*Carried*

Note: The EVP explained the process, a core group is required to volunteer. The core group for EAG will be the President, EVP, Treasurer, IAO, NAO, WRO.

• **NTM Plan** – Reina explained NTM’s plans for the year. They have appointed a Welfare Officer, Sports Officer and Education Officer. There will be an NTM AGM at Hineahuone on Thursday at 6pm (all welcome). 2008 not doing any new events but need to sort out budget.

• **By-Election** – Sports Officer and Tamaki Rep nominations open to 20 March. How to promote people putting names in? Funky posters, etc. Student Central Noticeboard (SO).

• **Thursdays in Black** – Events and merchandise. T-shirts are about $15 not $30. WRO to give a 15 minute presentation on Thursdays in Black at the next Exec meeting. The WRO will distribute information to NTM. General discussion was held on where any profit will go to. The WRO is to produce a list of recipients.

• **10 Billion Dollar Day** – 10 April, start thinking. EAG to also work on this.

• **AUSA Survey** – Akif explained the reason for the survey. Focus groups needed to discuss: 1) Why come to University; 2) What do you know of AUSA; 3) Wants and expectations. Possible on-line survey.

• **Open Entry** – possible referendum on limited entry and associated action? Or instead of a referendum, how about a Special General Meeting – paper for discussion. On Friday there was a Hui with the VC and Raewyn Dalziel; a general discussion on the issue. There could be a possible referendum attached to the By-Election, or a Special General Meeting to discuss the matter. There was considerable discussion on the topic. Joe is in favour of the SGM, strong information campaign, possible clash over wording, we should take advice on the second question from political studies department. SGM followed by a referendum. Apathy issue – students just won’t care and it would be dangerous to have a referendum. A referendum is binding. Could we get this on the AGM – yes. Cannot educate students on this subject in 2 weeks. Ray – can we approach the High School teachers and get their support?

The President said it is too soon to give information to the students in time for the AGM. The deadline is tomorrow.

**HAMED/HARRIS**

**E 90/08**

THAT AUSA put the Open Entry issue on the Agenda for the Autumn General Meeting.

*Carried 7-5*

The Chair was handed to the EVP

**Foreshadowed Motion:**

**MCCRARY/DO**

Lapsed

THAT Executive plan for a possible Special General Meeting on a date to be set by Executive.

*Lapsed as original motion passed.*

8.11pm – The SRC Chair left the meeting.

The Chair was handed back to the President.

Questions were now raised about what sort of promotion we would do for the AGM now that this issue is on the agenda. Craccum, leaflet drops and lecture-speaks were suggested.

• **Mini-training** – for NAO, OSO, EAO, CAO up-coming. Officers will organise something in the near future.
• **Afghani Student Journalist**
  
  HAMED/BLAIR

  THAT AUSA supports the immediate release of Afghani student journalist, Sayed Parwez Kambaksh, and calls on Prime Minister Helen Clark, to put all possible pressure on the Afghan government to prevent the execution of Sayed Pervez Kambaksh.

  *Carried*

• **President to be away late April** – away April 28-29 for Council Rep training and face to face Fedex. Will be staying in Wellington the weekend prior. The President will cover half accommodation costs himself, other half charged on President’s expenses budget line, both flights to be charged on Conference/Fedex budget line. Executive meeting of 28 April to be Chaired by another Officer.

• **Clubs Policy Progress Report** – CSO (Joe) to introduce developments, Akif to speak also. To meet with Tom and Lucy to discuss the plan, Presidents’ Forum – 4 per year. Grants Workshop.

• **Canoe Club Noticeboard** – to be re-installed at their cost, similar to Tramping Club.

• **Fiji Club Request** – CSO to introduce. President to speak. Party pills were being handed out on Campus, they can’t hand out Kava, which is a cultural drug?? General discussion. Joe is to liaise with the Fiji Club and Tom to further investigate possible legal issues regarding this.

• **Motion to be Rescinded** -

  MCCRARY/HUDSON

  Tabled THAT RN 423/96 be rescinded.

  - MO to introduce. A new policy will be discussed with Craccum and presented by the MO at a later date.

• **Omar** – calling for the Government to stop funding for weapons production.

  HAMED/MCCRARY

  THAT AUSA be listed as a peace sponsor of the Peace Movement Aotearoa Petition which calls for an end to Government support for military exports.

  *Carried*  
  For: 7  
  Abstention: 5

  Note: Some dissatisfaction at the abruptness in presenting this item to Executive tonight.

**Date of Next Meeting:**  6pm on Monday, 17 March 2008 in the Executive Chambers

**Meeting Closed at:**  8.40pm

Signed as a true and correct record

David Do, President, CHAIR