MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE A.U.S.A. EXECUTIVE HELD ON MONDAY, 1 MAY 2006 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM IN THE “EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS”, LEVEL 2, SAC BUILDING

PRESENT:
AVP (Chair), EVP, Treasurer, NAO (2), Tamaki (2), ETTSA, WRO (Allanah), SO, MO (2), PISO, CAO (Indira), EAO, SRC, OSO (Grace), WO.

APOLOGIES:
President (leave granted), OSO (Howard), IAO, MSO.

ABSENT:

IN ATTENDANCE:
Conor Roberts, Richard Bol (Craccum)

Meeting Opened: 6pm

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:
   CHAIR
   E 157/06 THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2006 be received and adopted as a true and correct record.
   Carried

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:
   • No items.

VISITORS BUSINESS:
NZUSA Co-President, Conor Roberts, briefed the meeting on the latest nationwide tertiary issues, including recent movement by Ministry of Education on funding, also discussed the concepts of ‘quality’ and ‘relevance’. Noted that NZUSA research was used by the NZIER to help calculate the University of Auckland’s contribution to the Auckland economy.

3. Correspondence:
   CHAIR
   E 158/06 THAT the correspondence 181/06 to 185/06 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.
   Carried

Tabled Items:
   TUTTY/GOLDIE
   E 159/06 THAT AUSA enters a Tamaki Team in the 2007 University Games.
   Carried

   Note: The relevant letter to USNZ will be amended pending grammatical errors.

   • Annual Plan Review Quarter 1 – It was recommended by the Executive that the Annual Plan Review Quarter 1 be referred to the Strategic Planning Committee.
   • NZUSA July Conference Attendance – Tabled until the 8 May Exec Meeting.

Health and Safety:
   • Womenspace toilets need cleaning, and problems with the Clubspace door.
Discussion:

• **Archives Relocation** – The AVP outlined the task ahead in boxing the Archives, an estimated 1000 boxes have been ordered to house all the folders in the Archives. It was proposed that on Sunday, 14 May Executive members should come along and help.

• **Approval Of Uni Games Celebration Event Expenditure**
  
  CHAIR
  E 160/06 THAT $500 be granted from Executive Projects for the University Games Post-Party.
  
  **Carried**
  
  Note: This was to pay for a Shadows bar tab, the event is for the athletes who recently participated at the University Games.

• **Languages and translators for improved AUSA site** – OSO (Grace) proposed that the AUSA Website could be enhanced by having it in other languages. She proposed a project whereby interested students would translate sections of the website into their own language. This would be a student-driven project, with the languages used reflecting the level of interest in language representation. Other Executive members offered several suggestions. It was proposed that the OSO co-ordinate those suggestions and move forward.

• **Craccum International Column** - “In Their Shoes” – The OSO (Grace) also proposed, working with Craccum, to have an international column ‘In Their Shoes’ every week, with international students writing a series of entries about how they are finding life at University.

• **International Accommodation Update** – The OSO (Howard) will give a fuller update on the International Accommodation situation, as raised at last week’s meeting.

• **Fairtrade Fiesta - funding proposal to promote fairtrade on campus.**
  
  CHAIR
  E 161/06 THAT $356 and an additional $100 bond be granted from Executive Projects for the Fair Trade Fiesta on the proviso that AUSA logos are displayed prominently during the event.
  
  **Carried**
  
  Note: This was to buy balloons and hire the band ‘Electric Confectionaires’ to play during the fiesta.

• **Meetings of Strategic Planning and Property Committees respectively** – The Strategic Planning, Property and Policy and Governance Committees should be meeting soon. The Policy and Governance Committee will meet next Monday at 4pm.

• **Services Trust and Bacchid Meeting** – The EVP gave an update on recent Services Trust and Bacchid Board meetings.

  
  CHAIR
  E 162/06 THAT the Executive move into committee of the whole AND THAT strangers be excluded except Rory Bretton.
  
  **Carried**

• **Withdrawal from USNZ** – The AVP outlined the withdrawal process from USNZ. This withdrawal did not necessarily mean AUSA would actually withdraw from USNZ, but taken rather as protection from possible financial issues.

• **Walk the World Update** – The NAO (Stephen) gave an update on the Walk the World event. He and the IAO attended the last planning meeting. AUSA has been asked to run a BBQ on the day in exchange for having our logos on the shirts they are selling during the event. EVP raised concerns over our level of inclusion into decision-making processes regarding this event, citing major changes in the poster design AUSA submitted for WTW. He urged the IAO and NAO, as AUSA reps to WTW, to pursue this issue further.

  
  COOPER/GOLDIE
  E 164/06 THAT up to $600 be granted from Executive Projects for the purchase of sausages for the Walk the World BBQ.
  
  **Carried**
  
  Abstention: MO
• **Executive Meals Spending Allocation** – This item was put on the agenda after considerable email exchange regarding this topic amongst Executive members. After some offhand comments about spending on the Executive meals from the Treasurer and EVP, MO (Jess) suggested that the money currently spent on Executive meals could instead be diverted to providing a scholarship or other grant. The total amount spend on Executive meals annually is approximately $4,000. The WO decided to put this item on the agenda following the ETTSA President’s suggestion. WO argued strongly against this idea. The EVP pointed out that the amount of money for Executive meals is a ‘drop in the bucket’ out of the total AUSA budget. SO and Tamaki (Caleb) said they wouldn’t mind if the meals were pulled. MO (Jess) did not give comment on this issue. The Executive resolved that they are satisfied with the status quo with regards to Executive meals.

**Other Items:**
- The EVP raised a Marketing Plan, as part of the Annual Plan.
- The MOs requested Cracum feedback.
- Water jugs are to be purchased from next week.
- The Executive commended Anna for her efficient Chairing of the meeting tonight.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 6pm on Monday, 8 May 2006 in the Executive Chambers.

**Meeting Closed at:** 7.10pm

Signed as a true and correct record

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Anna Crowe, AVP, CHAIR