MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE A.U.S.A. EXECUTIVE HELD ON MONDAY, 18 AUGUST 2008 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM IN THE EXEC CHAMBERS

PRESENT:
President (Chair), AVP, Treasurer, CAO (Sonali), CSO, EAO (Ray Scott), IAO (arrived 6.34pm), MO, NAO (Alex), OSO, PISO, SO (Oscar), SRC, WRO.

APOLOGIES:
WO (leave granted at 4/8/08 meeting), EAO (Ray Chu), EVP (due to illness).

ABSENT:

IN ATTENDANCE:
Bowen Pan (unifriend), Tom O’Connor (AUSA GM & Minute Taker)

Meeting Opened: 6.00pm

Visitors Business:
Bowen Pan from unifriend.co.nz presented a proposal for a joint venture with ratemycourses and a partnership with unifriend.
Finally: Affordable, Accessible, Free to Students, Nationwide, Adding value to AUSA.

Questions:
Would AUSA be liable for claims if you were sued? - Yes
Is the ownership/liability negotiable? - No this is a main reason for joint venture.
What level are to be gifted to AUSA (minority or Majority) probably minority?
Is the site going to be geared toward other unis - Yes

Concept:
Lecturer and course, do you differentiate between course and lecturers? - Yes

Income:
How do you come up with the income figure - Guestimate based on rough figures.
Research on advertising will spend $6.60 per student (new industry only).
Is this accessible to overseas students - Yes but cannot use.
Is this the only site of its sort in NZ - Yes
Someone else has created a similar site but they have some problems:

People were generally supportive of the intent of the course rating site, but were less supportive at this point about the proposed joint venture proposal.

This concern is based on some particular issues:
1. Concerns about the reliability and assumptions behind the financial forecast presented
2. Nature of the legal liability AUSA would be taking on.
3. Questions about what share AUSA would have in ratemycourses
3. A suggestion that it might be more useful to pursue a joint venture with one of AUSA’s businesses owned through a Trust, rather than AUSA itself.

CHAIR
E 259/08
THAT the Executive move into Committee of the Whole AND THAT any strangers be excluded.
Carried

What is the current revenue from advertising – Commercially sensitive
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

CHAIR
E 261/08 THAT the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 11 August 2008 be received and adopted as a true and correct record.
Carried

CHAIR
E 262/08 THAT the Minutes of the Emergency Executive meeting held on 12 August 2008 be received and adopted as a true and correct record.
Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

• None

Correspondence:

CHAIR
E 263/08 THAT the correspondence 201/08 to 207/08 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.
Carried

Health and Safety:

• Nothing to report

Regular Reporting to the Executive:

CHAIR
E 264/08 THAT the President's report be received.
Carried

Tabled
CHAIR
E 265/08 THAT the EVP's report be received.

CHAIR
E 265/08 THAT the General Manager's report be received.
Carried

Presentations:

• AUSA Finances – Tabled

Items for Noting

• Semester 2 Portfolio Plans

CHAIR
E 266/08 THAT the Welfare Officer’s Semester 2 Plan be received and noted.

CHAIR
E 267/08 THAT the Media Officer’s Semester 2 Plan be received and noted.
Carried

CHAIR
E 268/08 THAT the National Officers’ Semester 2 Plan be received and noted.
Carried

CHAIR
E 269/08 THAT the Overseas Students’ Officer’s Semester 2 Plan be received and noted.
**Items for Discussion:**

- **AUSA Survey** - Treasurer, President gave a brief explanation on survey structure, inform students of services, comments invited.

- **WGM Method** - final method, as appears from executive discussion:
  
  - Give a person a numbered ticket (maybe).
  - Write down their name and ID next to 'ticket' number.
  - Stamp people once written down (maybe)
  - Pick out a number, that person wins.
  - (Have to keep in mind the people who have already entered the draw though)

  President will coordinate leaflet drops and lecture speaking for early next week by Exec.

- **NZUSA October Conference Dunedin** - who can go?
  
  - Dates are October 1 (Maori), October 2 (Women's), October 3-5 (Main).
  - Usually we only send a few people (like 2-3) down to October, however the conference budget looks good so we could stretch that to 4, maybe even 5. General discussion on how many to send and why.
  - President provisionally suggests himself, EVP, CSO (AVP-elect), Treasurer (EVP-elect), SRC (President-elect). 4 of whom would be for the 3 day main conference. The PISO asked if he could be included for selection. The point was raised that further consideration should be given to who would provide the most value to send down to Dunedin, rather than more just because of the budget.

- **Politics Week** – Theme about the Election – Monday, Ffordes Bar 7.30pm (Pub Quiz); Tuesday, Great Debate (tax cuts v benefits) high profile debaters – HSB 1; Wednesday, Sausage Sizzle, promote the WGM on Wednesday 27th – help required from 10am, Budget required $180; Thursday, four student presentations; Friday, Debate between Young Labour and Young National.

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  E 270/08 THAT AUSA allocate $180 from Executive Projects for the Politics Week BBQ.

  **Carried**

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- **Aaron Masters Scholarship** – Pacific in Concert – gifts for the performers from AUSA? The PISO briefed the Executive about the concert.

- **Cultural Mosaic** - Sonali gave the performance schedule: Friday – Olympics. Helpers required for lecture drops etc.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 6pm on Monday, 25 August 2008 in the Executive Chambers

**Meeting Closed at:** 7.49pm

Signed as a true and correct record

David Do, President, CHAIR