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

PRESENT:
President (Chair), AVP, EVP, Treasurer, SRC, WO, NAO (Stephen), MSO (Simon), Tamaki
Rep (2), MO(2), OSO (Howard), CSO, PISO, SO

APOLOGIES:
CAO, OSO (Grace), MSO (Kahu), IAO

IN ATTENDANCE:
ETTSA, Richard Bol, Tamara Nikolova, Daniel Sloan, John Polkinghorn, Tom O’Connor (GM)

Meeting opened: 6:06pm

E 219/06 CHAIR
THAT Allanah Golder be granted leave for this meeting due to bereavement
Carried

VISITORS BUSINESS:
• Sandy Lay talked about a ‘major event’ bid in association with USNZ, and associated
issues in terms of AUSA’s involvement in the event and the bid. Talked specifically about a
letter to USNZ, stressed importance of emphasis on Auckland’s distinctive contribution we
can make to his major event. President to draft a letter.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:
CHAIR
E 220/06
THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2006 be received and
adopted as a true and correct record, with corrections.
Carried

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:
• Trusts Committee to meet soon. Past Presidents Kane Stanford and Greg Langton to come
along.

3. Correspondence:
CHAIR
E 221/06
THAT the correspondence 212/06 to 213/06 be received AND THAT any
correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.
Carried
Abstention: MO

4. Health and Safety:
• First aid kits will be arriving this week. MO(Jess) to be a fire warden.

Discussion:
• AUSA position on USNZ membership
Do we support in principle including polytechnics as well as universities within USNZ?

GOLDIE/NGAWHIKA
E 222/06
THAT AUSA supports the inclusion of polytechnics as members of USNZ
Carried
Against: SO, CSO
• **Proposed changes to Business and Economics Faculty** - A document on proposed changes was in the Executive papers. The proposal was to consolidate BBIM programmes onto City Campus, which would affect North Shore and Tamaki campus specifically. The Tamaki reps estimated that the move would affect about half the students on the Tamaki campus. EVP reported that the University wishes to expand the research and science courses at Tamaki, that the proposal aimed to increase the performance of the Business and Economics Faculty, and said that this proposal is likely to go through anyway, so the emphasis would be on limiting potential adverse impacts.

The Executive urged the President to keep them informed on developments on this issue. The proposal was only disclosed a few days ago in an email sent around to University staff. Tamaki reps raised concerns about the timing of this proposal.

• **This Week** - 2 BBQs need to be run during the Second Semester orientation this week, on Wednesday and Thursday. However these clash with proposed constitutional stock take meetings and Paintball event on Wednesday and Thursday respectively.

• EVP suggested that the constitutional overhaul be postponed to a new target date of the 2007 Autumn General Meeting, given that the current timeline between now and the Winter General Meeting would be too rushed and busy with student elections to allow for adequate consultation with students.

• President suggested an executive dinner at his apartment, whereby everybody brings a plate.

• **Engage Week** - Proposal from NAOs noted.

• **Semester reports**
  AVP stated that reports must be submitted by midnight, otherwise portfolio officers will not get a bonus at all. Only three reports had been submitted so far, from Welfare, Tamaki, the President, and International Affairs.

6:50pm – The EVP left the meeting.

CHAIR

*E 223/06*  
**THAT the President’s Semester one report be received.**

*Carried*

• **NZU trip for President**

CHAIR

*E 224/06*  
**THAT $335 be granted from executive projects (plane ticket return) and $75 be granted from the conference budget (accommodation 1 night) so that the president can represent AUSA at the NZU blues awards and USNZ AGM.**

*Carried.* **Abstention: MO**

Noted: concerns were raised as to the President’s initial requested accommodation. The Treasurer reports that there is about $5500 left in Executive Projects, and $3000 in the conferences budget line left.

• **Committee Representatives**

One of the Annual Plan objectives is to celebrate our central committee reps. President spoke with Maree, so every week she will profile a central committee rep in Craccum.

• **Trust for Students with Disabilities**

AVP has been working on issues with the ‘Handicapped Persons Trust’, set up in 1969. The funds original intention has been superseded by government policy for disabled students. She has spoken with Brian Stanney about the fund, and she will meet with the funds trustees to work out these issues.

CHAIR

*E 225/06*  
**THAT the AVP investigate the relationship between AUSA and the Trust for Students with Disabilities.**
Carried

• **NZUSA reports**
  There will be a conference report on July conference next week.

• **Archiving**
  AVP thanked Stephen and Rory for helping her in the archives. She says there is only about 15 hours left to do. Next archiving session this Wednesday after the BBQ. Proposed archiving session this Wednesday at 3 after the BBQ.

• **Portfolio Reports**
  
  **CHAIR**
  
  E 226/06
  THAT the Welfare Officers’ Semester 1 Report be received and noted.
  Note: MO reported that in the Craccum feedback survey, in the question asking about the AUSA pages, the question ‘We Love David Do!’ got the most responses.
  
  *Carried*

• **Tamaki and IAO Portfolio reports – Tabled**

• **Lost Property Sale**
  WO will work on a day to hold this during the first week, and associated leaflets drop. WO to work on promotion and details.

• **GM and equipment**
  Nick Withers (IT manager) has come up with recommendations to purchases of equipment to assist with training and AUSA work, for example WAVE class rep training. This equipment can have a variety of uses.
  The issue of laptops was also raised, given that staff members are currently having to use borrowed laptops when they’re away. GM has reported that there are sufficient capital expenditure funds to cover this. Treasurer reported no real concerns over this spending.
  SO also wanted to be sure that the equipment will be kept safe. GM said that this equipment would be booked and hired out through Nick Withers through a sign-in basis, to improve accountability and safety of the equipment.

  **CHAIR**
  
  E 227/06
  THAT up to $3000 be approved for capital expenditure on a data projector, a digital camera, and a DVD player, for the purposes of AUSA operations.
  
  *Carried*

• **Exam Event** - CSO presented an oral report and invoice on the event. About 3500 lollies were given out for the Executive information. Also planning a Clubs Presidents Forum for the first week back, before the grants round.

  **MOALA L./FOWLES**
  
  E 228/06
  THAT $60 be granted from Executive Projects for pizza for the Clubs Presidents Forum.
  
  *Carried*

• **AVP** reported normal duties
• **ETTSA** – working on formalising ETTSA operational policies, such as financial policies, with the employment of new staff members. Enjoyed NZUSA conference. Also had a meeting with Caleb regarding small/satellite campus issues.
• **MO** – Jess was interviewed by the Aucklander. First meeting of the Publications Committee. Executive columns by Wednesday afternoon.
• **MSO** – went to Maori Law Students association recruitment up north. Visited 9-10 schools around Northland to promote tertiary education. Several events coming up in his area of responsibility this semester as well.
• OSO – It was intended that Grace to go down to International Conference, as Howard was unable to go. However, recent developments have meant that neither can go down for the conference this weekend. International student fee setting coming up on August.

CHAIR

E 229/06

THAT David Do (Welfare Officer) represent AUSA at the NZUSA International Conference in place of the OSOs

Carried

Note: Expenses were to be worked out through Treasurer.

• PISO – Attended NZUSA conference. He found it eye opening and made him more appreciative of the work of AUSA and NZUSA. Also stayed on for the PI Fono, however found that it was badly organised unfortunately. AUSA will be hosting the Fono in 2007. He wants to help organise it and make it more structured. He has also worked with the Tuakana programme to set up a programme of internships for high-achieving Maori and Pacific Island students, which will be launched soon.

• CSO – Clubs Day and Clubs Presidents Forum to be on first Tuesday of semester.

• SO – Very busy, working on Blues Awards, Winter Games, and document for 2008 major project.

• NAO – Stephen is working six days a week, will be developing his Engage Week proposal.

• SRC – also working lots at the moment. Next week’s SRC will be karaoke, with prizes.

7:03pm - The MO (Hearn) left the meeting.

• Treasurer – he did accounts, to the Executive’s acclamation. Also working on a financial report to present to next weeks Executive meeting.

• Tamaki – TSA website has been upgraded – wwwusaha.auckland.ac.nz/tsa. New staff member Mary at Tamaki. Lots of work done over past few weeks. Working on Reorientation at Tamaki. Student survey in second week to get a handle on the Tamaki situation.

• WO – Written report on UniQ conference next meeting, reported that AUSA will host it next year.

• The President recapped the major priorities for the week ahead:
  Freshers Week, Reorientation, Portfolio Reports by midnight, and also urged Executive members to read their agendas.

Date of Next Meeting: 6pm on Monday, 17 July 2006, in the Executive Chambers

Meeting Closed at: 7:20pm

Signed as a true and correct record

Dan Bidois, President, CHAIR