MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE A.U.S.A. EXECUTIVE HELD ON MONDAY, 7 AUGUST 2006 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM IN THE EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS, LEVEL 2, SAC BUILDING

PRESENT:
President (Chair), AVP, EVP, Treasurer, WRO (Allanah), CAO (Charmaine), CSO, MSO (2), IAO, Tamaki (Adam), EAO, SRC, NAO (2), WO.

APOLOGIES:
PISO, Tamaki (Caleb).

GRANTED LEAVE:
SO.

ABSENT:
MO, OSO.

IN ATTENDANCE:
General Manager, Richard Bol, Bethanie Maples, Sarah Clarke, Stephen, Craig Gordon.

Meeting Opened: 6.02pm

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

   CHAIR
   E 262/06 THAT the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 31 July 2006 be received and adopted as a true and correct record.
   Carried Abstention: WRO

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:
   • Discipline Committee – nothing happening.

3. Correspondence:

   CHAIR
   Tabled THAT the correspondence 236/06 to 246/06 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.

4. General Business:
   • SRC Minutes
     SHARIAT/COOPER
     E 263/06 THAT the Minutes of the SRC meeting held on 19 July 2006 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.
     Carried
   • AUSA Trust Sub-Committee – The President outlined the contents of the report, and took questions.
     CHAIR
     E 264/06 THAT a report from the AUSA Trust Sub-Committee held on 19 July 2006 be received and the recommendations noted.
     Carried
5. Health and Safety
• Loose cobblestones in the Quad – waiting on order to go through with University.

General Business:
• Election Marketing Debrief – The President sought feedback to pass onto Maree our Returning Officer, with regards to how to better market the Elections. The WO noted that we did receive a very high turnout of 2045 votes, around 10% of membership. The EVP expressed a desire for greater competition for positions, citing the lack of competition in these past officer elections. The election budget was increased to increase advertising. The CSO echoed the EVP’s concerns, that competition was helpful, suggested some sort of information campaign to educate students on why it was important to vote. The MSO (Kahu) suggested inviting class reps to Executive meetings and using bFM to advertise. The CAO suggested sending a special AUSA email encouraging people to vote. The WO suggested using the Class Rep system to advertise the elections. It was suggested that more booths be set up. It was noted about five votes were received at the Epsom and Tamaki campuses. The CSO suggested investigating alternative avenues of promotion. The AVP noted that Maree did work very hard in a difficult time, and also noted that the AVP, EVP and WO did organise an information session for portfolio candidates, and that this be better advertised next year. The NAO (Stephen) suggested e-voting. The EVP suggested incentivising turnout, doesn’t see any harm in incentive turn out such as a BBQ or lollipop. The IAO disagreed with the concept though. The SRC reiterated using Class Reps to advertise the elections. The IAO suggested giving a sticker to everybody who’s voted eg. “I’ve Voted”. However, that proposal was tried previously and ran into impracticalities, such as people changing clothes. The General Manager is to liaise with Maree on the recommendations from Executive.

The special voting proposal was designed to allow those who had received an AUSA sticker and signed up but for some reasons weren’t on the AUSA database to vote. The EVP disagreed with the concept of only counting special votes if the margin is close. It was suggested that the special vote proposal go ahead unchanged for this year’s elections and be amended for next year’s elections.

GOLDIE/CROWE
E 265/06 THAT the proposed changes to the voting procedure regarding special votes from the General Manager be adopted for the 2006 Portfolio Elections, on the proviso that the policy is reviewed for the 2007 elections.
Carried Abstention: NAO

6.40pm - The IAO left the meeting.

Discussion:
• Self-Defence Classes – The WRO is in the process of organising self-defence workshops, working with Auckland Women’s Centre. She was approached by a male student interested in helping out. Proposed to go forward with two types of workshops, one women-only, the other open to all. She will advertise in next week’s Craccum.
• Platform – Tabled.

6.47pm – The CAO left the meeting.

• Epsom Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – The EVP presented a revised MOU (with a few changes), proposed that it be recognised as the current agreement, to supersede the previous MOU which had been a transitional document.

GOLDIE/GOLDER
E 266/06 THAT Dan Bidois be directed to sign the revised Memorandum of Understanding between AUSA and ETTS.
Carried
The EVP also suggested that this MOU be included as a schedule of the Constitution as well, also reported that the ETTS President is supportive of this.
GOLDIE/CROWE

E 267/06 THAT it be recommended to the Winter General Meeting that the MOU between AUSA and ETTS be included as the 19th Schedule of the AUSA Constitution, subject to it being signed off via delegated authority.

Carried

• NZUSA – Proposed changes to NZUSA constitutional structure was presented to Executive, which resolved a possible change to double majority voting at NZUSA, which will be moved at September Conference. The EVP to look closely into this.

CHAIR

E 268/06 THAT the Executive move into committee of the whole AND THAT strangers be excluded.

Carried

• Courses and Careers Day – The CSO wants clubs to come and set up on the day to advertise themselves. She wanted to re-introduce an incentive system to get clubs to come along involving pizza and soft drink.

MOALA L./MILLS

E 270/06 THAT up to $300 be allocated from Executive Projects to be used for incentive club turnout on Courses and Careers Day, on the proviso that incentives be limited to a pizza per club and a soft drink per attending member at maximum.

Carried

Note: A budgetary allocation for this should be included in next year’s budget.

• Battle of the Bombays – The WRO reports she can play netball too, as well as both of the NAOs, the MSO, EAO and CSO. September 18-23. It was proposed that a practice session for Exec be held before they go down to Hamilton.

Looking forward
• The MSO reported they are selling hangis to fundraise for a trip to Hawaii.
• The NAO reported good progress on meeting with the MSOs on model Maori Parliament with Engage Week. The NAO can go ahead and book rooms and locations for this Parliament. The President will try to arrange a meeting with the NAOs regarding this.
• The SRC noted there was a proposal from CUAP for tertiary institutions to award conjoint degrees as a single qualification, rather than separate degrees.

Date of Next Meeting: 6pm on Monday, 14 August 2006 in the Executive Chambers
Meeting Closed at: 7.15pm

Signed as a true and correct record

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Dan Bidois, President, CHAIR