Minutes of a Meeting of the A.U.S.A. Executive held on Monday, 4 September 2006 commencing at 6.00 PM in the Executive Chambers, Level 2, SAC Building

Present:
President (Chair), AVP, EVP, Treasurer, WO, NAO (Glenn), ETTSA, WRO (Allanah), EAO, CAO (Charmaine), IAO, PISO, Tamaki (Adam), SRC.

Apologies:
CSO, MO (Sam), SO

Absent:
MSO, OSO.

In Attendance:
Richard Bol, Sophie Klinger.

The President outlined upcoming events and activities over the next three months before the meeting began.

Meeting Opened: 6.12pm

The President clarified that the ETTSA Representative now has voting rights, as per the recent Winter General Meeting ratification.

Delegated Powers:

Chair
E 284/06 THAT the AUSA chief delegates at NZUSA September Conference vote as they deem to be in the best interests of AUSA for the NZUSA Co-Presidents and NWRO.
Carried

Note: The Chief Delegates voted as follows: 1 vote for Caroline Prendergast for NWRO; 1 vote for Joseph Randall for NZUSA Co-President 2007. All other votes: No Confidence.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Chair
E 285/06 THAT the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 21 August 2006 be received and adopted as a true and correct record pending amendment.
Carried

2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- The AVP reported the recound of the OSO election found the three-vote margin was the same after recounting, though with increased votes.
- Tim Baice was elected AUPISA President in a re-election. Cedric Mamoe was elected PISO Officer.
- Discipline Committee – lawyer to get in contact soon.
3. General Business:

• SRC Minutes
  SHARIAT/BRETTON
  
  \[E\ 286/06\] THAT the Minutes of the SRC meeting held on 2 August 2006 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.
  
  \emph{Carried} \quad \text{Abstention: EVP}

• WGM Minutes
  CHAIR
  
  \[E\ 287/06\] THAT the Minutes of the Winter General Meeting be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.
  
  \emph{Carried with acclamation}

Note: This meeting achieved quorum for the first time since late 2004.

• CAB Minutes
  RALPH/
  
  \text{Tabled} \quad THAT the Minutes of the Craccum Administration Board meeting held on 16 August be received and noted.

4. Correspondence:

• CHAIR
  
  \[E\ 288/06\] THAT the correspondence 263/06 to 269/06 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.
  
  \emph{Carried}

5. Health and Safety

• The WO notes the repainting of the white depth perception markings on the Student Union stairs.

Discussion:

• Inter-Cultural Mosaic Budget and Update – The CAO and OSO have started working together on this event. The main update will be provided next week. They requested Executive assistance with this event. The President suggested the SRC Chair see if his ‘Persian’ friends were able to contribute.

• Archiving – The AVP outlined the relocation to occur tomorrow. Need as many volunteers tomorrow morning at 8.30am to move boxes from the room to the trailer, and from the trailer to the storage units. Apart from the AVP, the following people said they would be there: David, Keefe, Tim, Alannah (after 10), Glenn (after 10) and Dan.

• NZUSA Strategic Plan 2006-2009 – The new Strategic Plan was adopted at NZUSA September Conference. The AVP outlined what happened from her perspective. The President ran the institutional knowledge workshop, which was very interesting, cited OUSA’s examples. At Women’s Conference there was discussion over withdrawing NZUSA’s Human Rights claim, as well as whether to adopt the new Ministry SLIM loan repayment model. The EVP expressed concerns that the Treaty workshop did not address equity issues as he would have liked. NZUSA elections only had Joseph Randall re-elected Co-President on 96% on the first ballot. EVP outlined details of how the other three candidates fared. During questions, it was noted that two of the candidates had no idea about the new tertiary funding system announced. The NWRO candidate Caroline Prendergast did not go through. Another round of voting will be held to elect the other Co-President and NWRO. The internal structure of NZUSA was also changed to a parallel structure of universities and ITPs. The EVP also noted he received a ‘bedazzled’ drink at Cobb and Co.

• CHAIR
  
  \[E\ 289/06\] THAT the AVP’s Conference report be received.
  
  \emph{Carried} \quad \text{Against: EVP}
• **IAO Revitalisation Plan** – The IAO said he created this plan after being re-elected, and wanted to learn from his ‘mistakes’ in the portfolio this year. He aimed to redesign the International Affairs committee to specifically include internationally focused clubs. He also aimed to advertise future UN delegations for about a month beforehand so that students know about these delegations.

The EVP suggested meeting funding be assessed first before committing to funding for the rest of the year. The AVP was concerned that the IAO plan was misleading as she felt the UN delegations would be entirely organised by the IAO himself (as he is the President of the UN Society) and not as the document implied. The IAO said that he wanted to expand the number of people involved in planning these delegations. The AVP expressed severe concerns about sending a delegation to Palestine/Israel and sought further details on what was proposed. The IAO reiterated that the intentions of these plans were to increase student participation. The IAO asked that the Executive endorse his plans. The EVP echoed strong concerns over possibly endorsing these plans regarding Palestine delegation.

**LEOTA/LOTHIAN**

**E 290/06**

THAT $40 from Executive Projects be granted for the next International Affairs Committee meeting (September) for pizza and soft drinks.

*Carried*  
Against: ETTSA  
Abstention: WRO

**LEOTA/LOTHIAN**

**E 291/06**

THAT the IAO’s International Delegations plan for 2006-2007 be endorsed.

*Lost*  
For: IAO, SRC, EAO  
Against: EVP, WRO, AVP, ETTSA, NAO, WO, Treasurer  
Abstention: PISO, OSO, Tamaki

**Foreshadowed Motion**

**LEOTA/BAICE**

**E 292/06**

THAT the IAO’s Harvard World MUN delegation be endorsed by AUSA.

*Carried*  
For: IAO, OSO, PISO, SRC, EAO  
Against: AVP, WO, NAO, ETTSA, WRO  
Abstention: EVP, Treasurer, Tamaki  
Casting Vote by President: For

Note: The AVP and President noted that the ‘proposal’ was extremely brief. The IAO promised to bring an expanded proposal next week.

• **UoA Council Profile 2007-09** – An outline of a draft profile was presented. A workshop on this will be upcoming.

• **Progressive Enterprises Workers’ Strike** – The WO raised this issue and gave some context to the current strike. The EVP suggested that given the SRC is not in session until classes resume, the Executive should pass supportive policy at this time.

**GOLDIE/RIDDELL**

**E 293/06**

THAT AUSA support the locked-out NDU and EPMU workers at Progressive Enterprises AND THAT we write a letter of support to these locked-out workers.

*Carried with acclamation*  
Abstention: IAO

**BRETTON/GOLDER**

**E 294/06**

THAT a letter be sent to the management of Progressive Enterprises, saying that if they don’t commit to treating their workers in a fair manner, they stand liable of being deemed an enemy of students.

*Carried*  
Abstention: PISO, Tamaki, OSO

Note: It was suggested that we wait and see on this particular action, given AUSA’s relationships with Foodtown.

• **Self Defence Classes** – The WRO is currently organising self-defence classes and gave further details on the classes. She requested about $200 to subsidise students’ participation in the workshops.
GOLDER/GOLDIE

E 295/06
THAT $200+ GST be granted from Executive Projects to subsidise student participation in the WRO’s self-defence classes.

Carried

• NZUSA

GOLDIE/DO

E 296/06
THAT AUSA endorse the NZUSA Strategic Plan AND THAT it commit to playing its role as part of the wider student movement in fulfilling the goals therein.

Carried

Note: The AVP said it would be good to get elements of the NZUSA plan into AUSA’s Strategic and Annual plans as well.

7.35pm – The Chair was passed to the AVP.

The President expressed concerns over the possible place of the AUSA Strategic Plan in relation to the NZUSA Strategic Plan.

BIDOIS/GOLDIE

E 297/06
THAT AUSA reaffirm its commitment to the AUSA Strategic Plan.

Carried

7.38pm – The Chair was passed to the President.

The EVP also raised an issue regarding Maori representation, in relation to the Treaty relationship, for example other associations encourage Maori representatives on their central committees. AUSA does not have this policy of commitment in this area. ETTSA raised concerns about whether Otago University’s proposed Code of Conduct would ever be attempted/applied here, and it was agreed that this was highly unlikely.

Date of Next Meeting: 6pm on Monday, 11 September 2006 in the Executive Chambers

Meeting Closed at: 7.41pm

Signed as a true and correct record

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Dan Bidois, President, CHAIR  Anna Crowe, AVP, CHAIR