MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE A.U.S.A. EXECUTIVE HELD ON MONDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM IN THE EXEC CHAMBERS

PRESENT:
President (Chair), AVP, Treasurer, EAO (R. Scott), MO, NAO (Max), OSO, SO (Oscar), WO, WRO.

APOLOGIES:
EVP, EAO (R. Chu), NAO (Alex), SRC (Darcy), Angela (ETTSA).

ABSENT:
CSO, CAO, PISO.

IN ATTENDANCE:
Omar Hamed, Tom O’Connor (AUSA GM & Minute Taker).

Meeting Opened: 6.05pm

Visitors Business:
Harmeet Sooden letter – Omar Hamed to speak. He asked that the AUSA Executive support the Human Rights Defenders working all over the world. He gave a brief explanation of what the workers do. They work in the Philippines, Middle East, Africa etc. When they are there the countries realise the world is watching. Harmeet Sooden travelled to Palestine and got arrested at the Israeli border and is asking for assistance, he was assaulted and then deported.

President: When he was kidnapped, we didn’t really do much nor did the University it seems. When released, the press conference was to be held off site and we (AUSA) funded that at the Quay West Hotel.

CHAIR
E 328/08 THAT AUSA supports Harmeet Sooden’s complaint to the NZ Government and United Nations about his treatment by the Israeli Government.
Carried

SCOTT/WOO
E 329/08 THAT AUSA supports its members who work in humanitarian organisations.
Carried

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:
CHAIR
E 330/08 THAT the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 3 November 2008 be received and adopted as a true and correct record pending amendment.
Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:
• Smoking issue to go to Council.
• Giveaways during exams went well.
• Sophia has been elected to the position with NZUSA.
Correspondence:

CHAIR
E 331/08 THAT the correspondence 259/08 to 265/08 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 332/08 THAT the President’s report be received.

Carried

CHAIR
E 333/08 THAT the AVP’s report be received.

Carried

Note: Faculty Associations, CSO going well, library and fire alarms.

CHAIR
E 334/08 THAT the Treasurer’s report be received.

Carried

Note: Survey results, report to come. Budget with Tom. Transition for Fiona.

Items for Discussion:

• Student Job Search – Constitution amendments, levies and MOU. Seeking Executive thoughts on this. General explanation and discussion was held. Executive generally approved of main points. Some concerns over MOU Clause 2.3.

6.41pm – MO left the meeting.

• Grafton Rep Job Description – For discussion and adoption. David presented a draft job description.

CHAIR
E 335/08 THAT AUSA adopt the Grafton Representative job description.

Carried

• SSCC Report – Any issues that we should act on in this round of SSCCs? Executive concluded that most were localised issues.

Items for Noting

• Executive Self-Review – A questionnaire for Executive to fill out and return to the AVP to summarise feedback. To see if Executive meetings can be improved or run better, for 2009.

• Dates of AUSA Festivals – Ecofest, Cultural Mosaic, Womensfest. Seeking Executive input into what would be a good timing of these things during the year, considering their timing this year. (Cultural Mosaic was on the week starting Sep 22, Week 8 of Semester 2. Ecofest was the week starting May 19, week 11 of Semester 1. Womensfest was the week starting May 26, week 12 of Semester 1.) There was a desire to have events earlier in the semester, and not back-to-back.

• Outdoor Shakespeare Committee – This met for the first time last week as they start to do planning for the next production. Seeking Executive support for the committee’s work and also appointing one or two Executive members onto the Committee to oversee their
work and spending while the Trust is set up. – *Tabled* - *President to come back with more information.*

- **Postgraduate NZUSA Conference Next Year** – A request for us to help with a Postgraduate Conference next year through NZUSA in Wellington mid-year. Seeking a funding request to help support the Conference from AUSA ($500, if so, then ASA will give $1000 and VUWSA $1500). President to talk more with PGSA to see if they can fund.

- **Upcoming:**
  - Executive reports due November 28th
  - Executive meeting December 1st 6pm
  - Executive meeting December 8th 6pm,
    then Executive dinner 7.30pm Aroy Thai bottom of Shortland St.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Tree planting day this Saturday, if we register as a group we can get a discount on ferry tickets to Mototapu Island.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 6pm on Monday, 1 December 2008 in the Executive Chambers.

**Meeting Closed at:** 7.15pm

Signed as a true and correct record

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David Do, President, CHAIR