PRESENT:
President (Chair), AVP, EVP, Treasurer, EAO, WRO, NAO (2), MSO (2), SO, WO, SRC, CSO.

APOLOGIES:

ABSENT:
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IN ATTENDANCE:
Sam Beanland, GM Tom O’Connor + Exec members who lapsed at last meeting: WRO, PISO.

Meeting Opened: 5.30pm

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:
CHAIR
E 238/07 THAT the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 12 November 2007 be received and adopted as a true and correct record.
Carried

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:
• The EVP informed the meeting of the outcome of the NZUSA Elections – Liz Hawes of ExMSS was elected the other Co-President, along with Paul Falloon of MUSA. Geoff Hayward pulled out of the election. The high percentage of Massey student politicians in NZUSA Federation Office in 2008 was noted.

TABLED ITEMS:
CHAIR
E 239/07 THAT up to $220 from the Campaigns budget line be used to buy calico, paint, and brushes for creating banners for campaigns and for AUSA next year.
Carried
Note: The EVP explained that this was to enable multiple banners to be painted next year to be hung in front of AUSA House.

3. Correspondence:
CHAIR
Tabled THAT the correspondence 137/07 to 139/07 be received AND THAT any correspondence from AUSA within these numbers be endorsed.

4. Health and Safety
• No Reports
5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- SRC Minutes
  
  CHAIR
  
  E 240/07 THAT the minutes of the SRC meeting held on 3 October 2007 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.
  
  Carried
  
  CHAIR
  
  E 241/07 THAT the minutes of the SRC meeting held on 10 October 2007 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.
  
  Carried

Closing Open Entry – The EVP described a major development recently regarding a proposal to remove open entry from all remaining degrees to the University from 2009. Outlined the process by which it had come through, raised concerns about the relative speed and also the lack of analysis in the proposal.

Points raised in discussion included:
- The principle that education should be accessible to all
- Concern that too many people may have degrees
- Special entry schemes campus-wide
- Segregation and polarisation
- Increasing class division in NZ
- The devil is in the details
- Sneaky timing
- Limits and criteria would be worked out later under the proposal
- Any limitation would inevitably focus on grades
- Balancing act between quality and access
- How would they plan for unintended consequences
- University focus on research at expense of teaching

  TIBBLE/PEACOCK
  
  E 242/07 THAT AUSA oppose removing open entry into the University of Auckland.
  
  Carried
  
  Against: AVP, WO
  
  Abstention: Treasurer
  
  DO/TIBBLE
  
  E 243/07 THAT AUSA vehemently disagree at the way in which this proposal is being pushed through the University without due process and consultation with key stakeholders.
  
  Carried

Date of Next Meeting: 6pm on Monday, 3 December 2007 in the Executive Chambers

Meeting Closed at: 6pm

Signed as a true and correct record

Lesieli Oliver, President, CHAIR