MINUTES OF THE AUSA AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2008 AT 1PM IN THE STUDENT UNION QUAD

1. PRESENT: PRESIDENT (CHAIR), EVP, TREASURER, CAO, CSO, EAO, IAO, MO, MSO, NAO, OSO, SRC, WRO, CRACCUM

2. APOLOGIES: AVP (ILLNESS), WO.

3. ABSENT: PISO

4. MEETING OPENED: 1.15pm

1.05pm - First count – 110. GM suggested that the meeting wait 10 minutes.

1.15pm - Recount – 255

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

CHAIR

G 1/08 THAT the Minutes of the Winter General Meeting held on Wednesday 23 August 2006 be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.
Carried

CHAIR

G 2/08 THAT the Minutes of the Inquorate Autumn General Meeting held on Wednesday 14 March 2007 be received.
Carried

CHAIR

G 3/08 THAT the Minutes of the Inquorate Autumn General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 March 2007 be received.
Carried

CHAIR

G 4/08 THAT the Minutes of the Inquorate Winter General Meeting held on Wednesday 22 August 2007 be received.
Carried

CHAIR

G 5/08 THAT the Minutes of the Inquorate Winter General Meeting held on Thursday 23 August 2007 be received.
Carried

6. DECLARATION OF ELECTION OF THE 2008 OFFICERS, PORTFOLIO HOLDERS & CRACCUM EDITOR

CHAIR

G 6/08 THAT the results for the 2008 Officers, Portfolio holders and Craccum Editor be adopted.

President: David Do
Administrative Vice-President: Desley Horton
Treasurer: Aki Arshad Malik
Education Vice-President: Sophia Blair
Clubs & Societies Rep: Joseph McCrory
Cultural Affairs Officer: Sonali Nidamarty & Azim Choudhry
Environmental Affairs Officer: Raymond Chu & Raymond Scott
International Affairs Officer: Omar Hamed
Media Officer: Aimee Hudson
National Affairs Officer: Max Harris & Alex Nelder
Overseas Students Officer: Laura (Hyo Young) Woo
Sports Officer: Tim Brightwell
SRC Chair: Darcy Peacock
Tamaki Representative: Bradley Tokomikahere-Layton
Welfare Officer: Sophie Klinger
Womens’ Rights Officer: Sophie Klinger
Craccum Editor: Daniel Sloan

Carried
7. **ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

   **CHAIR**

   **G 7/08** THAT the AUSA audited accounts as at 31 December 2006 be received and adopted.

   Carried

   1.35pm – Nick Keesing asked for a quorum count
   Second Recount – 200+ members

8. **HONORARY SOLICITOR APPOINTMENT**

   **CHAIR**

   **G 8/08** THAT Richard Hawk of Jackson Russell be appointed as the AUSA Honorary Solicitor.

   Carried

9. **AUDITORS APPOINTMENT**

   **CHAIR**

   **G 9/08** THAT Staples Rodway be appointed as AUSA Auditors.

   Carried

10. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

   • The issue of the University of Auckland’s elimination of open entry – information and discussion.

   The Chair was handed to the EVP.

   David Do outlined the issues and the position AUSA had taken late last year when the University moved to eliminate open entry. Professor Margaret Mutu of Maori Studies was invited to speak, outlining further concerns.

   Alex, a law student, spoke in favour of the motion, citing Laws opening up of entry.

   A Maori woman from Epsom campus spoke in favour.

   Another student (wearing green) spoke in favour.

   Reina Harris of NTM said that it was not just a Maori student issue it is an issue affecting all students.

   Joe McCrory, CSO, spoke in favour.

   Omar Hamed, IAO, spoke in favour, citing fundamental rights of education.

   Another student spoke, he was not opposed to the closing of open entry.

   DAVID DO/HAMISH FLETCHER

   **G 10/08** THAT AUSA condemns the University for its complete failure to adequately consult and discuss the issues of admissions and limited entry with its most important stakeholders, students.

   Carried Unanimously

   DAVID DO/H BROWN

   **G 11/08** THAT AUSA opposes the elimination of open entry from the University of Auckland.

   Carried Overwhelmingly

   DAVID DO/TAIA REGAN JAMES

   **G 12/08** THAT this General Meeting supports AUSA, if necessary, undertaking legal action (through judicial or administrative review, legal injunction, or equivalent actions) against the University in order to secure an appropriate process for considering the issues of student admission and selection, and secure fair processes of student admission into the University of Auckland.

   Carried

   Note: David Do explained the background of the motion, stressing that this was a last resort if the university failed to listen to concerns raised, and that AUSA would seek ways to minimise the cost of legal action.

   • Mini Draw

11. **MEETING CLOSED:** 1.48pm

Signed as a true and correct record