



MINUTES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

22.07.2025

Location: 119.G30 | 6:00PM – 8:00PM

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

6:00 - 6:05

Address by TRK AUSA President, EVP

- I. Welcome and opening Karakia
- II. Meeting flow briefing

STUDENT COUNCIL DISCUSSION

6:05 – 6:20

- Concerns raised on Exec leadership, budget management, and workload delegation- one person taking on more responsibility than others
- Safeguards in place to keep individuals in their roles for the entire term
- Knowledge/information of qualifications and previous experience before elections
- Update on UBIQ, Shads, ATSA, and other undertakings that were discussed at the start of the year.
- Clarity on the ongoing processes at Craccum
- Information, visibility, and transparency for SC members by AUSA exec
- Collaboration of the paid placement committee with the placement teams of the respective faculty staff and students – no updates given to the students
- Quicker coordination between AUSA exec and SC members for media statements, or any other endorsements or affiliations
- More transparency and accountability assured aside of the monthly meetings
- Mere mention of attending meetings in the monthly reports are counterintuitive – it gives incomplete information and
- Require more information on the deliverables by the Finance & Operations
- Sticking to the time of the SC while ensuring discussion of
- Education space with UG and PG EVPs – unequal involvement and contribution

President:

- Five core pillars set as goals at the beginning of terms
- Student Voice –
 - New national student body – ATSA – sounding board for student bodies, a new one ATAG – tertiary action group
 - Budgie Eats – initiated the discussion and
 - Media statement and increasing presence
 - Transparency and open-door policy
 - Lobbying – met with
- Experience –
 - O week
 - Internship prog
 - Shads 2.0
- Student Support
 - WDCC portal – changed direction
 - Spiritual
 - Blue light support

UG EVP

- Education & Student Voice
 - Representation on academic committees
 - Responding to student concerns
 - Academic projects
 - Student Voice projects
- VP/Exec
 - Additional responsibilities picked as part of the exec

PG EVP

- Advocacy and representation
 - Representation on committees
 - Mental health support and facilities
 - Work with the National Equity Groups
 - Rally against pay equity amendment bill
- Pasifika & indigenous Leadership

- Political & Grassroot level
- Plan for next part of the term
 - Collective care

Finance & Operations

- Treasury Oversight
 - Budget governance and finalisation
 - Entity governance
- Secretariat Duties
 - Meeting management
- Core challenges
 - Investment trust
 - Finance committee
- Plan
 - Risk assessment
 - Set up of revised financial plan
- Strategic Projects
 - Sub-committees

Engagement VP

- Themes weeks and study breaks
 - Increased AUSA involvement and visibility
 - Increased engagement with clubs, and students
 - More events at Grafton campus
 - Started the engagement committee
- Clubs
 - Broadcast channel on IG
 - New room booking system
 - Involvement in sub-committees and working groups
- Next
 - Further increased engagement
 - More sponsorship to increase benefits for students

Well-being & Equity VP

- A part of meetings and committees for safety and wellbeing
- A part of panels and working groups
- Work of cheaper transportation
- More lights on campus for student safety
- Student care and support -
- Work closely with campus care and other exec portfolios

WRO

- Rally and submission against pay equity amendments
- Anti-stalking legislation
- Rape awareness week
- Updated sexual assault victim's handbook
- Increase engagement in women's space
- Upcoming:
 - Launch of sexual harm survey week 2
 - Campaigns and
 - Working

Queer Rights Officer

- Responsibilities apart from AUSA exec as Queer Rights officer
- Revamped queer space
- BGO
- QSA
- Pride week
- WIP
 - HRT initiation
 - Transition fund
 - More events
 - Advocacy

ISO

- **Plans for Sem 2**
 - Accommodation & onboarding for new international students
 - Immigration and visa support drop-in sessions
 - Jobs & internships – collaboration with SJS, CDES, etc.
 - Events – international week, mental health & well-being

Disability Rights Officer

- Set-up disability think tank (sub-committee)
- Hybrid learning at the university
- Visibility for disability and disabled students
 - Representation at committees

PGSO

- Sub-doctoral & Doctoral

- Collaboration with SGS & sub-doctoral networks
- Work on concern areas for mature students
- Focus on areas of concern for doctoral students
- Upcoming
 - Events
 - Projects and initiative

PISO

- Representation
- Events
- AUSA presence at events and
- Building relations with PVCP
- C-space improvement

MSO

- Events
 - Māori grad
 - Haerenga – promote tertiary education within smaller Māori communities
 - Māori day
 - Huinga Tauria

DISCUSSION

7:15 – 7:20

Chance for the SC members to discuss concerns before questioning/scrutinising the AUSA exec members. Also a chance to clarify any doubts or questions with the staff before posing them as concerns to the exec.

APPRECIATION/SCRUTINY OF AUSA EXEC

7:15 – 7:20

- Welcome and appreciation for ISO
- Appreciation for Engagement VP, WRO, QRO, PISO for events and engagement
- Emphasis on the importance of regular updates and better monthly reporting for the exec – to ensure increased visibility and transparency
- Clarity on the vision or plans – specifically by the Finance & Operations VP
- Statement on UBIQ by the GM
- Questions and concerns raised on the financial performance and plan

- Accountability in relation to the initial operations plan and discussion on the plans and vision for AUSA
- 5-year strategic plan set for AUSA this year
- Closing the loop and keeping the SC member involved – specifically questioned on the engagement for paid placement and the initiatives around it
 - The roadblocks and concerns of the procedures highlighted by the President
- Question on the exec sub-committees and the structure
 - The exec members talked about the various sub-committees they are a part of with the operations and objective of the committee
- Collaboration of the EVP roles for important student concerns like faculty merger, and AI policy. More engagement with the PG EVP would be helpful for the respective faculty student reps to manage the concerns of the PG students.
- Clarity on the structure of the QRO role and the role of the QSA co-president
 - Proposed MoU between AUSA & QSA for the future
- Better quality monthly reports with more detailed reporting and action and outcome description

CLOSING AND CONFIRMATION FOR NEXT MEETING

7:55 – 8:00

The next Student Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19 August

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