Election Nomination Information Night
Welcome
Carey Moore-President
What is USASA?

Daniel Randell-General Manager
Constitutional Objectives

• promote and defend the interests and welfare of Students at the University, and ensure the provision of adequate support services for Students;

• promote the growth and development of the Students of the University with particular emphasis on the quality of the teaching and learning environment and the development of academic excellence;

• encourage participation in University decision making, including nominating Students, as required, to serve on appropriate University-wide councils or committees which have provision for Student membership;

• promote and encourage equity and access at all levels for all Students within the University;

• to promote diverse Student interests, discussion and action towards relevant issues and to publish or otherwise disseminate information and opinions on matters of interest to Students
Strategic Objectives

Objective 1: To be an effective voice for representing students

Objective 2: Students receive support regarding their rights and responsibilities as well as understand University policies and procedures

Objective 3: To have a campus culture where students have fun, make friends and take pride in their University.
2016 SSAF Allocation by Area

- Student Support & Advocacy: $421,060
- Campus Counter: $306,592
- Events: $296,446
- Representation: $241,731
- Clubs: $126,067
- Diaries, Wall planners, & other giveaways: $57,900
- Verse Magazine: $50,204
- Small Grants: $25,000
- Brekkie Bar: $20,000
Board Composition

- President
- Postgraduate Student Representative
- International Student Representative
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Student Representative
- 2 per metro campus, one must be undergraduate
- Whyalla
- Mt Gambier

- Ex-Officio (Non-voting Members)
  - Two independent advisors; Finance and Law
  - GM
- Two observers from UniSA
Governance

1. USASA is an incorporated body. Guided by:
   a) SA Association Act
   b) USASA Constitution
   c) Student members

2. Directors are elected Student Representatives
   a) Determine policy direction
   b) Review performance
   c) Manage risk so as to protect USASA
   d) Review strategy

3. General Manager (GM)
   a) Public Officer
   b) Manages day to day operations to policy direction
   c) Consults President who must represent the Board
   d) Manages staff
Functions of the board

Outward Looking

Providing Accountability

Strategy Formulation

Approve and work through the CEO

Inward Looking

Monitoring and Supervising

Policy Making and Revising

Past and present focused

Future Focused
What does the USASA Board do?

1. Ensuring that the organisation complies with its constitution and bylaws, such as those regarding the calling and holding of meetings
2. Acting in the best interest of the organisation
3. Exercising care, skill and diligence in carrying out the role of being a Board member
4. Ensuring that the organisation maintains its sense of purpose and direction
5. Meeting with, and hearing reports from, the General Manager and other paid staff regarding the business of the organisation.
The Student Representative Role

Jason Bilberry - Policy & Research Officer
President’s Role

1. Represent all students of University of South Australia by seeking input from students and various student groups.
2. Represent and report the view of the USASA Board and the students it represents to UniSA by attending key University committees.
3. As Chairperson of the Board, assure that the Board fulfils its responsibilities for the governance and mission delivery of USASA.
4. Support and work under the guidance of the General Manager to achieve the agreed Board endorsed vision and mission of USASA.
5. Optimise the relationship between the Board and the University of South Australia.
6. Working at Campus Office as required
Elected Representative Role

1. Represent University of South Australia student for the position you were elected by seeking input from students and various student groups.
2. Provide governance to USASA, optimise its performance and ensure compliance with legal requirements;
3. Accept the ultimate legal authority for the organisation.
4. International, Post Graduate and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student Reps focus on representing their respective cohort
Board Meeting Attendance

1. Board member attendance critical to ensure optimum decision making
2. Board Member’s office considered vacant if:
   a) Absent from two Board meetings in a row; or
   b) Absent from three in five Board meetings
3. Vacancies filled as required by Constitution
Representatives stand to gain

1. Practical experience
2. CV recognition
3. Opportunity to mix with non students
4. Working with people who have other skills
5. Negotiating skills
6. Organisation management
   a) Working in committee structure
   b) Planning, budgeting and review
Commitment of your time

1. Expect to spend at least 10 hours a fortnight on USASA business
2. Compulsory live in retreat – January
3. Board meetings about 12 per year
4. Subcommittee meetings
5. Attendance at UniSA Academic Review & Formal Inquiries
6. Attendance at UniSA Academic Board
7. UniSA committee meetings and working groups.
Managing your expectations

1. Presenting your idea
2. Listening to others for facts and non facts
3. Learning to adjust your opinion
4. Generation of ideas without judgement
5. Debate of ideas with open mind
6. Decision based on judgements of unknown future
7. Working with others time frames
8. Change takes time
Discussion
Student Reps Past & Present

Carey Moore- President
Luke Rogers- City East Rep
Vanessa Byrt-Trenorden- 2015 City West Rep
What Next?
6 September - Nominations Open
14 & 19 September – Election Workshop
Questions?