

Board Meeting Minutes
12 January 2016, 6.00pm
City West Campus JS6-13

Attendees: Carey Moore (President/Chair), Nick Li, Valerie Baya, Jue Wang, Mark Meegan, Luke Rogers, Lisa Bennetts, Izik Nehow, Christopher Ghan, Kayla Dickeson, Kemal Brkic, Tammy Masters, Daniel Randell (General Manager), Jason Bilberry (Policy and Research Officer).

Advisors: Nick Anderson (Financial/Audit), Arthur Siow (Legal)

UniSA Observers: Allan Tabor (Director SAS)

Minute Secretary: Michelle Battams

The Chair declared the meeting open at 6.18pm.

1. Meeting Opening

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged this meeting was being conducted on the land of the traditional owners.

1.2. Apologies

No apologies were recorded.

1.3. Presidents Welcome

1.4. Maiden Address

1.5. Previous minutes.

1.5.1 Motion moved by Luke Rogers and seconded by Lisa Bennetts to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 December 2015 were a true and accurate record. Motion carried.

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. Academic Board

The President advised that there are five positions available on the academic board. The Board unanimously endorsed the nominations of Christopher Ghan, Izik Nehow, Luke Rogers and Kayla Dickeson to the academic board.

Action: The President of USASA will advise the Academic Board of the nominations.

2.2. Sub-Committee Appointments

The President outlined the responsibilities of the Board's sub committees, noting that they make recommendations to the Board and are not decision-making bodies. Sub-committees fit with the Board's meeting cycle, meeting at a minimum frequency of monthly, with a convener nominated to manage the agendas and minutes.

The Board unanimously endorsed the nominations of members and convener to the five existing sub committees:

Finance: Izik Nehow (Convener), Lisa Bennetts, Luke Rogers, Nick Li.

Events and Marketing: Jue Wang, Valerie Baya. Further discussion will occur at the sub-committee meeting about the current membership. A decision on the membership will be postponed until after that meeting.

Election Regulations: Izik Nehow (Convener), Mark Meegan, Luke Rogers, Lisa Bennetts, Kayla Dickeson, Nick Li. Possible inclusion of review of the Constitution.

Education and Welfare: Kayla Dickeson (Convener), Mark Meegan, Izik Nehow, Lisa Bennetts.

Clubs: Luke Rogers (Convener), Mark Meegan, Christopher Ghan, Tammy Masters.

2.3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Student Representative

Motion moved by Izik Nehow to vote for the ATSI representative at the Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: The Policy and Research Officer will advise the successful nominee of their nomination.

2.4. Tom Wilson Leave Application

This item was moved to the end of the agenda under any other business.

2.5. Constitution and Election Regulations Amendments and Omissions

Motion moved by Kayla Dickeson and seconded by Izik Nehow that the issues raised be reviewed by the election regulations sub-committee. Motion carried unanimously.

2.6. Proposed Law Trimester Changes

Motion moved by Izik Nehow and seconded by Kayla Dickeson that the issues raised be more thoroughly researched, and reviewed by the education and welfare sub-committee. Motion carried unanimously.

2.7. Proposed Mental Health Wellbeing Practices

Motion moved by the President and seconded by Nick Li that the issue be discussed with item 3.3. Motion carried.

2.8. Swearing an Oath of Allegiance

The Board agreed to defer the item until the next meeting.

3. Matters for Discussion

3.1. Women's Department at USASA

Motion moved by Kayla Dickeson and seconded by Luke Rogers to establish a women's sub-committee from USASA Board members, with Kayla Dickeson as the convener, Lisa Bennetts and Luke Rogers as members, and to bring Terms of Reference to the Board for resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

3.2. Secondhand Book Exchange

The Board asked Christopher to research what is currently available for students to access cheaper, secondhand text books.

Action: The Policy and Research Officer will contact the university library about the proposal and how the library might assist in a book exchange arrangement.

3.3. Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Board noted the mental health and wellbeing work being undertaken by the existing education and wellbeing sub-committee, and of the mental health and wellbeing services already in place. The Board noted that it is important to engage students with these services, and to determine where the gaps are and in which area more services are required.

Action: The Policy and Research Officer will prepare a paper on the services that are in place before meeting with the Manager, Wellbeing in the student engagement area. A paper will come back to the Board following this body of work.

3.4. USASA support on increased space research projects and initiatives at UniSA

A motion was moved by Izik Nehow and seconded by the President to bring a paper back to the Board that articulates the goals and objectives and how the proposal will benefit the USASA, inclusive of costs and resources requested.

4. Matters for Noting/Information

4.1. Finance Report

The Board **NOTED** the Finance Report.

4.2. Board Members Reports

The Board Members Reports were **DEFERRED** until the next Board meeting.

4.3. Committee Reports

4.3.1 Election Regulations Committee Report. Taken as read. **NOTED.**

4.3.2 Marketing and Events Committee Report. Taken as read. **NOTED.**

4.4. National Union of Students 2015 National Conference

The Board **NOTED** the recommendation to read the NUS constitution.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Vice President to Board election

Izik Nehow moved a motion to nominate himself as Vice President, USASA.

The President declared Izik Nehow elected as Vice President, USASA unopposed.

5.2. Goal setting meetings

Action: The President will email Board members with the requirements and timelines.

5.3. O Week

The Board were advised that the O Week coordinator will email members about O week activities and rostering.

5.4. USASA Code of Conduct Complaint

Item conducted in camera.

5.5. Tom Wilson leave (moved from 2.4)

Item conducted in camera.

6. Closure

6.1. Next Meeting

Meetings will be held every second Monday of the month.

Date of next meeting: 8 February 2016.

Time of meeting: 6.30pm

Venue: City West Campus JS6-13

6.2. Meeting close

The meeting was adjourned at 9.47pm for the UniSA Observer, the Policy and Research Officer and Minute Secretary to leave the meeting to allow the Board to conduct items 5.4 and 5.5 in-camera.

The meeting closed at 10.50 pm.