



USASA Board Meeting Minutes

Monday 8 February 2016

6.30pm

City West Campus, JS6-13

Attendees: Carey Moore (President), Valerie Baya (via Skype), Mark Meegan, Luke Rogers, Lisa Bennetts, Izik Nehow, Christopher Ghan, Kayla Dickeson, Kemal Brkic, Tammy Masters (via video link), Sophie Murray, Daniel Randell (General Manager), Jason Bilberry (Policy & Research Officer)

Invited guest: Nadia Rajic, Manager, Student Wellbeing Centre, UniSA

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

UniSA Observers: Allan Tabor (Director SAS)

Minute Secretary: Michelle Battams

1. Meeting Opening

The President declared the meeting open at 6.51pm.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

USASA respects the Kurna, Boandik and Barngarla peoples' spiritual relationship with their country. We recognize and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, and acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to these people living today. We acknowledge the diversity of Aboriginal people, past and present.

2. Apologies

The Board noted the apologies of Mr Li and Ms Wang.

3. Previous Minutes.

1.3.1 The motion was moved by Mr Nehow and seconded by Mr Ghan to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 January 2016 were a true and accurate record. Motion carried.

The Board noted that Ms Murray abstained from the vote as she was not in attendance at the last meeting.

1.3.2. Action log.

The President went through the action log and noted that from the meeting of 12 January 2016 items 2.1, 2.3, 3.2 and 3.3 have been completed, with items 4.1 and 5.2 in progress.

2. Presentation- Ms Nadia Rajic, Manager, Student Wellbeing Centre, UniSA

The Board NOTED the presentation about the Student Wellbeing Strategy.

The Chair moved to adjourn the agenda to welcome Ms Sophie Murray to the Board as the elected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative, and invited Ms Murray to give her maiden address to the Board.

2.2 Ms Sophie Murray, maiden address

Ms Sophie Murray, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student representative, introduced herself to the Board. Ms Murray's family is from near Lake Eyre in northern South Australia. Ms Murray advised that her area of study is Undergraduate Bachelor of Sport and Recreation and a Master of Aboriginal Affairs at Mawson Lakes. Ms Murray reported that she is the contact for indigenous student services and is an active participant in Deadly Alumni. Ms Murray advised that she is excited to be a Board member and looks forward to UniSA supporting its 20/20 Horizon commitment. Ms Murray reported that there are some feelings of disengagement amongst indigenous students and her role as a student representative is to support indigenous students and ensure that there is a high level of engagement and support for the students across UniSA campuses.

The Chair moved to return to the meeting agenda.

3. Matters for Decision

3.1. City East Student Representative

The Board NOTED that the Policy and Research Officer will, in accordance with the Board Constitution, liaise with students to fill the City East casual board vacancy.

3.2. Request to move to Finance Committee

The Board NOTED that the proposed recommendation to approve Mr Meegan's move to the Finance Sub-Committee was withdrawn by the Board member.

3.3. Swearing an Oath of Allegiance

A motion was moved by Mr Rogers and seconded by Mr Meegan that Board members be able to swear an oath of allegiance to the Board where they see fit. The motion was defeated seven to two, with two members abstaining from voting. Motion failed.

3.4. Law Trimester Changes

The Board agreed that the Board member's proposal should be restated and condensed and provide a more balanced debate, with references only to specific publications.

3.5. International Student Sub-Committee

A motion was moved by Ms Baya to establish an International Student Sub-Committee with the membership of the Sub Committee to include Ms Baya, Mr Rogers and Mr Ghan, with Terms of Reference to be established. The motion was seconded by Mr Rogers. Motion carried unanimously.

3.6. Trees for Whyalla- Kemal Brkic

Mr Brkic moved a motion that the Board support the proposal, subject to the General Manager investigating other sources of funding and moving to the Finance Sub-Committee. Ms Dickeson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3.7. Women's Committee Terms of Reference

A motion was moved by Ms Dickeson that the Terms of Reference for the Women's Committee be accepted with the changes discussed. The motion was seconded by Ms Bennetts. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Matters for Noting/Information

4.1. General Manager's Report

The Board NOTED the General Manager's report.

4.2. Board Members Report

The Board NOTED members' reports.

4.3. State of Higher Education

The Board NOTED the paper on the State of Higher Education, which provided information to Board members on current issues impacting the higher education sector.

5. Any other business

5.1 Second hand book sales

Mr Ghan reported that an update on the issue of second hand book sales is included in his monthly Board report. Mr Ghan advised that Magill campus does not have cash handling facilities to support the sale of second hand books. Mr Ghan asked the Board to consider progressing the idea of a second hand book market as discussed at the last Board meeting. The General Manager reported that he is having a meeting with the counter coordinator and the item is on the agenda for discussion.

5.2 O Week

The President reminded all Board members that they should be available to assist with O Week, and reminded members that when wearing the O Week t-shirt that they are promoting USASA and must not promote their own views/hobbies/clubs, and must act professionally and are there to represent students across all academic disciplines.

6. In Camera

The meeting was adjourned at 8.30pm for the UniSA Observer and Minute Secretary to leave the meeting to allow the Board to conduct discussions in-camera.

7. Closure

7.1 The next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 6.30pm at City West Campus JS6-13.

7.2 The meeting closed at 9.30pm