

USASA
Board Meeting - Minutes
11 April 2016, 6.30pm
City West Jeffery Smart Building JS6-13

Attendees:

Carey Moore (President), Izik Nehow (Vice President), Nick Li, Valérie Baya, Thomas Browne, Lisa Bennetts, Christopher Ghan, Kayla Dickeson, Sophie Murray, Jue Wang (via Web Conference), Kemal Brkic, Daniel Randell (General Manager), Jason Bilberry (Policy & Research Officer)

Apologies: Tammy Masters (apologies given), Luke Rogers (no apologies given)

Advisors: Nick Anderson, Arthur Siow
UniSA Observers: Allan Tabor, Director, SAS
Minute Secretary: Michelle Battams

The President declared the meeting open at 6.37pm.

1. Meeting Opening

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Board of USASA respects the Kurna, Boandik and Barngarla Peoples' spiritual relationship with their country and that today we meet on the land of the Kurna people, and recognise the Kurna people as the custodians on the land where we meet. We recognise 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 recognise the land from which Kemal travels from is the land of the Barngarla people.

1.2. Apologies

The President noted the written apology of Tammy Masters.
The motion was moved by the President and seconded by Izik Nehow to accept the written apology of Tammy Masters. Motion carried unanimously.

The President noted that Allan Tabor excused himself from the in-camera session of the meeting held 11 April 2016.

1.3. Previous Minutes

1.3.1. Confirmation of previous minutes

The motion was moved by the President and seconded by Izik Nehow to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 March 2016, as a true and accurate record. Motion carried unanimously.

1.3.2. Matters Arising/Action log-attach

The updates to the following items on the action log were noted as being in progress and on the agenda of this meeting:

- 5.2 Goal Setting (12 January meeting); and
- 3.5 International Students Committee TOR (15 March Meeting) (Agenda item 3.7).

2. In Camera Session

The Policy Officer, the Minute Secretary and one Board member excused themselves for the purposes of the USASA Board considering an item in camera.

The USASA Board resumed the meeting agenda at 7.35pm.

3. Matters for Decision

3.1. Formal Apology for 8 February 2016 Meeting – Jue Wang

The President moved a motion that the Board accept the apology by Jue Wang. The motion was seconded by Izik Nehow. The motion was accepted by two members and declined by five members. Motion defeated.

3.2. Annual General Meeting

The President moved a motion that the board endorse the date of the Board AGM to be 9 May 2016. The motion was seconded by Thomas Browne. Motion carried unanimously.

3.3. Brekky Bar

The President moved that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Daniel Randell will provide budgetary information on the Brekky Bar to Izik Nehow for the Finance Committee's deliberations.

3.4. Standing Orders

Izik Nehow moved to defer the paper for consideration at the next Board meeting. The President endorsed this proposal.

The President sought an informal vote of Board members by a show of hands, which indicated that the Board is open to the idea of supporting the introduction of standing orders.

3.5. Whyalla 25th Birthday Celebrations

The Board agreed to note that what was raised is a concern and highlights the need to ensure that metropolitan and regional campuses are consistently treated equally.

3.6. Request for USASA Board to endorse petition – Lifeline funding

The President noted that this issue is somewhat outside the remit of the Board, but encouraged members to spread the message of suicide prevention and awareness of mental health issues on a personal level.

3.7. International Student Committee Terms of Reference

The President moved a motion to accept the revised Terms of Reference. The motion was seconded by Thomas Browne. Motion unanimously accepted.

4. Matters for Noting/Information (unless starred)

The Board noted all reports submitted:

4.1. Financial Report (Noted)

4.2. President's Report (Noted)

4.3. General Manager's Report (Noted)

The Board noted that under Staffing and Administration, appointing new staff will be in early May (not March as written in the paper).

4.4. Board Member's Reports (Noted)

The Board noted that Izik Nehow did not submit a report and will be required to submit an apology to the Board.

4.5. Committee Reports (Noted)

4.5.1. Education and Welfare

4.5.2. Finance

4.6. State of Higher Education

The Board NOTED the State of Higher Education paper.

The Board NOTED the Student Services and Amenities Fee paper and that Daniel Randell would follow up the expenditure of the fee with the Pro Vice Chancellor's office, and report his findings back to the Board.

5. Any other business

5.1. CISA Conference

The President moved that the Board approve funding Valérie's attendance to the conference in Darwin, subject to the General Manager's discretion based upon an itemised breakdown of the full budget being provided. Lisa Bennetts seconded the motion. The motion was moved, with Jue abstaining from the vote.

The President requested that all Board members provide a breakdown budget when submitting papers that request the Board's approval for funding.

6. Closure

6.1. Next meeting

The next meeting of the USASA Board will be held on Monday, 9 May 2016 at 6.30pm, to be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Board.

At 8.41pm, the Policy Officer and the Minute Secretary left the meeting for the Board to move to an in camera session.

6.2. Meeting Closure

The meeting of the USASA Board closed at 8.47pm.