



Minutes of the USASA Board Meeting

Tuesday 16 October 2018

6.00pm Jeffery Smart Building JS6-13

Present:	Jordan Mumford:	President and Meeting Chair
	Board Members:	Kate Riggall Pamela Spek Bridget Barletta Cecilia Tran-Nguyen Grace Dixon Sneha Manimurugan Ryan Colsey Sopor Tan (via phone) Natansh Modi Kemal Brkic (via phone) Tom Gilchrist
		Daniel Randell, General Manager Bridget Laffy, Student Representative Support Officer
Advisors:		Nick Anderson, Finance Advisor Arthur Siow, Legal Advisor
UniSA Observer:		Allan Tabor, Director Student and Academic Services
Minute Secretary:		Chula Murray
Absentee:		Georgina Gogel

The President declared the meeting open at 6.01pm.

1. Meeting Opening

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Board of USASA respects the Kurna 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.

1.2 Apologies/Leave Requests

There were no apologies noted.

1.3 Conflicts of Interest

The Chair stated:

‘that all Members and officers in attendance declare that they have read and considered all papers within this agenda that require decision making and have no known conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest with respect to those matters.’

It was noted that any conflict of interest would be declared if and when they arise.

1.4 Previous Minutes

1.4.1. Confirmation – 18 September 2018 Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the September 2018 Board meeting conducted on 18 September 2018 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Jordan Mumford

No dissent.

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

1.4.2. Action Log

2.1 Magill Toasties Activation

This item is to be cancelled.

2.2 Election Timeline

In progress.

3.1 President’s Report

Complete.

2.2 AUU/USASA Working Group Discussion

Complete.

2. Matters for Decision

None for decision.

3. Matters for Discussion

3.1 Merger Threshold Issues for Students

Jordan Mumford spoke to this item.

The Board noted that the Education Committee discussed several items regarding a future merger, including (but not limited to):

- Genuine student partnership
- Status of unregulated fees
- Retaining existing scholarships that UniSA provides
- Student support from staff in the event that staff positions are lost
- Importance of an independent student association
- Increasing amenities that the student association provides

- Noting that the current business case and student focus don't align
- Ensuring that the University is communicating with students in a transparent way

It was noted that this is an ongoing discussion and that further work needs to be done in setting what the non-negotiable terms are.

The Board discussed how a material handover between the current Board and the next Board should occur. Whilst corporate knowledge should be retained by current members being re-elected to their positions, a face-to-face handover between incumbent and outgoing members may be beneficial.

Action: Bridget Laffy to facilitate Board Handovers.

4. Matters for Noting

4.1 President's Report

Taken as read.

The Board noted that a lot of work on the potential Merger has been committed over the last month. Jordan met with the President of the Adelaide University Union to determine a structure for the Joint Working Group. It was noted that the AUU was currently meeting and will also be voting on a motion for the establishment of a Joint Working Group that mirrors the motion below.

The Board also noted that David Lloyd will holding a "town hall" meeting with students, which will be MC'd by Jordan. Ideally, it would be good to have as many of this year's/next year's Board to attend.

Motion: That the University of South Australia Student Association Board resolves to establish a Joint Working Group with the Adelaide University Union.

The purpose of the Joint Working Group will be to ensure independence and success of student representation if a merged university goes ahead.

Members of the Joint Working Group will consist of:

- Current President of both Boards
 - After December 1, the immediate past President of the AUU
 - After December 31, the immediate past President of USASA
- President-elect of both Boards
- CEOs or GMs of both organisations
- CFOs or Finance Officer of both organisations

Moved: Jordan Mumford

No dissent.

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

4.2 General Manager's Report

4.2.1. Clubs Report

Taken as read.

The Board noted that Joe Nes, Marketing Officer, has taken up a new position with another firm and will finish up at the end of the month. A full-time position has been offered to Rachel Sharman, who will be a new graduate. The Board noted that USASA considers it important to provide graduate opportunities for students.

The Board noted that there are now 4457 club members, which is an increase in 1496 members from this time last year. There were also 101 events scheduled for the month.

4.3 Brand Awareness Survey Report

The Board noted that awareness increased, and that this may be in part due to the increase in clubs' activity.

The Board discussed the potential to have a "meet your representative" event, which may also increase awareness.

Clarification was sought surrounding services at Mawson Lakes. It was confirmed that all services currently offered through the counter will be continued to be offered on campus, but that the actual counter in the F Building will be closed down. Given that the student awareness of the counter facility is lower than average, it is not likely to have negative impact on awareness.

It was discussed that the Learning and Teaching Unit no longer exists, yet awareness for the unit seems to have increased. This will be queried with the Marketing team on whether this is an error in survey interpretation.

4.4 Board Members' Reports

Taken as read.

4.5 Committee Meeting Minutes

4.5.1 Finance Committee 18 September

Taken as read.

4.5.2 Diversity, Equity and Access Committee 25 September

The Committee will be discussing the Reconciliation Action Plan at their next meeting, so may need to change meeting date. It was clarified that Cecilia Tran-Nguyen is the City West Representative, and that there is still a need for an International Student Representative.

4.5.3 Clubs Committee 26 September

Taken as read.

4.5.4 Education Committee 28 September

The Board was updated that there will be no changes to the Bachelor of Arts; after a meeting with the Dean, it was confirmed that courses are not being deleted. All Arts students have been notified that they are able to enrol in those units.

5. Any Other Business

None raised.

6. Meeting Closure

6.1 Next meeting 6pm 20 November 2018

6.2 Meeting Closed 6.31pm