

## Minutes of the USASA Board Meeting

Tuesday 20 November 2018

6.00pm Jeffery Smart Building JS6-13

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

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The President declared the meeting open at 6.04 pm.

### 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

Arthur Siow's apology was noted.

### **1.2.1 Georgina Gogel**

Motion: to excuse Georgina Gogel from attending the Board Meeting on 20 November due to RAN training assessment.

Moved: Jordan Mumford

No dissent.

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

## **1.3 Conflicts of Interest**

Natansh Modi and Grace Dixon declared conflicts in relation to agenda item 2.2, as they were requesting funding to attend the NUS conference.

Jordan Mumford declared a potential conflict in relation to agenda items 2.2 and 2.3, given his role as a member of the NUS Executive. The Board agreed that he could vote on these matters.

Tom Gilchrist declared a conflict in relation to item 2.1, given his executive role with a USASA club which would receive funding under the proposal; and in relation to item 2.2, as he was also requesting funding to attend the NUS conference, where he planned to represent USASA and his political group.

Sneha Manimurugan and Natansh Modi also noted their roles as club executives.

## **1.4 Previous Minutes**

### **1.4.1. Confirmation – 16 October 2018 Minutes**

Motion: That the minutes of the Board Meeting of 16 October 2018 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, subject to amending item 4.3 so that the second and third sentences of paragraph 3 refer to "the USASA counter" (rather than "the hole in the wall").

Moved: Jordan Mumford

No dissent.

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

### **1.4.2. Action Log**

#### **2.2 Election Timeline**

Complete. A new action item of "Committee and Representative hand-over process" was noted for the December meeting.

## **2. Matters for Decision**

### **2.1 Clubs Direct Funding Model**

Daniel Randell spoke to the paper, which was taken as read. There were no questions.

Motion: That the Board approve \$25,000 in funds from the 2018 surplus for a pilot tiered clubs funding program in 2019, as set out in the Board paper.

Moved: Jordan Mumford

No dissent.

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

## **2.2 NUS Conference**

### **2.2.1 Grace Dixon funding request**

Grace Dixon circulated a revised paper, requesting a funding contribution of up to \$1,252 for attendance at the 2018 NUS National Conference, explaining that she intended combining the flights with a trip to Brisbane, for which she would meet the additional costs.

Motion: That the Board approves funding for up to a \$1,500 contribution for Grace Dixon to attend the 2018 NUS National Conference as set out in her proposal.

Moved: Grace Dixon

No Dissent.

All were in favour and the Motion was carried

### **2.2.2 Additional Funding Requests**

Tom Gilchrist noted the tradition of sending representatives (the outgoing and incoming President) to the NUS conference. Given that the outgoing President, Jordan Mumford, will attend anyway, in his capacity as a member of the NUS executive, Tom proposed that he be funded to attend as USASA's second delegate and Board representative, adding that he would submit policies to be put to the conference and would report back to the Board.

Natansh Modi also sought endorsement as USASA's second representative, noting his Board and NUS experience, that he has not applied previously and that that he is writing policies to be discussed at the conference, which will hopefully benefit Uni SA students. He would report back to the Board post-conference.

The General Manager advised that past practice has been to fund the attendance of the outgoing and incoming Presidents or one additional NUS delegate who is continuing on the Board (but that neither proposer meets this last criterion). Discussion ensued, covering shared funding, the contributions each applicant anticipated making as a USASA representative, and concern that the outgoing Board is required to make decisions which will affect the incoming Board. (This last point has been considered separately by the General Manager and outgoing President).

*NM and TG left the meeting at 6.33 pm.*

After further discussion, and noting that neither can represent USASA without their factions' approvals, a vote was taken and it was determined that funding would not be provided for an additional delegate to attend the NUS conference.

*TG and NM rejoined the meeting at 6.44 pm and were advised of the result.*

### **2.3 NUS Against Racism Campaign**

Tom Gilchrist spoke to his Board paper on this matter. Discussion covered details of the protest (a non-violent rally outside the event, with police attendance expected), student safety, consultation with students and NUS representatives), the possibility of unintentionally promoting the Gavin McInnes event and / or creating greater disturbance around it, concern that USASA should be independent of political debate, but should also promote student welfare, together with alternative methods of supporting the NUS Against Racism campaign, including production of a different poster.

Tom Gilchrist removed the funding request and put the following motion.

Motion: That the Board approve the design (attached to the Board papers) for the upcoming NUS Against Racism posters to be placed on USASA boards and actions the USASA President to share the event on the USASA Student Board's Facebook page in the lead up to the December 5th protest, as set out in the Board paper.

A vote was taken: For – 6 (including Jordan Mumford, Natansh Modi and Tom Gilchrist); against – 4; abstention – 1.

The Motion was carried.

## **3. Matters for Noting**

### **3.1 President's Report**

Jordan Mumford spoke briefly to his report, which was taken as read. He highlighted learnings from the merger discussion process, particularly the benefits of student "town halls" held with the USASA President and Vice Chancellor, and advised that the Vice Chancellor hopes to work more closely with the Board next year. Bridget Laffy's efforts in achieving the highest level of voter participation in 5 years were also acknowledged.

### **3.2 General Manager's Report**

Taken as read.

#### **3.2.1. Clubs Report**

Taken as read.

### **3.3 Finance Report**

Taken as read.

### **3.4 Board Members' Reports**

Taken as read.

### **3.5 Committee Meeting Minutes**

The Chairman has conveyed his view to the committees that they should continue to meet and function for the full term of their appointment.

#### **3.5.1 Finance Committee Meeting – 5 November 2018**

Taken as read.

**4. Any Other Business**

**4.1 Post-election survey**

400 responses have been received and a report is being prepared on these.

**5. Meeting Closure**

**5.1 Next meeting – 18 December 2018 at 11.30 am.**

Grace Dixon gave her apology for this meeting.

**5.2 Retirement of Director Student and Academic Services**

Jordan Mumford made a presentation to Allan Tabor on behalf of the Board and students, thanking him for his service to the entire university cohort.

Allan Tabor responded, acknowledging the work of the General Manager and Board advisors in developing an effective board, which provides good learnings for new members as well as engagement with students and the university. He invited the Board to his farewell at the West Oaks on 30 November at 5.30 pm.

**5.2 Meeting Close – 7.16 pm**