

Minutes of the USASA Board Meeting

Tuesday 16 July 2019

Jeffery Smart Building JS6-13

PRESENT

Board:	Grace Dixon	President & Meeting Chair
	Bridget Barletta	City West Campus Representative
	Laurena Byers	Mount Gambier Campus Representative (by telephone)
	Arunika Dutta	Magill Campus Co-Representative
	Julie Ma	City East Campus Co-Representative
	Harsh Rana	International Students Representative
	Daniel Randell	USASA CEO
	Wenona Reddaway-Worth	Whyalla Campus Student Representative (by telephone)
	Kate Riggall	Magill Campus Co-Representative
	Puthearothsopor Tan	City East Campus Co-Representative

In attendance:	Nick Anderson	Finance Advisor
	Richard Irons	Director Student and Academic Services
	Bridget Laffy	Student Representative Support Officer
	Sandy Davis	Minute Taker

APOLOGIES	Nida Baig	Post Graduate Representative
	Noah Beckmann	Mawson Lakes Campus Representative
	Ned Feary	City West Undergraduate Representative
	Thanusshan Packiyarajah	Mawson Lakes Undergraduate Representative
	Arthur Siow	Legal Advisor
Absent	Christine Doolan	Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Student Representative

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 6.00 pm.

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Board of USASA acknowledges that we meet on the land of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land and acknowledge that these are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.

1.2 Leave Requests

- 1.2.1 Ned Feary – approved.
- 1.2.2 Thanusshan Packiyarajah – approved.
- 1.2.3 Noah Beckmann – approved.
- 1.2.4 Nida Baig – approved.
- 1.2.5 Thanusshan Packiyarajah (June) – approved.

1.3 Conflicts of Interest – Nil.

1.4 Previous Minutes

1.4.1 Confirmation

Motion: That the minutes of the Board Meeting of 18 June 2019 be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, subject to amending the motion at 2.4 to read:

“That the Board comes to a decision about its 2019 affiliation with the NUS and will pay a fee of \$6,000.00
The Motion was carried, (noting that N Feary and N Beckman favoured a fee of \$12,000).”

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

1.4.2 Action Log – noted.

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1 E25 Discussion Paper

Noting the limited timeline for submissions, it was agreed that the CEO will email draft points to the Board. He will then prepare the final draft in consultation with Grace Dixon, Kate Riggall and Noah Beckman.

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Broader communication with the student body about E25 was proposed. The UniSA Marketing Officer is communicating with USASA about student engagement forums; however this was not felt to be the most effective form of student engagement. An FAQ site was suggested, in addition to the forums. If feasible and appropriate, a poster or info-graphic summary of USASA’s response will also be published.

DR, BL

Motion: That the Board delegates authority to make a submission to the University about the June 2019 Enterprise 25 Discussion Paper to the CEO in consultation with the President, Kate Riggall and Noah Beckman.

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

3. MATTERS FOR NOTING

3.1 CEO’s Report – taken as read.

Daniel Randell added that one student advocate has resigned from 19 July and recruitment is underway to replace her.

The Responsible Party paper was noted. Interested Board members should contact Sanne Reijenga or the CEO. He will provide Kate Riggall with the results of the program’s operations in Europe.

DR

3.2 Finance Report – noted.

3.3 Board Members’ Reports – Each report was noted and taken as read.

Julie Ma and Sopor Tan are contemplating a new activation to introduce City East international students to campus. H Rana was invited to participate. They will send a draft to B Laffy, pending a decision on date and time.

K Riggall advised that it is planned to launch the ALLY network on National Coming Out Day on 11 October, but that an unofficial, 'soft' launch will occur on Wear it Purple Day on 31 August. D Randell asked that USASA staff be included in the ALLY staff training. **KR**

Wenona Reddaway-Worth had submitted a report, but it had failed to upload correctly.

3.5 Committee Meeting Minutes

3.5.1 Clubs Committee – 3 June Minutes noted. Noah Beckman encourages Board members' attendance at awards nights and general support of clubs' activities. The End of Year Party will not be held this year.

3.5.2 Diversity, Equity and Access Committee – 7 June Minutes noted and recommendations endorsed (in spite of the absence of a quorum on 7 June).

3.5.3 Education Committee – 7 June Minutes noted, including Daniel Randell's attendance at that meeting.

3.5.4 Finance Committee – 13 June Minutes noted. Nick Anderson highlighted the current work on the budget, which will see a significant increase (\$189,000) in spending over last year. Board members were encouraged to engage with this process, as they will be working with the budget in the coming year.

3.5.5 Governance Committee – 18 June Minutes noted. In particular, the Committee is working on a definition of a student (which originated from the role of Board members and what is required to fulfil that role).

3.5.6 Welfare Committee – no meeting

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Bridget Barletta raised concerns of law students that having different Law GPAs has meant different conditions, which has resulted in one student being denied a study tour. She will refer this to Richard Irons.

5. MEETING CLOSE

5.1 **Next meeting** – 20 August 2019 at 6.00 pm

5.2 **Meeting Close** – 6.44 pm