

## Minutes of the USASA Board Meeting

Tuesday 20 August 2019

Jeffery Smart Building JS6-13

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### PRESENT

Board:	Grace Dixon	President & Meeting Chair
	Nida Baig	Post Graduate Representative
	Bridget Barletta	City West Campus Representative
	Noah Beckmann	Mawson Lakes Campus Representative
	Laurena Byers	Mount Gambier Campus Representative (by telephone)
	Christine Doolan	Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Student Representative
	Arunika Dutta	Magill Campus Co-Representative
	Ned Feary	City West Undergraduate Representative
	Julie Ma	City East Campus Co-Representative
	Thanusshan Packiyarajah	Mawson Lakes Undergraduate 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 (by telephone)
	Puthearothsopor Tan	City East Campus Co-Representative – from 6.10 pm
In attendance:	Nick Anderson	Finance Advisor
	Richard Irons	Director Student and Academic Services
	Bridget Laffy	Student Representative Support Officer
	Kaveeta Magandram	Observer (with Nick Anderson)
	Arthur Siow	Legal Advisor
	Sandy Davis	Minute Taker

**APOLOGIES** Nil

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 6.02 pm, noting that Puthearothsopor Tan had advised she would be late.

### 1. MEETING OPENING

#### 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

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

#### 1.2 Leave Requests – nil.

**1.3 Conflicts of Interest** – nil.

**1.4 Previous Minutes**

**1.4.1 Confirmation**

Motion: That the minutes of the Board Meeting of 16 July 2019 be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

**1.4.2 Action Log** – noted.

**2. MATTERS FOR DECISION** – nil.

**3. MATTERS FOR NOTING**

**3.1 President's Report** – taken as read.

**3.2 CEO's Report** – taken as read.

Daniel Randell gave the following updates:

- Navi Pinto has been appointed Student Advocacy Officer.
- USASA's request for additional funding to extend the financial counselling pilot has been approved. The staged extension of the financial counselling service and its impact were briefly discussed.

*Puthearothsopor Tan joined the meeting at 6.10 pm.*

- UniTopia is planned to be the first Responsible Party event.

**3.3 Finance Report** – taken as read.

Nick Anderson highlighted the importance of monitoring the balance of investment funds and deposits – \$3,685,611 at 31 July 2019 – given that USASA's funding agreement requires this to exceed \$3.5m.

He also gave a brief economic update, noting that recent stock market variances have had no short term impact for USASA, as no equities are held.

**3.4 Board Members' Reports** – Each report was noted and taken as read.

Noah Beckman added that Mawson Lakes' Toastie Tuesdays are starting again.

Nida Baig spoke about her tax help session, outlining the process, which involved a preliminary email, followed by a 15 minute session during which she lodged her return. She received her assessment within a week, and encouraged use of this service.

Kate Riggall encouraged Board members to promote the Unmet Needs Survey, which will be open for a month (closing date to be advised). A QR code will be included for mobile phone submissions.

Wear It Purple Day is on 30 August. The Ally Network will be soft-launched then, with the formal launch on 11 October. Board participation and leadership are important to both.

The EASS Division 3 Minute Thesis Competition went well, although with small attendance.

### **3.5 Committee Meeting Minutes**

3.5.1 Diversity, Equity & Access Committee – 4 July Minutes noted, together with Kate Riggall's comments above.

3.5.2 Finance Committee – 18 July Minutes noted.

3.5.3 Welfare Committee – 4 July Minutes noted.

### **3.6 USASA 2020 Funding Submission**

The paper was noted. A response is expected by the end of September. Positive feedback has been received from the PVC, acknowledging USASA's timely submission and responsible approach in terms of funding requests.

**3.7 Enterprise 25 Discussion Paper – USASA Submission** – Noted (as delegated at the last meeting).

### **3.8 Enterprise 25 Discussion Paper Response**

Daniel Randell encouraged all Board members to read this document. Most of USASA's comments are captured in section 5, which is pleasing, especially the embedding of student representation and feedback.

Kate Riggall added that this input from USASA had been acknowledged by the Academic Board. The Education Arts and Social Sciences meeting also appreciated USASA's recognition of their work in this area and will be happy to provide any data which may be of assistance.

## **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**4.1 Community Sleep Out** – The email on this contains more detail than the initial Slack message.

**4.2 USASA End of Year Christmas Function** – a date is to be considered for this event for Board members and staff, including counter and Verse staff.

## **5. MEETING CLOSE**

**5.1 Next meeting** – 17 September 2019 at 6.00 pm

**5.2 Meeting Close** – 6.31 pm