

Minutes of the USASA Board Meeting

Monday 5 June 2017

6.00pm Jeffrey Smart Building JS6013

Present: Kayla Dickeson: President and Meeting Chair

Board Members: Louise Kyriaki, Post Grad Rep
Han Nguyen, City East Rep
Natansh Modi, City East Rep
Ryan Kennealy, City West Rep
Julie Baum, Mount Gambier Rep
Monamee Ishika, City West Rep
Jordan Mumford, Mawson Lakes Rep
Ryan Colsey, Magill Rep
Kemal Brkic, Whyalla Rep

Advisors: Nick Anderson, Finance Advisor
Luis Gardezabal, Acting General Manager

UniSA Observer: Allan Tabor, Director Student and Academic Services

Minute Secretary: Suzanne Heaton

Apologies: Daniel Randell: General Manager
Bridget Laffy: Student Representative Support Officer
Arthur Siow: Legal Advisor

The President declared the meeting open at 6.05pm.

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

The Chair noted the apologies of:

- Daniel Randell, General Manager
- Bridget Laffy, Student Representative Support Officer
- Arthur Siow, Advisor
- Izik Nehow, Mawson Lakes Rep

The Chair also noted that Diana Wong, International Rep has resigned from her position on the USASA Board. A resignation letter will be received by the Board and will be tabled at the next meeting.

1.2.1 Louise Kyriaki – May apology

Louise Kyriaki advised she was an apology for the May 2017 Board meeting as she had been very sick.

Motion: That the Board accept the apology of Louise Kyriaki at the May 2017 Board meeting.

Moved: Kayla Dickeson Seconded: Jordan Mumford

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

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.’

1.4 Previous Minutes

1.4.1 Confirmation – 1 May 2017 Minutes

Ryan Kennealy referred to the April 2017 and in particular, to 5.2 where he advised he sent a statement to Bridget Laffy for inclusion in the April 2017 minutes.

It was also noted by Ryan Kennealy with reference to 2.5 of the April 2017 minutes that the appointment of the representative was not himself but Ilzik Nehow.

The Chair noted this and advised she would follow up both matters with Bridget Laffy and that the April 2017 would be re-approved at the July Board Meeting.

Motion: Following the amendments referred to above the Minutes of the Board Meeting dated April 2017 be accepted at the July 2017 Board Meeting.

Motion: That the minutes of the May 2017 Board meeting conducted on 1 May 2017 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Kayla Dickeson Seconded: Louise Kyriaki

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

1.4.2 Matters Arising / Action Log

1.4.2.1 Filling of Casual Vacancies

The Chair advised this matter is now complete.

1.4.2.2 Uniform Student Communication / Engagement System

Each campus representative gave an update of their third 'catch-up' with good feedback.

1.4.2.3 Students for Academic Review

Deferred

1.4.2.4 UniSA Online

A draft proposal had been sent to Board members for comment. The Chair advised she would be meeting with the Director of the Student Engagement Unit to provide more feedback.

Ryan Kennealy communicated it was a very comprehensive proposal.

The Chair advised the process will continue and more and there will be more engagement with the Project Team going forward.

1.4.2.5 Healthy Food Recipe Video

Deferred

1.4.2.6 DPTI Community Grant Application

Deferred

1.4.2.7 Special Consideration

Deferred

1.4.2.8 ENTEXT

Deferred

1.4.2.10 Network of Women Students Australia (NOWSA) Conference 2017

The Chair advised she had been accepted for Scholarship and now looking at funding.

Motion: That the Action Log be accepted.

Moved: Kayla Dickeson Seconded: Jordan Mumford

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

1.5 Items for Starring

1.5.1 Minutes

Women's minutes and Governance Committee minutes

Events and Marketing

Jordan Mumford questioned 3.5.1 as it was not starred and requested it to be.

2. Matters for Decision

2.1 Blustockings Week (Kayla)

The Chair outlined the Blustockings Week proposal for City West campus.

Blustockings Week is an annual event facilitated by the National Tertiary Education Union, celebrating women in higher education. Women are achieving higher standards of education across Australia, with graduates increasingly identifying as women – however this is not translating to the workforce with the same stereotypes working against women, as often not being seen as leaders, as “bossy”, among other stereotypes. Events such as Blustockings Week allow female students to come together to reflect on the wins women have achieved while discussing and building collective action around the challenges and the battles still to fight.

The Chair advised she was concerned about the funding for this and would defer this item from the meeting at this time.

Louise Kyriaki did advise although this item is being deferred based on whether the funding was given, if the event is not run at this level, then there would be a smaller version which will be decided upon. This would be based on a Women's Social Action Group and would hold two events over the next few months.

Julie Baum did advise that the Bluestockings Week in Mount Gamber would still go ahead as activities had already been scheduled.

The Chair advised this be noted and discussed at the next Board meeting.

Motion: That the discussion of the Bluestockings Week be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Moved: Kayla Dickeson Seconded: Monamee Ishika

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

2.2 Education Conference (Kayla)

The Chair requested that the Board approve to send Kayla Dickeson and Natansh Modi to Education Conference at a total cost of \$1,516. The Board Members will report-back to the Board their activities and will communicate to students through the monthly Student-Catch Ups the activities of the NUS and how it relates to UniSA.

Motion: That the Board approves expenditure of sending Kayla Dickeson and Natansh Modi to Education Conference, subject to the potential receipt of Equity Grants from the National Union of Students.

Moved: Kayla Dickeson Seconded: Jordan Mumford

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

2.3 USASA Submission into Senate Budget Inquiry (Kayla)

The Chair advised Board members were briefed by the University of South Australia Academic Board about the impacts that the Budget would have on the University. The Chair advised she had made a speech in response to the 2017/18 Budget Release by the Federal Government at the Academic Board Meeting on 26.05.17. UniSA management signalled that they would be making a submission into the Senate Inquiry. Academic Board members encouraged the USASA Board to make a submission into the Senate Inquiry.

The Chair advised recommendations are still to be received and a report was released in January 2017 with responses stating across the sector there was a lack of training and resources around these issues. The Chair and Louise Kyriaki are sitting on this Group and if anyone would like to comment please liaise with Kayla or Louise.

Louise Kyriaki did advise that the University is undertaking a policy review and it sees this as an important issue to address with both Daniel Randell and Bridget Laffy reviewing guidelines also.

Ryan Kennealy asked for clarification around fee free model. Allan Tabor explained currently, the cost of the Foundation Program is Government funded. Under the new proposed change, the Government would not fund and it would be at the cost of the Student which may deter some.

Motion: That the Board approve the submission into the Senate Budget Inquiry once comments from Daniel Randell and Bridget Laffy included.

Moved: Kayla Dickeson Seconded: Louise Kyriaki

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

2.4 Committee Terms of Reference (Kayla)

2.4.1 Clubs Committee TOR

Natansh Modi advised frequency of meetings had changed to once a month as well as a change in Secretary and Minutes.

Motion: That the Board accept the Clubs Committee Terms of Reference:

Moved: Kayla Dickeson Seconded Ryan Kennealy

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

2.4.2 Women's Committee TOR

Louise Kyriaki advised the Membership had been adapted to include one Executive Rainbow Club member and one representative from the Women' Collectives.

Nick Anderson commented that there were no male representatives on the Committee and questioned if this was being discriminatory. Louise Kyriaki advised this would be further reviewed.

Motion: That the Board accept the Women's Committee Terms of Reference subject to further discussions with Legal Representative.

Moved: Kayla Dickeson Seconded: Louise Kyriaki

All were in favour and the Motion was carried.

2.5 Socialist Alternative (Kayla)

The Chair advised she had received advice from Daniel Randell, General Manager and the USASA Legal Representative, Arthur Siow to advise this matter should be deferred until the next meeting for further discussions to take place with Legal Advisor.

Deferred.

3. Matters for Noting

3.1 President's Report

Deferred

3.2 General Manager's Report

Deferred

3.3 Finance Report

Deferred

3.4 Board Members' Report

3.5 Committee Meeting Minutes

3.5.1 Events and Marketing Committee

It was advised that the Marketing Committee minutes were in a template form and there was no Minute Secretary for that Committee.

Natansh Modi advised Diana Wong took the minutes and convened the meeting. The Chair advised Diana Wong would be stepping down from the USASA Board and as such would step down from the Events and Marketing Committee also. Discussions to take place outside of this Board meeting.

3.5.2 Finance Committee

Deferred

3.5.3 Clubs Committee

Refer 2.4.1 above.

3.5.4 Women's Committee

Louise Kyriaki advised the budget for the stall was approved which was undertaken at all four campuses with a very good response and engagement from students. [Budget approved for \$200+ with \$120 spent with supplies left over]. Going forward, Louise will develop strategies to engage more men as predominately women.

Jordan Mumford advised he had seen the stall and looked very good.

Louise advised feedback survey carried out during the event did not include the stall, however, attendees did write in the comments section that they had attend the stall.

Motion: That the Women's Committee report be accepted

Moved: Kayla Dickeson Seconded: Jordan Mumford

All were in favour and the motion was carried.

3.5.5 Governance Committee

Louise Kyriaki advised the Governance Committee has not been held for the last two months. The Convenor of this meeting is Izik Nehow and call for papers has been sent however, no Agenda or meeting has been set.

Ryan Kennealy advised this may have been due to the restructure of the Terms of Reference and the structure of the meeting schedule.

Louise Kyriaki advised she would follow this matter up with Daniel Randell and it was agreed that Louise be the interim Convener of this Committee, which she was happy to take on board and it would be further addressed at the next Board meeting

Ryan Kennealy requested it be put on record his disappointment that this Committee has not met for the last two months.

Lousie Kyriaki did advise the Board that there were confidential matters being held in the background and these matters will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

3.6 2018 Budget Process (Daniel)

Luis Gardezabal advised this should be deferred due to Daniel Randell's absence.

Nick Anderson added that the 2018 Budget Process will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Nantash Modi advised a Finance Committee meeting will be held this Friday, 9 Jun 2017 at 10.30am [JS 402] and he will send an email to all regarding this.

Motion: That the Board delegates Luis Gardezabal to table 2018 Budget Process to the Executive Committee and Board Advisors for final approval

Moved: Kayla Dickeson Seconded Nantash Modi

All were in favour and the motion was carried.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Kemal Brkic advised he would be an apology for the next two Board meeting.

4.2 Facebook Feedback

Ryan Colsey advised he had seen a Facebook post regarding theft at Magill campus and read the post to the Board members. The Chair thanked Ryan for raising at this meeting and she would follow up with Daniel Randell. Ryan did advise he had reported the matter to the appropriate authorities.

4.3 Survey

The Chair advised a Survey will be rolled out between 17 July through to 5 August 2017 which the Board previously approved regarding "Campus Events". Reminders will be sent and students are encouraged to attend.

Noted

5. Closure

5.1 Next Meeting

The Chair advised the next meeting will be held on 10 July 2017 [not 3 July 2017 as scheduled]. Julie Baum, Kemal Brkic and Han Nguyen will be apologies at that meeting.

5.2 Meeting Closed

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.58pm.