

Minutes of the UniSA Student Association Board Meeting

Tuesday 17 April 2023 – 6.36 pm

Jeffery Smart Building JS6-13

(also via Zoom)

Present	Isaac Solomon Samrat Bhattacharjee Rhys Peden Hayate Yamada Brendan Ritter * Alexandra Feilicia Joe Kush Modra Jeel Bhatt Zahra Bayani * Jayce Dimitriadis Oliver Shehard-Bayly Lucy Fawcett Kaveeta Magandram Arthur Siow Luis Gardezabal	President & Meeting Chair Mawson Lakes Student Representative Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Representative City West Student Representative UniSA Online Student Representative International Student Representative City East Undergraduate Student Representative Mawson Lakes Undergraduate Student Representative City East Student Representative City West Undergraduate Student Representative Magill Student Representative Magill Undergraduate Student Representative Finance Advisor Legal Advisor A/CEO
Observers	Cristine Dagnoni Brendan Hughes *	Coordinator Governance and Student Leadership Director Student Engagement Unit
Apologies	Riya Bhaizada Daniel Randell Richard Irons	Postgraduate Student Representative CEO Director Student and Academic Services
Minute Taker	Fulvia Lorenzon	Agency staff

* attendance via Zoom

The Chair declared the meeting open at 6.36 pm.

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The USASA Board acknowledges that it meets on the land of the Kaurna People of the Adelaide Plains and on the lands of others who are attending from locations beyond this country. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land and acknowledge that these are of continuing importance to Aboriginal People living today.

The Chair extended this welcome to include all areas of Australia.

1.2 Leave Requests

1.2.1 **Riya Bhaizada** – confirmation of submission of leave request..

1.3 Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

1.4 Previous Meeting Minutes

1.4.1 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the Minutes of the USASA Board Meeting of **20 March 2023** be accepted as an accurate and true record of proceedings with the following amendments:

- a) Typographical error in Item numbering: **Item 5.3 Reconciliation Committee** – “HD” should read “HY”.
- b) **February 2023 Board Meeting - Item 5.3 – Pop 6:** re-amend last sentence to reflect “the UniSA College is working on a project ...”
- c) **5.3 Financial Report:** final point: “ethical concerns aligned to its financiality” to read “ethical concerns aligned to its financial wellbeing”.

Moved: Samrat Bhattacharjee

Seconded: Oliver Shehard-Bayly

All were in favour and the motion was **CARRIED** unanimously.

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1 2024 Budget Approval Process

Taken as read.

CD outlined the process for the budget approval for coming year.

SB also commented that approval is required at this point as the Budget requires approval by August 2023 thus avoiding having to schedule any further meetings, etc.

The meeting continued to discuss process deadlines and explored possible options for approval dates, but the Finance Committee’s proposed sign-off schedule was accepted.

Recommendation:

- That the Board notes the above timeline for preparation and approval of the 2024 Budget.
- That the Board delegate final approval of the Budget to the Finance Committee at the August 2023 meeting.

Moved: Samrat Bhattacharjee

Seconded: Jayce Dimitriadis

3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no matters for discussion.

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4. MATTERS FOR NOTING

4.1 President's Report

IS presented a verbal briefing as follows:

- Met with Academic staff representatives from various Units re Student Voice project.
- Meeting with Dean and Executive Dean to get their perspective on major issues.
- Meeting re training availability for Academic Boards.
- Participated in course on new university (CNU) with former VC. Not very well attended.
- Meeting with student representatives to discuss ongoing projects – well attended.
- Meeting with Vice Provost to discuss status of teaching/learning arrangements, Student Voice and USASA symposium as well as the high number of student enquiries re teaching quality, tutors, etc. Good results.

Governance nomination: include in next month's board papers.

NOTED.

4.2 CEO's Report

Taken as read.

LG outlined his role as Acting CEO during DR's LSL (30 x03 – 03 07 2023) and expressed his appreciation to staff for their support during this period.

LG also reported that Lauren Fowler has left and the vacancy is currently listed on Seek.

The meeting discussed various issues including:

- The By Election survey – directed at regional campuses to gauge interest and understanding of Student Representative role. This follows the zero nominations received from these areas for the 2023 vacancies– eligibility is limited to students located at Whyalla or Mt Gambier. AS outlined the constitutional requirements for regional campus nominations. After conversation with CD a regional student has forwarded their CV – circulate to Board for review.
- Clubs Officer Role (Graduate level) appointment within the next month.
- Student Voice: IS reported discussions with Academic staff re teaching and learning arrangements (increased content) and lecture delivery. Division between internal student population and external online students in the way lectures are delivered. No formal consultation has been undertaken on whether people are happy with online delivery. The conversation also covered a necessity for improved and clearer communications for the benefit of online students with consideration given to lack of resources to achieve this.
- Student Event survey: obtain feedback to ascertain what is required to organise an event – suggestion for a summary of what appeals to students and the specifics for running a particular event. The Events team will be requested to issue the survey and provide relevant feedback. LG to report back.
- IS noted that Clubs membership is very high.

4.3 Finance Report

Taken as read.

4.4 Board Members Reports

The following members submitted written reports:

Kush Ketan Modha	Taken as read
Jayce Dimitriadis	Taken as read
Lucy Fawcett	Taken as read
Riya Kaur Bhaizada	Taken as read
Alexandra Feilicia Joe	Taken as read
Brendan Ritter	Taken as read
Hayate Yamada	Taken as read
Jeel Bhatt	Taken as read
Oliver Shephard-Bayly	Taken as read
Sam Bhattacharjee	Taken as read
Rhys Peden	Attending meetings. Travelling to Mt Gambier for Aboriginal Space launch which coincides with Graduation.

NOTED.

4.5 Finance Committee – 14 March 2023

Taken as read.

JD commented on the recent 13 April Finance Committee meeting and responded to questions from members on investments and the accounts.

CD mentioned that the DEA Committee held a meeting but meeting minutes have yet to be signed.

4.6 Governance Committee – 20 March 2023

Taken as read.

4.7 Education Committee – 17 March 2023

Taken as read.

The meeting continued a conversation from earlier in the meeting regarding teaching and learning arrangements and covered the question of the appropriateness of reducing online student fees, the University moving towards a particular model of equality in course material as relates to online and in person students and the intention to conduct a survey to obtain the students' perspective.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

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6. **WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR YOUR MEMBERS?**


Board members provided a brief update on their individual Board Members Report.

7. **MEETING CLOSURE**

7.1 The next USASA Board Meeting will take place on **Monday, 15 May 2023** at **6:00pm** at City West Campus Adelaide, RoomJS6-13.

The meeting concluded at **7:48 pm** and was followed by an In Camera Session.

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Isaac Solomon

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