



Minutes of the UniSA Student Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, 20 December 2022 – 6:00pm
Jeffery Smart Building JS6-13
(also via Zoom)

Present	Isaac Solomon Rohit Sahdev Simratdeep Singh * Gagan Kaur Trisha Banga * Tim Pham * Rhys Peden Michelle Emery Sam Bhattacharjee Daniel Randell Ayrton Hogan Tanya Salvi Hayate Yamada	President & Meeting Chair International Student Representative City East Campus Representative Mawson Lakes Campus Representative Magill Campus Undergraduate Representative City East Undergraduate Representative Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Representative Magill Representative Mawson Lakes Undergraduate Campus Representative USASA Chief Executive Officer Post Graduate Representative City West Campus Representative City West Undergraduate Representative (Elect)
Observers	Kaveeta Magandram * Cristine Dagnoni Arthur Siow * Richard Irons *	Finance Advisor Coordinator Governance and Student Leadership Legal Advisor Director Student and Academic Services
Apologies	Brendan Hughes Amy Djite	Director Student Engagement Unit UniSA Online Student Representative
Guest	Ryan Colsey	Student Voice Project Officer
Minute Taker	Fulvia Lorenzon	Agency staff

* attendance via Zoom

The Chair declared the meeting open at 6:07 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

There were no leave requests.

1.3 Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

1.4 Previous Meeting Minutes

1.5.1 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the Minutes of the USASA Board Meeting of **15 November 2022** be accepted as an accurate and true record of proceedings with the following amendment:

3.3 Finance Report: "The Finance Committee did not meet this month ... " be replaced with: "The Finance Committee did meet after the Board meeting ..."

Moved: Sam Bhattacharjee **Seconded:** Rhys Peden

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

1.5.2 Action Log

Updates were provided as follows:

Cross Institutional Support for Action Against Wage Theft: issue to be revived in the new year. Informal conversations with FUSA President and Adelaide RC President to continue in the new year.

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

There were no matters for decision.

6:17pm [Ayrton Hogan joined the meeting](#)

3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 RP Now Progress Report Presentation

IS briefed members on the preliminary results of the **Satisfaction Survey**.

Highlights:

- Although the preliminary results are in, the survey is still open to receive contributions.
- A number of students expressed their unhappiness with RPNOW to both IS as well as other Board members. It was decided to positively channel those experiences in a constructive manner by using Survey Monkey and other social media options (newsletter is on website and includes a new section providing different survey links which will remain active into the new year).

- 157 participants, 139 of which used their Uni email address enabling verification of the data.
- Highest participation rate was from the Academic Unit's Business School (number of complaints received emanated from this area).
- The meeting discussed the various exam formats including authentic assessments (which the University would like to realise by 2025), open and closed book examinations as they relate to RPNOW.
- More than half the participants expressed concern over the negative health impact of RPNOW on students experiencing anxiety/ADHD/autism etc.

The meeting continued to discuss the survey results at length.

4. MATTERS FOR NOTING

4.1 President's Report

Taken as read.

IS further commented :

- interview with ABC Radio and appearance on Channel 10's breakfast show re New University media release.
- noted the amount of information and mis-information that is circulating.
- new staff coming onboard.

IS took the opportunity to thank all the Board members as well as the USASA staff (in particular Daniel, Cristine and Ryan) as well as Richard, Arthur, Kaveeta and (in absentia) Brendan for their contribution this year.

4.2 CEO's Report

Taken as read.

Update:

- Recruitment: strong response to the various staff vacancies adverts. Interviews are taking place for Student Rep Support Officer. The Event Officer role is shortlisted and interviews will take place mid-January 2023. The preferred candidate for the Volunteering Coordinator role turned down the position to take up another offer.
- USASA offices will close midday Wednesday, 21 December.

IS advised that the Advocacy office will also close and asked the members to reassure people that appropriate measures are in place so that enquiries can be addressed by an Advocacy representative during the holiday break.

4.3 Finance Reports

Taken as read.

SB reported that the Committee held its last meeting for 2022 the previous week. SB commented that merchandise is a money spinner and with new merchandise arriving in 2023 – the expectation is for an increase in profit.

4.4 Board Members Reports

The following members submitted written reports:

Gagan Kaur	Taken as read.
Hayate Yamada	Taken as read.
Sam Bhattacharjee	Taken as read.
Ayrton Hogan	Has been busy with Council responsibilities and preparing the Education Committee's proposed Terms of References for 2023. Stepping down as HDR student representative. New rep will be Riya Bhaizada.
Rohit Sandev	Some issues with new courses. Received a few enquiries during November/December and redirected to the appropriate area. Quiet on campus.
Tania Salvi	No enquiries during the period but did receive a few enquiries re International Ambassador role. All OK with students. This is last report as will be going into a full time role in the new year. Expressed gratitude for the experience and challenge of this role.
Rhys Peden	Quiet time. Noted – Irene Watson, Pro VC Aboriginal Leadership and Strategy, is on LSL and will return 4 months into 2023. The Committees chaired by Prof Watson will be undertaken by an appointee and RP will continue to participate on these Committees.
Michelle Emery	Very quiet on campus.
Trisha Banga	Quiet month and no recent enquiries. This is last meeting and TB thanked everyone for the wonderful experience.
Tim Pham	Apologised for late submission of report. Not much to report this month. This is last meeting and thanked everyone for their assistance during a wonderful year. Hoped to be able to handover to new rep but if not will organise PayPayl etc with Steve.
Simratdeep Singh	Reported on successful BBQ at City East. Attended some meetings and had an opportunity to work with National Reconciliation Week on plans for 2023.

4.5 Committee Minutes.

4.5.1 Education Committee – 9 October

Noted.

AH presented the Committee's Terms of Reference for review.

4.5.2 Finance Committee – 17 November

Noted.

3.5.1 Governance Committee – 15 November

Noted.

Reviewed Risk Register to ensure there are no risks that need to be reclassified or readdressed.

4.6 2022 Election Report

For noting.

The meeting discussed the outcomes of the Election Report highlighting that the survey is not necessarily reflective of the participants that have voted (768). The election was also only advertised via social media and the website which did not target the same audience, as many voted due to interactions with campaigners on site.

It was suggested that in future a follow up email be forwarded after the survey is sent out. This action could be achieved via the MLS system. The purpose is to target the people who actually vote.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Formal Enquiry Yearly Report

RC gave an overview of his presentation, the board presented RC with a farewell gift that consisted of a small trophy for his efforts in the role.

IS thanked everyone for attending the last meeting of the year.

6 MEETING CLOSURE

6.1 The next USASA Board Meeting will take place on Thursday, **19 January 2023** at **3:30pm** at the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre.

The meeting concluded at **7.00 pm**.

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