



UCSA Executive Minutes

Title	Minutes of the 20 th UCSA Executive Meeting of 2007
Ref	UEMM_20_07
Date, Time	Thursday 11 October, 2007, 5.30pm
Present	Belinda Bundy (President)- CHAIR Claire Piper (Vice President) Sophie Bundy (Finance Officer) Charlie Anderson (Communications) Libby Bevin (Projects Coordinator) James Harper (Equity and International) Hannah Hope (Welfare) Winston Howison (General) Amadeus Rainbow (Clubs and Societies) Andrew Riches (Education External) Nick Robb (Events) David Stevens (Education internal) Michael Goldstein (President Elect)
Attending	Kate Farrell (Minutes), Justin Soong
Apologies	
Agenda Items and Order of Business	Website Upgrade Proposal Matters Arising President' Report USNZ Draft Operational Plan Management Board Report Sustainability Fine Arts Issue General Business Clubs Grants

Meeting opens 5.43 pm

Belinda welcomed everyone to the meeting

Website Upgrade Proposal:

Justin speaks to the website proposal which has come about as there are not enough reasons to visit or sign up the way it currently operates. There was no thought process on how it will work with students. The idea is to work on it over summer so it is up and running for next year.

Amadeus asks what has happened since the report has been written to which Justin explains they are waiting until the budget is set next week but getting Exec behind it is important.

Andrew Paterson had a meeting with Ken Beatson as UC may host the new website. We will pay for the hosting which is not a big deal as we already pay a lot for a small return. It is taking a while, as UC has been slow in getting back to Andrew with prices and proposals.

Charlie asks how big the restructure will be and Justin clarifies that it will have to be a summer project and should be able to launch phase one by mid Feb.

In stage two there is the idea that UCSA website will be able to host the clubs and maybe some of Canta – however they will probably only pick key articles as they would be competing with themselves.

The Exec thanks Justin for coming and wish him good luck at Entre.

Items to Add to the Agenda:

College of Arts situation, Belinda went to a meeting today and will update later.

Minutes from the Meeting 27 September 2007

151/2007 **Moved CHAIR**
*THAT the Minutes from the meeting 27 September 2007
is accepted as true and accurate record*
Carried U

Matters Arising:

Cost analysis on the lodge: Belinda speaks to this; Andrew is working on it at the moment but she informs the Exec that it looks like it will probably be substantially more than first expected.

IP Policy: Belinda speaks to this explaining that the letter from the lawyer confirms that they should oppose adoption, which they were planning to do to follow the content of the student's wishes.

Belinda invites anyone to read the letter in office if they wish. Belinda explains they can go ahead with opposition or discuss it.

Amadeus notes that he has been involved with the other stuff and he is happy to go ahead with it. There is general agreement from the Executive.

Claire thinks there must be something going on or the Uni may have their eye on something. Belinda notes on this point that there have been a couple of cases where students have been screwed over with the old policy so that is also a contributing factor.

ENSOC: Belinda speaks to the situation with the club for next year. The Exec asks how many members they may lose and Belinda estimates it will go from 2500 down to 800 engineers however it looks as though they'll be allowed to bring a guest to events, which defeats the purpose. Claire notes that this way they don't have control over members' guests. There has also been the suggestion that the Undie is for members only. The university is on a crusade to dampen down ENSOC as a whole. Goldy notes that this sets a dangerous precedent for the other faculty clubs. Belinda adds that they have been fighting for ENSOC all year and if it happens there is nothing they can do. They have not been able to convince the Uni that they are capable of control. There is the problem that someone may come up with quasi ENSOC club and have the same level of membership. Concern is raised with UC marketing tactics as they use ENSOC to draw in people from high schools, which would not be acceptable. Riches is concerned as ENSOC has been the best experience he had at Uni and he feels all students should be entitled to the same.

152/2007 **Moved RICHES/BEVIN**
THAT the President's Report be received
Carried U

USNZ Draft Operation Plan:

Belinda speaks to this and the email that was forwarded earlier in the year. USNZ want to raise the levy to \$240K or \$250K. Belinda thinks however that the UCSA pay too much for what they get already. Sophie speaks to the numbers and explains that the events coordinator has a good argument but that it appears that the sponsorship position could be involved with Events so there is not much cause for it. Dave asks what the options are on influencing the choice made and Belinda explains that they would direct her on how to vote at the election. Sophie notes that we already pay 25K going up to 29K because there is more students. That's a 12K increase in the Exec budget, which she doesn't think we can afford. Amadeus explains that Di is on the regional board for USNZ and she also does not think there is a need for both positions. There is discussion on how involved USNZ is, the role focus on high performance athletes as opposed to the greater numbers of Uni players, and the South Island missing out on many events. It is also established that if the UCSA was no longer a member, it is only \$20 extra per student to attend Uni Games. Claire feels bullied by USNZ and also has the feeling that if they object they will be isolated within the organisation. Discussion is raised surrounding the idea of establishing South Island Uni games, which would be a cheaper option, and that it is the main event that most Uni students use USNZ for. James notes that he feels like the UCSA has threatened to walk out of bodies this year and they should be focused on being a collective.

Belinda rebuts this by adding that they did join NZUSA, which is the largest student collective in the country.
Sophie reiterates that the bottom line from a financial standpoint is that on top on NZUSA cost next year the Exec cannot afford a levy increase.
Belinda asks everyone to think about it and they will make a decision at the next meeting.

Management Board Report:

Goldy leaves 6.17pm

153/2007 **Moved CHAIR**
THAT the Executive moves into strict retrospectively
Carried
Abstention: A Rainbow

The Executive moves into strict 6.17pm

156/2007 **Moved CHAIR**
THAT the Executive moves out of strict
Carried U

Moves out of strict at 6.29pm

Sustainability:

Everyone is happy with these as governance policies for the organisation. However, Winnie notes that he has just spotted that a reference to the services policy – maintaining that the UCSA don't go bankrupt – has been taken out and needs to be added back into environmental policy.

Claire would be comfortable to accept the policies today if there is reference to this change.

There is general agreement on this point.

157/2007 **Moved HOWISON/RICHES**
THAT the Sustainability Policies as presented by Winston are accepted as governance policies for the UCSA subject to sentence alteration as discussed regarding note of the services policy
Carried U

158/2007 **Moved HOWISON/PIPER**
THAT under procedures, the financial sustainability of the UCSA is governed by the services policy and not altered by the environmental policy
Carried U

159/2007 **S BUNDY/B BUNDY**
THAT the Executive thanks Winnie for his work on the Sustainability Policies
Carried U

160/2007 **Moved S BUNDY/ANDERSON**
THAT the Executive accepts the recommendation from Management Board that the governance policies are reviewed
Carried U

Fine Arts:

Libby raised the issues happening in Fine Arts at the beginning of the meeting and Belinda explains that there has been lots happening. Some sculpture students came this morning with concern that there is a freeze on all staff positions. They went to a meeting at the College of arts and made a convincing case. Ten minutes later they rang up to say that they can take the freeze off.

There is a student staff meeting and Belinda asks if anyone can attend for her as she will be away. The meeting is at 11am Friday – all they have to do is listen to what they have to say and let Belinda know. Charlie and Rainbow will go. As an aside, there is great concern over the cuts that they College of Arts have to make next year. 1.2 mill cut next year and cut by 25% - from the mouth of Ken Strongman

General Business:

Amadeus speaks to the new Exec Training day – 23 October 1pm come along to talk the people doing their position if anyone can.

Claire asks that all position descriptions are due on the 19th

Clubs Grants:

Amadeus speaks to this, Di received all the info that was requested and both he and Di recommend these grants

161/2007 **Moved RAINBOW/HOWISON**
THAT AISEC and the University of Canterbury Forestry Society be granted UCSA clubs grants as recommended by the Clubs Development Officer
Carried U

Meeting closes 6.49pm

**Declared true and accurate by
Chair**

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