



UCSA Annual General Meeting 2019 Unconfirmed Notes

Date: Thursday 16 May 2019
Time: 12:05pm
Venue: Undercroft Common Area, Puaka-James Hight building
Present: 68 students

Sam Brosnahan UCSA President welcomed the student body to the Annual General Meeting and explained the proceedings of the AGM. A special welcome was given to the UCSA auditors, BDO and accountants KPMG who were present to provide further information.

1 Notices of Disclosure of Interests of 2018 Executive members

Taken as read

2 Minutes of the previous AGM

MOVED

That the minutes of the AGM held on 10th May 2018 be approved as a true and accurate record

Jack Whittam/Liam Donnelly CARRIED

3 Annual report of the 2018 UCSA President

Sam Brosnahan UCSA President highlighted key points from the 2018 annual President's report.

Executive

The dedicated International Representative on the Executive Committee was approved at the 2018 Half AGM to better represent the increasing number of International students at UC.

Advisory Board

Three new Advisory Board members were appointed in 2018 which has seen some fresh ideas and skills been introduced around the Board table to provide advice to the Executive and Chief Executive.

UCSA Services

Students continued to receive support services through the Advocacy and Welfare team and the UCSA Subsidised Dental Scheme was well received by the student body in terms of affordable dental care.

Ochella which was one of the main Orientation events was rained out and the event was moved from Ilam Fields to Horncastle Arena which had a financial impact.

The UCSA food and beverage outlets continued to provide quality and affordable offerings to students on campus.

Door sales were introduced at Mono Nights in the Foundry for non UC students

The UCSA introduced a number of sustainability initiatives thanks to Jackson White who championed a number of projects last year including the introduction of globelets which saved

7,000 plastic cups going to landfill after Tea Party, the introduction of compostable cutlery and straws at all UCSA Food and Beverage outlets, and the BYO cup and container for coffee and food which results in a discount.

The 2018 President Josh Proctor thanked his Executive for their input and dedication throughout the year.

Sam Brosnahan 2019 President also thanked Josh and the 2018 Executive for their contribution to the Association.

MOVED

That the 2018 UCSA President's annual report be accepted

Katie Mills/Harry Beaumont

CARRIED

3 2018 Annual Accounts

Millie Morgan, the elected Finance Officer spoke to the 2018 annual accounts.

Financially we are in a healthy shape, with the UCSA reporting a surplus of \$768,257 for the 2018 financial year. This figure includes interest income from the funds UC are holding and investing on our behalf, as a result of our insurance claim.

For the 2018 financial year, revenue is recorded at \$11,651,575 while operating expenses were recorded at \$11,401,091 this made for an operating surplus of \$768,257 including depreciation of \$403,150.

We hold a strong balance sheet, with \$28.17 million of assets and \$12.23 million of liabilities. Within these assets, we currently hold cash reserves of \$5.2 million, compared to \$4.9 million the previous financial year.

The UCSA remains a 51% shareholder of Haere-roa, while the University retains their share of 49%. This is reflected in UCSA's 51% and UC's 49% funding of the new building's construction costs. Fit-out for Haere-roa will be funded by the UCSA.

- UCSA remains committed to the fundraising campaign, commenced in 2016, to raise the \$5m shortfall needed to fund Haere-roa's construction and fit-out costs. As it currently stands, through partnering with the UC Foundation, we have collectively raised \$2.9m of the total \$5m target.

I would like to acknowledge the team at the UC Foundation, and the Fundraising committee for their continued support in helping UC students fundraise for Haere-roa.

I would now like to invite our auditors to make some additional remarks.

Mike Rondel, BDO auditor confirmed that the UCSA audit process went well with the assistance of the management team. The UCSA has strong financial controls in place with the support of the management team, Advisory Board and student Executive. The audit was an unqualified audit opinion.

MOVED

That the 2018 annual accounts and statements for the UCSA be accepted

Cameron Eade/Chelsea Aitken

CARRIED

4 The Appointment of Professional Auditors

The UCSA on the recommendation of the Chief Executive are happy to re-appoint BDO as the Association auditors.

MOVED

That the UCSA appoint BDO as the 2019 Association official auditors

Kevin Fernando/Edze Bierema

CARRIED

5 **2019 President's verbal update**

The UCSA is counting down the days until the move into UCSA's brand new building Haere-roa, which will be ready for Term 3. The 2011 earthquakes meant that unfortunately the old UCSA building had to be demolished, with construction of its replacement starting in 2017, after UCSA gained clarity around insurance. The new UCSA building called Haere-roa is a \$33m asset 49% owned by UC and 51% owned by the UCSA. The new Ngaio Marsh Performance Space will sit 330 people with retractable seating, or 1000 people standing with the retractable seating pushed back. There will be bookable clubs space, the Foundry Bar and Bentleys, as well as a 24/7 heat and eat social space. The first event in the new building will feature DJ and UC alumni Baynk, on July 12th.

The introduction of an elected International Representative Position on the UCSA Executive in 2018 resulted in Kevin Fernando elected in the position which he is undertaking well.

Due to the resignation of Raymond Ellwood, who represented students on the College of Arts, the Executive decided to co-opt an existing Executive member, Vice President Tori McNoe into the portfolio, as per the Constitution. Positive feedback has been received from the College of Arts regarding this new arrangement and Sam thanked Tori for her commitment to this role on top of her many other UCSA duties.

This year we welcomed new Vice Chancellor Professor Cheryl de le Rey to UC. Since arriving, Cheryl has been proactively engaging with the UCSA. One example of her commitment to the importance of the student voice is the input the Executive currently are undertaking with Cheryl, giving input into her new Academic Strategy which is designed to shape the UC learning environment over the next 5-10 years. Students were encouraged to attend the Forum with the Vice Chancellor in the Undercroft Common Area next Tuesday at 11am to meet her and give input into the Academic Strategy.

A new staff position has been created within the UCSA this year called an Academic Coordinator. The purpose of this role is to strengthen support for the 6 College Representatives on the Executive as they represent the student voice. Sarah who has started brilliantly in this role has helped join up the link between the elected representatives and the Colleges in terms of the student viewpoint on new proposals, feedback to changes on academic courses as well as provide general support in terms of reporting and administration. Thanks to Sarah for providing this support.

Yesterday marked 2 months since the tragic mosque attacks on March 15th. The UCSA response in the aftermath of the attack involved the Advocacy and Welfare team assisting the UC Student Support team over the weekend, while UCSA worked with a number of its clubs in the immediate aftermath. Very quickly with input from the Muslim community, the Student Volunteer Army (SVA) mobilised the UC van fleet to offer transport services for students that needed transport to and from campus, to the airport, city or to funerals and burials. This service that they ran for a whole week following the attack, was widely used.

Over the immediate weekend, the UC and UCSA events teams together began organising a large on-campus vigil for the Monday directly following the attacks. It was incredible seeing between 5000-6000 of the UC Community turning out for the event named, Band Together, which I'm told was the largest single on-campus gathering of our community in living memory.

One of our clubs that we need to offer our immense thanks to is our Muslim Students' Association, who have continued to extend support and care to their student community. We continue to keep you in our thoughts particularly as you continue to journey through Ramadan over the next few weeks.

6 General Business

As no matters of general business were received, the President had no items for discussion. However the floor was opened for questions.

Question: *What does the UCSA have to say in regards to the allegations of bullying made by Raymond Ellwood, previous Executive member?*

Answer: Understandably, there has been much interest in the situation regarding Raymond Ellwood's resignation from the UCSA Executive.

The UCSA had significant concerns about Raymond's ability to meet the core duties and responsibilities of his role, particularly his lack of attendance at fortnightly Executive committee meetings. According to Executive minutes which can be found on the UCSA website, it was recorded that Raymond did not attend two Executive meetings in a row, nor were apologies noted for either.

Raymond then decided to resign on his own accord, with the Executive receiving his formal written resignation on 26th March. Prior to his resignation on March 26th, the UCSA attempted to reach out to Raymond in good faith on multiple occasions to discuss matters relating to his involvement and commitment with the UCSA. However, UCSA will not be discussing these in a public setting. UCSA respects an individual's right to exercise freedom of speech in a respectful manner, however the UCSA rejects any accusation of bullying towards Raymond Ellwood.

In his role, Raymond was assigned the portfolio of representing students on the College of Arts, and as mentioned earlier, after his resignation, the Executive decided to co-opt an existing Executive member, Vice President Tori McNoe into the portfolio, as per the Constitution. We have received positive feedback from the College of Arts about this new arrangement and would like to thank Tori for her commitment to this role on top of her many other UCSA duties.

The meeting closed at 12:25pm.

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