

UCSA Half Annual General Meeting 2020 Unconfirmed Notes

Date: Tuesday 22 July 2020
Time: 12pm
Venue: Undercroft 101, Puaka-James Hight building
Present: 210 students

The President welcomed the student body to the Half Annual General Meeting and explained the proceedings of how a Half AGM is run.

1 Minutes of the 2019 Half AGM MOVE

That the minutes of the Half AGM held on 23rd July 2019 are deemed as a true and accurate record

Charlotte Merrall/Leo He

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2 The Half Annual Report of the 2020 UCSA President

Tori McNoe 2020 UCSA President, read the highlights of her half yearly progress report.

2020 Half Yearly President Report

Financial Update – from Jack Whittam, Finance & Engagement Officer

The UCSA's financial position remains strong with total equity of around \$16.3 million as at the end of May. But as we are all aware it will become more challenging when the UCSA pays for our share of the building, Haere-roa. Contractually this was to happen at the end of June but we are awaiting final costs.

Currently the UCSA is holding \$4.78 million in cash and \$8.9 million in accrued revenue that UC are holding and investing on our behalf. The UCSA receive the wage subsidy and wage subsidy extension of around \$1.3 million due to the large decrease in Food and Beverage as well as events. Apart from The Shilling Club which we chose to close until 2021 we have been able to retain all other staff at the moment.

Tori highlighted the following key points for the year to date:

A \$10,000 fund was established to provide support to clubs during the COVID-19 period and the executive would like to extend gratitude to the clubs who continued to facilitate connection over lockdown.

The UCSA have unfortunately had to close The Shilling Club has been closed for the balance of the year. The decision to do this was not easy, however, over a number of years it was making a loss, and the COVID circumstances meant the loss was no longer absorbable. While the decision as hard the UCSA look forward to having the opportunity to bring something fresh and new to students in 2021.

The UCSA is reworking its partnership agreement with the University. This agreement provides the terms for which the UCSA is regarded within the University and allows us to operate and be respected freely. As work continues on this the student body will be updated.

The UCSA Executive submitted to the Accommodation Inquiry. The key points of this are available on the submission website.

The Executive continued as normal over the lockdown meeting via zoom. In addition, the Emergency Management Team was engaged by the University where the President took a seat in the emergency response. In addition the president wishes to thank our staff and our members for the resilience and engagement that managed to continue through trying times.

The UCSA has been working on its representation of Maori and Pasifika in particular this year within the University and our own events and groups.

The UCSA Executive has had a number of students interested in our membership within the New Zealand Union of Students Associations including a membership requisition. The terms of this are still unclear, but the Executive are committed to ensuring the conversation occurs in 2020.

The UCSA is hosting Welfare Grants for COVID 19.

The President made note of a number of new initiatives including the Suggestion box, a new recognized way for students to engage with the Executive of issues.

The President opened the floor for any questions.

Questions: Does the UCSA intend on increasing its funding to CANTA?

Answer: The President responded stating that CANTA is funded via the Student Services Levy which is based on the results of the UCount survey that students feed into each year to rank services provided by UC and the UCSA and CANTA is currently ranked last.

MOVE

That the student body accept the President's half year report

3 Life Membership

A very brief explanation of Jeff Field's involvement with Students and the Association over a long career was given.

Over his 32 years at the University of Canterbury, Jeff Field has shown consistent support for the affairs of the UCSA. His support and attendance can be noted at various UCSA events such Clubs day, Supreme clubs' awards, Staff of The Year and Blues Awards in support of his colleagues and students.

Jeff has been a particular support of 9 different Presidents in his time as Registrar in gaining governance knowledge and having the skills at Council level to effectively represent student voice.

Emergency management and response was part of Jeff's portfolio of duties as UC Registrar and, following the 2010/11 earthquakes, he led UC's insurance claim a claim which included our Association Building. Jeff was a key advocate in the UCSA re-establishing its own home on campus and our new building would not exist today without his support in the partnership of UC and the UC in resurrecting the building.

Shortly before the death of his beloved wife Robyn, also a UC Graduate, his family donated a large \$40,000 to the build of Haere-roa which took formation in the Field foyer.

He has been Registrar at 116 graduation ceremonies and is signatory to some 60,000 UC degrees.

Under Jeff's leadership, UC raised \$80 million for scholarship endowments to assist students in gaining Education here at UC.

The President opened the floor for questions and none were received.

MOVE

That the UCSA offer life membership to Mr Jeff Field, recently retired Registrar of the University of Canterbury for his services to the Association

Kim Fowler/George Stilwell

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4 General Business

UCSA Elections

The UCSA Elections are coming up this term with voting from xx-xx August. Nominations are open after the election.

Tori encouraged the student body to put their names forward for the Executive positions. She informed the student body that being on the Executive is a rewarding experience with lots of opportunities and valuable skills are learnt in representation and governance.

Meg Lee, the Returning Officer for the 2020 elections was introduced and invited to draw the 4 x \$50 cash prizes.

There is a candidate information session after the Half AGM for those thinking of running to find out more about the role and what it entails.

The inter Hall competition was drawn with Rochester and Rutherford Hall having the highest turn out of students at the Half AGM and receiving free venue hire of the Foundry for a private event.

The meeting closed at 12:24pm.

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