

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY UNION INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING 13/17

A meeting of the Union Board of Directors was held at 4.00pm on Thursday 28th of September 2017 in the Regus Board Room, Level 4, No 15 Moore Street, Acton. Meeting opened at 4:08pm.

PRESENT

Mr Tom Lindenmayer	Chair
Ms Jemma Cavanagh	Deputy Chair
Ms Agatha Court	Elected
Mr Francis Claessens	Appointed
Mr Dominic Kasah	Elected
Mr Scott Joblin	PARSA representative
Mr Lewis Pope	ANUSA representative

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Suranga Abeygunasekera	A/ General Manager
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MINUTES

1. FORMAL MATTERS

1.1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Tom Nock, Mr Nathan Kerwood and Ms Belinda Farrelly.

1.2 Directors' Interests

No new directors' interests were declared.

1.3 Minutes of Board Meetings No 12/2017

The Board resolved to accept the minutes of Board Meeting No 12/2017 held on Thursday the 31st August 2017.

Motion Accepted (BM 61/2017 J Cavanagh/D Kasah)

1.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Action Item 1:

The process for filling the GM's position is on hold.

Open Item

Action Item 2 – collect quotes from art dealers

The A/General Member collected quotes from art dealers. The Board discussed this in general business.

Closed Item

There were no further action items to discuss

1.5 Chairs Report: Open Discussion Items

Thank you to those who have attended the September Meeting, it's been another big month for the Union.

Firstly, I would like to once again pass my best wishes onto Kylie and her family.

Secondly, I would like to welcome Francis Claessens to the Board. Francis has already shown his interest and excitement through his attendance at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting a fortnight ago.

The Union is continuing negotiations to wrap up our proceedings with the university. There have been a few hiccups in these negotiations, but I will discuss these in confidential business.

Additionally, the Strategic Planning Committee met two weeks ago to discuss the future of the Union, both in regards to the physical space and future staffing. I will provide a full report of this meeting later.

On Wednesday 27 September, I attended a meeting in my capacity as Chair of the Board with the Presidents of other student organisations, with Professor Marie Hughes-Warrington and Andrew Heath (Corporate Governance Division of the ANU). At this meeting, we discussed a new proposed structure for constitutional amendments and getting Council approval. The requirements have not yet been finalised, but I will circulate these to the Board when they have been.

After this meeting, I had a conversation with Suranga about some issues we may have working with our constitution as it currently stands. Obviously, we will need a near-complete rewrite once we have settled our future arrangements, but in the meantime we will have some issues:

1. Nominations for new members of the Board are required to be published on the notice board in the Union;
2. Election references to the Union Building, including the posting of ballot papers and polling place; and
3. The posting of General Meetings (among other issues).

The greatest concern with the General Meetings is two-fold. Firstly, we are due to have our Ordinary General Meeting in October this year. Secondly, we can only make changes to the constitution at a General Meeting. It obviously will be difficult to complete either of these requirements without a Union Building.

I have written to Andrew Heath seeking advice on the best approach for us to take to manage this in the short term.

Finally, given Nathan Kerwood has tendered apologies for a number of months as he has gone on exchange. I propose that in the interim, the Board elect a temporary Chair of the Finance committee. It is important that, as the Union moves towards its new structure, the committees begin meeting again.

The Board noted the Chair's report.

1.6. Chair's Report: Confidential Items

1.6.1 Deed of Settlement and Release with the ANU

1.7 Other Confidential Items

There were no other confidential items to discuss

2. General Manager's Report

New location for Union's admin office

The admin operations of the Union will be re locating once again at the end of September to 15 Moore Street. We will also have the ability to book a board room in this premise.

AusPost in the Pop up Village

There will be a delay in the transfer process of the Union's AusPost license, since ANU is now looking for an external operator rather than ANU running it themselves. The Union will hear of the ANU's tenancy selection committee's decision by the 18th of September & intern can start the license transfer process then.

ANU & AusPost will work together to have the Pop up AusPost premises ready & the new operator trading by/before the 30th of October.

The Board noted the General Manager's report.

3. Management Reports: Finances

The Board discussed the finances as of 31 August 2017.

The Board accept the Management reports (Finance) for the period ending 30th August 2017.

(BM 62/2017 F Claessens/ A Court)

4. Finance Committee Report

No Meeting was held.

5. Strategic Planning Committee Report

A strategic planning committee meeting was held on 7 September 2017 in the Regus Board Room, Mezzanine Level, No 15 Moore Street, Acton.

The Board noted the Chair's report.

6. Social Committee Report

No Meeting was held

7. General Business

7.1. GM position

The Board authorises the Chair to negotiate a three-year contract with Mr Suranga Abeygunasekera to permanently fill the position of GM. The Chair will negotiate terms with reference to Mr Abeygunasekera's current working conditions and salary, previous GM conditions and relevant ANU Awards. The contract is to begin immediately.

Motion accepted

(BM 63/2017 T Lindenmayer/ D Kasah)

7.2 Finance Committee Chair

As Mr Nathan Kerwood, current Finance Committee Chair, has tendered his apologies for the next few meetings, the Board sought to elect an Acting Chair of the Finance Committee.

The Chair called for nominations for Acting Chair of the Finance Committee. One nomination was received from Dominic Kasah, seconded by Scott Joblin. No other nominations were received

Dominic Kasah declared Acting Chair of the Finance Committee.

7.3 Artworks sale

The Board reviewed the quotes from three art dealers and the GM's recommendation.

The Board resolved to sell the Union's artworks through Menzies Fine Auctioneers & Valuers at their suggested reserves.

Motion Accepted

(BM 64/2017 J Cavanagh/S Joblin)

7.4 Rule Changes

Pursuant to ANU Union Inc. constitution Rule 43, the following rule change was made.

Preamble:

The ANU Union vacated Building 20, formally known as the Union Building, to allow for its demolition as part of the University's Union Court Redevelopment. The ANU Union Inc's constitution makes a number of references to the Union Building. This rule is a necessary adaptation to give effect to those references.

For the purposes of general meetings, elections and any other constitutional processes, 'Union Building' will be defined as 'the office of the administrative staff of the ANU Union, Union Court or any equivalent common meeting space within the University campus, and any other space the ANU Union occupies'. This rule is in effect until the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the board of directors of the ANU Union Inc.

The GM is to post the rule change in the Union office, Pop-Up Village, website and social media ASAP.

Motion accepted

(BM 65/2017 T Lindenmayer/D Kasah)

7.5 OGM

The OGM will be held on 26 October 2017 at ANU at 3pm.

Mr Kasah will organise a space in the CBE Building to host the AGM. The GM will contact ANU Facilitates & Services for alternative locations.

7.5 Staff planning and redundancies

The GM will keep the Board updated as to whether the Union needs to hire additional staff to replace Ms Kylie Wharton. He will also provide the Board with the staff redundancy documentation to date.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 5:11pm.