

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY UNION INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**BOARD MEETING 2/18 MINUTES**

A meeting of the Union Board of Directors was held at 4.00pm on  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
At The Regus board room (Lennox) level 4, 15 Moore Street, Canberra City

**PRESENT:**

Thomas Lindenmayer

Nathan Kerwood

Agatha Court

Dominic Kasah

Francis Claessens

Thomas Nock

Scott Joblin

PARSA Representative

Nicholas Douros

ANUSA Representative

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Suranga Abeygunasekara

General Manager

**OBSERVERS:**

Lauren Kightley

Elected board director 2018

James Howarth

Elected board director 2018

**MINUTES**

**1. FORMAL MATTERS**

**1.1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Jemma Cavanagh

**1.2 Directors' Interests**

No new Directors' interest were declared

### **1.3 Minutes of Board Meetings No 1/2018**

The board resolves to accept the minutes of Board Meeting No 1/2018 held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2018

Motion accepted (BM 6/2018 F Classens / S Joblin)

### **1.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

No matters arising from the minutes

### **1.5 Chairs Report: Open Discussion Items**

Thank you to all who have made it to the March meeting of the ANU Union, in what will be the final meeting for this term of the Board.

Firstly, I want to thank the outgoing Board members: Jemma, Aggi and Tom, for their service to the Union. The past twelve months have been undoubtedly some of the most demanding and challenging times our organisation have ever faced. I thank them all for the time that they put in to help our organisation get through.

In particular, I do want to thank Jemma for her service in the role as Deputy Chair. At times, when our litigation became challenging, Jemma was always quick to step in and help me out. Jemma played a crucial role during our negotiation and litigation, and I thank her for her contribution. I will be moving that she be made a life member of the Union for this service.

I also wish to take this opportunity to welcome the new members to our Board whose terms will begin in April. I also note that Francis and myself have been successful in seeking re-election.

As many of you know, the Union election occurred in early March. Unusually, this election was not a contested election, with the number of nominees being equal to the number of positions vacant.

In addition, Jemma and myself met with the auditors to sign off on the books for 2017. We will deal with the auditors' report in more detail later in the meeting, but the auditors noted that our financial position, and corporate strength, has substantially improved since the 2016 reporting.

Our communication with the University continues at this stage. We are finalising the details of a number of arrangements with the hope of providing an update to students of our position in the near future.

The board noted the chairs report.

## **1.6 Chairs Report: Confidential Items – Non Conflicted**

The board noted the chairs confidential report.

## **1.7 Other Confidential Items:**

General Managers Report: Open Confidential Items.

The board noted the General Managers open confidential report.

## **2. General Managers Report**

- **Thank you to the outgoing Union Board for 2017**

This being the final meeting for the Union board of 2017 I would like to thank all of you for the effort you put in during your term.

I must say a very big thank you to Tom for all the hard yards he put in going above & beyond his role as the Chair of the board to see the Union survive into the future in what was a couple of the toughest years that the Union has faced during its entire history. I am personally aware that the amount of time that Tom put into the Union in fact affected his time for study & personal life. I myself, The Union, & the future Union boards to come sincerely thank you for this.

I must also say a special thank you to Jemma for also going above & beyond her role of deputy chair.

The first meeting for the 2018 Union board of directors will be held next month on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April.

- **2017 Financial audit**

RSM concluded the 2017 financial audit which was signed off on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March. A copy of this has been emailed to all of you, & will also be available on our website following this meeting.

- **Union Elections**

The Union election process was successfully conducted by AEC & the results were published on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. As the number of nominations we received did not exceed the number of seats to be filled, the members were elected without the requirement of an election to be held.

- **Union AGM**

The Union's AGM is scheduled for Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, & a venue will need to be decided on at this meeting (*to be discussed during General business*).

The board noted the General Managers report

**3. Management Reports: Finances**

The Board discussed the finances as of 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018.

The Board resolved to accept the Management reports (Finance) for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018.

(BM 7/2018 N Kerwood/T Nock)

**4. Finance Committee Report:**

Committee not met

**5. Social Committee Report:**

Committee not met

**6. Strategic Planning Committee Report:**

Committee not met

**7. General Business**

**7.1 General Business – Confidential items**