

Board of Directors
Meeting No 12/17

A meeting of the Union Board of Directors was held on Thursday 31 August 2017. Meeting opened at 4:06 in the Board Room, Mezzanine Level, No 15 Moore Street, Acton.

PRESENT

Mr Tom Lindenmayer	Chair
Ms Jemma Cavanagh	Deputy Chair
Mr Nathan Kerwood	Elected
Mr Dominic Kasah	Elected
Ms Agatha Court	Appointed
Mr Tom Nock	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 Ms Belinda Farrelly

1.2 Directors' Interest

No new Directors' Interest were declared

1.3 Minutes of Board Meeting No 11/2017

The board resolves to accept the minutes of Board Meeting No 11/2017 held on 27 July 2017.

Motion accepted (BM 57/2017 D Kasah/ T Nock)

1.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Action item 1:

The process for filling the permanent GM position is still on hold.

Open item

There were no further items to discuss

1.5 Chair's Report: Open discussion Items

The Chair thanked all Board members for attending the August meeting of the ANU Union Board of Directors. Apologies to those who may have struggled to find our meeting location.

Currently, our administrative staff are housed in the Regis Offices on Canberra Avenue, but will be moving to a renovated site shortly. At this new site, we will have

access to a Boardroom for future meetings until our longer term arrangements are finalised.

July and August were massive months in the future of the ANU Union. We reached a settlement with the Australian National University, and are currently in the process of unravelling our proceedings before the ACT Supreme Court. Additionally, we have vacated Building 20, which is currently being demolished by the University.

I will explain the details of our deal with the University in more detail in Confidential Business, but I thank all members of the Board and the executive for their assistance in helping us reach this deal. Additionally, I thank Trinity Law and P2 for helping represent us.

Additionally, we welcome the new member of the Board, Agatha Court, who will be formally appointed at this meeting.

Nathan Kerwood has informed me that he will be going on exchange for a number of months. He has informed me that he is very willing to continue to serve the Board on his return from this exchange, and I have accepted his apologies for the next few meetings. In the meantime, I propose we consider acting arrangements for the Finance Committee in his absence.

We now have a broad range of challenges that we face going forward, which the Board will need to deal with in a short timeframe.

Firstly, we need to finalise a replacement for Annalyse Betts, who sadly stepped down from her position on the Board as a result of changing Universities. We have run an application round for this position since the last Board Meeting, and we will select our new member today.

Secondly, the Board needs to consider the future of the ANU Union more broadly. As the contents of our deal with the University remain confidential, I will not elaborate more in this report, other than to say we've got a number of critical decisions ahead.

Finally, the Board will need to give consideration to the new structure of the administrative staff of the ANU Union. At this stage, we have made a number of staff redundant, and have been working with them closely in their transitions into new employment. The Board need to turn their minds to the most effective structure for the administrative side of our business, and consider alternative options (such as outsourcing) to allow us to function efficiently moving forward.

I will arrange a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee to facilitate these discussions. I suggest we make an effort as a Board to reinvigorate these committees, especially given the detailed discussions we will need to have in the coming months.

Thank you again for attending, and for your support throughout our negotiations with the University.

The Board noted the Chair's report.

1.6 Chairs Report: Confidential Items:

1.6.1 Heads of Agreement with ANU

1.7 Other Confidential Items

1.7.1 Shirt Yourself/Dentist legal status

1.7.2 Australia Post license in Pop-Up Village

1.7.3 Building Plans

2. General Manager's Report

Agreement reached between ANU & The Union

A confidential agreement was reached between ANU & The Union which was signed (heads of agreement) on the 1st of August.

The agreement will see the Union continuing to provide its services as per the Union's constitution back on the ANU campus by early 2018.

All of the Union run businesses finished trading on the 4th of August in the Union Building, also the last of the Union's tenants (UniCycles & The campus bakery) transitioned into the Pop up village.

A recognition & appreciation especially to Tom who went above and beyond the call of duty & in fact sacrificed time from his studies, career & personal life for well over a year. Also Jemma & the rest of the board members that contributed towards this positive outcome which will see a future for the Union.

Australia Post

The Union will run the AustPost outlet which is scheduled to be ready in the Pop up village by mid-end September until ANU is ready to take over the license & run the outlet themselves.

The Board noted the General Manager's report.

3. Management Reports: Finances

The Board discussed the finances as of 31 July 2017.

The Board resolves to accept the Management reports (Finances) for the period ending 31 July 2017.

(BM 58/2017 J Cavanagh/T Nock)

4. Finance Committee Report

No meeting was held

5. Social Committee Report

No meeting was held

6. Strategic Planning Committee Report

No meeting was held

7. Filling of casual director's vacancy

We received one application for casual director's vacancy from Mr Francis Claessens.

The Board moved to accept Mr Claessens' application to fill the casual director's vacancy until 31 March 2018.

Motion Accepted

(BM 59/2017 N Kerwood/ A Court)

8. General Business

The A/General Manager will collect further quotes in regards to selling the Union's art works (including the John Perceval, Gray Smith and other decorative works). He will pursue which ever auction house that takes the lowest commission and offers the best deal.

Motion approved

(BM 60/2017 T Lindenmayer/ D Kasah)

The Board discussed postponing the OGM from its intended date in September until mid to late October. This would allow the OGM to occur at a time when the legal proceedings with the ANU had been wound up.

The Board wished Ms Kylie Wharton a speedy recovery and agreed to send her a card and flowers.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 5:07pm.

