

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY UNION INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING No 03/2014

A meeting of the Union Board of Directors was held on Thursday 29 May 2014 at 4.00 pm in the Board Room.

PRESENT:

Mr Joshua Orchard	Chair
Ms Megan Lane	Deputy Chair
Ms Alice Dawkins	Elected
Mr Alex Bell-Rowe	Elected
Mr Luke Powter	Elected
Mr Mark Grieb	Executive Director
Mr Steve O'Connor	Appointed

IN ATTENDANCE:

MINUTES

1. FORMAL MATTERS

1.1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Alan Harkins and Henry Ladd.

1.2 Directors' Interest

No interests were declared.

1.3 Confidential Items

Observers were asked to leave the room for this item.

1.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

1.5 Minutes of Board Meetings No 02/2014

The Board resolves to accept the minutes of Board Meeting

No 02/2014 held on Wednesday 30 April 2014.

Motion accepted.

(BM 6/2014 J Orchard/M Lane)

2. REPORTS

2.1 Chair

The Chair informed members present that ANU Union had failed in its bid to win the tender for supply of academic dress. This will have a significant impact on the Union financially and that it would require a strategic rethink of how the Union operated in an increasingly difficult campus environment.

He canvassed a meeting between himself, the Business Manager and Chris Grant where they discussed the place of the Union, particularly in light of the Union Court redevelopment. The University signalled their intention to run businesses in the precinct directly themselves instead of allowing the Union to do this.

The Union has been invited to apply for a maintenance grant to afford the upkeep on the building as the previous grant will finish this year.

The Union has been urged by the University to be careful in its planning of the Oktoberfest. The need to abide by the RSA laws was stressed as the hope the event will be about food and live entertainment rather than binge drinking.

The Board noted the Chair's report.

2.2 Business Manager

- The Business Manager was unavailable and therefore was no report.

3. MANAGEMENT REPORTS (FINANCE)

The board discussed the finances as at April 2014

The Board resolves to accept the Management reports (Finance) for the period ending 30 April 2014.

Motion accepted

(BM7/2014 M Lane/A Bell-Rowe)

4. Presentation of the Auditors report

The Auditors report will be tabled at the next Board meeting.

5. Election of a Union Representative to GAC

One nomination was received from Megan Lane. Megan Lane declared union representative to GAC unopposed.

6. The Board resolves to convene the Rules Committee

Members of the Rules Committee will be Alice Dawkins and Alex Bell-Rowe.

Motion Passed (BM7/2014 J Orchard/L Powter)

7. The Board resolves to activate the Social Committee

Members of the Social Committee will be Alex Bell-Rowe, Joshua Orchard and Megan Lane

Motion passed (BM8/2014 A Dawkins/L Powter)

8. The board resolves to convene the Finance committee

Members of the Finance committee will be Joshua Orchard and Steve O'Connor

Motion passed (BM9/2014 L Powter/A Dawkins)

9. The board resolves to convent the Remuneration Committee

Members of the Remuneration Committee will be Megan Lane and Mark Grieb.

Motion passed (BM10/2014 A Bell-Rowe/L Powter)

10. The Board resolves to convene the Constitutional review committee

The Board has decided to defer the activation of the Constitutional Review Committee until a later date as yet undertimened

Motion passed (BM11/2014 J Orchard/L Powter)

11. Business Managers Bonus

Business Managers bonus to be decided on when Audit reports are passed.

12. ANNU's online presence

ANUU needs to become a more legitimate body on campus and to do this, it needs to increase and change the way that it engages with students. The Union needs to be more active on its website and Facebook. The Board has referred this to the newly created social committee and awaits recommendations from that body.

13. Plowmans Café

There are ongoing concerns that the Plowmans Café continues to be a liability to the Union that runs at a loss. The Board resolved to meet next month and discuss how the business might be reformed to turn a profit (or minimise loss)

14. Business Training

Concerns have been raised that the Board of the ANU Union have been elected to run the union without proper training or an understanding of the legal liability and responsibilities. Megan Lane presented a range of options from seminars for Board Members to in-house training. The Board resolved to wait until the following meeting to give Megan time to consult further. It was further proposed that additional training in Finance, Strategy and Risk could be undertaken later in the year, when and as members roles required.

15. General Business

There was no general business

There being no further business the meeting closed time unknown.