



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**DEAKIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
(DUSA)
Reg No. A0040625Y**

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday 18 May 2023
10:00am
Burwood Corporate Centre (Lvl 2) and Via Zoom**

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Via Zoom or in person at Burwood Corporate Centre (Lvl 2)**



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1. WELCOME

The Chair, Georgie Brimer formally welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open at 10:06am.

DUSA President's Address:

Good morning everyone

Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that as we gather for this meeting physically dispersed and virtually constructed, we should take a moment to reflect on the meaning of place and in doing so recognise the various traditional lands on which we do our business today.

We acknowledge the Elders past, present and emerging of all the lands we work and live on, and their Ancestral Spirits, with gratitude and respect.

Thank you everyone for taking the time to be here at today's AGM.

I have been a DUSA member since before Covid and have seen a lot of changes since 2019. To give a snapshot of DUSA in 2023, I will focus on three main aspects.

Events back on campus:

With the return to campus, we are almost seeing a pre-covid level of students back on campus now and attending our events, such as O'Fest, Pride Week and Self Care week, along with our other usual events such as Beats and Eats, Mystery Bus, and O'Camp which was shortened to O'Day this year due to budgetary constraints. Having these events back on campuses is making for a vibrant campus again after Covid and providing opportunities for us to engage clubs and club leaders in this space, which is benefitting our events by getting more student leaders to help run events and also benefitting clubs by giving them more exposure and increasing their membership base. And of course, clubs themselves have been successfully running their own events as well.

Education:

Getting a quality and accessible education is increasingly something that students are more and more concerned about. Student Council and particularly myself as President, do not represent every single student demographic, which is why we created the Education Committee as a way of funnelling information from the wider student population from different backgrounds, faculties, international and domestic to Student Council so that we are adequately informed of a wide range of issues affecting students.

Welfare:

There are many welfare issues being faced by students this year, such as the increased cost of living, food insecurity and financial insecurity. DUSA has been increasing our welfare and food packages with the free food pantry, chill out trolley (successful enough to be at both Geelong campuses), and the survival centre are just some of the ways in which DUSA provides welfare to students to alleviate some of this stress. The



A big thank you to all of our student representatives and Council for the great work they have been doing during their terms.

AGM Attendance:

Annette Allen Executive Officer

Motion Carried



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The Chair asked if any members present had any questions or comments on the previous year's Special General Meeting Minutes. No questions were received.

The Chair advised she would now move a motion to accept the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 25 July 2022.

AGM02/18052023:

That the minutes of the 2022 Special General Meeting held on the 25th July 2022 be accepted.

Moved: Georgie Brimer **Seconded:** Eie Clarke

For: 29 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Motion Carried

3. ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair noted that the Annual Report had been provided with the Agenda which is available on the DUSA Website, and if there were no questions or comments regarding the annual report she would move a motion to accept this. No questions were received.

AGM03/18052023:

That the members confirm they have received the Annual Report on the activities of DUSA during its last financial year.

Moved: Georgie Brimer **Seconded:** Tiankuo Cui

For: 29 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Motion Carried

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chair advised that she will assume that everyone has read the financial statements for 2022 which were provided with the Agenda to Student Council and were also provided on DUSA's website, and if there were no questions she would move a motion to accept the financial statements. No questions were received.



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AGM04/18052023:

That the members confirm they have received the financial statements and accompanying audited accounts as at 31st December 2022 for the incorporated association, and that the registered contact will submit the statement to the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC) within one month of the date of this meeting

Moved: **Georgie Brimer**

Seconded: **Ally Petherick**

For: 29 **Against:** 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

5. SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The Chair advised that she would now speak for the resolution to change the DUSA Constitution.

The Chair spoke to the proposed special resolution to change the constitution, advising that these amendments were required due to the University's recent change in structure for Cloud Campus students to Online students attached to a physical campus, and that we need to ensure that our structure and regulations are aligned with this new structure.

The Chair advised she has recently held individual meetings with the current Cloud Campus representatives to explain why these changes are necessary. The Accessibility and Services Representative positions across Burwood, Geelong and Warrnambool campuses will be renamed the Accessibility and Online Student Representative and this role will be the voice of online students.

The Chair advised the constitutional amendments had been provided in the Notice of AGM and in the agenda and asked if anyone had any questions regarding these changes or if anyone present wanted to speak against the changes.

Questions and discussion ensued.

The Chair clarified that online students attached to a physical campus will have the ability to nominate for any position available on their campus committee during the elections. They will also be able to create an informal DUSA online students committee if they wish to do this.

The Chair advised that if everyone present was happy to proceed to a vote she would now move a motion to approve the changes to the Constitution.

AGM05/18052023:

That the Constitution of the Deakin University Student Association Incorporated comprising its rules be amended as specified in the Notice of AGM and the Agenda

Moved: **Georgie Brimer**

Seconded: **Eie Clarke**

For: 29 **Against:** 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried



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6. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair advised that no other business had been received for discussion and asked if any of the members present had any other items they would like to raise for discussion.

No items were received.

The Chair advised she would now close the meeting.

7. MEETING CLOSED

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 10:31am and thanked everyone for attending.

DUSA 2023 Annual General Meeting Attendance List

Attendees at Burwood Campus - Burwood Corporate Centre

<i>Name</i>	<i>Member / Observer</i>
Georgie Brimer	M
Ally Petherick	M
Oscar Stones	M
Erica Clarke	M
Paul Ting	M
Tiankuo Cui	M
Paulasta Majmdar	M
Agrim Gautam	M
Simar Bedi	M
Vivian Liu	M
Lydia Yan	M
Guleid Abdullahi	M
Prabhmanna Singh	M
Tina Chen	M
Jrigny Zhang	M
Sue Rolland	O
Robyn Barnden	O
Annette Allen	O
Attendees via zoom:	
Arshia Nijjar	M
Jorja Sharp	M
William Cook	M
Emily Sagolj	M
Jonathan De La Pena	M
Mikayla Nicholson	M
Sophie Close	M
Melda Ceylanbas	M
Amy Yong	M
Spencer Perry	M
Sasha Sri	M
Mouli Shukla	M
Claire Hu	M
Sarbjee Singh	M
Parmath Modgil	O
Yashika Arora	O
Prachi	O
Manalan Kumar	O
Yasnika Arorg	O
Total Voting Members	29
Total Observers	8

15 voting members

14 voting members online