



# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

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

## **2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

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**Tuesday 17 May 2022  
10:00am**

**Held via zoom and in person at Burwood Corporate Centre**

**DUSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Tuesday 17 May 2022, commencing at 10.00am  
Via Zoom and BCC**

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## 1. WELCOME

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The Chair, Guleid Abdullahi formally welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open at 10:02am.

### ***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 member of DUSA for a while now since joining in 2019 and taking up my first position as Diversity and Belonging Officer. One of the first things I did when I first came on campus was to get my hoodie and to join some clubs. I got elected as President in a pandemic which was pretty amazing.

The last two years have been very challenging for DUSA, but we did a lot of things behind the scenes to keep supporting students. We had multiple orientation events online and on campus where possible while still maintaining safe COVID procedures and adapting to meet the government restrictions. We had to try and give students some level of orientation during those tough two years and our staff, Student Council and Representatives did a great job during this period. We are glad that things are now starting to return to normal, as our biggest issue at DUSA is our students and providing support to them, and more recently our International students during the pandemic, the crisis in India and other countries, and some also experiencing financial crisis and a coup and we tried to support students in every way possible.

We were able to provide a lot of services, such as counselling, advocacy, academic integrity assistance through our advocacy department and we did our best to ensure that practical classes were provided to nursing students, plus extensions for students across all faculties. We honestly hoped 2021 would be better than 2020 however the pandemic had other intentions. However, we were active when lockdowns happened and when they ceased, and we were able to adapt our events to meet these circumstances. We have taken a significant hit in our memberships from 12,000 in 2019/20 to around 7,000 in 2022. However, I am pleased that we have been able to retain a lot of our renewing members.

Our dedicated team of staff ensure that DUSA provides advocacy, welfare, clubs, sports and many other services for our students and we could not do this without them. The close bond we have with our DUSA staff ensures that students get the most out of their university experience and we will continue to lobby for improvements at university for all students.

**Guleid Abdullahi**  
**DUSA 2022 President**



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## 1.2 Present (In person and via zoom)

### **Burwood**

Members: 9  
Observers: 4

### **Geelong**

Members: 2  
Observers: 0

### **Warrnambool**

Members: 0  
Observers: 0

### **Cloud**

Members: 2  
Observers: 0

## 1.3 Apologies:

None

## 1.4 Minute Taker:

Annette Allen

Executive Officer

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## 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

A question was received from Cloud Member, Amy Underhill asking whether there were plans to run more mental health workshops this year.

The Chair advised he would take the question on notice and would respond by COB Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The General Manager provided information to the Chair. The Chair then advised that further mental health workshops would be held in Trimester 2 at both Burwood and Geelong campuses.

The Chair advised he would now move a motion to accept the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 25 May 2021.

### **AGM01/17052022:**

That the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting held on the 25th May 2021 be accepted.

**Moved:** Guleid Abdullahi      **Seconded:** Liam Cowan

**For:** 13      **Against:** 0      **Abstain:** 0

**Motion Carried**



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### 3. ANNUAL REPORT

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

**AGM02/17052022:**

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

**Moved:** Guleid Abdullahi **Seconded:** Liam Cowan

**For:** 13 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

**Motion Carried**

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### 4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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The Chair advised that he would take it that everyone had read the financial statements for 2021 which were provided with the Agenda to Student Council and Representatives and were also available on the DUSA website, and if there were no questions he would move a motion to accept the financial statements.

No questions were received.

**AGM03/17052022:**

That the members confirm they have received the financial statements and accompanying audited accounts as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 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:** Guleid Abdullahi **Seconded:** Georgie Brimer

**For:** 13 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

**Motion Carried**

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### 5. OTHER BUSINESS

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

The Chair advised he would now close the meeting.

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### 6. MEETING CLOSED

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The Chair declared the meeting closed at 10:15am.

## DUSA 2022 Annual General Meeting Attendance List

<i>Name</i>	<i>Student ID #</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Member / Observer</i>
Guleid Abdullahi	217497556	Burwood	M
Georgie Brimer	219182815	Burwood	M
Liam Cowan	218271169	Burwood	M
Jonathan De La Pena	217266962	Geelong	M
Harrishman Shobanan	219204188	Burwood	M
Mason Allcorn	218259398	Geelong	M
Jasmine Xing	220599907	Burwood	M
Sid Shrestha	219355129	Burwood	M
Laura Moorfoot	220257792	Burwood	M
Amy Underhill	222341055	Cloud	M
Alan Wang	216099402	Burwood	M
Melda Ceylanas	220338681	Burwood	M
Hayley Hughes		Cloud	M
Sue Rolland	staff		O
Robyn Barnden	staff		O
Annette Allen	staff		O
Fionna Cooper	staff		O
Tania Evans	staff		O
Gavin Hodgkinson	staff		O
		<b>Total Voting Members</b>	<b>13</b>
		<b>Observers (non voting)</b>	<b>6</b>