

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION INC

STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

10th Meeting

26 August 2021

11:00AM


Via Zoom



Student Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday 26 August 2021

 Indicates starred item

 Indicates document attached

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DUSA Student Council

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Commencing at 11:00AM

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As we gather for this meeting physically dispersed and virtually constructed, let us 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.

Procedural Matters

1.0 Welcome

- 1.1 The Chair, Emily Sagolj formally welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open at 11:09AM.

Present

Emily Sagolj	President and Chair
Katrina Sullivan	Vice President – Education
Saipraneeth Reddy	Vice President - Welfare
Guleid Abdullahi	General Secretary
Naren Shetty	Assistant General Secretary
Jasmine Qi Xing	Student Council Member
Georgie Brimer	Student Council Member
Madhab Kharel	Student Council Member
Ivanka Dishan Su	Student Council Member

Present for Debate

None

By Invitation

Sue Rolland	General Manager
Fionna Cooper	Finance Manager
Gavin Hodgkinson	Advocacy Manager
Robyn Barnden	Operations Manager
Tania Evans	Retail Manager
Lee Emberton	Student Engagement Manager

Observers

None

Minute Taker

Annette Allen	Executive Officer
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1.2 Apologies

None

1.3 Absent

Brendan Low	Student Council Member
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2.0 Question Time

- 2.1 The Chair advised no questions had been received prior to the meeting.
- 2.2 The Chair asked if anyone had any questions. None were received.
- 2.3 The Chair asked if there were any conflicts of interest to declare. None were received.

3.0 Starring

- 3.1 The following items were starred for further discussion (*including automatic starring as per agenda*):
 - 3.2 To consider a recommendation from the Chair that all remaining unstarred reports be received without further discussion.
 - 3.3 To consider a recommendation from the Chair that all remaining unstarred items on the agenda be received and that all recommendations therein be approved without further discussion.
 - 4.1 Accept the Minutes of the previous Student Council meeting held on 29 July 2021
 - 4.2 Actions arising from the Minutes
 - 5.0 Update on DUSA Podcast
 - 6.0 Requests for Leave of Absence
 - 6.1 Leave of absence request for Warrnambool Campus Coordinator
 - 9.0 Strategic Matters of Importance to Members
 - 10.0 Constitution and Regulations
 - 10.1 Proposed changes to General Regulations
 - 11.0 Policy, Procedures and Systems
 - 11.1 Monthly compliance reporting
 - 12.0 Reports and Operational Matters
 - 12.1 Human Resources
 - 12.2 Finance Report and Profit & Loss
 - 13.0 Minutes of DUSA's Committees Received
 - 13.5 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 - 14.0 Reports Received
 - 15.0 General / Other Business
 - 16.0 Next Meeting
 - 17.0 Meeting Closed

The Finance Manager advised there was not a lot to report on, the July PAYG has now been lodged and was paid in August and the BAS has also been paid.

12.0 Reports and Operational Matters

The Chair referred to the General Manager to speak to human resources.

12.1 Human Resources

The General Manager spoke to this item and advised there were not many changes since the previous meeting. Our new Marketing Intern Stephanie starts next week, and she replaces Seov who left recently.

The General Manager advised she has been reiterating to staff the availability of the employee assistance program in case any staff are struggling during lockdown.

There are no other staff vacancies at present.

The Chair advised that the finance report and profit and loss had been provided with the agenda and asked the Finance Manager if she would like to speak further to this.

12.2 Finance Report & Profit and Loss

The Finance Manager advised we had a \$243,000 surplus for July, which was slightly less than expected in the budget. We had received an extra \$100,000 of SSAF funds, which we have now invoiced the University for. The Ambassador program also recommenced, but not at the same level as previously and we have approx. \$27,000 in casual salary costs for this.

The new enterprise agreement commenced in July, which saw salary increases and cash bonuses being paid. Under the new enterprise agreement staff receive a cash bonus performance incentive rather than an increase to their base salary, which costs more at the beginning but saves us money in the longer term.

We spent some money on sports uniforms and had the first invoice for the elections come through for payment. Last month also included payment for our legal service charges for Geelong and Burwood. There were also some orientation expenses come through which we will apply to the University to pay. We received an amount of \$10,000 in Victorian Government grant funding which had been underpaid last year, so this was good to receive.

We are still struggling on the sales and memberships side due to lockdowns, which will be worse in August. We are being propped up by the job keeper payments that were received in the first quarter, and our Perpetual Investment is also doing well. Our current surplus will come down as we progress during the year. The Advocacy and Student Engagement areas have implemented initiatives to provide further resources for students and this will utilize some of our remaining SSAF funds.

We are not expecting any profit in the bookshop for the remainder of the year. Overall, we have a healthy cash balance and our investment is looking good.

Currently working with various areas on the 2022 budget.

13.0 Minutes of DUSA Committees

The Chair advised the Minutes of DUSA's Committees received this month were from the Executive Committee for its meetings held on 5 July, 19 July and 2 August, and if there were no questions or comments regarding these minutes she would move a motion to endorse them.

SC08/26082021:

That the Student Council endorses Guleid Abdullahi as the student representative on University Council

Moved: Emily Sagolj

Seconded: Madhab Kharel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 (Guleid)

Carried

11:45am The Vice President – Welfare left the meeting.

The Chair advised that Madhab wanted to move a motion in support of Afghani students.

Student Councillor, Madhab advised that he wanted to raise this motion to acknowledge the current plight of Afghani students and noted that there are many more Afghani students at Deakin than we realise.

SC09/26082021:

We at DUSA understand the current plight of Afghani students and we acknowledge that we are in support of them during this difficult time

Moved: Madhab Kharel

Seconded: Emily Sagolj

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Carried

Items for Noting

16.0 Next Meeting

The Chair advised that the next Student Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 23rd September 2021 via zoom.

17.0 Close of Business

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:48AM.