



Adelaide University Union Special Board Ex-Camera Minutes

For the meeting on 01st May 2019

In the Board Room at 6:00pm

Present:	Apologies:
Oscar Ong (AUU President, Chair)	Patrick Kennewell
Hugh Sutton (AUU Vice President, Student Media Chair)	Gary Sutherland (Observer)
Stella Woo (Clubs Committee Chair, Executive)	Michael Physick (Observer)
Arabella Wauchope (Executive)	
Tamsin Anspach (Executive)	Minutes Secretary:
Patrick Stewart	Rami Saaid
Angus Heaton	
Goh Jing Soong	Visitors:
Siqi (Jeffrey) Yang	Felix Eldridge

Meeting opened at 6:00pm.

1. Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners and Apologies

OO

We would like to Acknowledge that the land we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their Country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

OO

That all directors and officers in attendance declare that they have read and considered all papers within this agenda that require decision making and have no known conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest with respect to those matters.

3. Student Media Directors Elections Rules

OO

Oscar Ong mentioned the meeting with student media committee, in which the rules were passed and endorsed.

Tamsin Anspach was not happy about the lack of mention of election tribunal, that the paragraphs in the rules were essentially paraphrased in short sentences and the President interpreting the rule. She also asked if the rules have been looked over by a lawyer to ensure no presence of loopholes.

Oscar Ong stressed that Gary and himself have agreed that having a lawyer look through the rules would be unnecessary, and Tamsin Anspach is lying for stating that the rules gave the president too much power when essentially it is the same as the Annual election's rules. Tamsin Anspach admitted it was her fault.

Patrick Stewart stated that he does not believe what Oscar Ong said.

Tamsin Anspach mentioned that she had a word with Samantha Bedford and stated that Samantha Bedford said that she is unhappy and not supportive of the rules in addition to not looked through by a lawyer.

Oscar Ong replied that Samantha Bedford were in the Student Media Committee and she endorsed the rule as well. Angus Heaton mentioned that Samantha Bedford had the opportunity to bring that point up on the student media committee, but did not, so clearly, she must not have any issues.

Oscar Ong called Gary Sutherland over the phone to reiterate to the board that he does not believe having a lawyer look through the rules is necessary.

Tamsin Anspach also asked why the new rules appeared more like notes rather than being elaborated as in previous terms, and why a standard is not being maintained.

Gary Sutherland agreed with Tamsin Anspach saying that he doesn't believe a legal review would be a bad idea, but that it may be unnecessary as the rules are very low-risk and already based off previous rules.

Angus Heaton commented about the lack of need for elaborative rules as the student media committee and elections are much smaller than general elections and there is less likelihood for conflict.

Gary Sutherland left the call.

Oscar Ong stressed the clause on prohibition of paid advertisements.

Patrick Stewart is concerned that although student media elections might not cause issues this year, students may become competitive in future years and there may be rules and practices that are not prohibited in the rules, and hence there may be loopholes in how campaigners may behave during student media elections.

Patrick Stewart also believes the rules were written hastily and not much consideration was taken in the writing up of them.

Tamsin Anspach asked Oscar Ong if he was willing to have a lawyer review the rules, to which Oscar Ong responded he would action Gary Sutherland to have it arranged.

Patrick Stewart suggested the item be deferred to a future meeting.

Angus Heaton commented that the student media body has received plenty of feedback in past years, and that he values Patrick Stewart's input during the sub-committee meetings and that valid points were made.

Patrick Stewart also commented that it is more important to take the time to right an unfiltered set of rules, rather than trying to finish them in time for the current year and its elections.

Oscar Ong stated that the board must be able take the risk for a change which the immediate past president was too afraid to.

Patrick Stewart mentioned Mock Dit, and how restrictions would be placed on quality of advertising materials.

Angus Heaton mentioned that it the paper is less the factor of what will make any party will shine through, and rather the creativity of the party will be the winning factor.

Tamsin Anspach mentioned that perhaps black and white printing should be enforced during Mock Dit.

Recommendation:

That the board creates Student Media Directors Elections Rules and authorises the EO to create the Master Copy accordingly.

Point of Order: That the motion be put.

CARRIED

Moved: Hugh Sutton

Dissent: Tamsin Anspach

Patrick Stewart was issued a warning for attacking the chair and other board members.

Patrick Stewart was issued a second warning for continuing attacking the chair and other board members.

Patrick Stewart requested that the motion to be amended to include the lawyer's consultation.

Amendment:

Regarding the power granted in Clause 20 of the AUU Constitution concerning Rules, this Board resolves to create Student Media Directors Elections Rules and authorises the EO to create the Master Copy accordingly provided that a legal review has occurred and is provided to the next board meeting, special or ordinary for consideration.

Moved: Hugh Sutton

Seconded: Angus Heaton

CARRIED

4. Rule Concerning Student Media

OO

Patrick Stewart mentioned that there are no links between said rules and the election rules.

Recommendation:

Regarding the power granted in Clause 20 of the AUU Constitution concerning Rules, this Board resolves to:

Amend:

Clause 8.1 AUSM Directors shall be elected annually four weeks after the AUU elections. The elections must be carried out online through the university voting website.

and authorises the EO to alter the Master Copy accordingly.

Amendment:

Regarding the power granted in Clause 20 of the AUU Constitution concerning Rules, this Board resolves to:

Amend:

Clause 8.1 AUSM Directors shall be elected annually four weeks after the AUU elections pursuant to Student Media Directors Elections Rules. The elections must be carried out online through the university voting website.

and authorises the EO to alter the Master Copy accordingly.

Moved: Hugh Sutton
Seconded: Angus Heaton

CARRIED

5. In-Camera Items

Moved in-camera at 6:31pm.

OO

6. Close

Meeting closed at 7:00pm.

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Oscar Ong (OO)