

Executive Meeting



Held	VUWSA Meeting Room, Tuesday 5 September 2017, 12.00pm
Meeting number	14
Present	Rory Lenihan-Ikin, Beth Paterson, Nathaniel Manning, Tom Rackley, Raven Maeder, and Marlon Drake.
Apologies	Anya Maule, Lauren Daroux Greig, Isabella Lenihan-Ikin, Tamatha Paul, and Beth Paterson (from 12.45pm)
In attendance	Joseph Habgood (Association Secretary), Sarah Auld (Rostra), Erica Schouten (Advocate), and Tim Mankletow (Salient)
Minutes recorded by	Joseph Habgood (Association Secretary)

Meeting opened at 12.04 pm

Part A

Procedural Items

1 Welcome

Discussion	Rory welcomed Executive Members and those attending.
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2 Karakia

Discussion	Nathaniel led a karakia.
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3 Apologies

Discussion	Apologies were received from Anya, Lauren, Tamatha, and Isabella. Beth had to leave at 12.45pm.
Resolution 52/17	THAT the apologies be accepted. Rory moved, Nathaniel seconded. MOTION PASSED.

4 Minutes from previous meeting

Discussion	Minutes from the Executive meeting of 14 August 2017 were read.
Resolution 53/17	THAT the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 17 July 2017 be accepted. Rory moved, Tom seconded. MOTION PASSED.

5 Action Points

Task	Allocated To	Status
Liaise on future plans for the Community Pantry.	Anya and Matt	Ongoing. Matt was on leave.
Present costings for Pipitea and Kelburn security options.	Matt	Ongoing.

Prepare a submission on Criminal (Historical Homosexual Offences) Records Bill.	Lauren, Nathaniel, Tom, and Joseph	Was not possible due to time constraints.
Paper from Matt on usage of Pipitea office.	September	Open

6 Matters arising from action points

Discussion	There were no declarations of interest made.
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7 Declarations of interest

Discussion	There were no declarations of interest made.
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8 Part B of the Agenda

Discussion	No requests were made to move items from Part B to Part A.
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9 Notifications of urgent general business

Discussion	Rory wished to give an update on the Alumni event planned for that evening.
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Substantive Items

10 President's Update (oral)

Discussion	<p>Rory pointed out that for the last few weeks it had been holidays, but with still a decent amount happening. There had been a large push for enrolments in the We Have Power campaign, Rory thanked exec working on this. There was massive uptake from students, and the campaign had overcome a lot of obstacles to be a success.</p> <p>The Fairer fares website had been worked on by Raven, and more submissions were already coming in for the new round of consultation. Raven asked whether only unique submissions would be considered, or whether second submissions would be. Rory answered that this would probably only count as one, but that this would be a decision for the GWRC.</p> <p>The AGM went well, with Pizza Hutt promising to compensate us for the pizzas being so late. There had been less publicity for this General Meeting, because of the amount of other events close by and it being assignment week. The Alumni event was planned for that night.</p>
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11 Fairer Fares

Discussion	<p>Rory reported that submissions were open for another week, and encouraged the table to encourage people to do them on the website. The proposal was that the discounts would only be available for full-time students, which VUWSA opposes – a lot of students are unable to undertake full-time study. This isn't finalised, so VUWSA will continue to campaign against it. A verification system for full-time study would be both inefficient for the GWRC and hard to use for students.</p>
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	<p>Raven asked whether it was likely that VUWSA can change this. Rory replied that it would need a concerted effort to do so. ActionStation are not going to be involved, having full plate with the general election campaign. There was a consultation meeting coming up</p> <p>Raven asked what VUWSA's reply was if people objected to extending the discount to all students based on cost. Rory replied that the GWRC's costings were significantly down from what they originally said when they refrained from including student discounts in the plan.</p>
Action Point	Marlon to put together a publication plan for the public consultation meetings.

12 General Election Report

Discussion	<p>Nathaniel reported that in the last week of the term, there had been a giant push, in tutorials and stalls, to get enrolments done before the easy vote card deadline. VUWSA will know at a later date how many enrolments were achieved, as the electoral forms the campaign distributed are traceable by the Electoral Commission.</p> <p>Going forward, the two weeks over holidays would be quiet, but the two weeks after that would be significantly busier, with advance voting in the Hub and at Astron house in Pipitea. There was a plan for one day in each week in which VUWSA would shuttle people from Te Aro in the VUWSA van to go on a road trip to one of the other campuses to vote.</p> <p>There were plans to get another video out to tutorials. NZUSA in conjunction with TEU had also made a video, and were planning for a walkout in classes taught by TEU members classes to go and vote.</p> <p>Tom asked whether there would be posters at Pipitea. Nathaniel replied that there would be, and as many volunteers roaming around as possible. They would also be using DIP Screens, library computer desktops, and lecture theatre screens for promotional materials.</p> <p>The Wellington City Council had agreed to print 4,500 copies of the flatting guide. These will be distributed to Halls at the same time as the general election push. This was perfect timing, serving as a conversation starter to housing issues for the election, but also just before the end-of-year flatting rush. 500 copies were being allocated for stalls, and a further 500 would be going to MAWSA.</p> <p>Tom asked whether any other students' associations had done anything like this in the past. Rory replied that OUSA had previously made a flatting guide, but that it gave considerable weight to Dunedin-specific issues, and less emphasis on a description of legal rights. Other student associations had made similar documents, but VUWSA's Guide was Wellington-specific.</p>
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13 Menstrual Product Pilot

Discussion	Rory gave credit to Anya and Hannah for promoting the current free menstrual product pilot. They are setting up an online feedback form to be
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	used in conjunction with the physical feedback forms, and it was critical that as many students as possible leave positive feedback to encourage the university to continue funding the programme. There had been some physical repairs done on the corflute stands, but logistically everything was going smoothly. There would be another update when Anya was back from leave.
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14 Wall Planner

Discussion	<p>Rory informed the table that Grace had put together an action plan for the 2018 diary and wall planner, and was seeking guidance and feedback about specific content that could be included outside the areas identified.</p> <p>Raven asked whether it be good timing to include information around Fairer Fares, how to access it, and when it would be coming into force. Rory suggested that it was unlikely that the details would be finalised by the printing deadline, but it would be fantastic to include them if possible; as 4,500 copies get printed, it was a brilliant publicity opportunity.</p> <p>Beth suggested that there should be a page specifically on mental health support. Raven agreed, and that it should clarify the frequently misunderstood guideline around how many sessions were available to students. Rory broadly agreed, while indicating that VUWSA should be careful not to run into the pitfalls of trying to explain the university’s policies for them.</p> <p>Nathaniel suggested that the current VUWSA flyers (“five things we do for you”) could stand to be redesigned to be more appealing. He said that this year’s wall planner was a great design, with the VUWSA logo nice and prominent. Joseph commented that having some to keep aside for reception could be good, and Nathaniel suggested that sticking with offering one or the other during O-Week (unlike this year where both were offered), could help ensure that there were spares for this purpose.</p> <p>Rory commented that the 2017 bag is quite small compared with previous years, and wondered whether a size in between the 2017 and (for example) 2016 would be possible. Raven suggested confetti design for new bags. Nathaniel said that it could be feasible to have white and green confetti, but adding more colours would make cost go up significantly.</p> <p>Tamatha said that drawstring bags would be excellent, and that it would be good to have the icons more distinct to the university or Wellington, like the cable car, rather than just a phone or other generic student symbols.</p> <p>Marlon suggested that there should be more food in the O-Week bag. This year it was just noodles. Rory pointed out that what VUWSA puts in the bags comes down to sponsorship, and is to a point out of our hands.</p>
	Action Point

15 PGSA Awards

Discussion	Rory informed the table that in recent years VUWSA had donated \$1500 to the PGSA teaching awards, and asked the table whether they would support
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	<p>doing the same this year. There was wide support for this.</p> <p>Nathaniel asked whether it had been budgeted for. Rory replied that it had not been specifically, but that it was within the realms of what the executive initiatives budget line covers.</p>
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16 Election Committee

Discussion	<p>Rory reported that he was In the process of shoulder-tapping for the Elections Committee, and that an advertisement had been put out for the Returning Officer role.</p> <p>Rory asked the table to consider whether it was better to have nominations begin straight after the election, with the benefit of avoiding voting in the final week. There was general support for this, but Tom commented that VUWSA should definitely advertise well in advance to compensate for the shorter nomination period. Rory pointed out that it was difficult to balance the VUWSA Election with the General Election.</p>
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17 General Business

Discussion	<p><u>Alumni Event</u></p> <p>Rory reminded the table that the alumni event was tonight, and thanked Joseph and Beth Parker for their work. 25 people had indicated that they would be attending, people from all walks of life and from every decade since the 1960s. Peter Cullen would be speaking informally, welcoming people. Peter was the former chairperson of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, and an excellent example of an alumnus that VUWSA would do well to engage with and have a relationship with.</p> <p>It would be the job of VUWSA Executive members to be good hosts, work the floor, and link up the generations.</p> <p><u>Other Items</u></p> <p>Sarah asked if anybody could vote or nominate for the Supreme Club Award – Nathaniel replied that anybody could nominate, but that a panel would choose the winner.</p> <p>Tom reminded the table that next Wednesday was the deadline for Work Report 17 and 18.</p>
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Part B

Nil.

Part C

Nil.

Meeting closed at 1.13pm

Signed as a true and correct record

Rory Lenihan-Ikin
VUWSA President

Date