

## **AUSCA General Committee Meeting – 6:10pm Wednesday August 2, Braggs Meeting Room 313/314**

**Chair:** Declan Price-Brooks

**Minutes:** Ellen Swan

**Attendance:** Tamika Burrowes, Tobi Threadgold, Maggie Potts, Zane Marks, Phil Grace, Dominick Hentschke, Khalia Primer, Catherine Douglas-Hill, Michael Capoccia

**Apologies:** Joshua Chey,

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### THE DOWN-LOW

#### **1. Guess who's back (back again)**

Ellen has returned from her holiday, full of pizza and drinking obscenely large volumes of tea. Maggie has been formally relieved of acting secretary, once minutes from the previous meetings have been provided.

#### **2. CoCo succession**

Declan moved that Josh's resignation as Communications Officer (CoCo) be accepted with deep regret.  
Seconded by Khalia, passed by all.

This leaves a casual vacancy for a CoCo position, the nominated candidates were Dominick Hentschke and Tobias Threadgold. Each candidate was given the opportunity to speak and present themselves for the position to the committee.

Declan: "Please don't insult each others candidacy though, that would be dicky."

Tobi: "F#@k Dom."

They both left the room for voting, without the invocation of the Sergeant at Arms.

A straw poll was conducted to gauge the general mood of the committee. Tamika; "Um, I don't know what a straw poll is." Declan explained what a straw poll is. Tamika now understands what a straw poll is.

A discussion was held regarding the advantages and disadvantages of each candidate, and what their election would mean regarding re-opening of positions on the committee (e.g. first-year representative). There was a general consensus that likely, regardless of who was elected, they would help to support the other with the requirements of the CoCo role.

Declan moved for cloture (a fancy political word that we all discovered means to "move to vote"). Seconded by Michael, passed by majority.

Voting ensued:

Tobi Threadgold – 7 votes

Dominick Hentshke – 0 votes

Declan requested that the Sergeant at Arms collect the nominees. Zane obliged. Ellen announced that Tobi was the new CoCo ("You got the gig, Tobi!")

At this point, Phil moved (via Slack) that "cloture" is not a real word. Seconded by Khalia (also via Slack). Declan had words to say a bout this (via Slack).

Declan moved that Josh be made an associate committee member. Seconded by Maggie and Khalia, passed by majority. Declan suggested that we accept the movement with applause.

Zane: "Can we dab instead?"

Declan: "No."

Declan announced that a new vacancy has been made for the First Year Representative position, and it was to be the newly-appointed CoCo's job (Tobi) to initiate the search for someone to fill this position (this shouldn't be too hard to do, as there was quite a lot of interest in this position at the AGM). Also, their assistant (Dom) could help them.

### **3. Josh's resignation (noooooooooo D: )**

It is time. Please Josh's resignation letter attached at the end of this document.

### **4. Science Alive!**

We have been asked to provide volunteers for "Science Alive!" held at the Adelaide Showgrounds from August 4-6. In previous years we have been paid \$50/volunteer, so this is good revenue for us. Ellen has been in contact with Madeline Noble from the event, and will provide an update on volunteer recruitment status. At present, we have 4 volunteers on Friday, 18 volunteers for Saturday and 19 volunteers for Sunday. Ellen will collaborate with Tamika to ensure all volunteers have been reminded of the induction process, and Tamika will do a head count of AUSCA volunteers at the event.

Tobi: "Ah ah ah ah Science Alive, Science Alive."

## **5. BBQ**

Our second BBQ has been pencilled in for Friday August 11<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss what is done/needs to be done.

Semester 2 BBQ has been organised for Friday August 11. Ellen has booked the Cloisters from 9:30am-4:30pm, as well as 2 trestle tables, 2 chairs, the clubs BBQ (need to pay \$65 upon pickup), and ALL of the marquees. We will also acquire the Geology BBQ.

Ellen will make a Doodle poll for rostering, ensuring that for setup/packup, there is at least 3-4 people on, and at least one of them knows where things are.

We have been emailed an invoice for the BBQ – Phil and Michael to collaborate and make a note on the payment process for future committees. Also, whoever picks up the clubs BBQ needs to have cash/card for payment.

We will order food from Coles again, Maggie might be able to pickup the food in the morning, and will collaborate with Phil when placing the food order.

Food order from the previous BBQ was sufficient, will order the same items again:

Bread – 20 loaves

Solo cans – 24 pack

Sausages – 25 kg

Onions (frozen sliced) – 8 kg

Bubble and Squeak – 7 boxes

Capsicum – 2 kg\* ran out early last time

Serviettes – 2x200 pk

We may want to consider how much soft drink we need (+variety).

Also need to remember to bring gas lighters. (Do we need to bring chopping boards, gloves and knives?)

Bubble and Squeak, as well as the capsicum will serve as vegetarian/vegan options. We will check, but believe the sausages from Coles are halal.

We will also be selling pubcrawl shirts at the BBQ, Ellen will incorporate this into the roster.

## **6. Subcommittee reports/updates**

### **a. Semester two pubcrawl (provided by Zane/Declan)**

The venues have been finalised as well as the shirt designs (Thanks, Khalia's sister!),

The event was made public on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July and online sales open on the 28<sup>th</sup>

We've contacted several food places for discounts and have begun official advertisement on face book

Physical sales begin on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August and continue all through the week

With constant advertisement we should have decent sales.

Although we still have the privilege of using the big screen in the Hub for advertising, this might not be possible due to the recent news/mood surrounding alcohol-related events at University (The Sexual assault survey results at University was recently released, and it's less than desirable)

On a brighter note, we have already gained more (online) interest for this pubcrawl than for the same time last semester. At present, we are aiming for ~200 people attending, to minimise shirt printing costs, and also keep the venues happy on the night, We are not currently aware of any other pubcrawls running on the same night., although it will be the final night for StuPol elections...

Declan moved that Khalia's sister be paid \$60 for her artwork. Seconded simultaneously by Maggie and Khalia, passed by majority.

A concern raised by a small group of students (through Tamika) regards the quality of the shirts – our previous shirt supplier had very comfortable, high quality shirts, and there is some concern in changing supplier. As Declan said, at this point, the sales will speak for themselves. The shirts with the new supplier (AESS) are Gildan-branded.

It was suggested that following the pubcrawl, we could ask those who attended for feedback, and suggestions for future pubcrawl themes.

#### **b. National Science Week (provided by Declan)**

YSA has kindly provided us a list of schools to contact (publically available information). Patrick Stewart (not the knight, unfortunately, but an equally cool person) has advised Declan, and through extension the subcommittee on how to contact schools about the event. At present, Tobi, Dom and Declan have been contacting schools, doing an excellent job too!

Donna has emailed Khalia asking how we would like Bonython Hall to be set up, Khalia will forward this information to Declan.

Declan also suggested that committee members contact their high schools to try and invite them to the event (provided they hold a good relationship with the school).

Michael has forward his school details to the Clubs email.

#### **c. Networking events (provided by Khalia)**

##### **Careers/Networking events**

- Physics event is ready to go, all speakers and venue confirmed. Will be the 10<sup>th</sup> of August (Thursday Week 3) in the Braggs Level 3 Meeting Room. Tobi and I will put up posters in Physics places soon. We still need to buy pizza, drinks, and speaker gifts. This will probably total about \$200.

- Have been in touch with the AHSS re: the healthcare/biomedical careers event. They have a list of speakers they think would be suitable (that I haven't seen yet), and can book a Health Science seminar room for the venue. This one will be

in Week 5 (exact date TBC). The agreement is that we'll go halves on food and drinks.

### **Science in the Unibar**

Andrew Stapleton is interested in participating, we will get in touch with him soon to confirm. Michael is having a look for other suitable participants. The Unibar is booked, and we need to think of some perks that will make the audience interact with the speakers.

### **Waite**

Emi is looking into organising a Waite postgrad info/lab tours day. The idea is that the Waite people would fund it and our job would be to get undergrads over there/to an event here to promote opportunities at Waite.

### **d. Quiz night (provided by Emi)**

The quiz night will be held on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> at Rumours (week 10). While a mid-week date was preferable, Rumours is booked every night except Fridays and we couldn't find a suitable alternative venue.

We will provide pizza again and sell drinks at cost price. This time pizza will be served at the start of the night so people aren't drinking on an empty stomach. We need to hire a responsible person and tables, and will have to pay a deposit for the AV system. This is a cost of \$280 for a responsible person plus tables and \$50 deposit for speakers. We will also need to pay for alcohol, soft-drinks, and pizza.

Ticket prices will again be \$10/members, \$15/non-members, table of 10 for \$90. We are currently looking for sponsors and will be writing questions in the mid-semester break.

Can the Co-Cos please create an event page and start ticket sales on the website. Any further questions regarding the quiz night, please forward to Emi.

### **e. Games night (provided by Zane)**

Games night will be held in week 5 (where?). Zane has also made a Slack channel, which he encourages committee members to join.

Room is booked, doing risk assessment. Just needs to source board games  
Dom has Dr Who Monopoly.

Anyone who has board games, please refer them to Zane

Tamika: "Can we play poker?"

Declan: "As long as you don't use any form of currency – I don't want to end up in any illegal hoo-hah."

Declan moved that all subcommittee reports be accepted and ratified. Seconded by Michael, passed by majority vote.

## **7. Free mailing list (raised by Khalia)**

Mailing list currently is only for people who have bought memberships, but some of our events don't require membership (e.g. networking events) – Should we open up a mailing list for people ?

The target of this idea would be “fringe” people, most effective at networking events.

Concerns were raised that an additional mailing list might affect membership sales, and this niche (of interested non-members) is already occupied by the Facebook page. Furthermore, it would likely cause double-handling/sending of emails to members.

Khalia suggested to combat this, that we could change the membership to give you more benefits, and make it more appealing.

Michael: “We could give free high-fives?”

Declan: I give high-fives out for free to anyone, except people with grubby hands.”

It was also noticed that Khalia and Phil were “forced” into memberships because they attended an AUScA movie night, and wanted to watch the movie.

No one moved that we create a non-members mailing list.

Catherine suggested that we make a mailing list for networking events – this is a good idea, but would need further refining as each mailing list would need to be tailored to faculty (i.e. physics students wouldn’t really be interested in molecular biology networking events). However, we could ask the specific schools for specific networking events, as Khalia has done by contacting second year course coordinators.

## **8. Tobi works for V now**

### **\* Tobi puts metal bucket on head, with watermelon pattern that matches his hat and shirt \***

So, Tobi is working for V in their campus ambassador team, and it looks like there might be opportunities for future collaborations with AUScA. Is this something we would like to consider? What would we be comfortable with, collaboration-wise?

At times, Tobi would like to represent V rather than AUScA, what would we be okay with, and not okay with?

“Likely, V would want us to put up a tent and hand out V for them at our events.”

Essentially, they know people will be at the events, they have a target audience.

Declan’s personal view is that we should address this on a case-by-case basis.

“Let’s wait until it comes up at an event.”

Tobi has made it clear that if there is a conflict of interest, he will bring this up at meetings – his stance on this it is entirely separate to his position on the committee (rather, his position with V).

There is nothing in the constitution about sponsorship, so V sponsorship at events is a possibility.

## **9. Sherry night Reflection**

So we held the first Sherry night for this committee on Saturday July 29. Deets to follow.

(We don't actually drink sherry.)

Turnout wasn't brilliant, but we should try to do another one when there's greater availability.

Tobi was sad because he wanted to go out and get drunk with us but everyone had already gone to bed.

We will try to hold another Sherry night, planning over Facebook rather than Slack. We can still post reminders on Slack though.

Dom moved that we used Facebook for sherry night organisation. Seconded excellently by Michael, passed by majority vote.

## **10. Questions without notice**

Tamika raised that she did not see much AUScA advertisement during International O'Week – several incoming students had heard about AUScA, and wanted to know more, but didn't really know where to go.

Advice to future committees – we should target these students.

Michael reported that Amy Hardwick had asked if we were planning to create another magazine this year. Declan said that we will be, and this will be discussed at the next meeting. Catherine also mentioned that she has experience in magazine publishing, which she would be more than happy to share for this project.

Another thing for future committees to consider – creating a magazine for postgraduates (rather than just first years).

Declan raised that the Sexual Harassment and Assault Forum had recently been held at Uni – 6% of sexual harassment towards university students unfortunately occurs during events held by student clubs (particularly those events which involve alcohol).

Several committee members attended the Sexual Harassment and Assault Forum, and it is clear that there is no aim for the University to prevent club events, as these actions are really out of their control.

Declan suggested that AUScA writes a formal statement (open-letter type). We should be pro-active on the matter, and aim to get this published in On Dit. Part of this pro-activity would include expanding our Risk Assessments to look at how we can minimise harassment/assault/rape cases. Furthermore, we would apologise for if any of these actions might've happened at any of our events (we are not aware of any instances, but they also mightn't have been reported).

As AUScA runs several events involving alcohol, we are in a prime position to make a stand against this behaviour, and put it into practise at our events.

Declan will approach Yarrow Place (organisation that works with the University to provide training in dealing with sexual assault/harassment/rape reports and cases), and request training for the Executive Committee.

It was also raised that at our events, the Responsible Person should also be equipped for dealing with issues of this nature. Additionally, the Responsible Person needs to be made more obvious at these events (safety vests, advertising

them prior to the event). At the conclusion of events, we can also say, "Have a safe night." to reinforce our stance.

The main aim of this statement is to make it clear that AUScA does not condone this sort of behaviour, and for anyone who thinks it is acceptable, then there is no place for you in AUScA. With proactivity such as this, we hope to create cultural change, and change a view. This is a wake up call.

Declan has requested that Tamika assist him in writing the statement, and will post the final copy on Slack.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

### **3. Josh's resignation**

27 July 2017

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I am writing to notify that I am resigning from my position as Communications Officer. I appreciate all the opportunities I have been given during my time as a CO and will be happy to continue assisting the committee with events and activities at a reduced workload.

Sincerely,  
Joshua Chey