

AUScA Meeting

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1 Welcome

The meeting was held in the Lady Symon building at 10am on Thursday, September 10.

1.1 Attendance

Brittany, Ben, Ellen, Taylor, Emi, Jason, Karl, Sophia

1.2 Apologies

Arthur, Jay, Kirsten

2 SGM

As per previous minutes, we require an SGM in order to make a new bank account for AUScA, into which we will transfer all funds. We have the required signatories requesting an SGM, and will formalise a date. We will require at least 10 members to attend the meeting, and we are required to give at least seven days notice to club members, and an agenda.

We will host a movie night, and will have the SGM at the very beginning. We will hold the movie night on the first week back (Thursday of week 9), and will book The Braggs from 5pm. We will book Scott Theatre if The Braggs is booked. We will screen The Theory of Everything – Jason may have a copy, but if not Brittany will buy it.

3 Semester 2 BBQ

The Semester 2 BBQ will be held in week 10, probably on Thursday due to another booking already in place for Friday. Brittany will book the Barr Smith Lawns, or the Maths lawns if the former are already booked. As this event is very easy to organise, we will leave its planning to the next meeting.

4 SAHMRI tours

The SAHMRI tours have been in progress for some time now. Brittany will aim to get in contact with the relevant person during the holidays and organise the event. As the tour cannot be in term 4, because of exams, it was proposed that it be held in the week following exams. This would ensure that only those truly interested will attend.

In terms of cost of attendance, we will apply for a grant to subsidise the event. Brittany will look into this over the break, along with a grant application to help with the end of year dinner.

5 Lecturer votes

Last year AUScA ran a lecturer voting system, in which students could vote online for their favourite lecturer, demonstrator and tutor. We would like to do the same thing again, but this year we will not announce/present these awards at the end of year dinner.

It was proposed that we “gatecrash” the staff end of year event and present the prizes then. That way we don’t have to organise a specific event. There would be one for the Physical Sciences faculty, and one for the Biological Sciences. We will get in contact with Sandy and Phil regarding this possibility.

In order to encourage student participation, we will run a competition – each student that votes will be entered into the draw to win a Dymocks prize pack (we have leftover books from a delayed donation to quiz night). The voting will occur through a Google form.

Last year the demonstrator and tutor voting didn’t work particularly well, and so we will limit the voting to lecturers. Additionally, to make it fair we may need to apply some different weightings to votes, because e.g. there are more students who have first year lecturers than third year lecturers.

6 End of year dinner

The end of year dinner is set for the 21st of November (Saturday, last day of exams). We will have three courses, with a choice between two for the main. There will be no drinks package, but guests may purchase drinks as required. We will need to inform the venue of vegetarians beforehand.

The attendance cost will be \$50, and we will obtain payment through eventbrite.

The official name of the event will be the AUScA Annual Dinner, and those setting up will need to arrive at 5pm in order to ensure the room is decorated and the sound system is working. The finish time will be midnight. The venue has the option of CDs, but no iPod or phone connectivity. We may burn our music onto CDs (Taylor has volunteered to help with this), or we may look into borrowing some speakers or a sound system from someone we know. This decision will be made nearer the time, as we will know exam timetables and hence availability around that time.

We will use the Christmas trees from last year to decorate the room.

7 Committee members

Ellen, Catisha, Kirsten all leaving or left. Because of this, we have received notification of three casual vacancies, and we can appoint new temporary members. We have received two expressions of interest (Kimberley and Arwa), and the committee have all voted and agreed to appoint these two new members. There is one casual vacancy remaining.

8 Other business

The pubcrawl feedback was positive overall. The lack of pub list on the back of the shirt was the main complaint, so perhaps the inclusion of the list will depend on the theme of future pubcrawls. There were also a few people who complained about the choice of pubs, but unfortunately due to size limitations we can't go anywhere smaller in our Semester 2 pubcrawl. We also don't have enough people to split between pubs. Our Semester 1 pubcrawl may be small enough to make this feasible. It has also been suggested by Flinders that we could combine a pubcrawl with their chem/phys pubcrawl, but this would probably make it far too large. Finally, nobody seemed to notice or have a problem with the lack of Unibar in the pub list.