

Agenda for AUScA General Meeting – Thursday Jan 25th, Hub Room 333, 4pm

**Chair:** Declan-Price Brooks

**Minutes:** Ellen Swan

**Attendance:** Phil Grace, Michael Capoccia, Kelly Macdonald, Emi Schutz, Catherine Douglas-Hill

**Apologies:** Imogen Winsborough, Joshua Chey

**Absent:** Maggie Potts, Karl Asmussen, Tamika Burrowes, Dominick Hentshcke

### **The Run Down**

- 1. Acceptance of minutes from Meeting Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Jan**
- 2. Official Presidential and Secretarial handover**
- 3. Pubcrawl update**
- 4. First Year Magazine update**
- 5. O'week**
- 6. Skullduggery Cross-promotion**
- 7. Declan to join AUDS**
- 8. Sci Ball**
- 9. Questions without notice**

### **The Down Low**

**Meeting commenced 4:12 pm**

#### **1. Acceptance of Minutes from Meeting Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Jan**

*Do we accept the minutes from the previous meeting?*

Quorum not met at this time, no motions were made.

#### **2. Official presidential and Secretarial handover**

Ellen passed Declan the “Presidential Stick” (a candy cane). Presidency handover complete. Imogen was absent, but secretarial handover assumed.

#### **3. Pubcrawl Update**

Tobi absent, however “Lab Safety” idea seems like a good lead.

#### **4. First Year Magazine update**

From Kelly:

*Ellen has begun formatting the articles to have consistent font, text size and margins.*

*Thank you, Ellen!*

*It looks like there is a section of the placements/scholarships feature (flow chart) that will need to be turned landscape due to space/shape of said flowchart. Ellen (when acting president) and I agreed that this would not be an issue considering the mag is A5 and therefore can be easily turned on the side by the reader.*

*I'm still looking for ideas for the “which lecturer are you” quiz. So if you have any, namely Bio and Physics, please send them through.*

*Thanks to Catherine, our map looks AMAZING :D. There are still some modifications to be made as being discussed in the slack channel.*

*Tamsin has sent us the article on sexual health. Declan has a small part to add. The next step is to have ShineSA proof read this.*

*ShineSA has agreed to send us 500 condoms.*

*Jennifer Nguyen (Declan's contact) is creating something for our SRC/AUU promo page so this will definitely go ahead. In return, I am writing a 200 word piece for their publication about first year science and promoting AUScA to their readers.*

*Kelly*

Declan to takeover from Ellen on formatting.

Condoms come in boxes. Also include a sachet of lube. Debate ensued over whether this was efficient packaging.

Ellen has contacted Brittany about re-writing the Careers page

Declan moved that we store all AUScA items in Phil's new office. Seconded by Emi.

Passed by majority.

## **5. O'week**

*Declan has indicated that he would like to propose another event to run alongside the photo booth at AUScA's table during O'week.*

*Membership recruitment events will also be discussed.*

We will need an event to replace the quiz. Ideally would like a team-building activity, like a scavenger hunt - final location is our stall. We could host sign ups at our stall, for teams or people who want to be put in teams. Will need one person in charge of stall, scavenger hunt, and meet and greet. Kelly volunteered to run scavenger hunt, can ask advice from Michael and Emi as they have previous experience. Declan to run the stall. Declan happy to run meet and greet if no one else wants to. Ellen to look into hiring the big jenga set from clubs for the event.

We need to remember to encourage older members to come and socialise with new students at the meet and greet.

Could look into having a snapchat account. Also to have snapchat filters for events (e.g. sciball, O'week stall). Will discuss this with the CoCos.

Reminder to all committee members to bring anything sciency to the stall for decorations, and to try and make yourselves available during O'week,

## **6. Skullduggery cross promotion**

*More information on the event has been provided which should help AUScA make a decision on whether or not we wish to advertise it.*

AMSS use a similar safety procedure as us, they will also be hiring security. Declan will email AMSS to let them know we are happy to cross-promote.

## **7. Declan to join AUDS**

*Declan has been asked to fill a casual vacancy in the Adelaide University Debating Society. He wishes to discuss with the committee how they feel about him filling the position.*

Declan reports:

The current President of AUDS has received a scholarship to finish his law studies at ANU and as such has announced his intention to resign. In my (Declan's) absence and without my knowledge the executive (P, VP, Sec, +Treas) voted unanimously to ask me to fill the impending casual vacancy. I would assume office in the first week of February meaning that there would be a short overlap where I would be leading both clubs.

A little history to explain why this has happened, over the past 3 or so years the debating society has been in decline. This has largely been due to dropping new membership. This has in turn led to a string of presidents, with last year's president having had a habit of being very aggressive to new members, So at the last AGM he was asked to step down to VP and a long time member stepped into the top job. Until he got the aforementioned scholarship.

Whilst I am hesitant to take the position I feel a sense of responsibility and as such, barring strong objection from AUScA, I intend to accept the role.

As I pledged at our AGM AUScA is and will remain my first priority until the AGM. A fact I have made utterly clear to the AUDS council.

However as there will be an overlap and while I doubt this will impact my role here, out of a sense of respect for the club I love I seek your input and consent before I formally accept the role.

No objections arose in regards to Declan taking the position.

## **8. Sci Ball**

We need to start locking down a venue soon. Looking at approx.. 200 people in attendance. Similar to last year (sit down dinner). Someone will need to look into finding venues and report them to the next meeting. Emi and Imogen to work together to find venues. Also, we should try to have a more controlled open bar, maybe make the drinks package longer to discourage intense drinking. Perhaps we should arrange to have drinks on the table before people get there so there isn't a rush at the bar. Also, don't make it possible to bring bottles back to the table.

The tone of the venue is important, as it can impact how much people drink etc.

We also need to make sure the speeches occur during dinner service.

We should try to have an events calendar ready by O'week to distribute at o'week. At least have it set up until the mid semester break. The new committee would be more than welcome to change dates etc.. Can also include sciball date on the calendar, if it has been decided. Saturday of week 12 was a good date (still have optional teaching week etc.)

Last year, we applied for \$1000. We should try to apply for the maximum amount of grant money, and use it for things afterwards. As we have not heard anything about altered grant thresholds, we will continue to work with this number.

### **9. Questions without notice**

Michael asked about the pens. A very vocal discussion ensued. No pens were bought. Can we have the sciball at the zoo? Zoo is not big enough. Declan moved that we mourn. Seconded by Phil. Collective "awwwwww".

AGM things – Declan to write the 3 consitutional amendments he wishes to propose. Will post in a new slack channel.

Another reminder to write Reports for AGM – for members of exec, anyone who has organised events, and co cos.

This is also Michael's last meeting. Collective "awwwwww" ☹.

Declan moved that we pay for an extra stall on Wednesday at o'week. Seconded by Michael. Passed.

Meeting closed 4:46pm.