



## UCSA Executive Meeting

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Date	17 August 2015
Time	4.45-5.30pm
Venue	UCSA board room, Puaka-James Hight Building
Apologies due to Conflicts of Interest	Stew Whitehead (Commerce), Samantha Hampson (Arts), Jimmy Addington (Postgraduate), Emily Barker (Education)
Present	Sarah Platt (President), Luke Gillespie (Vice President), Cam Bignell (Finance), Daniel Chan (Sports), Henry Boon (Science), Finlay Meldrum (Engineering), Liv Morgan (Student Wellbeing), Michael McRae (Law)
In attendance	Dave Hawkey (Chief Executive), Bridget O'Connor-Norton (Minute secretary)

No in committee time was taken.

### 1. Conflict of Interest

The following conflicts of interest were noted that the Finance Officer's brother was a previous candidate of the UCSA elections and the Law Officer's partner was also a previous candidate.

### 2. UCSA Elections

The UCSA election was declared invalid on Friday after the Returning Officer advised the UCSA after voting had started, that several candidates were ineligible to stand. Under the UCSA constitution, candidates, nominators and voters are required to be members of the UCSA. If students wish to opt out of membership of the UCSA, a box on the UC enrolment form is required to be ticked. The UCSA sought legal advice, which led to the decisions to declare the election invalid, resolve the issues, and hold another election. The issues could not be corrected retrospectively. The Executive believed that in the interests of ensuring the election is a fair, democratic and transparent process; it was the best decision to make.

A recommendation from the Media and Events Manager was tabled at the meeting that Riley Divett be re-appointed as Returning Officer for the UCSA elections as this would allow a new election to take place as soon as possible which would cause the least amount of inconvenience for those candidates who wish to run again and to the student body, Riley has existing knowledge of the role and performed well in the circumstances; greater support will be given this time round to ensure that all processes are followed.

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MOVED

That the Executive appoint Riley Divett as the Returning Officer for the 2015 UCSA elections held in the fourth term

Platt/Meldrum

CARRIED

The UCSA President has been in discussions with UC senior management to investigate different options as to how to ensure students opt out of UCSA membership in the future that causes the least confusion to the student body. There is a misconception that if students opt out of membership of the Association then they do not have to pay the Student Services Levy of \$745? per annum; membership to the UCSA is free. The Student Services Levy is distributed amongst a number of student services on campus; including health services, clubs and societies, employment information, careers information and guidance, advocacy and legal services.

### 3. Student membership

As per 1.5.1c Membership of the Association of the Constitution "any student waiving rights to membership may at any time re-assume membership rights by application to the Executive". Students must gain permission of the Executive to re-assume their memberships. To ensure that students who have opted out of membership of the UCSA and wish to re-assume membership in a timely fashion for the upcoming elections, the Executive can delegate authority as per 4.4.3 of the Constitution to an agent, delegate or committee for a particular purpose or time. This could be used to enable someone to maintain the student membership register. This would enable students to opt in in a faster and more efficient way rather than have their name taken to the next Executive meeting to be approved.

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MOVED

That the Executive delegate authority to the President's personal assistant under section 4.4.3 to maintain the membership register and the power to re-assume the rights of non members to 1.5.1c as per application to the Executive after checking they are current students.

Gillespie/Platt

CARRIED

The Executive will make a recommendation to the Returning Officer that the elections take place on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September.

The meeting closed at 5:33pm.

Declared true and accurate by Chair

  
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