

## UCSA Executive Minutes

**Title:** Minutes of the 9th UCSA Executive Meeting of 2011

**Date:** Tuesday 14 June 2011

**Time:** 5pm

**Venue:** 22 Karamu Street, Upper Riccarton

**Present:** Kohan McNab (President), Rachael Linehan (Vice President), Sam Mossman (Finance Officer), Rachael Joho (Sport/Education), Nathan Ainsworth (Welfare), Diana Jeong (Commerce/Advocacy & Welfare), Morgan Perry (Science/Communication), David Holliday (Sustainability/Post Grad), William William (International) Craig Whitnall (Law/Events)

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. No Board time was taken
2. Apologies were received by Cara des Landes (Arts/Foundry & Cafes).
3. President's Verbal Report  
Earthquake update  
There is new damage to the Student Services building as an outcome of the latest earthquakes that occurred on Monday. The Law building re-opening has been slightly delayed. The seismic joints popped in the James Hight building which is to be expected in earthquakes of this magnitude and these will be reset. The UCSA building did not receive any further damage. Initially the University was not going to initiate the 5-stage earthquake recovery test however this decision was changed. The 5 stage process will be completed, although due to them having a lot of practice it will be completed faster than last time.

It was confirmed at 5pm today that all assignments due this week would now be due at 5pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June due to the disruption

of the earthquakes. No decision has been made as yet regarding the exam timetable.

4. There was no Chief Executive's verbal report.

5. General Business

There was a lengthy general discussion regarding potential ideas to discuss to the meeting tomorrow with the Vice Chancellor regarding the exam timetable and the effect of the current earthquakes on students. The Executive recognised that it had a responsibility to deliver a clear message to the University to represent a student opinion. A number of points were agreed on:

- It was agreed that there is a need to look to other universities and how they have handled similar situations.
- That the cumulative effect of all the earthquakes and disruption over the past semester has had a significant psychological effect on all students, as such a reduction in the assessment workload would be expected.
- It was agreed that although the University has a duty to maintain academic quality it also has a pastoral responsibility.
- That the best outcome was for the University to provide flexibility to students, giving them options in regards to exams.
- That the University needed to communicate this with clarity and timeliness
- That the President and Vice-President flesh out these agreed upon points into a document to be presented to the relevant University representatives.

6. Charitable Donations

**048/2011**

***That the Executive donate \$200 to the Ellie Mabin Scholarship Fund***  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was noted that Morgan Perry abstained due to conflict of interest.

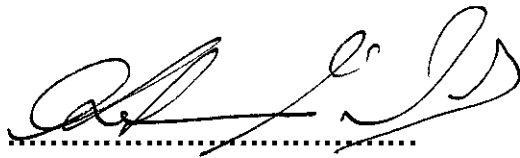
**049/2011**

***That the Executive donate \$500 to Hope for Christchurch Fund***  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

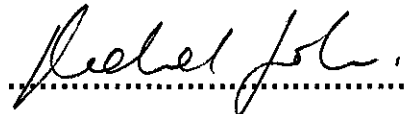
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**The meeting closed at 6:30pm.**

**Declared true and accurate by Chair**



**Witness**



**Date**

12/7/11

## Action Points

| No | Description/<br>Required Action                                  | By Whom         | Completion Date        |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1  | University<br>funding to UCSA<br>for Random Acts<br>of Kindness. | Finance Officer | As soon as<br>possible |