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YouX

Board Meeting Minutes November 2023

For the meeting on 22nd of November 2023

In the Board Room at 5:30pm

Present:	Apologies:
Luke Allen (YouX President)	
Felix Eldridge (Vice President)	
Jacob Allen (Executive)	
Merlin Wang (Executive)	Absentee:
Ruby Stewart (Executive)	
Grace Franco	
John Arputharaj	
Emily Deng (Zoom)	Minutes Secretary:
Nix Herriot	Kaitlin Ru-Yan Teh
Liam Johns (Zoom)	
Kathryn Howes	
Michael Physick	
Louise (OnDit Editor)	

Meeting opened at 5.31pm.



1. Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners and Apologies **LA**

We would like to Acknowledge that the land we meet on today is the traditional lands of the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their Country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest **LA**

That all directors and officers in attendance declare that they have read and considered all papers within this agenda that require decision making and have no known conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest with respect to those matters.

3. Unstarred Agenda Items **LA**

Felix Eldridge starred Item 5 - Minutes of Executive Board Elections Meeting.
Grace Franco starred Item 4 – Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Recommendation:

That all unstarred items are approved.

Moved: John Arputharaj **CARRIED**
Seconded: Merlin Wang

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting **LA**

Recommendation:

That the Board accepts the minutes of the meeting on the 25th of October 2023 as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Felix Eldridge **CARRIED**
Seconded: Merlin Wang

5. Minutes of Executive Board Elections Meeting **LA**

Felix noted that Item 9, Returning Officer's Report, of the minutes needed to be carried.

Recommendation:

That the Board accepts the minutes of the executive board elections meeting on the 25th of October 2023 as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Jacob Allen

Seconded: Merlin Wang

Grace France, Felix Eldridge and John Arputharaj abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

6. YouX President's Report*

LA

The chair was passed to Felix Eldridge at 5.36pm.

Luke recalled the ending of University and the final exams. He also had 2 meetings – one with Jenny and Martin McCarron regarding the merger and general student concerns and interests; and one with just Martin about YouX specific discussions. Furthermore, he also had general meeting discussions with Kathryn.

Luke announced that this was his last board meeting where he will present and that he was honoured and privileged to be in this position. He is proud of the Board and their achievements and thanks Kathryn for her work.

The chair was passed back to Luke Allen at 5.37pm.

7. SRC President's Report

GT

8. Clubs Committee Chair Report*

JA

John reported the last EOIs will be reviewed and that the Clubs Committee will be signing off after.

9. Board Integrity Policy*

FE

Recommendation:

“Regarding the power granted in Clause 21 of the AUU Constitution, this Board resolves to:

Add:

Clause 2.4 'internal Board election' means any election conducted for the positions of President, Vice President, any Committee Chair, or for voting members of the Executive.

Clause 2.5 'Returning Officer' means the Returning Officer appointed by the Board to carry out an internal Board election.

Clause 2.6 'same type of pen' means a pen of the same colour, shade, brand and model of all other pens used in a given election.

Clause 6. Enforcement of this Policy

Clause 6.1 Any intentional contravention of this Policy shall be deemed misconduct, and any Board Director who intentionally contravenes this Policy may be subject to a penalty and liable to be expelled pursuant to Clause 9.5 of the Constitution.

Clause 6.2 Where the Returning Officer does not comply with Clause 4 the election shall be invalid and held again, but only where the non-compliance was significant such that the result would have been materially different if Clause 4 was complied with.

Amend:

Name of Policy from **Board Integrity Policy** to **Internal Elections Policy**

Clause 1.1 To regulate the process of internal Board elections.

Clause 1.3 To ensure that internal Board elections are conducted freely and fairly, with the absence of coercion and intimidation.

Clause 2.2 'Board Director' means any Board Director of YouX, or any Board Elect of YouX.

Clause 2.3 'expelled' means ceasing to be a Board Director pursuant to Clause 9.5 of the Constitution.

Clause 4. Conduct of internal elections

Clause 4.1 The following procedure shall be followed, subject to Clause 4.2, when holding an internal Board election:

Clause 4.1.3 The Returning Officer shall declare a vote invalid where the ballot paper contains any marking other than what is required by Clause 4.1.2, but only where the Returning Officer is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the marking was done with the intention of identifying a Board Director's vote.

Clause 4.1.4 All votes shall be cast using the same type of pen. Any ballot which is not cast using the same type of pen shall be invalid.

Clause 4.1.5 The Returning Officer shall ensure that every Board Director voting is given the same type of pen. The election must not proceed until each Board Director has the same type of pen.

Clause 4.2 At the commencement of the election process the Board or Board Elect may, at their discretion, resolve to waive any part of Clause 4 to facilitate a vote by another mechanism of their choosing for Board Directors who are attending virtually.

Clause 5. Candidate Speeches

Clause 5.1 The Returning Officer shall permit candidates within internal Board elections to speak in favour of their candidacy prior to the opening of voting for a duration of up to two minutes each.

Clause 5.2 Candidates may waive their right to speak.

Remove:

Clause 4.3 Where possible, the Returning Officer shall be an officer or employee of the University.

and authorises the EO to alter the Master Copy accordingly.”

Moved: Felix Eldridge
Seconded: Grace Franco

CARRIED

10. In-Camera Items*

LA

Meeting moved in-camera at 5.45pm.

11. Close:

Meeting moved ex-camera at 6.16pm

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Meeting was closed at 6.16pm.

Next Meeting:

TBD

Close of Submissions:

TBD

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Luke Allen (LA)

Georgia Thomas (GT)

John Arputharaj (JA)

Felix Eldridge (FE)

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