

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY SPORT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING 4/2022 – 10 November 2022

The minutes of meeting 4/2022 of the Melbourne University Sport (MU Sport) Advisory Board held on Thursday 10 November at 6.00pm in Social Space A, Nona Lee Sports Centre.

PRESENT:

Mr Ian Marshman (Chair)
Professor Pip Nicholson, arrived at 6.37pm
Professor Sarah Biddulph
Professor Richard James
Ms Joanna Weston
Ms Rosemary Bissett, arrived at 6.33pm
Mr Matt Roseby
Ms Meezaan Dickinson
Mr Tim Lee (Director)

APOLOGIES:

Ms Lara McKay
Mr Paul Holland

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Jean-Luc Garlick (Secretary)
Ms Michelle Edwards (Minute taker)
Mr Alex Affleck
Ms Maria Barres
Mr Ken Barton
Ms Jen Eslick
Ms Amber Kerwin
Ms Jo Massoud
Mr Rod Warnecke
Mr Gary Ryan, Organisations that Matter (Facilitator)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INTRODUCTION

1.1 Welcome

The Chair welcome everyone to the meeting and noted that Professor Nicholson and Ms Bissett would arrive late.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies were noted.

1.3 Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true record as per circular resolution sent on 17 October 2022.

1.4 Business Arising/Action Item Updates

1.4.1 Advocacy and Risk

*That the Director approach the SSAF Grants Committee seeking further information and formal written feedback – to be discussed in the Advisory Board Update 3.1
MU Sport Strategic Risks register be developed for regular reporting to the Advisory Board - no progress to report.*

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

2.1 Strategic Planning Workshop

The Director outlined the purpose and format of the annual planning workshop. He introduced Mr Ryan who facilitated the session and noted that senior managers were in attendance.

The focus of the workshop was determined after a recent capital planning meeting with the University where the Director was invited to develop an investment case that reimagines Sport at the University in 10 years. The capital planning group asked the Director to present a *Reimagining Sport* paper in early 2023.

The Director presented the critical issues impacting on achieving the objectives in the *Strategic Plan for Sport* and the key threats and opportunities. Two questions were considered by the group and then by smaller breakout groups. *What would be the significant factors (university, community, global), over the next 10 years, that would impact on sport at the University?* And in the breakout groups; *If we reimagine sport with the full support of the University, what does the student and staff experience look like in 10 years' time?* The key recommendations from each breakout group were presented back to the group.

Several strategic themes emerged including; removing financial barriers to sport, ensuring facilities provide informal opportunities and that sport and recreation programs are central to the University's approach to improving the student experience. The themes would be the focus for the *Reimagining Sport* paper and the review of the *Strategic Plan for Sport* that would take place in the second half of 2023. A draft of the *Reimagining Sport* paper would be distributed to the Advisory Board for consideration.

The Director thanked everyone for their thoughtful contribution to the planning workshop and Mr Ryan for facilitating.

Action

The Investment Case for Sport (Reimagining Sport) to be distributed to the Advisory Board.

3. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.1 Advisory Board Update

The Director presented the Advisory Board Update.

The action arising from the previous meeting regarding the SSAF Grants allocation was discussed. Since the last meeting the SSAF Review had concluded and 23% of SSAF would be provided annually for 2023 to 2025 with a one off \$400,000 for 2023 only. However, it is possible that the level of base funding may be less than previously received as the funding pool may have reduced. The Director would follow up with the SSAF Review Committee Chair.

The monthly participation and unique student user numbers for the year to date were presented. Most of our activities have returned to some degree and are tracking at 60 -70% of the pre COVID levels. The foot traffic across the University remained low, which had a detrimental impact on fitness attendances as students and staff that were on campus less often were unlikely to take out a fitness membership.

Our teams have taken out six national championship titles at the UniSport Nationals which would not have occurred without the financial support provided by the University which enabled over 200 students to participate in the games in Perth. Tragically a student member of the team has passed away recently and support was provided by the University to the family, team members and support staff.

The Australian Boat Race against Sydney University returned after a two-year hiatus. Unfortunately, both the men's and women's crews were defeated however Ormond women and Trinity men, were victorious in the college races.

The Blues and Sports Awards would be held in late November, where Advisory Board member Ms Weston would be the keynote speaker and the Sports and Volunteer awards are on in early December. Advisory Board members were encouraged to attend.

The Director noted that only four meetings would be scheduled next year, the minimum required under the MU Sport Charter, not the five as in previous years. This would include the annual planning meeting. In future meetings would be rescheduled rather than cancelled.

The Director presented a gift to the Advisory Board members to thank them for their support and interest in 2022. The Chair thanked the staff of MU Sport and the Director for their continued diligence and professionalism.

Resolution

The Advisory Board noted the Advisory Board Update.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

5. MEETING FINALISATION

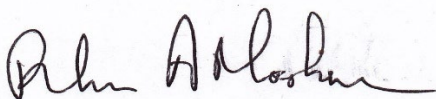
5.1 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 7.53pm.

5.2 Next Meeting

Next meeting on Thursday 16 March 2023 at 6.00pm.

Signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record:



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Chair Mr Ian Marshman

20 February 2023

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Date

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ACTION SHEET 4/2022 – 10 November 2022

Minute no.	Item Title	Action	Person/s Responsible
2.1	Strategic Planning Workshop	Circulate the draft <i>Reimagining Sport Vision</i> paper to the Advisory Board once developed.	The Director