

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY SPORT BOARD
MEETING 2/2016 – 5 MAY 2016

The minutes of meeting 2/2016 of the Melbourne University Sport Board held on Thursday 5 May 2016 at 9.00am in the Ernie Cropley Pavilion.

PRESENT:

Professor James Angus (Chair)
Professor Richard James
Mr Adrian Collette
Mr Grant Williams
Mr James Marburg (9.10am)
Mr Andrew Gillies

APOLOGIES:

Professor Margaret Abernethy
Ms Kate Roffey
Mr Chris Harvey

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Tim Lee (Director)
Mr Jean-Luc Garlick (Secretary)
Mr Alex Affleck
Ms Joy Villalino
Mr Rod Warnecke
Ms Julie Caundle (note taker)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INTRODUCTION

1.1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Director noted the recent passing of Dr. Merv Lincoln who was a prominent member of the Athletics Club and an international middle distance runner during the 1950s and 60s. The Director and Mr Warnecke also attended the recent memorial service of Mr John Whiting who had made a significant contribution to the Boat Club over an extended period of time.

1.2 Apologies

The Chair noted the apologies.

1.3 Minutes from previous meeting

The Chair asked for an amendment under Agenda Item 1.1 Welcome. He suggested replacing 'convinced' with 'encouraged'. With this change the minutes were passed as a true and accurate record.

1.4 Confirmation of Circular Resolutions

There were no circular resolutions to confirm.

1.5 Business Arising/Action Item Updates

There was no business arising.

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

There were no matters for decision.

3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Clubs Governance Review Update

The Chair announced the appointment of Ms Kate Roffey as the Project Officer for the Club Governance Review. The Director outlined that the Chair and Mr Collette had agreed that Ms Roffey would continue on the Board, but would not participate during Board deliberations on the Review, but participate in all other matters.

The Director updated the Board on the actions undertaken since the last meeting. The Board discussed various elements of the review and the work done previously during the Sport and Clubs Working Party. The outcome of the earlier review now requires clubs to adhere to University and MU Sport Policy outlined in the club agreements and the standard club membership forms.

The Director indicated that the most prominent gap identified was when an activity was not regulated by a state or national organization. The Rope Based Activities report would consider many of the current issues and make suitable recommendations. The report will be presented to the Board but the continuation of rope based activities would require University Executive approval. The Chair suggested that this could be addressed via circular resolution if required.

It was proposed that the recommendations from the Clubs Governance Review would be presented to the Board at the July meeting with a final report in August prior to presentation to University Council. The Director indicated that the clubs had been notified about the review via the Club Operations Memo and that Ms Roffey would also present at the upcoming Club Forum.

Action: Rope Based Activity Review to be sent as a circular resolution to the Board

The Board noted the Clubs Governance Review Update

3.2 Wellbeing Survey Report

Ms Villalino briefed the Board on the Wellbeing Survey conducted in November 2015 to gather information on student activity levels and identify hurdles to participation. The survey was distributed to 38,000 students with some interesting results.

- The survey received almost 7,000 responses
- 77% of students participate in regular physical activity at least once a week; 45% 3 or more times a week. This significantly better than the ABS survey in 2012 that 18 – 24 years of age 67.7% (64.1% in Victoria)
- 50% of students are involved in regular physical activity at the University.
- Almost 80% of students stated that it was important or very important that the University provide programs and facilities
- There are 23% of the student population not engaging in regular physical activity and this group is reporting a lower level of satisfaction with the student experience
- Cost and proximity to campus are both disincentives to participation.

The results would be used to help position Sport within the University and to support future funding bids. It is proposed that the Survey will be conducted every second year.

The Board noted the 2015 Wellbeing Survey results

3.3 Sport Capital Plan

The Director and Mr Affleck presented an update on the Sport Capital Plan as a new standing item.

Mr Affleck outlined the 'Our campus in the 21st century' frame work, utilised by the University for the campus framework that used key themes namely technology and tradition, energy and innovation, a culture of inclusion, quality experience and spaces and places. It was proposed that a visioning exercise for the Sports Precinct would be conducted in the near future to assist with the planning of the space.

The Director highlighted the shift in the University practice for the allocation of capital funds to a competitive bidding process and outlined a range of possible opportunities for the development of sport facilities including the Student Precinct on Grattan St and consideration of shared spaces.

No progress had been made in securing long term access to Princess Park and the Chair enquired if the Board or University could support this campaign. The Director indicated that members of the Board may be called upon however it was likely that Ms Alex Lawlor was best placed to lead the discussions with Melbourne City Council. The development of a joint training and administration centre with the Melbourne Football Club had also stalled for the moment.

Mr Affleck outlined the planning submission for the redevelopment of the Kooroora Site at Mt Buller situated directly across from the University Alpine Lodge. The development includes a new 5 story building that will significantly increase the overshadowing on the Alpine Lodge. University Planning have submitted an objection to the scale of the development but a review of the impact on the Alpine Lodge will be considered at a future meeting.

The Board noted the Sport Capital update.

4. MATTERS FOR NOTING

4.1 Director's Report

Congratulations to Elite Athlete Coordinator Mr Carl Junot who was awarded the Bronwyn Jane Adams Award for his work with Raise the Bar and has received \$10,000 to undertake professional development activity.

Board Member Mr Gillies had completed his studies and is now no longer a student and had stood down from the Board. The Chair thanked Mr Gillies for his contribution and wished him well for the future. A new student member will be appointed by the next meeting.

The Director outlined the current activity to determine the future distribution of the \$15M collected annual from the SSAF and noted that this was a critical opportunity for Sport to secure the funding required to achieve our strategic goals. A position

paper would be presented to the next meeting. The Organization Review was also still progressing and the discussion paper would distributed to staff.

Action: Position Paper on the application of the SSAF Capital Distribution

The report was accepted as read.

4.2 Financial Report – 1st Quarter 2016

Mr Garlick presented the financials indicating the current position of \$400,000 ahead of projections. The only item that may affect these projections was an additional \$50,000 received from HR for salary sacrificed memberships but the overall position would not be adversely affected. The Mountaineering Chapter has now been established with an initial contribution of \$30,000. This was the 9th chapter within the Sport Foundation.

The Board noted the Financial Report.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

6. MEETING FINALISATION

6.1 Meeting Close


The Director presented Mr Gillies with a gift from the Board in appreciation of his contribution to Sport.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the proceedings at 11.00am

6.2 Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 14 July at 6.00pm in the Sports Centre Boardroom.

Signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record:



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Chair Professor James Angus

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Date

**MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY SPORT BOARD
ACTION SHEET 2/2016 – 5 May 2016**

Minute no.	Item Title	Action	Person/s Responsible	Current Status
3.1	Clubs Governance Review Update	Full report on response to Rope Based Activity Review to be sent as a circular resolution to the Board with the proposed changes for an new procedures.	Director	Rope Based Activity Review included on the Agenda.
4.1	Director's Report	The Chair requested a Position Paper on the application of the SSAF Capital distribution.	Director	SSAF update included on the Agenda.