

**MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY SPORT ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MEETING 5/2021 – 11 November 2021**

The minutes of meeting 5/2021 of the Melbourne University Sport (MU Sport) Advisory Board held on Thursday 11 November at 10:25am in Social Space A, Nona Lee Sports Centre. The Advisory Board meeting took place directly following the Strategic Planning Workshop.

**PRESENT:**

Mr Ian Marshman (Chair)  
Professor Sarah Wilson  
Ms Joanna Weston  
Mr Michael Dardis  
Ms Lara McKay  
Mr Tim Lee (Director)

**APOLOGIES:**

Professor Sarah Biddulph  
Professor Richard James (attended Strategic Planning Workshop)  
Mr Shawn Ingle  
Mr Paul Holland (attended Strategic Planning Workshop)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Jean-Luc Garlick (Secretary)  
Ms Michelle Edwards (Minute taker)

**1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all present and thanked everyone for attending on campus.

**1.2 Apologies**

All apologies were noted.

**1.3 Minutes from the previous**

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

**1.4 Business Arising/Action Item Updates**

There were no business arising/action item updates.

**2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**2.1 Advisory Board Update**

The Director provided an update on issues, which are outlined in the report contained in the papers.

The facilities reopened on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November with some club activities slowly returning in accordance with University and health department requirements including verifying

vaccination status, QR code check in, and wearing a mask, managed by MU Sport COVID Safety Officers.

Many of our staff continue to work remotely unless they are required on-site on the basis that they are fully vaccinated. The work roster has been designed to ensure we can continue to operate in the event of staff exposure to a positive case. There have already been over 1700 visits, from 846 unique users in the gym, pool and group fitness in the first week which is a great result.

Due to the financial impact of the extended lock down, the year-end financial forecast has been revised down to a surplus of \$27,077 from the budgeted surplus of \$69,675. It was noted that SSAF from 2019 had been carried forward into this year and that we also received additional SSAF income from 2020. A refund of 50% has been provided to the colleges that made an upfront payment for fitness services however access will continue until November 30.

An update on the return to campus planning for 2022 was provided. The proposal is now called *Reactivation* and further meetings have been held with relevant University staff and departments to seek funding support, include the program in the broader University communication channels and to seek support for additional indoor and outdoor space. Professor Wilson suggested the pass be linked to Student Life/Experience and recommended that the pass be called the Student Life pass.

The program will cost over \$2M to deliver in additional costs and to offset the loss of income for clubs and fitness services discounts. It is proposed to cover the cost of the pass, approximately \$1M, from our surplus and seek support from the University from SSAF for new programs and activities.

Professor Wilson suggested that students on the Southbank campus and the graduate schools felt disconnected. The Director outlined that the program would include activities on smaller and regional campuses and additional events would be held South of Grattan St where the graduate schools were located. Professor Wilson suggested that the SSAF Review, to take place next year, was a great opportunity for MU Sport to demonstrate the impact of physical activity with programs such as *Reactivation* that may attract additional ongoing support.

The Chair inquired about our planning to engage with University staff in 2022. The Director briefly outlined a range of staff events and programs and the regular presentations at the University Staff Orientation sessions. Professor Wilson outlined the intention of the University to develop a broader staff engagement plan incorporating students and staff into a more connected campus community and suggested inviting Professor Jamie Evans, PVC of Education, to present at a future Advisory Board meeting.

The meeting concluded with the Director presenting a gift to each Advisory Board member to thank them for their support and interest in 2021. The role of the Advisory Board is crucial in supporting and challenging the work of the department. The Chair thanked the staff of MU Sport and the Director for their continued diligence and professionalism in difficult circumstances.

#### **Resolution**

*The Advisory Board noted the Update.*

### **3. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**4. MEETING FINALISATION**

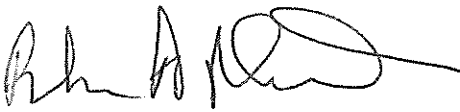
**5.1 Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 11.40am.

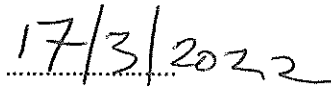
**5.2 Next Meeting**

Next meeting on Thursday 17 March 2022 at 5:00pm

Signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record:



Chair Mr Ian Marshman



Date