

# MINUTES

Team Meet 2017		
18.07.2017	4:05PM	CONFERENCE ROOM
<b>Meeting called by</b>	Adam Logan Cairns	
<b>Type of meeting</b>	Discussion around NZUSA Membership	
<b>Facilitator</b>	Sarah Fin-Joy Wang	
<b>Note taker</b>	Lara Croll	
<b>Timekeeper</b>	Sarah Fin-Joy Wang	
<b>Attendees</b>	Adam Logan Cairns, Lara Croll, Jack Mayo,, Steph Korad, Sean Pay, Rose Gell, Emma Pearce, Matt Luani, Sarah Fin-Joy Wang, Fiona Lai, Rose Oakley	
	<u>Absent</u> Freedom Holloway	
Open Discussion		
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<p><u>NZUSA Membership</u></p> <p>Background: MAWSA is not part of NZUSA due to past president decisions. The executive has discussed in meetings throughout the year over reforming the relationship with NZUSA and becoming a member again.</p> <p>The initial cost was \$8000 however this was negotiated down to \$1500. The executive in June still decided this was too much to pay for the perceived benefits.</p> <p>There was a training available for Kate which would cover advocacy and working with an executive however this was going to cost \$800. For her to attend, MAWSA would need to be a member of NZUSA. Adam and Sarah negotiated with NZUSA that the membership be reduced to \$250 and the training for Kate, \$400.</p> <p>This decision wasn't discussed with the executive meanwhile NZUSA posted on their facebook page that MAWSA was a member of NZUSA.</p> <p>At this stage MAWSA hasn't paid any money to NZUSA. The executive are to decide to maintain this membership and pay the money or withdraw from NZUSA.</p>		

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## **Pros of being a NZUSA member:**

- MAWSA supports being part of a wider collective to represent Tertiary students. Supporting a organisation that has a voice within government. - Kate having training
- The membership has been reduced to \$250 (cheaper than the initial \$8000)
- Bigger outreach than just within our campus and connecting to other Student associations
- Other Massey Student Associations are part of the organisations.

## **Cons of being a NZUSA member:**

- Spending money on something that could be otherwise put to more tangible benefits like events to Massey students.
- The tier membership we would be on has limited voting rights (ie. a voice)
- Students don't have a say in who is in positions of power at NZUSA, yet those people are to be representing student's voices.
- Bad past relationship: NZUSA issued press releases describing MAWSA as sexually harassing female students on campus (see appendices)
- \$250 is essentially for a half year membership.
- Non tangible benefits of joining.
- Time for MAWSA could be put into things happening directly on campus
- Only communication through presidents not all students: ie. NZUSA discussions isn't open to all students for their voices to be heard or provide input.- Feels like it excludes students.

General Consensus was that the executive wishes to no longer stay part of the NZUSA.

**Meeting Closed 5:20pm.**

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Written apology to executive for accepting MAWSA to be a member of NZUSA without consulting the executive	Adam	
To find out whether we have to pay as a result of already using the NZUSA services as Kate has attended the training.	Adam and Sarah	