



AGENDA – ANUSA SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (SGM) 1 2025

Wednesday, 17 September 2025

6:15pm, Copland Lecture Theatre and Zoom

Zoom Link:

<https://anu.zoom.us/j/89015539435?pwd=Sjnb3aDJkudcXfM4sINQ88H7y84ybY.1>

Item 1: Meeting Opens

Meeting opened 6:24pm by Sam Gorrie.

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country
- 1.2 Chair outlines standing orders

Procedural for 5 speakers for and against. 2.5 minute speaking times for all speakers but the mover.

Mover: Lucy Chapman-Kelly

Procedural passes.

Item 2: Motion on Notice

ANUSA:

- 1. Calls on Chancellor Julie Bishop to resign
- 2. Calls on the ANU to immediately stop and reverse 'Renew ANU'
- 3. Calls on the ANU to open the books - full transparency over finances now
- 4. Commits to fight for a fully-funded, free and democratic university sector

Mover: Lucy Chapman-Kelly

Seconder: Ell Lappin

Lucy: We sacked Genevieve Bell [applause]. Demonstrates that direct action campaign against course cuts matters. Do not need to be moderate; we will run this uni for ourselves, Bell and Exec can't run our university into the ground. Demands,

debates important for how we go forward - fight is not over. Students leaving School of Music to go elsewhere - no more bass players. Need to come out, be angry, be radical - that is how we win. CASS stopping work [applause]. We need to come out stronger than ever - we won't stop until cuts are reversed, education is properly funded, we are not commodities, our education is not a commodity.

Ell: UTS cuts to humanities; sacking Bell has set a standard, shows that direct action works. Need to send this message to other universities also facing cuts. We should continue fighting against Chancellor, interim VC hasn't said anything about reversing cuts; we want our courses and our teachers back.

Tamsin (for): CASS stopping work - power lies with staff who run this university. When Bell was sacked, the uni didn't collapse. Importance of protest made clear - No Cuts rally shows that direct action can make an impact, we won't sit by as those at the top make cuts. Need to continue fight - sack Chancellor, reverse cuts. Need to take this working strategy into future.

Finnian (for): Problems go deeper than Bell; structural constraints, lack of government funding, partnerships with weapons companies. Need to show solidarity with CASS staff stopping work. Successful SOAD protest in past - redundancies can be saved, need continued pressure and organising. Interim VC cannot go unchecked.

Alex (for): Here on behalf of Law Students' Society. DVCA changes centralises academic enquiry teams, which has significant impacts on School of Law. Services students rely on gutted - academic staff do not have time, resources to respond to student enquiries, risk to Law School's accreditation.

Rosie (for): DVCA cuts makes student services worse. Need to keep fight going - degrees still getting cut, Jimmy Barnes commenting on School of Music changes - not a sign of a structuring university. Had my degree cut - need to keep the fight and the protest going, the more students we have showing up the better.

Andrew (for): Halving higher education funding has led to tuition fees, especially for international students, skyrocketing. Paying \$16k per year for tuition, has impacted family back home. International students should protest - post on social media to boost the movement. Need to let staff know that we stand in solidarity with them; months-long campaigns have led to higher education funding increases, need to keep up the fight.

Lucy (right of reply): Acknowledges diverse speakers. Need to walk the walk, not just talk - print leaflets, help print t-shirts, not just negotiate. ANU Exec making lives of students worse - underfunding schools has overflowing effects on rest of Canberra, such as Canberra doctor shortages. We have no common interests with Bell -

Legacy of quashing Palestine protests, million-dollar salary, poster policies, Functions on Campus changes. Important that we have sacked Bell, need to take lesson from campaign that we cannot be moderate.

Motion passes unanimously (74 votes in favour, 0 against).

Item 3: Meeting Closes at 6:47 by Sam Gorrie.