



MINUTES – ANUSA EDUCATION COUNCIL (EDC) 8 2025

Wednesday, 15th October 2025

6:15pm, Marie Reay 3.02 and Zoom

Zoom Link:

<https://anu.zoom.us/j/9843562100?pwd=d1hnNVlyakVJd1I4Z2kxNIQ3ckhlZz09&omn=86581880442>

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting opened at 6:41pm by Sam Gorrie

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by Sam Gorrie

1.2 Apologies

Noted by Sam Gorrie

Item 2: Passing the previous meetings' minutes.

The Minutes from EDC 5 2025 (31st July 2025) can be found linked here:

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Mover: Will Burfoot

Seconder: Rosie Paton

Minutes carry.

Procedural to move all reports en bloc

Mover: Rosie Paton

Seconder: Will Burfoot

Procedural carries.

Motion to accept all reports.

Mover: Rosie Paton

Seconder: Will Burfoot

Reports carry.

Procedural for the meeting to resolve into a committee of the whole.

Mover: Will Burfoot

Procedural carries.

Sam passes chair to Aurora Neumann

No dissent

Aurora chairs the remainder of the meeting in the form of a committee of a whole.

Item 3: Executive Reports

3.1 President's report (W. Burfoot) [Reference A]

3.2 Vice President's report (V. Gangarapu) [Reference B]

3.3 Education Officer's report (R. Paton) [Reference C]

3.4 General Secretary's report (S. Gorrie) [Reference D]

Item 4: Academic Officer Reports

4.1 Undergraduate Coursework Officer (C. Ellwood) [Reference F]

4.2 Postgraduate Coursework Officer (L. Wang) [Reference G]

4.3 HDR Officer (G. Dalla Libera Marchiori) [Reference H]

Item 5: College Representative Reports

5.1 College of Arts & Social Sciences [Reference I]

Chith & Aurora deliver report verbally.

Alam delivers report verbally.

Jeremy delivers report.

5.2 College of Asia & the Pacific [Reference J]

Jonathan delivers report.

Lucy absent.

Meeting lost quorum at 6:51pm.

Quorum was not regained within 5 minutes of being lost. Under standing order s 1.2.4, all remaining business is stood over to the next meetings.

Meeting closes at 6:56pm.

5.3 College of Business & Economics [Reference K]

5.4 College of Law, Governance & Policy [Reference L]

5.5 College of Science & Medicine [Reference M]

5.6 College of Systems & Society [Reference N]

Item 6: Discussion Items

Discussion Item 6.1: 2025 EDC Discussion & 2026 Thoughts

Discussion Item 6.2: Handover Documents

Discussion Item 6.3: School Representatives

Item 7: Date of next meeting and close

The next meeting of the EDC (EDC 1 2026), the first for the 2026 Representatives will be scheduled for sometime during Term 1 2026.

References

[Reference A] - President's Report

Will Burfoot - President

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Since the last EDC we have had the elections occur and next year's representatives elected. Congratulations to all!! Very pleased with the turnout we saw for the positions that were contested. While quite a few positions went uncontested, and others have been left vacant, I am still optimistic about the future of the EDC. We've seen this year that it has been a place of genuine discussion, information sharing, and problem solving, and I have really appreciated those who have turned up and participated. It's also a significant improvement over the zero quorate EDC's last year, so we will take the wins where we can get them!

I'll update the meeting verbally on a few matters surrounding ECA's and change proposals, as well as give some thoughts on how college reps can get the most out of their roles. Vaishnavi and Rosie will be coordinating much of the handover for college reps, and so you can get in contact with them at sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au or sa.education@anu.edu.au.

In the coming weeks I have some meetings with the PVC Graduate Research and the DVCA and so will update reps where relevant.

If any new reps want to sit down with me before the end of the year I would be more than happy to! You can contact me sa.president@anu.edu.au.

[Reference B] - Vice President's Report

Vice President
Sree Vaishnavi Gangarapu
EDC 8

The Vice President is the undergraduate student representative of the Academic Board, which is the peak ANU academic committee. It takes me 12-14 hours to go through the agendas, attend the steering committee and the meeting itself. There has been one Academic Board meeting since the last EDC. There has been reporting from subcommittees on disestablishments of courses and on ANU's position in QS rankings.

The AMC is made up of the President, Vice President, Education Officer, General Secretary and the Academic Officers. We used the last AMC to discuss our plan of action for approaching AI and how we can support students in the process of ANU adopting AI in all courses.

Last semester, the Education Officer and I met with the PVC Learning & Teaching and ADEs to talk about our plans around simple extensions, assessment weight caps, unified assessment deadlines and BYOD. We're continuing to push for more student friendly and consistent policies across colleges through the ADEs.

I'm working with Library Services to bring textbooks to the BKSS and set up a mini-library for high-enrolment courses. This will increase the number of textbooks available for students to borrow and make access to essential readings easier and more affordable. Thank you to all the College Reps that helped me create the list. We are currently looking at what textbooks are feasible to be brought in in the next couple of weeks and the actual set-up of the library.

I have been working with the CSS Reps (Riley and Lea) on the COMP1110 report. The survey has around 150 responses and we have been analysing the data to inform the college of our recommendations for the course rehaul.

If you have any questions about my report, feel free to email me sa.vicepresident@anu.edu.au. Thank you!

[Reference C] - Education Officer's Report

[Reference D] - General Secretary's Report

[Reference E] - Undergraduate Coursework Officer's Report

[Reference F] - Postgraduate Coursework Officer's Report

[Reference G] - HDR Officer's Report

[Reference H] - College of Arts & Social Sciences Representatives' Reports

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ANUSA CASS Reps EDC8 Report

Final EDC report as CASS Reps!!! Got a bit emotional writing this. 2025 has been an intense year in every imaginable way – whether it was course cuts, trying to navigate the numerous change management proposals released, helping students, running fun events, engaging with the college and trying to pursue our own goals outside all this as reps, something was always happening!

The last few weeks have been rather quiet in terms of our CASS work with the ANUSA election and sorting out our handovers. Chith and I most recently had one of our regular meetings with Claire (ADSEI) as a check in for everything happening in the college. Items raised included:

- A SoM website with transition plans will be released by November, the college will be sharing it with us and ANUSA in advance so we can talk about any concerns.
- Lots of concern amongst staff surrounding hosting open meetings because they're concerned about hostility from students. BUT:
 - We argued that students have a right to be concerned and angry about changes to their degrees, and they shouldn't be denied a space to communicate them out of fear of backlash.
 - The college refusing to consult with students continues this cycle of distrust we've seen all year – really drove this home, they know it's the case but are reluctant to self-correct.
 - We suggested a Zoom panel with SoM staff speaking and answering student concerns, but a neutral third party chairing it.
- Directed Claire to consult with the SoM collective surrounding current student concerns, because whilst we are the people for student support in CASS at a student union level, we don't have the same connection with music students, and they would be a more valuable point of contact.
- CMP is still super confusing from a college level – raised the fact that it's vital that any further feedback does not fall in the exams period (like timing with results release last time).
- Have followed up on the exams stuff raised last EDC, checked in with Division of Student Admin and Academic Services and they reported back that:
 - SEAs on Fri 17 Oct, and if they don't, they need to email Exams by 22 October.
 - The 10 Oct date mentioned last EDC was not familiar to them...
 - Will be sharing some exams info through social channels this week.

And that's all our updates!

This year has been an amazing opportunity to not only work with you guys on EDC but also develop our work as a team, we have achieved so many things we are proud of and are so grateful to have had the chance to work for the wonderful students in CASS.

We started the year with our ambitious self-written and published CASS 'How-To' Guide, O-Week trivia night, we worked with SASS and increased student engagement throughout the year, met students in our coffee catch ups, ran a CASS specific Careers Fair in the middle of the year, spoke at rallies and protests throughout the cuts battle, painted banners and marched, collaborated in creating a mentor-match program for our college, worked with DSA to focus on accessibility and neurodiversity within our college for disabled students, navigated college meetings and the every-changing academic landscape that is the ANU, and couldn't have done it without the other! Yay!! 😊

CASS HDR

CASS PG

[Reference I] - College of Asia & the Pacific Representatives' Reports

CAP UG

In the period since the last EDC, there has been limited work by representatives, largely as a product of uncertainties in what will actually be announced and coordinated for next year. Representatives have continued community engagement work, including specific consultation on the details for the enrolment opportunities for the PhB. Furthermore, there has been ongoing discourse with CAP staff as the next year of representative action comes near. In terms of practical commitments, due to staff taking time off, there have been less meetings than normally the case.

CAP HDR

[Reference J] - College of Business & Economics
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[Reference K] - College of Law, Governance & Policy
Representatives' Reports

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COLGP HDR

[Reference L] - College of Science & Medicine Representatives'
Reports

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COSM HDR

[Reference M] - College of Systems & Society Representatives'
Reports

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