

## ANUSA Executive Meeting

**Date & time:** 20260422 14:00

**Attendance:** Dylan, Charley, Malakai, Leila, Aurora, Eloisa, Stella

**Apologies:**

<b>Actions arising from past meeting</b>		
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Meeting opened at 2:11pm.

<b>Agenda &amp; minutes</b>		
1	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Delivered by Charley on the unceded lands of the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples.
2a	<b>Acceptance of previous meeting's minutes</b>	20260415_Exec_Private.docx - Approved 20260415_Exec_Public_draft.docx - Approved
b	<b>Declaration of conflicts of interest</b>	Please declare as they arise.  ANU Council membership – Charley
c	<b>Executive decisions since last meeting</b>	Unanimously approved exemption from procurement policy (requirement to get multiple quotes) in purchasing laptop for Emily
d	<b>Declaration of confidential agenda items</b>	Please <b>highlight</b> or let us know as we go.
3a	<b>President's report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have had several meetings with 80th Anniversary Steering group and Events teams at the ANU to get prepared for our Music festival idea. Bands have been contacted and will be getting uni exec funding approval next week. The event will be funded by the ANU but may potentially be ANUSA branded</li> <li>• Met with Eloisa, Liana, and EIS investments about ANUSA reserves investments. We are getting close but have decided that we need some more information so will be assessing other options and seeking further clarification</li> <li>• Have been catching up on a heap of personal admin work with the time I have had that usually gets absorbed by meetings which has been nice</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had lunch with Ant and Pam from the IVCO discussing the university strategy and version 1 that has now been released. Lots more opportunities for student engagement and will be going to EDC/SRC to facilitate this.</li> <li>• Had a WIP with the ANUSA Student Care team for an update on progress on our DGR status and functional operation with the look to be launching at an ANUSA alumni event that will hopefully coincide with ANUs 80th Birthday</li> <li>• Discussing with Aurora on the set up of a RenewANU report by ANUSA on the ongoing impacts of RenewANU and how it is impacting our education.</li> <li>• I have alerted Felicity and the COO about the ACTHRC complaint to give them the heads up and reminded them that this is intended to be a conciliatory not adversarial process.</li> <li>• Roadshows are in full swing - thank you to Stella for her work on putting this together.</li> </ul>
b	<b>Vice President's report</b>	<p>At Union Pantry.</p> <p>Meeting with DSA re: libraries.</p> <p>Wright hall had feedback for Roadshow. Not necessarily do two separate PowerPoints for catered/non-catered.</p> <p>Started to communicate with Suri and Liv on period products working group, information campaign.</p>
c	<b>Education Officer's report</b>	<p>Charley and I are beginning the process of writing a 'RenewANU Report' that fully encapsulates how damaging it was to our community, reaching out to Gov Project contacts to get set up.</p> <p>Have organised a bus with Eleanor as I am wanting to send an ANUSA contingency of students over to the UC/NTEU staff strike on May 5<sup>th</sup> to show some solidarity (particularly because they have no student union).</p>

		<p>Setting up cohort meetings with the Academic Officers for EDC to get greater communication between colleges.</p> <p>Kamal and I are organising an ‘ANUSA Consultation Session’ as a way to start getting student input regarding AI policy – will likely be happening in Week 9. Have also shared my AI survey with residential halls to get greater traction (at 108 responses), which will then be collated and shared with LTC.</p> <p>Am following up on progress regarding BYOD exams, have done so by emailing Chief Information Officer.</p> <p>Have been following up on scholarship centralisation – tbc.</p> <p>Ran EdCom on Monday – went over each campaign area and will be starting research.</p> <p>Been meeting with college representatives to do a mid-semester check-in, which has been very helpful.</p> <p>Accessibility (though really the university) is still being really difficult in terms of offering us tangible supports for students waiting on EAPs – have been talking to DSA, as it stands now, any student who still doesn’t have an EAP appointment won’t receive any special exam arrangements, which is really problematic.</p>
d	<b>Treasurer’s report</b>	<p>Mostly investments.</p> <p>SSC people have split the meetings into reports and bids separately. Hopefully won’t impact availability of bids for programs.</p>
e	<b>Welfare Officer’s report</b>	<p><b>SP 09, SP 10, SP 16, SP 17, SP 19.</b></p> <p>Prep for the SP 09 meetings, including reading the relevant sections of the Code, the Red Zone report and Gender Based Violence Prevention Strategy and talking to students about their experience with the RRR training and how they would like to see it fixed.</p>

**Cost of Living**

I've spent most of my time developing a Cost of Living Plan for the Union to see what we can do to help students through this difficult time.

**Cost of Living Plan**

There are three key areas which students will need support in in the coming months as cost of living gets worse. This document will document how ANUSA can support students in each of these areas. We will then promote this on ANUSA social media and in the residential colleges (especially in uncatered colleges).

**ANUSA Assistant Grant**

- \$750 per semester
  - Unexpected medical bills
  - Accommodation
  - Short-term living expenses (due to delayed income, etc.)
  - Emergency travel costs (the Regional Flights underspend bid money would potentially go here)

**(1) Travel and Fuel**

Transport Voucher Program - receive up to 10 free Transport Canberra vouchers in a semester

Flights for Regional Students - I've made an underspend bid to create a subsidy for regional students so that they can get 50% of their flights (for up to \$500).

ANUSA Bicycle Program - this program provides reimbursement up to a maximum of \$150 for costs related to bicycle use. This includes: Bicycle servicing; Bicycle parts; Bicycle safety equipment (lights, reflectors, helmet); Bicycle purchase; Any other cost that can be associated directly with bicycle usage.

- We also have a mechanic who comes in every month to help repair bikes: this should be promoted. I am working on a 'Ride Your Bike to Uni' media campaign.

## **(2) Food Security**

The BKSS - provides free breakfast for students from Monday to Fridays.

The Union Pantry - we are currently open on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week. We will be opening the Pantry for an extra day every week for the rest of the semester. This would mean we would be supporting 300 students under this program.

Student Bites - opens once a week and students can get a full bag of groceries. This shouldn't be relied upon because it's not as consistent as we'd like.

Grocery Voucher Program - ANUSA is increasing our Grocery Voucher Program so that more students can access this service! The program offers \$100 food vouchers to students who demonstrate financial hardship once a term. Due to demand and the rising cost of living, ANUSA has expanded this so that more students can access this service.

## **(3) Essential Items**

Birth Control Subsidy

Period Products

- The BKSS stocks period products, condoms and other safe sex protection and pregnancy tests.
- Campus has 7 period product vending machines

Medical Grant

- Max \$500 per semester

**Survivor Hub**

It's sitting with the Uni to assess funding. Will hopefully have a positive update at SRC 4.

**Union Pantry**

The biggest update is that we're opening the Union Pantry for an extra day every week for the rest of the semester to help students with increased financial stress. This means we **NEED** more volunteers.

It is the Welfare Officer's job to organise volunteers to help run the Pantry every week (it's why I harass everyone in Slack every week). We've been having a good turn out, I'd like to specifically shout out: Liv, Tyne, Seamus, Tessa, Jess, Suki, Suri, Nick, Iz who have all volunteered over the last term. As we get into exams, however, and with the extra day, we really need everyone to volunteer - it's two hours a week and I promise it's actually pretty fun. This is specifically a call out to GenReps - you can put it in your report etc but it would be good if we could see more of you volunteering.

Dylan has set up a volunteering page for students who want to get more involved in ANUSA. We'll be using this to get more volunteers for the Union Pantry. Dylan and I will be running a volunteer induction in week 7 for this.

Exciting update: we ordered in 200kg of carrots.

I've also been doing some work with promoting the pantry with non-catered halls who have expressed increased food insecurity from their students. Over the next couple of weeks we're doing the Residential Road Show and will further promote the food security programs that ANUSA offers.

**Period Products Working Group**

		<p>We had our first period product working group meeting. We've established the direction of the group and established roles for everyone. The contract for the period product vending machines runs out at the end of the year, so now's the time to develop a proposal that the university can use to either renew the contract or find something better. We also discussed getting menstrual disposal bins in all bathrooms at the university – they're currently only in women's bathrooms at ANU.</p>
<i>f</i>	<b>Clubs Officer's report</b>	<p>Provided brief to IAC for potential affiliation with ANUSA. This will include a potential change to Regulations.</p> <p>Met with FoC and Kambri.</p> <p>80<sup>th</sup> anniversary items – Charley and Dylan meeting to discuss.</p>
<i>g</i>	<b>General Secretary's report</b>	Disputes & Probity election tonight
<i>4</i>	<b>ANU committees</b>	
<i>5</i>	<b>WHS/EAP reminder</b>	Exec is entitled to 4 free sessions with Telus Health. QR codes around the office. If you have issues with accessing these sessions, contact Charley/Eleanor as appropriate.
<i>6</i>	<b>Departments update</b>	DSA meetings, Queer* meetings.
<i>7</i>	<b>Matters for discussion</b>	<p>Investments – Eloisa</p> <p>Audit – Eloisa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agree to reschedule AGM to 20 May. Move other meetings as required.</li> </ul> <p>University Strategy – Charley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Had chat with Ant &amp; Pam from OVC.</li> <li>- Version 1 of University Strategy is released. Very barebones. A skeleton for the community to be able to meet &amp; discuss.</li> <li>- Student consultation next steps.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12<sup>th</sup> of May 11am-1pm. Please read strategy before then.</li> </ul> <p>ANUSA Strategy – Charley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up time to discuss later</li> </ul>
8	<b>Matters for decision</b>	

Meeting closed at 3:38 pm.

<b>Actions arising</b>		
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Schedule strategy session	Charley	