

ANUSA Executive Meeting

The Australian National University Students' Association (ABN: 50530891173)

Date & time: 20260826 15:00

Attendance: Charley Ellwood (President), Aurora Neumann (Education Officer), Malakai King (General Secretary), Eloisa Belmar Osborn (Treasurer), Dylan Adams (Clubs Officer), Leila Clarke (Welfare Officer), Stella Serrao-Smith (Vice President)

Apologies:

Minutes by: Malakai

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Meeting opened at 3:21pm.

Agenda & minutes		
1	Acknowledgement of Country	Delivered by Charley on the unceded lands of the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples.
2a	Acceptance of previous meeting's minutes	20260819_Exec_Private.docx - to be approved by circular 20260819_Exec_Public_draft.docx - to be approved by circular
b	Declaration of conflicts of interest	Please declare as they arise.
c	Executive decisions since last meeting	
d	Declaration of confidential agenda items	Please highlight or let us know as we go.
3a	President's report	Has been quite a hectic time as of late, many things currently 'on the stove', if you will. Lost touch footy on Monday, devastating. United also lost to Hull Cuty 2-0, disappointing. Wore jorts for the first time out of winter, exciting. Learning and Teaching Committee Attended LTC with Aurora to advocate for the introduction of simple extensions. Still facing pushback from academics who are saying they need more data to make a decision. The data will come after a more extensive trial but the university is refusing to commit to a university-wide trial

		before the data exist. Chicken or Egg, you tell me. Will let Aurora speak on it more but now looking at literature review to show cross-institutional evidence of success. Strategic Plan Update The strategic plan is progressing well, so far we have done all staff, a few departments, and exec consultations are continuing. I have reached out to former exec as well to get their insights. We have the student consultations booked in at 3 different time slots for this week and next. Some really great data coming through and I am currently in the process for developing the bones of the structure of the document which will be shared around. Again, hoping for this to go through a few iterations and get to a point that we can all be proud of. Student Equity Strategy Update Aurora and I attended the first workshop of the university's new student equity strategy. This is an awesome initiative that the uni is doing which is squarely aimed at bringing more students here and supporting them while they are here. Key themes from the conversations have included residential support, adjustments for income-constrained working students, and transition support for first in family. Currently in the scoping stage and getting into the nuts and bolts in the coming weeks. Very proud to be a part of this as not only do we need to increase student numbers overall, but we should be bolstering our populations from underrepresented areas. Elections As I am sure you can expect, the admin involved with setting up the election is taking a significant chunk of my time. Notice for the call for nominations has officially gone out meaning that the campaign period has officially started. I remind all exec of their expectations agreed with me and their obligations as an executive member. Will have the election information night next week with RO and Probity. Timetabling Meeting After a student contacted me with some great ideas for timetabling at ANU, I met with the ANU timetabling team to look at the scope for reform or adjustments - particularly on the first-come first-serve model currently being used, or the transition to a preference system. Essentially, the timetabling team is indifferent besides the belief that either system will garner student complaint, but academics are generally resistant as it shifts deadlines back to earlier in the academic year. Additionally, as part of the Digital Master Plan, the timetabling software itself may be
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		being reviewed so that may be another option for changes. In the meantime, we will add it as an agenda item for EDC to gauge other thoughts, and may seek other student consultation. Panel on Assessment Reform I have been asked to sit on a panel for a conference happening later this year on assessment reform. Will be on the panel with an academic in assessment reform from the ANU, the keynote speaker from Usyd, and another student. Will be looking at how assessment should be reformed, particularly with AI in mind, and more broadly how assessment design can best support students in the future. Will of course harp on about role of universities blah blah blah. ANU Act Submission The ANU Act is being opened up for changes! This is very exciting and a great opportunity for us to push for structural changes to ANU Governance. Aurora and I have been working on the submission with support from Felix and Ashlyn (NUS). I have shared the consultation form on Slack and encouraged Reps to submit their own thoughts. ANUSA Submission will be going on soon and I am meeting with the department on Monday. RED - Scholarships Update A few students have raised the concerns around the transition to flat-rate scholarships. I have raised this with RED and am working with the IHC on finding a path forward. Kambri Walkthrough with CFO Portfolio Had a great meeting with Garry Steward who is the new Associate Director for Commercial & Property - essentially tasked with developing a strategy for Kambri. We also had a walkthrough of Kambri and looked at the dire state of vacancies at the moment as well as advocating for what students want. Plenty of work to be done and once the strategy continues to be developed - we will go out to students for more insights. Alicia Payne work on University engagement Met again with Alicia Payne's office on some student outreach. Currently working on doing a bit of a roundtable event towards the end of October on the state of the university sector, and what needs to change. Alicia also spoke in parliament on the Job-Ready graduates scheme and has been quite vocal in opposition. Hoping to do a bit of a collab with the UC SRC and other ANU Academics.
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		Occupancy Reform Continuing engagement with Tara Cheynes office on the occupancy reforms. Directorate will be going to the public with consultation seeking input from both students and universities. I have also briefed the IHC on these updates and they were excited to see it.
<i>b</i>	Vice President's report	- BKSS: new manuals being written/updated by Zig. Approved for additional WFH hours. - Had Academic Board. A lot of stuff had been tabled from before. The non-confidential stuff was pretty regular. AB5 will be simple extensions. New chair, wants to meet up with Kamal and Stella which is good. - Class rep training last week! Despite better communication with schools this sem, far fewer attendees than Sem 1.
<i>c</i>	Education Officer's report	- LTC and simple extensions update - o Last exec, frustration with AB agenda. Had that LTC meeting, was bad. Did not properly get endorsed to go to AB. Potentially to go to AQAC. - Renew ANU report writing - ANU Equity Strategy Workshop - o Amazing, really good conversations. - DVCE meeting set up - Writing joint NUS x ANUSA statement on ANU Act proposed amendments, working w Charley and Felix - Went to a Gov Project chat - Connecting new college reps to teams - Sorting out the AI consults for EDC - Thinking about timetabling w Charley, bringing to EDC - Student Hubs are messed up – Registrar meeting tomorrow - Working on student-facing AI supports with Merryn - Scholarships presentation was great
<i>d</i>	Treasurer's report	Have been busy with prepping for SSAF negotiations process- started drafting bid and a number of other documents. SSAF Survey campaign- working on social media content and a motion to spread the word about the survey, hoping to get lots of responses this year that are positive about ANUSA. Fill it out and tell everyone you know to fill it out. Get a leg up.

		Rights at Work- posters almost done, will then send back to Unions ACT to get feedback and make sure content is correct. Investments- the statement of advice is underway- did the risk profile thing and it was quite goofy. Expecting to receive a presentation on that advice on the 9th of September. Period products- have collated all the info from the colleges, need to work on next steps in the coming weeks.
e	Welfare Officer's report	Charley and I had meeting with Headspace re: a men's mental health program they want to bring to ANU and ANU Sport. Exciting. Spoke to him afterwards about ANU's broader relationship with headspace and this is an exciting opportunity because this is immediate response counselling which doesn't exist anywhere at ANU, including SAT. They have proper Critical Incident response training. Regional student equity steering committee. Somewhat confused about some of these groups. Sarah and Student Equity seems good but very ANU bureaucracy-core. Nightclubs guidelines. Will base structure around Eloisa's scaffold for ethical investments. JRG with Alicia Payne, round table sorting out collabing with Charley on this. Occupancy Agreements with AG office. Spoke at One Nation rally. Hall pantries. I've been consulting with Halls about setting up their own pantries. This is underway, sorting out financial management of this project.
f	Clubs Officer's report	Concert is being announced TODAY. Currently making poster for it. Charley has given extra context in his report. Sounds good. Moving a bunch of clubs regs changes today.
g	General Secretary's report	Decisions Register is online: anusadecisions.github.io! Made adjustments as per Exec decisions. Very excited to have it up. Visited archives again. Helped Kat film reel.

		Delegations - Access to information request - S3.4 election regs (database) Grads WG. Everyone please lock in for OGM 2 quorum. SRC 6 reports due. EDC 6 reach-out
4	ANU committees	LTC
5	WHS/EAP reminder	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.
6	Staff Update	Happy to hear about budget. Legal: up to 560 matters, 7 day wait time at the moment SAT: 2465 cases, already more than last year Skill Up has launched. COVID going around on-campus. Show Cause still not put out. Student Hubs still giving incorrect information. 1000 clubs grants applications. 60-70 new clubs grant applications per week. Increase in CapEx grants.
7	Departments update	Taryn on leave. Kirsty in place.
8	Matters for discussion	Last year ANUSA commissioned advice from Josh Farr which quantified the worth of what ANUSA does in economic terms. An idea that's popped up is that we do this targeted towards what the university wants to see from us. Quantifiable compared to other unions and ROI. We have a high ROI dollar for dollar cf other student unions. Caveat is that this report costs \$17k. - Could we do this ourselves? Are our own reports sufficient? Cheaper avenues? Negotiating price down? - Charley to circulate the previous report from Josh Farr.

		CrimeStoppers - Called Admin being quite unhappy that neither us nor police were at Market Day. - They are now doing a specific campaign on anti-money laundering / anti-scam. - Want to engage with us on this campaign. Charley to share resources around. - Charley to email departments to check. National Student Safety Survey briefing forwarded to Exec.
9	Matters for decision	Union Ball - Rex Hotel, 30 October, - Total cost for 120 pax. \$12400. We have a budget for union ball of \$10000. Clubs team (Chelsea, Dylan). Alcohol tix will be \$70, non-alcohol ticket will be \$50. \$10 reduction of both categories cf last year. Attendance forecasts 30/70 non-alcoholic to alcoholic. If we sell out, we will receive \$7800 revenue. Then need to pay Rex only \$4650 out of pocket. Have \$5000 remaining for other expenses like live music or printing T-shirts. If only 50 people come, we are out of pocket \$7000. Approved payment of \$8310 (+/- 10%) invoice (the amount sans alcohol which is non-SSAF expenditure).

Meeting closed at 4:18 pm for Strategic Plan consultation.

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