



AGENDA – College Representative Council (CRC) 8 2020

Wednesday 28 October 2020

Zoom – 6:15pm

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Meeting ID: 833 7170 7193

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Item 1: Meeting Open and Apologies

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country
- 1.2 Apologies
- 1.3 Passing of previous meetings minutes (CRC 7 2020)

Item 2: Executive Reports

- 2.1 President's Report (L. Day) [Reference A]
- 2.2 Vice President's Report (M. Janagaraja) [Reference B]
- 2.3 General Secretary's Report (T. Heslington) [Reference C]

Item 3: College Representative Reports

- 3.1 College of Engineering and Computer Science [Reference D]
- 3.2 College of Arts and Social Sciences [Reference E]
- 3.3 College of Law [Reference F]
- 3.4 College of Sciences, Health and Medicine [Reference G]
- 3.5 College of Business and Economics [Reference H]
- 3.6 College of Asia Pacific [Reference I]

Item 4: Discussion Items

- 4.1 Feedback for AQAC – program leave reduction
- 4.2 Course/staff cuts
- 4.3 Handover

Item: 5: Other Business

Item 6: Meeting Close

Expected close of meeting 8pm

Reference A

Please refer to the President's SRC 7 report.

Reference B

Please refer to the Vice-President's SRC 7 report.

Reference C

Please refer to the General Secretary's SRC 7 report.

Reference D



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT #8

[Sophie Burgess & Kriti
Tripathi]

Main Updates

- CECS have announced their proposal for job cuts, which will heavily impact RSEEME academics and discontinue BSeng degree
- Conversations about the RSEEME major cuts continue, with the proposal being discussed at AQAC later this week

Key Academic Issues

| Agenda | Further Information |
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| CECS Recovery Plan | <p>CECS recently released a proposed Recovery Plan which outlines incoming changes to the college. These range from jobs cuts to program cuts. We were already aware of the RSEEME major cuts but the Recovery Plan also mentions phasing out one of the core Computer Science programs - Bachelor of Software Engineering. Efforts have been made by us to communicate this out to the wider CECS students. There has been an increase in the number of panicked students and they are reaching out to us. Kriti has reached out to ADir(E) of Computer Science and head of RSCS regarding timeline and student consultations. Another key issue from this is expected to be less academics for the number of students required to undertake supervised Honours projects. Sophie and Kriti have both been in contact with the relevant individuals in each school to begin to plan how to support students impacted by this.</p> <p>A webinar was hosted on Friday 23rd October by the college to address what these changes mean for students, which Sophie attended.</p> |

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| RSEEME Major Cuts | <p>Update on major cuts from CRC #7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Teach-Out plan is expected to involve UNSW Canberra courses for Mechanical & Material Systems students, and JCOS courses for Biomedical Systems students- In general, students are not satisfied with these plans. A survey has been conducted with 100+ students, and found that students are very dissatisfied with the poor communication of plans, are concerned about the quality of teaching for the teach-out plan and are not comfortable with the idea of studying at UNSW Canberra. |
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| | - The major cuts are going to AQAC this week. ANUSA will be fighting against these cuts. |
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Social Initiatives

| Agenda | Further Information |
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| Honours Support Initiative | The honours support initiative is on track. An introductory webinar is now being organised due to be hosted at the end of November. Appropriate documentation is being written for next year's CECS reps to take over. |

Reference E

Reference F

College Representative Council (CRC) 8 2020 College of Law Representatives Report

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1. Introduction

As we approach the end of semester two, the number of issues arising has slowly decreased. Those that have arisen are primarily to do with consequences flowing from budget cuts due to COVID-19.

2. Budget Cuts & Lack of Assessment Feedback

Due to the financial consequences of COVID-19, the College of Law has had to make several budget cuts. One consequence of this has been a heavier marking load for course convenors and lecturers. As a result, several students across a range of courses approached us expressing dissatisfaction with the lack or absence of feedback for significant assessment items. We collated the feedback we both received and called for further comment from affected students through our Facebook page and Law Students@ANU. What we received was communicated by Georgina at a meeting with Wayne Morgan who is investigating and taking action accordingly.

3. Availability of SELT Reviews

Students in LAWS4125 Environmental Law expressed concern that they had not received any SELT Review to complete by email. This has been raised with the College of Law and we are awaiting a reply.

4. Handover

We would like to congratulate the newly elected College of Law Representatives for 2021 and look forward to handing over after exams.

5. Thankyous

We would like to thank everyone on the CRC who we have worked with this year. It has been our pleasure and we will see you around.

Reference G

Reference H

Reference I