



MINUTES - COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 4 2012

Wednesday 16th May 2012

5pm, ANUSA Boardroom

Executive

Dallas Proctor – President of the Association
Alice McAvoy- Vice President of the Association
Tom Barrington Smith- Education Officer
Tara Mulholland- General Secretary

Faculty Representatives

Roseanna Bricknell
Yasmin Masri
Ali French
Mel McLeod
Vaibhav Sagar
Justin 'Trombone' Steele
Tom Brazier
Maea Buhre
Morgan Wood

General Representatives

Harry Wall
Jeff Sun
Samantha Teong
AJ Neilson
Ben McMullin
Sascha Silberstein

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting opened at: 5:12pm

I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, of elders past and present, on which this event takes place.

Apologies received from: Matthew Birtwistle, Jack Hobbs, Lilly Ward, Charmaine Yong and Matilda Gillis.

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising Questions:

MOTION: That the minutes for College Representative Council 3 2012 be accepted

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Jeff Sun

Motion passed

Item 3: Executive Reports and Matters Arising

3.1 President's report (D. Proctor)

- EDQF- university submits lists of programs to be proved as a program, they are trying to reduce the number of programs
- Uni education committee, I want an education committee report for every college
- ATAR bonus points
- SELT- confidential spread sheet- if you want to know more about unsatisfactory courses
- Apologise for the lateness

Questions

- **Justin Steele:** Should we ask them that they put SELT feedback on study@?
 - **Dallas Proctor:** That's already happening.
- **Ben McMullin:** is the alternative course guide the SASS one
 - **Justin Steele:** That's a lot more work for faculty reps, LSS- first year guide, offer a deal where clubs and societies, they do the work we can publish it
- **Dallas Proctor:** I would like to see a website.

MOTION: That the Presidents Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Harry Wall

Motion passed

3.2 Vice President's report (A. McAvoy) [Reference A]

- Take the majority as read- I asked the VC how the university planned to respond, academic exchange programs

Questions

- **Ben McMullin:** Anything new in the VC's report that he covered financially?

- **Alice McAvoy:** a lot of diplomacy, academic board has 64 members, it was huge, in some ways it was a bit like this SRC. Same stuff that's been coming out.
- **Sascha Silberstein:** SELT video
 - **Alice McAvoy:** increase the number of people participating in the survey, ANU has asked us to help out with the SELT data, we can deal without doing it.

MOTION: That the Vice Presidents Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Sascha Silberstein

Motion passed

3.3 Education Officer's report (T. Barrington-Smith) [Reference B]

- Advertising education committee- I will do better
- Compulsory Course costs- compilation is almost done, if anyone does have anything else it is never too late
- Ed Conference is in Sydney from the 4th-6th of July
- SOS, EduFactory and Fairly Educated
- Next week = fund our future, computers down in student space to get the ANU's number up. Dallas has been under pressure
- If you haven't done it do it ASAP

Questions

- **Justin Steele:** What's the ultimate goal of Fund our Future?
 - **Tom Barrington-Smith:** Budget and the quality survey, aiming for 10,000 responses from all across Australia, student run survey of class sizes and quality of education.

MOTION: That the Education Officer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Harry Wall

Motion passed

Item 4: College Representative Reports

4.1 College of Arts and Social Sciences [Reference C]

- Jack and I have been really busy
- Music school
- Concert is not a protest but a celebration of talent on the 22nd
- 25th May- university Council meeting
- International Music Festival – using that to push the course
- SOM consult email address
- Campaign pack

Questions

- **Sascha Silberstein:** Does that mean that you can present it at Parliament
 - **Yasmin Masri:** We would be able to present this as a disorderly petition
- **Amanda Joyce-Neilson:** Congratulations, you guys have been doing an amazing job.
- **Dallas Proctor:** They're going to fair work Australia

- **Alice McAvoy:** Is the consultation process over?
 - **Yasmin Masri:** No it's not, everyone send an email to song consult. That would be great.

MOTION: That the College of Arts and Social Sciences Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Ali French

Motion passed

4.2 College of Asia and the Pacific

- Online education- she sees CAP as leading the way, up to 5 programs online only
- Outlined consolidation of small courses into smaller courses
- FAC REPS have to represent students affected by course consolidation
- Year in Asia- organisational issues, done by the coordinator for each party
- Education Enrichment committee, which they'll compile into a report
- Asian studies- generalist or specialist degree
- Proposals on the working party website that CAP should merge with Cass, not accepted well by people in CAP.
- Email sent out to all students email
 - **Sam Teong:** Point of Clarification, I haven't received an email
- **Justin Steele:** we'll check that one
- We had a meeting with Andrew Walker to ask him where the budget cuts would be coming from- administration – 8 separate student administration
- Email is sorted- ANUSA.Cap- they don't like the concept of fac reps.
- We haven't received any enquiries or complaints from students in a long time

Questions

- **Alice McAvoy:** have you checked that your old email is directed into that?
 - **Justin Steele:** We might not be getting the old emails. We need to contact DOI

MOTION: That the College of Asia and the Pacific Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Jeff Sun

Motion passed

4.3 College of Business and Economics

- Matt and I are studying together, there is an AFEC society but it mostly addresses finance.
- I don't think there's much 'E' (Economics) in AFEC

Questions

- **Dallas Proctor:** Considering AFEC is really functional is there a reason to not working with them?
- **Dallas Proctor:** What's Mat's view on the summer school cuts?
 - 2,500 upfront for CBE

- **Rashid Kazak:** They said it was because of demand, it was the only way they could do courses at all.
- **Alice McAvoy:** Has Raymond been CCd into international ATAR report?
 - **Dallas Proctor:** ANUSA policy is the same, international students want staff that interpret English well
- **Justin Steele:** How's the CBE Fac reps page going?
 - **Vaibhav Sagar:** Everyone link + like facebook pages

MOTION: That the College of Business and Economics Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Ben McMullin

Motion passed

4.4 College of Engineering and Computer Science [Reference D]

- Taken as read
- Ed Com 11th April- first I heard about new policy, had selt 2 years show cause- online education, CS is a good platform for online education, they want to use the into programming course online as an outreach thing.
- No student administration.

Questions

- **Alice McAvoy:** I'm a bit concerned that you haven't got any emails from my account, I have accounts I'd be keen to make sure that the email is out there. Facebook
 - **Vaibhav Sagar:** we have to promote it.

MOTION: That the College of Engineering and Computer Science Report be accepted.

Moved: Ali French

Seconded: Tom Barrington-Smith

Motion passed

Motion: I move to officially thank Morgan Wood for his work for Engineering and Computer Science Students

Moved: Ben McMullin

Seconded: Alice McAvoy

Passed unanimously

4.5 College of Law [Reference E]

- AQF Honours, complete Honours within your 5 year degree
- Stephen Bottomley has written up a discussion paper.
- A student had trouble with ANIP, he wanted to apply to ANIP and count it towards its law degree and it doesn't count towards his degree. Law have strict requirements, it needs to be recognised as having a law element to them.
- Community about class rep system- very receptive, LSS expressed concern that it would be just an ANUSA thing that it would take away from their area.
- Given that LSS do have such a reach it is something that we could work together on.

Motion: I move to officially thank Mel McLeod for her work for Law Students.

Moved: Ben McMullin

Seconded: Alice McAvoy

Questions

- **Maea Lenei Buhre:** What's going on with Law Honours?
 - Discussion paper I need to reconvene- 12 unit thesis and an extra 36 points of research work, looking at building into electives like a graduated scheme, extra workload within that elective. We are appreciative of them doing what they can to keep it within a 5 year degree.
 - **Dallas Proctor:** 70% GPA, 30% thesis,
 - **Sascha Silberstein:** has there been any discussion about why GPA is so focused on GPA. You may work really hard. That's how they get around having it in their degree
 - **Amanda Joyce-Neilson:** Letting people know that in first year that your GPA matters for honours
 - **Ali French:** Good thing about AQF, it will make the college reassess how they inform students about honours
 - **Ali French:** It is publicly available, making it more known.
 - **Sascha Silberstein:** philosophy, you could think about honours
 - Alex : with honours GPA, drop the lowest 3 marks off your GPA, ew AQF it could come to the point they will have to chose between exchange and honours.
 - **Harry Wall:** are you trying to make it that electives do count?
 - **Ali French:** trying to work through and figure out
 - **Sam Teong:** if the change does go through it has to be done by 2015.

MOTION: That the College of College of Law Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Tom Barrington-Smith

Motion passed

4.6 College of Science

- We mostly discussed what kind of transparency structures the university has in place when cutting staff (teachers with low research output)
- He told us things we should be looking into:
 - Ed com reports were confidential- are they made public, analysis of SELT, should ANUSA undertake independent analysis.
 - Actual spreadsheet is confidential, the report is in real terms
 - They can't publish that as no student would enrol in 30 courses in each college.
 - Similar analysis – what's acceptable ground for cuts to be made-teaching quality
 - Recommended to us: response rates of SELTS, if they have been given out in paper you get a higher response rate.
 - If you were enrolled and did SELT should you receive the feedback?
 - Dallas: Every uni in Australia has the same feedback.
 - IT deficiencies- cuts in the works for wattle, grossly underfunded and that extends to a majority of IT services.
 - Tom: Mention of staff cuts, possibly cutting a lot of staff to get one high flyer, done mainly in science.

- N relation to the justification of cutting
- No Questions*

MOTION: That the College of College of Science Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Jeff Sun

Motion passed

Item 5: Discussion Items

5.1 Filling College of Law Faculty Rep Vacancy (T.Mulholland)

Tara Mulholland: That constitution states that 'If a vacancy occurs in a position of College Representative, the President, after consulting with the CRC, must nominate an ordinary member of the Association enrolled in the relevant College to fill the vacancy.'

We've decided to conduct a vote. The candidates are Sascha Silberstein and Alex Bell

5.2 Meeting Time Semester Two (T.Mulholland)

We'll probably stick to Wednesdays, maybe moving the time to 5:00pm, let me know your availability once you've made your timetable.

Item 6: Other Business

SELT Brainstorm

- Memes
- What's the video- it'll be funny
- Lecture Bashing
- Go at the beginning do a 10 second speech, exec are happy to do it
- When you are lecture bashing we should say the new system- 20 second
- **Amanda Joyce-Neilson:** enticing people, instead of giving things away congratulations here's a
- **Alice McAvoy:** an easy way to do it is to give a prize- uniform across the board

Motion: That Dallas nominates the winner of the blind ballot to be the law faculty rep as of Mel's resignation.

Moved: Alice McAvoy

Seconded: Dallas Proctor

Motion passed

Tom Barrington-Smith: CAP still owes me a pen.

Item 7: Date of Next Meeting and Close

The next meeting of the College Representative Council is scheduled to be held in Semester 2 2012, the date will be advised during the winter break.

Meeting 6:32pm.

Expected Close of Meeting: 7.00pm

Reference A

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dallas Proctor

Relevant Committees

Since the last CRC, I attended University Education Committee and CAAC (coursework/admissions).

The University has established an Implementation Plan for the Australian Qualification Framework which incorporates the disestablishment of several programs of study. In general, no courses are getting 'cut' through this process, but the names of the degree will be simplified.

Also, double degrees are to become ubiquitous, and new vertical double degrees are being considered.

At CAAC, ATAR bonus points came up as a pertinent discussion topic. A policy is to be finalised on how these will be awarded. Also, the issue of whether there should be a University-wide ATAR floor came up.

University Education Committee discussed opportunities to avoid duplication between the colleges and to encourage research-led education. The Committee also discussed the value in ANUSA's Alternative Course Guide and encouraged this to be broadened to all colleges.

SELT was also discussed; including the results of a confidential spreadsheet that identifies badly-performing courses and actions taken to remedy problems.

School of Music

A campaign has been launched to combat the proposed changes. This was discussed at SRC4.

Congratulations to Jack Hobbs and Yasmin Masri for their outstanding achievements on this issue.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Alice McAvoy

Music School Protests

Most of my time this last fortnight has been occupied with the music school protests. A big thank you to Yasmin Masri, Jack Hobbs and of course Dallas Proctor for the immense work they have put in to the campaign. Also a big thanks to all the ANUSA reps who came out yesterday and worked pretty hard to feed the masses.

Academic Board

I represented ANUSA on Academic Board as Dallas' substitute while he attended the Finance Committee. This Board is quite important as it is the one that Access and Equity and University Education report to. It has a lot to do with ensuring degrees meet the right standard, approving new programs and abolishing old programs.

The VC gave his report which covered: ANU "financial repositioning", Music School and the Federal Budget.

Academic Exchanges

At Academic Board, I asked the VC how the university planned to respond to the changes in funding to exchange student. He said he is aware of the changes but has not yet formulated a response.

SELT Video

Still looking for volunteers for this if anyone is keen.

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Thomas Barrington-Smith

Apologies for failure of notice

It has been raised that I have not been doing enough to advertise the Education Committee enough. I would like to apologise for this and can assure everyone I will endeavour to make them more public in the future.

Campus Crime Stoppers

Thankyou to everyone who has gotten back to me. I have begun compiling the report to present to DVCA Hughes-Warrington before commencing discussions with her. Additionally, I have made some campaign materials and am awaiting a reply from the co-op bookshop regional manager about getting them onsite.

Budget

Compiled a budget reply which has been posted on FB and I believe Dallas has sent to the press. Main area of concern: Slashing of exchange budget for students. Positives: Higher Education mainly escaped the cuts and increased mental health funding.

Unilodge

Hopefully by the time this report is presented at CRC I will have a copy of the independent valuation and will have attended a meeting with the head of housing to discuss the pricing structure for unilodge specifically.

EdCon2012 -UTS & Usyd 4-6 July

The Education Conference 2012 will be held in Sydney and will be hosted by UTS and Usyd. If anyone would like to attend please get in touch with me and we can talk about discounts.

In addition, several other Education based conferences are coming up, including:

Students for Sustainability - Bendigo

EduFactory - Canberra

Fairly Educated - Melbourne

These are all in July and if anyone is interested in attending they should contact me.

Fund Our Future

We will be leading a concerted effort to get the ANU's responses to the survey up as we are quite severely lagging atm. This will involve creating a QR code for posters and having terminals in student space.

Reference D

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES REPORT

Yasmin Masri & Jack Hobbs

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Direct Action:

Successfully ran:

- Thursday lunch Jam
- 24 hours of Music
 - Reached capacity of people streaming
 - Generated lots of media attention
- Protest Jam
 - Approx. 1000 people there
 - Generated lots of media attention
 - Thank you to everyone that came and helped

Future Projects:

- Concert to celebrate the ANU School of Music
 - Llewellyn Hall 22nd May
 - Will be live streamed for overspill
- 25th May – University Council Meeting
 - Action plan to run either that morning or the day before is still being developed but will probably be a big band performance

Aims/Direct Response:

Achieved:

- Produced a mission statement about the position that the students (and most staff) have on the cuts

Progress:

- Still need to develop a more detailed response to the cuts

Advertising + Media

Highlights:

- Front page Canberra Times (and various articles)
- Interviews on Triple J breakfast, Radio National and lots of local time
- First news item on Win News after rally

Progress:

- Need to ensure that we maintain momentum
- Also continuing to use the Canberra International Music Festival as a platform to discuss SoM

Lobbying:

Highlights:

- ACT Legislative Assembly motion in support of the ANU School of Music
- Encouraging people to send their opinions to somconsult@anu.edu.au

Progress:

- Focus on people connected to the University Council
- Continue to lobby VC, PVCA and Dean

Other:

Petition:

- Over 20 000 – plan to present on the 25th at University Council meeting
- Also have about 1000 signatures on paper petitions

Campaign Pack:

- Report: succinct and clear explanation of the value of performance and the need for one-on-one teaching etc
- Collection of notable media
- Petition
- Letters from notable alumni and other famous supports
- Images

Reference E

ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE REPORT

Vaibhav Sagar and Morgan Wood

We had our first Educational Committee meeting over the break. Lots of interesting discussion regarding AQF compliance, and accrediting certain degrees.

Engineering/Asian Studies has only 7 students and may be removed, although with the new framework for dual degrees I don't think this will be a problem. Online education/outreach was discussed with a course like COMP1100. The hugely important role of SELT surveys for shaping course offerings was discussed at great length: some of the committee felt that this was too drastic a step and others felt that it was a welcome change.

Besides that, not much to report. This is Morgan's last CRC, and I'm sorry to see him go. Thanks for a great semester.

COLLEGE OF LAW REPORT

Mel McLeod and Ali French

1. Committee Meetings

LLB Committee – will be held on Wednesday 16th May. Will update at CRC.

College Education Committee

CEC was held on Wednesday 2nd May. The main issue was AQF and honours for LLB. The CEC is looking to establish a taskforce to deal with this issue and to work through subjects to ensure they are AQF compliant and conduct the required program reviews.

There was another discussion regarding SELT data. CEC just aired the same concerns regarding poor SELT response. We stated that we would do everything we could to improve this (eg lecture bashing)

There was a JD forum on the 3rd May which was held to provide information regarding JD changes but also included a general exam tips section. The JD staff said LLB students couldn't attend because they wanted it to be just for JD's. LSS Education officer expressed concern that a section of the cohort would be receiving exam tips and another section would miss out – the LSS may, with the help of Stephen Bottomly, run a general exam tips forum for LLB students so that they are not disadvantaged.

College Advisory Board

Unfortunately were we unable to attend this meeting, (COL changed the scheduling of the meeting with short notice) held on the 9th of May. Chris Chynoweth, President of the LSS attended and will give brief us on what happened.

2. Other initiatives

Contracts

As we have previously raised, there were issues with the teaching of the first year Contracts course in 2011. We are following up on the work of last years fac reps as preparations occur for this year's Contracts class (run in Semester 2). It has been difficult to get a time with Stephen Bottomly to discuss this – we will keep trying.

ANIP

The ANIP program is currently unable to be counted towards the LLB. We have received feedback that students in the law school would like to be unable to participate in law-related placements as part of their degree. We have subsequently been investigating the reasons behind not allowing ANIP in the LLB and whether there is any scope for this to be changed. We will be discussing it at LLB Committee this week.

Class Reps

We are moving ahead with preparations to start a system of class representatives in the Law School. We will be discussing the proposal this week at LLB Committee and are currently investigating the best model and system.