

## **EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Date:** 20-2-23

**Time Opened:** 4:03

**Attending:** Everyone

**Apologies:**

**Minutes:**

**Time Closed:**

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Acknowledgement of Country
2. Administration
  - a. Accepting the previous meeting's minutes
  - b. Declaration of conflicts of interest
  - c. Executive decisions since the last executive meeting
  - d. Declaration of confidential agenda items
3. Portfolio reports
4. ANU Committees
5. WHS/EAP reminder
6. Matters for discussion
7. Matters for decision

### **MINUTES**

#### **Acknowledgement of country**

Phi gave an Acknowledgement of country.

## **Administration**

### **Accepting the previous meeting's minutes**

### **Declaration of conflicts of interest**

### **Executive decisions since the last executive meeting**

Party procurement

Merch procurement

Market day hire procurement

Sidestage procurement

Party alcohol procurement

Matting procurement

### **Declaration of confidential agenda items**

## **Portfolio reports**

### **Ben**

See SRC report

Lockout fees

Student critical incidents

SSAF agreement

Night Café

- Coordinating group?

PCG

- SRC consultation

License

## **Grace**

See SRC report

BKSS

ULH

Equipment Hire

PCG

Night café

Trainings

GK: BKSS – it's open!! Super busy, so clean, love the staff!

ULH – super busy last week but good that we did it and now will be every thursday, only a few weeks to fill. Fire. Please do equipment hire forms – clubs etc are entitled to borrow as well, I'll accept it with reasonable notice but need to prevent clashes. Looking to update that internal policy (really outdated) but still sticking with not going to externals, reasons why that would be fine

Organising trainings, including today's, AICD, have three or four more training ideas to come.

BT: one – about equipment – are speakers on the equipment list

GK: yes

Grace and Beatrice clarify where the speakers are on the list.

BT: we have more than 5 marquees right

CC: we have 9

BY: how many don't suck. Might be good to do an audit of our assets.

## **Kat**

KH: my brain is fried, some big projects mentioned by grace and ben

Night café - as grace mentioned her helping conceptually will be great, don't want night café to overlap in functions with BKSS, PARSA cycles – need to change a bit of the proposal, we assumed we'd have a kitchen which the area doesn't

Meeting commercial services next week about vending machines – really got delayed, will report

SEEF plan is going to be discussed with Phi and Charlotte – for SEEF plan, Eleanor already has PD for Clubs/Seef staff, want to change SEEF regulation and policy for how that staff member can operate SEEF.

BT: trying to work out a way where we can put a meeting

BY: put in my report – coordinating group. Opportunity for gen reps

## Phi

See SRC report for my activities

Congratulations to Charlotte on an amazing O-Week!! 🙌🙌🙌

And congratulations to Grace on the BKSS re-opening so smoothly too 💕

PO: Most of my time was taken up with O-Week and SRC prep.

BT: How are you going?

PO: helped that you are all keeping me in the loop re timeline.

## Bea

O-week

- So much stuff, screen printing event, market day, stalling w/ departments through the week, as well as being Rex' Deputy as he doesn't have one and I promised him support through this year when he decided to run in the election

EAG

- first EAG meeting was today, two working groups decided, course/degree/funding cuts research as the no cuts at ANU working group etc. Anti-nuclear WG.

Counter Course Guides

- They exist and are awesome, chuck me an email if there are things you don't like, also I am

SOAD

- Art school collective made zines handed out during market day at the event SOMAD !
- SOAD is no longer SOAD over the summer it became SOMAD?? Looking into that

BT: departments are excited about the workshop we had re: stalling method and conversations. The hybrid campaign has been really nice and have been chatting through that stuff with them. Talking to students is awesome.

BT: spent a lot of time helping enviro. They're super excited about supporting the school strike.

EAG – will send more calendar invites soon. No cuts working group will be opposite to EAG. Course guides exist!! Been walking around uni giving them out.

School of art and design – on market day, ran over to an event and handed out SOAD zines, found out that it's being called SOMAD (school of music, art and design) haven't replaced head of art school yet. Need to find out more on this

GK: love the slogan – So Mad

BT: met a lot of art school students.

BY: two questions – on the school strike, do we need to be resourcing that, should we be giving resources to NDA?

BT: yes – we are already resourcing through enviro, we helped them write the runsheet. Suggested the climate change department.

ACTION: charlotte find wally's number

BY: enviro centre – my understanding is that they've agreed to move out

BT: yes

BY: got an email about saving enviro centre

**Kai**

I'm going to take my report mostly as read.

Media interview

Andrew Barr response

KDB: contacted someone from canberra starr, wants to hear a student perspective – looking for a couple of students that they can interview who have been finding it difficult to keep on top of rent with school, pay for groceries, medical bills – put feelers out if you can, if there's anyone you'd think would be interested in that. As part of the affordable housing proposal I want to do this year it'd be really good if we had some examples. Interview is next week, if you think of anyone please let me know

PO: looking for detailed personal stories

KDB: someone who is ideally okay with being named – particularly bc of ACT govt's cost of living accord thing, their committee that's just been ratified and so that's what this article is in response to.

Have been reaching out to various politicians and members – Andrew Barr got back to me with a letter that he wrote which – basically was palming off, not the Territory govt's problem, ANU is on federal land, ANU's job to look after the housing situation of their students

BT: just to make sure I heard it right – the student we're keeping an ear out for would be doing a media statement

KDB: giving an interview for a written article

### **Charlotte**

I didn't really get up to much last week.

Congrats to Grace for the BKSS re-opening in such a vibrant and smooth fashion!

Clubs stuff – delegation

The party tickets

Time off

CC: major outstanding reflections – Friday night party/ the Friday event is dead, it cost so much money, it's not something that ANUSA needs to be doing – ultimately it was a difficult, expensive event to run – my report has a full reflection there. Market Day slayed! Had a number of problems with clubs and externals working together, especially externals that I denied or that had been banned from campus. Asked Mias for feedback, none yet. BKSS re-opening was really fantastic for running a good O-Week – got a lot of feedback from people at events about that. Have to do Clubs Training soon, need help, tell me if you want anything included, Phi and Kat

The Party tickets were over 1000

BY: happy to take on clubs training for club management type of stuff

KH: I need to clarify some details from you to do financial training

CC: will set up a meeting with you, me and phi

### **ANU Committees**

CC: ANU wants to build another committee for me to sit on – a Campus Community Board – would include social people. Need to give feedback by the 22<sup>nd</sup> and will read over proposal at the moment, at the moment I think no – I don't think ANU needs the social role in the way it tries to, problems with ANUSA social role

PO: my experience with clubs officer – ANU trying to tell us what to do

CC: kambri reference group already exists, duplicates

BT: who's idea

CC: engagement and success

### **WHS/EAP reminder**

Office is a MESS at the moment please don't contribute to mess and we need to clean

## **Matters for discussion**

### **SRC1**

- food and pre-meeting.

PO: prepare reps for what will happen. 20 mins of social then discuss agenda.

Grace to do food.

PO: will lift standing orders to do a name pronoun and question round.

KDB: have a bit about what SRCs are and are for.

PO: I will definitely do a full run of standing orders

BT: Say what ANUSA is. Place SRC in that.

PO: I want to send a message to depts and exec re the right tone for before the meeting.

CC: yeah phrase as getting off at the right foot.

KDB: might be worth making sure it is explained one on one first.

BY: making sure we sit spaced around the room – breaking up the SAIt corner up the back.

### **O-Week feedback**

CC: I want you all to be as honest as you can. We don't have time for thank yous, I know I did a great job, need to hear it. Want to hear genuine constructive feedback, how it impacted you, what you didn't like, specific things that you did like – will particularly value things that will apply for BW

BT: just to clarify – did like/ didn't like/what affected you

CC: anything about the week that affected you, things I can build upon for BW, put in handover for O-Week

KDB: when I dropped off the beers the guy said it happened every time, same organisation over-orders on alcohol

CC: erin and eleanor overestimate how much people drink – on that – we never know what is bought. Had we underestimated would have been bad,

BY: the amount of physical labor is incredibly taxing – maybe we need more guerilla trolleys. Hefty week, not sure if there's more tools or need to hire more removalists. Calendar seemed like the events that went really well and got the best attendance are the things that took the most effort – carnival took a huge amount of work and didn't really pay off. Students just want to be together, if we provide an opportunity they'll take it

CC: I agree, I think that's a tricky one, a lot of that comes from a. the amount of events we have to run and the amount of manpower, but I think we could investigate hiring people – ESPECIALLY for the party, the day of was gruelling, the pack up was gruelling, would be my recommendation that a bit more room is put into the budge for labor pending what events are run next year

KDB: direct response – could be worth looking into –in future, the things already available on campus, ANU sport ute, buggies owned by ?? Security maybe ?? Could potentially access these for free

PO: assuming we continue to run oweek in the same way.

1. The way that volunteers was done needs to be done earlier. Forgot to put this in my written handover
2. Exec communication was difficult. It does naturally move over to messenger. Was difficult to know where to put it
3. Procurement. I don't think we are properly meeting the standards of the policy. We need to think about how we can more strictly adhere to it. Whose job is it to get the extra quotes.

KH: direct response to procurement – some part of procurement policy are a little bit ambiguous in my opinion, executive approvals and then according to constitution it was a majority. I might review the procurement policy especially for O-Week, we never spend that much money except for O-Week and Bush Week at once

BT: I think to swing it around to the DIYs I agree what was stated that lower effort events that work well – it's then difficult to differentiate if we are running thrive events or our own events, so whether we're making the ANU to make it a cool space so that falls into the bigger question if we should be running O-week, I think we should run less events for O-week that are more clearly anusa.

CC: what does that look like

BT: so people can be there and actually be talking and unionising and so we don't just provide a service that the ANU runs

CC: Necessity for us to run silly little events – reshalls are an enormous part of the ANU, students who live off campus. Kill the abundant, overdone, expensive events

KDB: I reckon that one simple way – plastering ANUSA everywhere – was thinking of looking into ANUSA standees to put in library with their permission, maybe if we had those that we can plop at events

BT: also we can run creative events that have a slight political tinge and if we had more resources and time on that

PO: ANU advertises market day as their own thing

CC: top dogs of ANU do give us credit. Engagement and success credited us. Lucas from security

KDB: also seen future student events where engagement and success fully claim it in a public presentation. Maybe we need to talk about

PO: ANU story – posted Market day as theirs, ally as ours

BT: market day is our most important event, really important that we run it, reminiscent of ANU thrive's entire branding having. Needs a serious distinction.



CC: engagement and success did send out an email this morning asking for o-week feedback – would people be happy for me to draft an email that outlines

KDB: do you want me to send you the specific example from presentation

PO: might be bigger than engagement and success

CC: thank you everybody – seriously, you all actually sincerely helped me so much throughout o-week, ESPECIALLY with the party and market day. They would not have been doable – party would have fell apart without the help of exec.

Exec communication on events, before BW I agree we need to have a talk

Procurement – I agree, but keep in mind Canberra is a small place, we actually don't have a lot of alternatives on this – also, looking for quotes is a MAMMOTH task and we need to be aware that not a single other person other than grace is given such a massive budget to spend in such a short amount of time. That's a lot of money, bear that in mind. I wrote my procurement handover already.

My overwhelming feedback for you all – O-Week has to be an executive effort. Everywhere I felt I fell short I feel would not have happened if I had more exec support – volunteers in particular is a mammoth task, would not have happened if phi hadn't stepped up, I understand completely that ben and grace were so slammed. Something I would have appreciated would be a little bit more communication where people would struggle – convo in january started strong. Leading up to BW, if people know that they're going to have a fucked crazy week, I think it's helpful that I know if that's the case. Communication on every end does need to improve. I've done a lot of thinking about procurement, budget, we've agreed that budget needs to be entirely managed by Erin because she has that experience and it's a lot to ask of someone who's just come into the role.

But in saying all of that thank you so much, I am so grateful. I feel so fulfilled after O-week and I am so grateful to all of you

BY: we will come back to this discussion – need to action all of this for BW

### **Missing Middle open letter**

KDB: okayyyy open letter! Wanted to circle back on this bc they've extended the timeline a bit for when we can sign on before it gets sent – we have a couple more weeks and I'd like to let them know before the end of this week before we're happy to sign on. I wanted to put forward some thoughts I've had around it and make the case for it and also find out from everyone what it would take for them to be happy about signing onto this.

In particular there's a couple of points that were salient from our last meeting – 1 the tangible effects on students and renters, 2 – the capacity for it to be exploited by developers and 3 – will find in a minute when I open email.

To the point of number one, basically it's been found that higher levels of medium-density housing do have a tangible effect on affordability in cities. I put in the email a similar policy from Auckland in 2016 that directly led to slower increases in rent than the rest of NZ. They also changed a lot of their single-dwelling house zoning into medium density – in the past year the median rent has not

increased at all. Then the other piece of this is that my main project for this year is to have a tangible proposal for a student housing affordability solution that we can point to and say it's what we really need right now, we've got the movement and got the political will to make this happen. This middle income regulation, the current regulation about most areas being lower density is a direct blocker – because student housing is going to be higher density

PO: It's self-limiting in what it's aiming to do. Medium density dwelling is something I do support, I find it so odd that even in inner-city/inner north canberra is so low-density. In saying that, even Dickson is moving to higher-density living. Dickson has been undergoing gentrification. My concern is that something similar to Dickson will happen with this. Prices don't go down with this type of living, they go up. I do agree that a lot of Canberra should be rezoned

BT: on what phi said about the rising prices- the auckland statistic is interesting, I'd be intrigued to see if there are other things happening that have caused a stagnation in rental increase. Can we attribute it to the increase in zoning? I don't think it's the same situation here – Braddon, Dickon, have been redeveloped and have gotten more expensive – Watson is dangerously close to a similar situation. Houses are going up. Shittest, tiniest blocks are going up because they're on development zones. I still think for me I will not agree to signing onto it, we have fundamental political differences in what we believe makes change – that doesn't mean it has to stop it – ultimately, who will it benefit most? It will benefit developers the most, we see a massive increase of prices in areas, I don't believe that this will flow onto the canberra population. I think if it was a campaign where the ACT government was called upon to develop social housing in higher density areas I would support. This feels like a privatization solution to a public problem, and I know rezoning is a public thing but it's going to benefit private industry to redevelop. I've been talking to lots of people, and a lot of people do agree that it's going to benefit developers. Having convos with people I've been quite affirmed in my thoughts

KDB: I hear what you're saying and I also think that the solution is – I think all housing will be public – this isn't calling for that. this is a step in that any way – rezoning – because for there to be more housing in a small area there has to be a higher density. To fit more people in canberra it needs to be higher density anyways. I'm not expecting this to be we stop here and that's it, I think it's a necessary step to get more public housing – and I feel like we're shooting ourselves in the foot by saying this isn't asking for everything we want so we're not going to support it.

PO: question on if kai is talking about rezoning in general or this specific petition

KDB: rezoning in general, we need higher density zones in cbr whether it's public or private

BT: calling for higher density zones detached from it being public I don't think it's a stepping zone in the right direction. Aus capitalism will follow US capitalism – developers high density apartments hugest landlords ever enabling more siphoning of wealth and capital to few people, worse in america than here, only 1.25% of people own more than 7 houses in the US that 1.25% is more like 25-30 properties and it's a very different skewed spectrum. We tend to follow similar trends to US – that's my fear and I don't think it's shooting in foot, I don't believe it is a stepping zone. I think aus capitalism will follow – if zoning is detached from public housing

PO: question on what bea's solution to this issue is

BT: don't know if there is a solution to housing that exists under this system – don't think we can make housing good under capitalism, can push for reforms, make reforms towards changing a system but that's the difference between reforms that change a system and reforms that help capitalists make money and profit . Where I'm at it's feeling like developers will use it and jump on it and rezoning and the inner north will get more and more expensive and everywhere will without it being redistributed to the middle class

BY: can I have summary of options

KDB: one option is to not sign it, one is that we do sign it and another which I think is probably the best option, that we sign it and we also release our own statement saying that we agree with this proposal on X, we think it falls short on XYZ, we're pushing for this and ... something else i.e. public housing affordable housing. I think I want to campaign for more public housing, especially for students, I believe this is a piece of this

PO: My question is how important are we as a signatory on this. I don't think I'm compelled that even if we do sign we will get what we want i.e. rezoning. I think putting our name on something and then making a statement why we don't agree with is a bad idea. I think not signing and saying what we do agree with additionally is a better idea. We shouldn't put our name on something we don't agree with. This is a useful stepping stone for campaign building. We can't fail students.

BT: I hear what you're saying – saying we can't do nothing – but we can't save the world as ANUSA, I think it's also strategic to point in specific directions rather than split ourselves into many corners

BY: I think I do support in some way or another engaging with the fact that this letter exists, we shouldn't say we don't love it so we won't acknowledge it's existence, realistically this may get some level of engagement from the community largely, like what phi said let's engage in our own terms, bouncing off the letter may provide a path forward. What phi said about sort of not choosing inaction as a form of a political compromise – to an extent share that concern. I look at the letter and I don't understand a lot of the zoning stuff it's not something I've taken interest in to be honest but I suspect I probably have median student knowledge of it - I think if I look at that, a lot of students will, but I look at the USYD campaign stuff and I get that, I support that. I think if we engage with this letter at all, it's a form of coalition building – we have most radical politics of these groups, we should take up that position with gusto, the path to something better is XYZ, we're probably not going to get them to endorse marxism but if we can get them to start talking about a rent freeze instead of rezoning that's real, that's meaningful. Let's engage in this letter but standing outside of it, 'promote' it to some extent even, we will propagate it, neutrally get it out there but we're going to do it on our own terms with the politics that we endorse. It would also be great with the motion that phi's writing, if there could be a synergy between the motion's politics and our statement that would be great

PO: agree with ben - I think the motion should call for a housing action group – love you ben

KDB: I think that – there's two issues I take with what's being expressed or a counter proposal

1- if what we mostly disagree with about the letter is what it omits, rather than content that is in there then I don't see why we can't 'yes and', where our engagement is that we sign on to the letter, we support this AND we also support XYZ, and I suppose the other piece of this is the counterfactual. If we're imagining – the ANUSA signatory may not make the difference – let's say that it did, we are

saying okay we don't want to rezone any of canberra or at least not in this radical way, 100k people move to canberra in the next 10 years – they're going to live where? Come into the centre and compete in overcrowded market or live on outskirts? If we're still in this capitalist market based system the housing doesn't become more affordable by us not building more density where we're living

BT: we can call for rent freezes rent control right now, don't think you need to allow developers to accumulate capital in order to do that

KDB: let's do that too- that sounds awesome, but this is just another thing – if we fall short on that, at least there's going to be more housing available

BT: we can still state in our engagement that we would like rezoning and that's okay under certain conditions, I don't think we need to sign it to agree with it, it feels a lot like – feels a lot like greenwashing to me. Feels like reforms that sound good that will result in no improvement, or femmefatizing (feminist advertising), doing stuff about conditions of women and now markets are completely driven by advertising for feminists but DV has not changed at all in the last 7 years. The idea of reform doesn't lead to change. Making some changes does not actually lead to better benefits – that's because often systems become manipulated by corporations by rich wealthy indivs who prevent it from going further. Unless attaching to something else I think it has the huge capacity to become just like those other reformist movements that have done nothing for material conditions. The classic bamboo straws are actually worse for the environment. I know this isn't the same thing, not trying to strawman it.

CC: a lot to take in- in my opinion everything that has been said has been said, I think I'm most likely to agree with phi and their opinion on this - I am conflicted

GK: I share bea's perspective completely

KH: I was a little bit lost – will read minutes after meeting and will let Kai know

BY: circling towards an action like a duck going down the bathroom drain - I think obviously Kai is bringing this to the space and it's important that we are not just shooting down ideas but I guess that we're also engaging and creating a constructive commitment towards further commitment. Kai is the only one doing stuff about housing at the moment. It's all well and good for us to have abstract ideas for how a hypothetical housing campaign would work – not fair on kai to say this is how my ideal campaign would work, now go do it. If there is a shared commitment in this room it's a different discussion than if we all have opinions on how to do that – but don't have capacity. We all bring mandates to space. Realistically I would put it to the group that there's not a huge difference btwn signing up and caveating and not signing on and putting out a statement.

BT: I do think you're conflating two things – our name on condition is purview of all of us and is the direction of the institution – if kai wants to run welfare based campaigns and don't have to oversee that or politically agree

PO: I have capacity

BT: keen to logistically support things

BY: awesome that there is appetite, what do we do with this letter – if we're being real there are disagreements on that and it's totally fine – what if kai signed on as the Welfare Office of ANUSA endorses and then we action to collectively start working on a more activist campaign around housing.

There was consensus!

CC: can we put other two discussion items on hold

BY: yep in many ways there's no actionable this week

**Matters for decision**