

# AGENDA – ANUSA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 4 2022

Wednesday, 18 May 2022 6:15pm, Zoom and Graneek Room

# Item 1: Meeting Opens (6:23pm) and Apologies

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country
- 1.2 Apologies
- 1.3 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
- Those nominated for honoraria will have to leave the room when that motion is voted on

## Item 2: Passing the previous meetings minutes

Mover: Luke seconder: Azraa Passes Item 3: Executive Reports

3.1 President's report (C. Flynn) [Reference A]

- Re-submitted AGM report from last week
- New Password system is concerning and Christian will be meeting with ANU to discuss issues
  - ANUSA has been received a lot of complaints and compiling them
- Has been working on academic return to campus
  - ANU will be releasing a statement about this
  - Christian/ANUSA will then make a statement about how accessible the plan is, particularly regarding online options
- Taking rest of report as read

Procedural from Christian to move all reports en bloc passes

Procedural from Christian to re-order the agenda as follows

Bloc 6.1, 7.2 7.1 7.3 6.2 7.4 6.3 Passes

- 3.2 Vice President's report (C. Nyakuengama) [Reference B]
- Chido was an apology but can take questions on notice. No questions

3.3 Education Officer's report (B. Tucker) [Reference C]

3.4 General Secretary's report (B. Yates) [Reference D]

# Ben passed the chair to Phoenix

- Department election reforms passed, some departments have already taken this up
- Clubs regs passed as well, but more work left to tidy up
- Governance and election reform WG has met thanks to those coming along
   Talking about meetings, elections
- Procurement policy has been redrafted to be much clearer about the price thresholds, increased accountability

## Phoenix passed the chair to Ben

3.5 Treasurer's report (J. Ryan) [Reference E]

- Taking report as read
- Main thing this week has been Night Cafe and honoraria
- Wage theft on campus closes in early July, so please fill it out ASAP if you work or have worked on campus recently
- Question (Dorcas): where can you find the form?
- Answer: newsletters, Schmidtposting, ads, website, will be re-posted

3.6 Clubs Officer's report (P. O'Neill) [Reference F]

• Taken as read

3.7 Welfare Officer's report (G. King) [Reference G]

- Reading group on this Fri: intro to abolition
  - FB group, more posts coming
  - No expectations, very chill
  - Some suggested readings etc. but no pressure
  - A good starting point for discussion
  - Week 12: Less Strestival will be on
    - Some free food etc. that anybody can take
- Bestie shoutout is Phi for the clubsregs reforms

### Item 4: Department Officer Reports

4.1 Indigenous Department (K. Russell) [Reference H]

• Apologies, questions can be taken on notice (none)

4.2 Women's Department (A. Daruwalla) [Reference I]

• Taken as read

4.3 Queer\* Department (R. Prica) [Reference J]

• Taken as read

4.4 International Students' Department (H. Ren) [Reference K]

- Taken mostly as read
- ISD has some exciting events and projects coming up
  - Collaborations are welcome!
- ULH tomorrow w/ veg options
- Election of new intl students' officer mid June, nominations close tomorrow 5pm
  - Any ordinary member of the ISD can run
  - Link in report and on FB page
- Will be stepping down as ISD VP but will ensure a smooth transition

• Experience with the ISD has been extremely memorable and will be cherished

4.5 Disabilities Department (S. Bannister) [Reference L]

• Apologies, can take questions on notice (none)

4.6 Environment Department (E. Chua and F. Brown) [Reference M]

- Taken as read
- Fossil Free campaign is making 'money moves' and everybody is welcome and encouraged to get involved! We are going to make ANU fossil-free very soon

4.7 Bla(c)k, Indigenous and People of Colour Department (C. Nguyen) [Reference N]

- Taken as read
- Social event last week was a major success couldn't have done it without the BIPOC exec
- Shoutout to CASS academics and postgrad students who helped out with the Bigotry and Racism panel it will be happening in all res halls and is a non-autonomous event

# Item 5: General Representative Reports [Appendix R]

- Michael
- Ben H: taken as read
- Sam: taken as read
- Katrina: taken as read, flagging that intl students have mostly returned to campus and this was Katrina's primary work this semester
- Ben Naiju: (sorry, I didn't hear the name!)
- Luke: taken as read
- Oscar:
- Kai: taken as read, flagging that there is some cool stuff going on in the ADHD space, lots more new members, please have a read of the report if you're interested!
- Azraa: taken as read
- Paria: taken as read, flagging that if any other gen reps are interested in helping out with the new at anu guide, please let Paria know
- Hebe: taken as read, but if people are interested in collaborating on project (...) please let Hebe know
- Dorcas: taken as read

Moving all the reports Moved: Azraa Seconded: Freya Passes

# Item 6: Elections

- 5.1 Election of Disputes Committee Members
- Max Sandler: apologies
- Nominating for Disputes and Probity

Motion to accept Max for dispute passes

- 5.2 Election of Probity Officers
  - Nomination from Max Sandler and Thomas Burnett
  - accepting nominations for Max and Thomas for Probity Officers

Motion passes

### Item 6: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice

# Motion 6.1

# **Returning officer for the Annual Election**

Motion:

ANUSA appoints Roxanne Missingham as the Returning Officer for the annual election.

Mover: Christian Flynn Seconder: Jaya Ryan

Motion 7.2

- Christian (6.1) University Librarian (Roxanne) has been doing it for a number of years and doing an excellent job
- Jaya (7.2) speaking on procurement policy, increase to \$2000, let's us procure things that we need but will require all exec to vote and hence there is more oversight on how we spend our money
- Christian ceded right of reply

Motion passes

### Motion 6.2

### Solidarity with UMSU

### Preamble:

Students from the University of Melbourne Student Union passed a motion on Friday 29th April condemning the Israeli apartheid and its occupation and ongoing colonisation of Palestine and endorsing the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement.

The motion, initiated by the Union's People of Colour Department, was passed by the student council with a 10 to 6 majority.

The motion points out that "Many student unions and associations across Europe, North America, and Australia have formally endorsed Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions or some version of solidarity [and] it's long overdue for a clear and firm stance by University of Melbourne Student Union on these crimes."

In response, Melbourne University, a Liberal Party member and student, and several right-wing media outlets including The Australian, have falsely labelled the motion as antisemitic.

### Motion:

- ANUSA stands on the side of the students from the University of Melbourne Student Union who passed the solidarity motion with Palestine
- ANUSA rejects the argument that criticism of Israel is antisemitic. The attempt by the Melbourne University admin, a Liberal Party member and right-wing media commentators to intimidate students into silence using this accusation is shameful. We stand in solidarity with students on the UMSU Students' Council and in the People of Colour Department against these slanderous accusations.

- ANUSA supports Palestinian resistance, including the international BDS campaign. Israel is an internationally recognised apartheid, settler-colonial state engaging in the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians. The Israeli government has committed innumerable war crimes, including the recent murder of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh.
- ANUSA recognises that at a time when far right politics is growing around the world, using false accusations of antisemitism in order to discipline the left and misconstrue and justify Israel's apartheid regime is disingenuous and dangerous, aiming to weaken the political opposition to the growing far-right

## Actions:

- ANUSA will make a Facebook post declaring our solidarity with these students and link the academic solidarity letter initiated by Melbourne University staff members (https://overland.org.au/2022/05/umsu-stands-with-palestine-an-academic-solidarity-statement/)

Mover: Grace King (ANUSA Welfare Officer) Seconder: Grace Hill (NUS National Executive)

- Mover:
- Context: UMSU, passed motion, UniMelb attacked students following this motion. Concerning to me.
- Important to stand in solidarity with them to say this isn't acceptable. This is uni admin thinking they can restrict what students can say and they use their power to make unions and student voices smaller, which is undemocratic.
- This isn't out of realm to happen at ANU because this would set precedent for the same to happen across the country.
- Student unions shouldn't be undermined by uni admin
- Seconder:
- Important for student unions to be anti-apartheid, ANUSA has already taken a stance against this
- Attack from uni, right wing press and now a right wing student sets a dangerous precedent for student unions
- For a young liberal to take legal action is incredibly damaging, threat to left wing student unionism
- Right wing politicians and parties use this as a tool for discrimination, use it to attack left wing activism and helps in eroding opposition to their politics
- Against (Adam Tadmore):
- From ANU Jewish Society, representing Jewish students on campus. Claims against anti-semitism. No consultation, from students or organisations. Can't claim anti-semistim without asking. Sets precedent for tolerating discrimination against minority groups. Anti-semitism is rampant on campus. As ANUSA you need to represent all students, and that includes Jewish students. Further creates an unsafe environment.
- For (Carter):
- Address argument that it's anti-semetic to support a Palestine solidarity motion. Equates Judaism with Zionism. Political division between zionist and anti-zionist people. Pushes right wing ideology to reinforce that the left is anti-semitic for supporting Palestine. We should go back to the core of the motion, standing in solidarity with a student union.

- Against (Brooke ):
- Carter, do you come from a Jewish background at all?
- Answer (Carter): No.
- Brooke: As someone who isn't Jewish, you are very limited in your capacity to speak on what is and isn't antisemetic . Just as I can't speak on the experience of other minority groups i don't identify. Statements such as this alienate Jewish students as they provide a platform for antisemitism even if the movers don't intend that. As someone who lived on campus, and had experiences where I've been put in a position to have to defend the actions of the Israeli government I have no control over the Israeli government . It is difficult for someone without this lived experience to put this forward. I don't want antisemetic people on campus to have a platform. Although the post last year was not antisemetic, it was followed by antisemetic consequences. This is not an excuse, we should have a nuanced debate. But a post with unnuanced language will have unintended consequences. Student association is not meant to alienate students which includes unintended consequences, so please vote against the motion
- For (Kai): I am a Jewish student and support this motion. Sorry to hear about the antisemitism. This motion is representative of my views. To say that all Jewish students wouldn't support this perhaps isn't genuine. Concerns of anti-semitism are valid and real – didn't personally experience any last year – but ANUSA needs to speak out against this anti-semitism and protect the students affected. In support of this motion, also need to address anti-semitism on campus.
- Against (Maya): Jewish student on campus. First year so didn;t experience last year. Can say that every time I have witnessed rise in anti-Israel sentiment, have also seen anti-semitism. Speaking as just a young, Jewish student who has witnessed that antizionism is fuelled by this. About what characterisies anti-semitism, difficult to imagine trying to characterise anti-semitism without being Jewish. It is a form of racism that manifests in may different ways, and is different from other forms of racism. This motion is taking away the voices of the students at the uni who are Jewish or non-Jewish and whose views do not exactly align. Marginalises Jewish students as it makes them feel like their voices don't matter in a room of non-Jewish students. These topics impact our day-to-day lives a lot. Anti-semitism comes from both the right and left, but is most often manifested through anti-zionist excuse. Against the motion.
- For (Grace Hill): there is some awkwardness around consultation and identity politics. This has been something people have historically leaned on in ANUSA. You can see here how easily this same tactic is used to support a right-wing political position. This is not a question of identity, but of politics. Disingenuous to speak as if support for the state of Israel and Judaism are the same thing. The original UMSU motion says that they recognise that Israel's actions are not representative of Jewish community and explicitly rejects anti-semitism. We have a responsibility to have this solidarity as a student union, but also in 'Australia' because of how the gov supports Israel's actions. It does materially affect us Imperialism in the world and the Middle East. The question is how to fight anti-semitism. It's worth knowing that the AUJS is a zionist group, has been notoriously dishonest and has tried to censor and bully students out of supporting Palestine. Has had strong ties with LNP and Labor Right.
- Against (Adam): to clarify and clear up, Brooke never said that there can't be criticism of Israel, said the opposite. The definition of Zionism is not an Israeli state that murders Palestinians but for a Jewish state. Not saying that there can be no motion against Israel personally have many criticisms of the Israeli government, but also can't deny the linkage that many people will use to support anti-semitism. It is important to discuss anti-Israel in a way that does not allow for anti-semitism. The

language used in this motion is really inflammatory and could have been better if we had been consulted. As it currently stands, this will have an effect on Jewish students.

### Procedural for 5min Break moved (Christian). Passed.

#### Procedural to move to a vote at the end of the current speaking list (Grace H). Passes

- For (Charlotte): Useless to this debate for both sides to debate what constitutes as anti-semetism, considering that most students speaking are not jewish. This comes back to the centre of the motion - this is about standing with autonomous departments and student unions in their fight for student activism. The motion condemns anti-semetism and it condemns apartheids. ANUSA advocates for their students, doesn't represent their political beliefs. Motions are brought to SRC for opinions to be heard.
- Against (Brooke): I think there is an inherent privilege in being able to speak on political issues where you are not personally affected by the consequences . I'm only entitled to speak on the consequences for Jewish students. Passing this motion would show a lack of care for Jewish students. Primary responsibility of ANUSA should be to represent ANU students not students at other universities. This motion is not representative of the impacts and consequences of passing this motion. It's hurtful that you think this is coming from a political agenda , this is purely about the emotional impact this has on Jewish students.
- For (Phoenix): It's terrible and a big issue that students are facing anti-semetism on campus as raised by Kai and Charlotte. We are elected in a political manner, and this is a political issue. It's not fair to say there isn't a political gain from this motion. There hasn't been an option presented in order to amend this whilst still speaking out for anti-imperialism. ANUSA should be speaking out on anti-semetism. Charlotte and Grace, highlight that a student union voted on a motion democratically, and were attacked by their university which is incredibly undemocratic and dangerous. Silencing this issue is harmful to student unionism.
- Against (Michael Matheson-Deng): preface that couldn't care less, but funny listening to talk about what is anti-semitism from people who aren't Jewish when Jewish students are proposing its meaning. Shutting down Jewish students who are hurt by this type of motion. Sometimes doing too much hurts people. There is always compromise, including consulting people more. If a person is having a panic attack, sometimes the best thing to do is nothing, rather than convincing yourself that you're helping people. Need to consider consequences of activism. This feels bad, nobody knows what they're talking about and nobody is listening to each other. What is the point of this? Shouldn't attack people, just arguments.
- Point of Clarification (Phi): misquoted, didn't say that there was no compromise. Was trying to say that didn't see an alternative that actually condemned imperialism. Tried to engage with what people were saying because we are having a discussion.
- For (Nick Reich): this motion marginalises students who don't agree, but that is precisely the point being brought against UMSU. Proposes that student unions need to represent all perspectives including far-right. We should not take that argument that it is marginalising students. A lot of members are for this motion, which is good but the support that people can have for this motion is hindered by acceptance of arguments around identity politics. It is clear that there are political divisions in the Jewish community on this questions. Need to clarify anti-zionism, anti-semitism, political debate cannot clarify. Arguments around consultation are a hollow concept, as there are debates within the Jewish community. An apolitical idea of consultation hinders political debate. Central issue, the dynamic of this situation in Melb is that the right has mobilised against the student union that passed a motion standing with Palestine and

condemning anti-semitism. The argument that anti-semitism fuels anti-zionism blocks all criticism of Israel. It is especially bad given the importance of taking a pro-Palestine stance in Australia. Need to support student democracy at UMSU.

Against (Adam): appreciate the discussion. Regarding definition of Zionism, a lot of definitions have been thrown around. As far as the Jewish society is concerned, it is the idea that a Jewish state should exist. On Grace's point that we are somehow weaponising consultation and it is not genuine, working for LNP, just not true. Personally identifies as left-wing. Point raised about original UMSU motion about antisemitism – that's great but it deosn't change the facts on the ground and the reality for students and is just reckless and trying to absolve them of responsibility. There seems to be an idea that Israel is one thing and Judaism is separate which would be ideal, but the reality is that talking about Israel has consequences for Jewish people. There is a negative that has to be considered. If you choose to vote for the motion, have to take responsibility for the anti-semitism that arises. About not proposing amendments, no consultation made that difficult. Only found out about this meeting an hour before. Would like to have proper discussion in future, but this is not the ideal form. Same goes for just releasing a statement. If this is an issue about unions, why can we not write something supporting unions and their freedom? Why drag Israel into this and fuel anti-semitism? As it stands, this will inflame anti-semitism on campus, and has no nuance, can't support it.

Procedural (Kai) to suspend standing orders for 5 minutes to discuss following procedurals. Fails.

## Procedural for 5 minute break. Passes.

Procedural (Kai) to work together with Jewish Students on a solidarity motion which mitigates the risk of anti-semitism at ANU and shows solidarity with Palestine. (withdrawn)

### Procedural (Kai) to table the motion. (withdrawn)

Proposed amendment (Kai) adding to the motion: "that the ANUSA executive shall consult with Jewish students at the ANU to create a statement, through a Facebook post, that condemns antisemitism at ANU"

- Question (Grace H): would be fine to put out an anti-semitism statement, but the concern is that people have turned up today from a political group and asserted that they represent Jeqish students, so consultation won't come to a positive outcome
- Maya: this was not some kind of organised move from a political group, Jewish students were informed that there would be discussion and wanted to listen in
- Grace K: a broad statement that doesn't have any descriptors, not specified with a specific organisation, just with Jewish students
- Brooke: aware that it's late, we would be happy to let everyone carry on
- Paria: How would this consultation be carried out in a productive and meaningful way? Is there a plan from the exec to do this in proper consultation?
- Christian: Clear that there is diversity of opinion, important to start with members of the SRC that are Jewish and then talk to other groups on campus.
- Grace K: Consult doesn't mean that we can get every Jewish student to agree on whatever is produced, no one can promise a monolithic opinion but we will do our best

### Amendment friendly without dissent

Right of Reply (Grace K): Appreciate the discussion, long meetings are a good thing to support sufficient discussion. I would have put forth this motion regardless of the subject, the premise of suppression of democratic student unionism from the university is extremely bad. I

don't this motion actually causes anti-semetism and I won't take responsibility for the actions of Nazis on this campus as a result of this. I think it's sad that no one spoke about the Palestinian students on campus and their experience. If only POC speak out about POC issues and we dont show solidarity, that is an issue. I stand in strong solidarity with UMSU and their motion.

### Motion 6.3

### **Federal Election**

## Preamble:

This federal election has been defined by how little is on offer for students, workers, and the oppressed. The Liberal and Labor parties have both campaigned on the basis of warmongering, scapegoating refugees, and serving corporate interests.

The ANUSA candidates debate illustrated this. In response to criticism about the soft approach taken to the politicians by ANUSA, several representatives from the ANUSA executive agreed that this cover for the ALP was the wrong approach, and that ANUSA should play a role of fighting for students' interests, which in this election means, at a minimum, being clear that Labor are not offering anything to students.

The meaningful action following this should include ANUSA publishing the following statement in full, to make it clear what the union thinks of the offering for students this election campaign.

# Motion:

1. That ANUSA publishes the full text of the following statement on its facebook page, and in its newsletter, on Thursday 19th of May. Publishing the full text of the statement means a single post containing the full text of the statement in the main body of the post, it does not mean hiding the statement within a series of images, or providing a link to the statement for it to be read elsewhere.

"In the wake of ANUSA's Federal Candidates Debate, ANUSA condemns Labor, and notes the Labor Party offers nothing for students. ANUSA does not support a vote for either the Labor or Liberal parties, and condemns the Labor party for taking the vote of left-wing people for granted, while running one of the most right-wing election campaigns in recent memory. This election is being fought on the ground of which party can be the most competent economic manager on behalf of the rich, and the best at advancing Australian imperialism. Neither is worth student votes.

Labor has not committed to reverse the jobs ready graduate scheme or seriously increase funding for universities, as revealed at ANUSA's Federal Candidate debate. They have also not committed to restoring universal student unionism, or reversing Morrison's increases of fees, let alone reversing the HECS-HELP system and restoring free education. Labor has historically been responsible for some of the biggest funding cuts to higher education, including reforms by the Hawke government introducing fees for tertiary students and the largest single cut to higher education funding under the Gillard government. Not to mention the fact that Labor is committed to opening new coal mines, which will result in environmental destruction and increased disasters for students and workers everywhere, as well as Labor's contribution to the drive to large-scale imperialist war which threatens the lives of students and workers.

Policies of the Greens, including those on higher education such as ending student debt, are by far the best of the major parties. However, when they last held the balance of power under an increasingly right-wing minority Labor government, they continued to prop them up in order to demonstrate they were "respectable" and "responsible". No concessions around their policies of free higher education or getting dental care covered under Medicare eventuated. Students should have no illusions the outcome of this election will be any different.

ANUSA recognises the necessity of fighting for students' rights and conditions post-election, and will be ready to spring into action regardless of who is in government. We will be ready to respond to any attacks on higher education launched by the government, whichever party is in office. ANUSA recognises nobody is coming to save us, but us."

Mover: Nick Reich Seconder:

Procedural (Christian): table the motion. Passes.

# Item 7: Other Business

# Motion 7.1: Honoraria Committee Report

Motion: ANUSA endorses the Honoraria Committee report in Appendix O

Mover: Jaya Ryan Seconder:

- Mover (Jaya): really important to talk about. payment that members get who usually don't get payment. important to recognise work junior reps do, goes unseen,. when i got honoraria as gen rep it was the best 2 meetings of the year. should be more than it is now, has been increased since last year. lot of good nominees couldn't get money because they get stipend from departments. You should all vote for it.

Motion passes.

# Motion 7.2: Procurement Policy

Motion:

The Procurement Policy in Appendix P is approved by the SRC and the previous Procurement Policy is repealed.

Mover: Ben Yates Seconder:

# Motion 7.3: Discussion about Student Partnership Agreement

## Motion:

The SRC suspends standing orders so far as will allow free discussion of the draft Student Partnership Agreement contained in appendix Q.

### Mover: Christian Flynn

### Procedural passes

- Christian: not an agreement with ANU but the Academic Board of the ANU
- Student reps, staff reps, VC's all democratically elected and vote
- Currently dominated by academics, not necessarily linked with the ANU Admin
- Provides terms with how we can engage with the Board in a representative way for students
- Course cuts, staff redundancies, etc all impact students and staff, who are a part of the Board
- Doesn't enforce collaboration between the ANU and ANUSA, more requiring ANU to commit resources for improvement of systems for different areas of academic need
- Lengthier explanation of how we view terms between both organisations
- ANU has a very strong academic board, usually held by VCs at other unis, means that they can't engage with students because of their experience
- Way to productively engage with the ANU to improve student conditions
- Please read the key values, it emphasises the way the partnership would operate and how we
- This is our draft, not sure what the ANU is going to come back with
- Freya: What does this actually mean for ANUSA SRC and the day to day life of ANU Student?

Christian - the agreement is not going to impact day to day life, rather the implementation of it. agreement provides structure for us to force ANU to look at areas of academic processes that need review

- F: does this impact SRC? What is our involvement?
- C: wouldn't be the whole SRC, rather does
- F: Who sits on the board?

C: Pres

- Luke: Historically how has the ANU reviewed these areas, and how did they work out?
   C: yes, you can see it on the website and see all the areas for improvement. usually it wouldn't all be achieved, and not much materialises out of this. the way this is worded, hopefully means the UNI Would agree
- Aveline: this doesn't seem like something a student union should be doing because you're building the table to sit at with the bosses. the reason we have all the cuts and issues students are fighting for and this would just be us sitting there are allowing for it to happen. Brain schmidt signs it

C: staff and Brian Schmidt sit on the board, it's not only him signing it, we want Aveline: Academic board, deans, are still bosses, it's still a board of bosses, you're not fighting them, jsut sitting with them

- Carter: intention, class collaboration, the key values quotes the ANU statement, essentially means that ANU is pushing for profitability of cooperation. Signing an agreement that says that we agree with working with the University bosses is just class collaboration and isn't activism.
- Louis: the power of students and workers doesn't come from sitting on these boards. It isn't a democratic process, the board is made up of people who are signed into a position. It's not
- Wren: It's a totally wrong way of looking at this as a democratic board, students and workers do not have equal positions in an institution like ANU. Entering into this board

in a very unequal way, this isn't activism, activism and being left wing is not sitting at the table with bosses, but fighting against them

- Luke: What are the consequences of not signing this?
   C: no SSAF consequence, in a realistic world if we don't sign it, PARSA would sign it, and not sure what that would look like.
- Ben H: has one of these been signed every year? Who wrote this?
- C: 2017, 2019, didn't like 2019. Written by Executive, and did speak to PARSA and they had suggestions
- Azraa: if we don't sign, and PARSA and ANUare in agreement, would it impact our ability to work with ANU in future on issues like CRS/CRN?
- Christian: no, because could still bring things to Academic Boards, but we could be excluded from working groups
- Freya: Did you write it? Was it the academic board writing this and this was a response?

C: we were approached by the Academic Board, and we had a discussion and wrote it following that

F: great points have been brought up, not sure that this is the best move. dangerous assumption to make that academics always will act in the best interests of students

- Aveline: If anything is going to get SSAF cut, it's sitting at the table. This is not a means of getting more money out of the Uni. Further cuts is more money in their pockets, we need to aggressively fight the uni for more money.
- Carter: this was not an agreement that we need to sign, our participation on the Academic Board isn't changed by not signing this. Do you think that class collaboration is how we win things for students?

C: I value this discussion, I don't think that we should sign it if we don't see it benefitting students. This agreement provides a structure to force the uni to review academic areas that will benefit students. I want an agreement where there are committee meetings where we can force the ANU to look at these issues. We do need student movements, we can do it better and I am committed to building better student movements. If the SRC believes this is collaborationist in nature, I am happy to hear that

Phoebe: Share some of the concerns that people have raised, it seems there is a lot of buddying up, if the NTEU does sit on the board, then we can access it through that avenue. What are our other options?
 C: the NTEU doesn't actually sit on the AB, members of the AB are also NTEU

members.

- Jaya: was going to correct the record about SSAF but decided it was too snarky
- Grace Hill: the agreement would provide a structure to look at these issues, it doesn't actually force the uni to do anything. Balance of forces actually impact this, we shouldn't think that an agreement would force the uni to do anything. Want to highlight what Freya said, doesn't offer anything tangible to students. Major issue is that the student union is in a leadership position, tells students about what the argument is and this shows that Uni Admin has common interest with students and staff which they actually don't. Given how the uni has acted in light of Covid, this is a harmful role for us to play.
- Freya: Grace has pretty much said everything. Strawman argument to say that we are 'forcing the uni' to do anything.
- Aveline: As Christian said earlier, you are a singular person who sits at the table, this isn't reflective of how a union actually can and should run.
- Kai: I'm hearing these points about pandering to the ANU and management. Not entering a partnership may put at stake the things we can and should work together on. Does signing this agreement hinder our ability to oppose the uni?
   C: In the current wording, there aren't obligations placing ANUSA under any any restrictions to oppose the Uni.
- Bea: back the concept of the SPA, strengthens our ability to work diplomatically and gain useful info and if that doesn't work, then we are able to build campaign against the issues they don't listen to.

- Grace H: People can find info through these things but also it's not the only way. Sure
  it can be used well, but historically ANUSA hasn't done this. Disagree with Kai, AB is
  full of academics and deans, who institutionally train up workers and increase
  Australian capitalism. Universities play a role in profits etc. for industry. Putting out a
  political statement that there is not a counterposition between us+staff and the uni
  puts us on the back foot and inhibits our ability to organise.
- Wren: in response to what Kai said, this agreement really would hamper our ability to organise politically the statements acknowledges reconcilable interests. There are always inherently counterposed interests, no middle ground. The only way that things get better for Schmidt is when they get worse for all of us, and this is an important perspective to maintain. The other part of this that is undemocratic: what perspective is this for student unions? Individual member of the union going to have negotiations, precludes involvement of most students. The way that these boards can be used in a positive way is by sharing with students what is heard on the board. The statement presents the idea that being on the board is in itself useful for the students, but student body needs to be engaged they need to care about and know what ANUSA is, and ANUSA needs to show that it is fighting for students' interests.
- Beatrice: in response to Grace and Wren, use it in the other direction. The SPA can be utilised to show staff that there is also this aspect that the uni isn't listening to students . We're talking about activism, and this statement allows activism to happen, justify escalation to activism. Nobody is thinking that the SPA is what ANUSA is already about and doesn't set political precedent. In terms of active participants in the union, we have much more interest than the NTEU so we have more staff to convince, and that can only be done if we can show them what is going on staff pay attention to academic board. We can't win anything without the staff on our sides. Need to have discussions with students, and use this to get the staff onside, rather than having to convince the staff and not showing respect for their work. This shows that we are doing the 'respectful thing' and showing that the processes don't function.

Procedural: 10 min break passes

- Ben: clarifying that we're not voting on this today, just discussing
- Azraa: when I read this motion, saw a lot of bureaucracy. Swaying towards not thinking this is a good idea. Highlighting that this was posted late, so either not thought out well or just a rough draft that needs more work or some other reason why? Although in theory having this type of structured avenue is a good idea, this agreement in its current form leaves the door open for the Board to come back and change it and impose restrictions onto ANUSA. Our purpose is to fight and represent students sometimes this might align with uni interests, but usually doesn't. Impeding our ability to fight back not a good idea.
- Christian: personally just disorganised this week and this was something we should discuss, so that's why it went up so late. Definitely, how it is right now is not something that anybody seems happy with and significant improvements and changes are necessary before SRC will consider in the future if at all.
- Azraa: other reason for hesitation is that an overarching partnership sets up a clear power imbalance represented by a single person on the Academic Board where interests are unlikely to align. Assuming that decisions of the partnership will be democratic, still can't enforce in voting in Board meetings where there are so many other members.
- Christian: Again, this can be improved upon. As it currently stands, decisions to do with the SPA would be made by ANUSA, Parsa, chair or AB, so students do have the democratic majority there, even if not at Academic Board this was strongly considered in drafting this

Procedural (Avan) to close the speaking list (Avan). Passes.

- Freya: the most compelling potential benefit of the SPA is what Beatrice said about using it against the uni, but am not convinced that this partnership would do this and change anything when we already have a rep on the board that can already serve this

purpose. ANUSA has had successes before such as CRS/CRN so it seems that we already have this leveraging power and ability to make requests. Don't see how this would increase with the SPA, nad then there is all the negatives of the SPA so overall net negative.

- Luke: Agree that Beatrice's point is the most compelling need something to convince people that the process was tried, but doesn't agree that the SPA is the way to achieve that as it undercuts the ideas that we stand for
- Carter: Most important thing is that the SPA doesn't give us anything we don't already have, except a powerless committee to pursue the goals that are in common. This is class collaboration. There are never goals in common. THe goal of the uni is to exploit workers. THe goal of students is to have an education that is not corporatised. This SPA doesn't give us anything but says that we will work together. On Beatrice's argumen, not sure if fully understood pretty contradictory to sit on a board with the big dogs and sign off on the big decisions. When all the big cuts were being put to Schools, how does it convince workers we are on their side if we agreed to these? NTEU, USyd strike socialists made the argument that uni admin was enemy, and could win goals but striking effectively. Socialists in student politics put the argument to students that this was the shared goal, did not involve a SPA and was in the spirit against. Resulted in extremely high participation at USyd from both staff and students .There is no version of the SPA that they would support. There are deep problems with this in its heart, not in the wording as Christian has mentioned. It asks students to be reassured that ANSUA has a seat at the table etc.
- Ben H: minimum one annual priority chair of AB needs to agree to them all anyway, and one isn't very ambitious. We already have one rep on the AB and have seen good results in the past, so SPA is a bit redundant and not ambitious.
- Wren: To continue about staff, as a student union, if we want to build up a campaign we need to engage already activist staff who already don't like their bosses and the power that they hold. Would undermine ANUSA's position with the staff members to sign an agreement like this. On the argument that it is convincing to students that the proper channels have been tried, only convincing if the argument is that there is a shared interest and that the AB could reach a shared agreement. Actually, could go multiple ways, and instead students could be very unprepared for the reality that uni admin does not have student interests at heart, and will be demoralising. Why would students want to engage at that point? None of this is actually about the student body, more about padding the resumes of people that will sit on this board. THis doesn't extend democracy.
- Grace H: this is a really elaborate way of getting more things on more people's resume. Even if there is more polished version, I don't think we should vote it up. Massive attack on student unions in the jobs-ready graduate program. Rebuilding a bit of left and activist credibility, what Bea said is wrong. A position on the board isn't necessarily going to do that, especially when we sign onto this. Does matter when arguing that this would matter for staff, student union has a shared interest with your bosses to say we are okay with staff cuts and course cuts, increasing their work load. Steps towards building political credibility comes from critiquing the government, uni management etc.
- Bea: Want to pull apart the assumption that signing an SPA means that students are going to to come to uni and then love the uni management. SPA for a first year makes no difference to you. I don't liek the bureaucracy that ANUSA engages in a lot of the time, but I do back the say that course reps and students have in these agreements. Want to sit on it and think about this. Engaging with politically engaged NTEU members only is not going build the

### Procedural for Kai to speal. Procedural passes.

- Kai: Sometimes things that we do align on, this is important, sometimes it just requires people speaking up on the processes (eg A&I), makes it valuable

### Procedural for Christian to speak passes.

### Procedural for Wren to speak. Fails

- Christian: As it currently stands, it's not good enough. Even if it is made better, still not enough people who think it's a good idea. Report back at the next SRC.

# Motion 7.4: Motion in Support of the Welfare of Students and Support of Higher Education

### Preamble:

2022 has yet again exemplified that politicians do not care about students and higher education. Across the political spectrum, proposed policies show little to no regard for the right of all people to access and attain higher education, let alone do so in a way that does not cause immeasurable suffering.

It has been proven time and time again that universities are crucial. We cannot do without them. Yet the candidates in this federal election have approached higher education as a low priority, an expensive commodity that won't win votes. There is a dangerous political conservatism that only cares about higher education when it serves political strategy and ideology. This is most recently exemplified by the government veto power in ARC grants and the fee hikes, but these attacks are not new nor limited to any party. There is a long history of consistent, vicious and grave attacks on higher education by multiple governments. Student and staff unions are forced onto the frontline of the fight to save the tertiary education sector.

Politicians spout a dangerous narrative that to be a student necessitates suffering. There is no justification for any person, student or not, to ever face financial hardship. It is a stain on successive governments that students experience severe and worsening deprivation. Every day, heartless policies and structural neglect forces students to not pursue higher education any further/at all.

The bittersweet irony of politicians' willful negligence is the expectation of student support whenever a federal election is called. No political party is 'owed' votes. Student votes must be earned through comprehensive, strong policy and prioritisation of higher education and constantly re-earned through their actions during their terms.

Students deserve a government that values and acts on higher education. The right to access higher education and the right to a strong, healthy tertiary education sector should not be threatened or undermined by any elected party or person.

### Motion:

- 1. ANUSA condemns decades of inadequate funding of universities and inadequate support for university students during their studies.
- 2. ANUSA calls for all public education (including higher education) to be made free immediately, noting education is a human right.
- 3. ANUSA calls for the HECS loan system to be abolished immediately and for all current HECS debt to be forgiven.
- 4. ANUSA stands in solidarity with staff and the NTEU at the ANU and across the university sector in the face of an onslaught of university cuts.

- 5. ANUSA supports the significant overhaul of social support systems for all people including lowering the age of independence from 22 to 18, lowering qualifying income thresholds and eligibility criteria, eliminating mutual obligation requirements and introducing systems of financial support for international students who are callously unsupported by successive governments.
- 6. ANUSA shall make a post on its social media with a statement to the effect of this motion.

Mover: Christian Flynn

Seconder: Grace King

- Mover:
- This motion is inherently related to Motion 6.3, this motion condemns a range of different things in structures surrounding policy and systems that impact university students and higher ed
- The following motion specify items around the federal election, naming political parties
- This engagement would see us lose our SSAF, which i don't want to see
- I stand with taking a strong political stance on this, but I don't want to see us lose the funding we need
- The line about the Greens reads as an endorsement
- ANU is responsible for SSAF distribution and they would not hesitate to withdraw funding if they were threatened by the federal government
- Motion 6.3 jeopardises student services and funding we have right now
- The motion acknowledges that no party is doing enough for students
- ANUSA won't change everyone's minds, but motion 6.3 will impact how students view this and inherently impact our SSAF funding which i do not want to risk
- Seconder: wish we could condemn specific parties, and welcomes amendments to this. It might be important to talk about this motion in light of the structure that fails students and vulnerable people every time. Some parties are worse, but it is really a case of power, and there are reasons why things aren't changing. It would be interesting to consider the whole system as a structure that is not reformable at all and is a failure as a democracy. Don't think that a particular party or gov, even if that was possible would be able to change that fact – our country and gov is built on genorcide and imperialism.
- Against (Grace): differences between the two motions is that this is more conservative as it omits criticism of the ALP. About legalities, SSAF funding cannot be spent on political parties or campaigns, so unless you plan to sponsor the fb post, this does not apply. The other motion doesn't tell students who to vote for. Point that shouldn't recognising Greens policy is best means you should give up on student unionism. Fake about what the SSAF legislation is, and people shouldn't believe Christian's lie. About reviving student unionism, ANUSA could not do a single thing to stop course and job cuts during the pandemic, barely could mobilise. Nationally similar patterns. Not a question about numbers, but a question about politics. To put out this statement is essentially to give cover to the ALP... Whitewashing of the ALP. Removing the critique (not endorsement) of the Greens is to make this more conservative.
- For (Phoenix): your union can do more with \$2 000 000 than it can do without.
- Nick (against): it is just not true that the other motion threatens SSAF funding and this should be dismissed, get to crux of discussion and prepare to make a case to students and prepare them to fight whatever gov comes into power. ALP is being

treated with love by all the progressive institutions as Libs are only ones being criticised. Everybody says Albo gov will be great, but ALP has given opposite indication and are going to attack unis, uphold cuts, worsen plight of refugees. Bad ALP policies don't get spoken about. THe ANUSA event contributed to this same dynamic and giving ALP free kick to promote their policies. No indication they are better than the LIbs. Should vote for substantive critique of ALP and Greens and prep students to fight them just as hard as they would fight the liberals.

- Grace H: amendment
  - First two paragraphs of statement from other motion into this motion.
  - If the concern really is just SSAF legislation, then that removes this
  - Procedural (Jaya) to put this amendment to a vote. Passes

Amendment fails.

Motion passes.

### Item 8: Meeting Close

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council is scheduled to be held in Semester 2, 2022 at a date and time TBC.

Expected Close of Meeting: 9:00pm

Minutes approved at SRC 5, 3 August 2022.

### Reference A

### Christian has resubmitted his AGM report for SRC 4

2022 AGM Wednesday 11 May 2022 President's Report Christian Flynn

#### CW: Mentions of SASH

Much of this AGM President's Report is best described through viewing previous SRC executive reports. I've tried to summarise some of the bigger aspects of the last 12 months below.

#### Semester 2 Canberra Lockdown

Since the last AGM, one of the most important events was the lockdown due to COVID-19 that occurred in Semester 2 2021. This lockdown led to a massive increase in our engagement from our membership, with a huge rise in COVID-19 financial grants being made. ANUSA acted quickly to secure major wins, such as CRS/CRN and pushing back the census date, as well as fighting for a teaching break. While the latter was not successful, the campaign showed the enormous potential that can come from student pressure on the administration, something that will be useful to engage with for further campaigns. There was also a successful drive to deliver thousands of meals to hundreds of students who needed essential items.

#### **Major campaigns**

Some of the biggest campaigns and actions that ANUSA has contributed to so far:

- August 1<sup>st</sup> 2021
- Invasion Day 2022
- Kill the Bill 2022
- Too Little Too Late 2022

These actions could only have been undertaken with the amazing work of students across the ANU. The work of ANUSA's autonomous departments, the Interhall Council, and dozens of other groups, clubs, and students is critical to the success of all movements.

While this is a great start, undoubtedly there is more that can be done. Seeing the growth of an activist union is a major project for our executive, and we'll be working as a team to develop a more cohesive approach to changing structures of ANUSA that would enable better activism going forward.

#### **Major projects**

- Night Café: We are still on track to deliver a fully completed business prospectus for submission to the ANU's commercial services team. This has proven to be a large project but we are moving towards a more practical understanding of what will be needed for the night café.
- Building an activist union: In relation to the above as well as issues around service provision, this will take a lot of work to pull together. Our union has some of the resources and structures in place to build to this, but it will take conscious work to achieve.
- New executive positions: The Clubs Officer and the Welfare Officer are two new positions on the ANUSA executive – these positions need continued work to help create a structure for the kind of work that needs to be completed going forward. We've developed a comprehensive slate of Clubs Reforms which will hopefully be passed at this AGM which shall hopefully contribute to making the role more manageable going forward. Similarly, we've developed a system for mutual aid that we'll be working on growing over the coming semester – this has already proven to be incredibly popular so far.
- QPay: the potential for a new, more user-friendly website, our outreach efforts will be infinitely easier. This ties in with a number of projects that ANUSA is working on that should hopefully make engaging with ANUSA as a student, club, or visitor a lot easier.

#### SSAF, ANUSA's Budget, and Service Provision

Jaya's report will cover aspects of this far better than I can, but at heart, ANUSA's budget has expanded significantly since last year. ANUSA has been operating well above our usual spending for some time due to the increased financial needs of students through our grants program, as well as a large uptake in other forms of engagement. Specifically, the popularity of the BKSS and of O Week have led to increases in expenditure. (On a side note, all volunteers and particularly Chido and Phoenix have done a great job on this.)

We've also seen a significant increase simply because students are more aware of our services. This is a big win, as students have always needed our support but are able to get that support now whereas they previously were not aware. ANUSA's outreach efforts have correspondingly improved, but a major factor is undoubtedly that students tell each other about our union's services – the best form of outreach is word-of-mouth.

This impressive uptake in our legal, academic, and financial assistance has drawn on our finances significantly. We are now operating with what I can best describe as a structural deficit – we are unable to reduce our costs without cutting an essential service or reducing the ability of our union to organise. Going forward, I can only see our expenses growing, not shrinking.

This is scary, but fundamentally, a good problem to have. It shows that the outreach work we've been doing for years has been paying off. While that doesn't necessarily convert to ANUSA members being involved in campaigns, it does have potential going forward.

Our SSAF allocation is currently 35% of the entire SSAF pool – despite this, the work that ANUSA does to provide for our membership and the ANU community is not at all aligned. It is imperative that we fight for a higher percentage of the SSAF pool from the ANU, and that we emphasise the importance of democratic unions as being the principal recipients of SSAF money.

Through building towards a higher percentage, it becomes easier to talk about the importance of universal student unionism, something we should have already.. More details about the ANU's SSAF funding arrangements are still unclear, and we're hoping to gain clarity over the winter break. Once we have a better understanding, then a campaign to fight for our SSAF will have the potential to materialise infinitely easier.

Reference B

[<mark>VICE-PRESIDENT</mark>]

Reference C

# Education Officer, Beatrice Tucker SRC 4 Report 18/05/22

# Summary:

- 1. Upcoming
- 2. Activist Training and Upskilling
- 3. Campaigns
- 4. Logistics Support in Activism
- 5. Meetings
- 6. Other
- 7. Timesheet

Contents of Report:

# 1. Upcoming

1. The next Ed Com meeting Monday 23/05, 2.30pm in the ANUSA boardroom

# 2. Activist Training and Upskilling

- 1. Continued training for deputy education officers
- 2. Have organised further activist training and programs such as taking part in Organizing for Power, an international unionust skill building program as well as continuing to run other trainings.

# 3. Campaigns

- 1. Continuing minor discussion in CASS regarding forming a strong 'no cuts at ANU' campaign.
- In contact w/ NTEU members regarding the current state of their Enterprise Bargaining Agreement negotiations. Preparing to work in solidarity w/ staff pending the timing of bargaining (currently unsure when)
- 3. Wage theft on campus, survey is ongoing, waiting for close and release of results to then consider best actions forward

# 4. Logistics support in activism

1. School Strike for Climate (ss4c) had a rally on 06/05, I assisted logistically with marshalling and first aid.

# 5. Meetings

Sitting on various ANU committees incl the 2025 Undergrad curriculum review WG, Transdisciplinary WG and Teaching and Learning Development Committee. If you have any questions about what goes on in these, don't hesitate to reach out.

# 6. **Other**

- 1. Been keeping up with my SRC Buddies, checking in w/ a few to keep them up to date and making sure they're feeling equipped
- 2. Been doing a lot of work on large projects that will be made public soon

# 7. Timesheet

- I have completed 650 hrs since I began on Dec 1.

### Reference D

### General Secretary's Report SRC Four Ben Yates

Hi all, I am Ben, I use he/him pronouns and I am your General Secretary. This year, my priority is shifting the governance and bureaucratic structures of ANUSA to best serve its activist and community welfare purposes. I want good governance *with a purpose*, not rules and regulations for the sake of rules and regulations.

Since SRC3, department election reform, clubs regulations, academic advocacy and governance reform work has taken up most of my time. The Annual General meeting was impressively well attended and was, on the whole, a very productive meeting. I am particularly proud of the department election reforms that I drafted that passed. A huge thank you to department officers for working with me to get those regulation changes into shape. Governance and Election Reform Working Group has met twice. Summary

- Department election reforms passed and departments have started the process of opting to have autonomous internal elections!
- The new Clubs Regulations passed huge shout out to Phi for amazing work being the engine behind getting this done. A huge thank you also to everyone else who provided feedback.
- Governance and Election Reform Working Group has met twice

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# **Things that have happened**

# **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting happened. Not only did we get quorum but we exceeded it by about two times. It is so pleasing to see this level of interest in ANUSA's work and investment in the forums that hold us accountable as elected representatives. A special thank you to Ben Harms and Azraa for their work minuting what was an often quite chaotic meeting.

### **Department Election Reform**

Between SRC 3 and 4, I spent considerable time working on the election regulation reforms to provide guaranteed, secure mechanisms for internal department elections. I am very grateful to all the department officers for providing feedback on the reforms and contributing to make them into a really positive change that will secure department autonomy and simplify the election process. This was the only significant rule change recommended by the Probity Report from last year and has been implemented now. One department has already exercised this provision which is great to see!

### **Club Reform**

I assisted Phoenix with drafting provisions of the new Clubs Regulations, especially provisions around the new Clubs Committee. Phi did a genuinely incredible job of pulling this off in a tight timeframe while giving really genuine opportunities for consultation and discussion. I really want to thank everyone at the AGM and in the days leading up to it who productively engaged in good faith to make the regulations a document with genuine community support. The fact that the regulations passed almost unanimously in a well-attended meeting attests to the diligent consultation that Phi engaged in.

# **Routine Matters**

**Governance and Election Reform Working Group** 

The Governance and Election Reform Working Group (GERWG – catchy acronym, I know!) has met twice. Thanks to Ben Harms, Azraa, Paria and Hebe for attending. The first meeting considered primarily any election reform proposals. Besides the small change to remove photography and design from the election spending cap, the group did not feel that any other changes were required (aside from the previously drafted department election changes). There were a number of points that came out of the Probity Report and survey that should inform how the election is run this year, especially on the level of communications. These include:

- Communicating with members about the spending cap to ensure that members have confidence that elections are not 'bought'.
- Publicising information about timelines for the election widely and early.
- Publicising the less obvious impacts of rules in guidance to candidates (eg. The application of the campaign period rule to prohibiting reusing Facebook pages year on year).

From this point, GERWG will be focussing on ANUSA meetings. We had a very productive discussion at both meetings about making the balance between having productive and comfortable meetings and enabling the free discussion and democratic forum that is central to our mandate as a student union. Paria is leading this as part of her gen rep project to improve ANUSA meetings, especially for marginalised groups. My personal view is that punitive or restrictive solutions have only very limited use. I am much more interested in investigating tools we can *add* to our meetings like novel procedurals, new ways to interact with meetings, agenda setting techniques to move through routine matters faster and so forth. I encourage anyone interested in meeting reform to come to future GERWG meetings. We will convene again after exams and the meetings will be publicised on the ANUSA Facebook page.

### Meetings

As ever, I welcome feedback on meetings. I will get started on the Semester 2 meeting plan soon so if you have thoughts, please let me know. As for Semester 1, I will provide the draft meeting plan to the SRC for feedback before I confirm it.

### Interpretations

I have made a few minor interpretations and provided advice to a number of representatives. I'm happy to detail these on request where it is appropriate. I am recording formal interpretations in the interpretations register for future reference for the General Secretaries who follow me.

#### **Governance Assistance**

I have provided assistance to a number of groups/individuals including assisting with several department internal elections or casual vacancies, assisting with policy development and providing advice as to responsibilities.

# **Reform**

A number of less urgent reform projects have been on the backburner while my focus has been on election and clubs reform. However, this SRC I hope to bring an updated Procurement Policy (now with easy to use tables). I also hope to reactivate discussion about the Media Policy over Winter however this has some more complexities as it intersects with Enterprise Bargaining Agreement matters given it is also a staff policy. I don't anticipate this will cause any impediment or require any substantive change but it is a vitally important process to respect.

# Academic Committees

I sit on the Academic Quality Assurance Committee, University Research Committee, TEQSA Re-Accreditation Oversight Committee, ANU Undergraduate Curriculum Review Oversight Group and ANU Undergraduate Curriculum Review Critical Thinking Graduate Outcome Working Group. As usual, I will report in greater detail on academic committees in my verbal report at CRC and encourage interested members to attend or send me questions via email or Slack.

Briefly, at AQAC, I was very pleased to see some concrete changes be passed that will improve diversity in admissions. I spoke in support of these changes but emphasised that a commitment to diversity can't end at admission and must be followed up with genuine action to address the drivers of disadvantage among marginalised students.

<b>Project</b>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Status</u>
	Slack to foster collaboration.	In progress I consulted with the outgoing Gen-Sec on this. So far, I think this may be a solution looking for a problem, at least for this year's SRC.

Training	looking at how we can make agendas more digestible. Train reps in governance, legal	In progress Reached out to all departments about needs and wants for meetings. This work will mesh with the safer spaces policy work being pursued by Paria. This will be a matter that will be covered at the Governance and Election Reform Working Group. <u>Update:</u> Considering a number of tools to improve meetings that will improve accessibility. In progress Partially completed at SRC induction. Will do more at SRC retreat day. Looking
SRC Zero		to create a guide to document some of the knowledge built in the referendum last year among other governance tools.
		Occurred in December
	formal council meetings to foster collaboration and team building.	In progress Partially done at induction but more substantively will be done through gatherings for reps before SRC meetings next year as well as gen rep meetings fulfilling the policy introduced by Isha this year. UPDATE: will fulfill this at the SRC retreat day
	tool and reform procedural elements to	<b>Complete</b> This occurred with the Too Little, Too Late SGM.
		<b>Not yet commenced</b> I will discuss this with ANUSA's Communications Officer.
	the role of the Disputes Committee beyond a conflict resolution/arbitration	In progress I have started drafting the Regulations to provide a basis to go out and consult much more extensively. Met with Kevin Tanaya (chair of committee) and ANUSA Lawyer to discuss options.
	Introduce the opportunity for department officers to include a comment in the agenda before motions as well as flagging points such as whether the motion has the support of the officer/department or whether any consultation occurred.	<b>Completed/On-going</b> This option was provided in relation to a number of motions through the year.
	Produce a resource, in consultation with the department officers, on autonomy. <u>Updated</u> : Meg produced a great document on how to write a motion this year. In many ways, this provides a great starting point. I will be looking to update this as well as integrating some more discussion on the normative question of why it is important to engage in good faith consultation with autonomous departments.	Not yet commenced See update point. Will commence work on this soon.

Department training	Offer training on governance with an orientation towards practical skills of how to achieve goals within the structures of ANUSA and how to make those structures work for the purposes of departments.	<b>Completed / In progress/on-going</b> Assisted in training led by Jaya to give governance training. Met with several department secretaries. Offered further support to all departments. I have provided ad hoc assistance to a number of departments including assisting with running elections.
Clubs governance review	Review and reform clubs governance in light of the new clubs officer.	<b>Completed</b> Phi and I worked closely to draft the changes that passed at the last OGM of 2021. Constitutional changes were presented at OGM 1 to make this possible. This task will be complete with the Clubs Regulations we anticipate passing at the AGM. <u>Update</u> : completed at AGM
Policy review	Audit governance and financial policies to bring them up to date.	<b>Complete / In progress</b> Much of this is taking place on an ad hoc basis however I have reviewed a number of policies. Necessarily, policy review should be a rolling process. The next step will be to overhaul and centralise many of our policies. Katchmirr's fantastic acknowledgement of Country motion from AGM will provide a good reason to take up this difficult task sooner.
Standing order/meeting reform	Scope of project TBD. Broadly, make meetings safer and more effective.	In Progress Looking forward to working with Paria on a Safer Spaces policy. Standing Order and general meeting reform is on the agenda of the Governance and Election Reform Working Group.

### Timesheet

I have worked 526.5 hours since 1 December 2021; on average 23 hours per week, excluding the Christmas shutdown. I have not taken any leave. Please feel free to send me an email if you would like a more detailed breakdown of hours.

Ben Yates 17 May 2022 Reference E

# <u>Treasurer Report SRC 3</u> <u>Jaya Ryan</u>

### **Executive Summary**

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- 2. Expenditure Report
- 3. The Audit
- 4. Night Café
- 5. Wage Theft on Campus Survey
- 6. Honoraria Committee
- 7. Ethical Sponsorships Committee
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### 1. Introduction

Hi everyone, this report is going to be a little shorter than what I usually write as I gave a report a week ago at the AGM which would have covered some of the stuff I would have written about here. I would recommend checking it out as in it I discuss the line items where we are spending more than anticipated, as well as the current SSAF situation. I will give an updated expenditure report at SRC 5 after the winter break.

## 2. Expenditure Report

### Profit & Loss

# The Australian National University Students' Association Incorporated 1 December 2021 to 31 May 2022

31 May 22

	51 May 22	
Income		
SSAF Allocation	\$704,000.00	
Total Income	\$704,000.00	
Gross Profit	\$704,000.00	
Less Operating Expenses		
Accounting/Bookkeeping - Xero	\$660.87	
Auditing	\$27.27	
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BKSS Food/Consumables	\$21,765.27	
Bus expenses	\$5,669.78	
Cleaning	\$276.82	
Departments & Collectives	\$66,681.85	
Education Committee	\$304.17	
Fees & Subscriptions	\$33,497.64	
IT Support & Equipment	\$107.27	
Leadership and Professional Development	\$14,178.42	
Meeting Expenses	\$187.55	
Printer	\$99.83	
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	\$366.73	
Student Engagement	\$1,569.59	
Training	\$221.82	

Utilities	\$288.05
ANUSA Committee Projects	
	\$04.0F
Committee projects - General	\$94.95 \$04.95
Total ANUSA Committee Projects	\$94.95
Bank Fees	
Bank Fees with GST	\$181.10
Bank Fees without GST	\$279.38
Total Bank Fees	\$460.48
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BKSS Non-Food	
BKSS - Asset purchases	\$499.09
BKSS Non-food	\$10,126.77
Total BKSS Non-Food	\$10,625.86
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Clubs Council and Clubs Grants	
Club Funding	\$28,622.49
Total Clubs Council and Clubs Grants	\$28,622.49
Consultancy	
Legal Expenses	\$5,063.11
Total Consultancy	\$5,063.11
Equipment	
Equipment Expense	\$3,562.57
Total Equipment	\$3,562.57
Marketing & Communications	
Marketing & Communications - Advertising	\$84.36
Marketing & Communications - Diary	\$90.00
Marketing & Communications - Printing	\$81.77
Marketing & Communications - Software Subs	\$162.73
Total Marketing & Communications	\$418.86
Other Employee Evenence	
Other Employee Expenses	¢0 540 00
Other Employee Expense	\$2,519.38 \$112.07
Staff Amenities	\$112.07
Total Other Employee Expenses	\$2,631.45
O-Week	
O-Week Events	\$38,990.57
O-Week Food purchases	\$479.63
O-Week General expenses	\$819.43
O-Week Merchandise	\$8,640.00
Total O-Week	\$48,929.63
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# Salary and Wages

Department - Stipends

Net Profit	-\$177,632.50
Total Non-operating Expenses	\$2,050.00
Total Non SSAF	\$2,050.00
Total Emergency Student Bursaries	\$2,050.00
Student Assistance Team Grants - COVID-19	\$2,050.00
Emergency Student Bursaries	\$2.050.00
Non SSAF	
Non-operating Expenses	
Total Non-operating Income	\$89,084.57
Ticket/Event Sales - O Week	\$5,347.00
O-Week Income	\$17,347.73
Other Grant Funding	\$52,235.26
Miscellaneous (Sundry) Income	\$9,541.74
Interest Income	\$4,158.29
Bus hire revenue	\$454.55
Non-operating Income	
Operating Profit	-\$264,667.07
Total Operating Expenses	\$968,667.07
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Total Student Assistance Team Purchases	\$20,044.36
SAT Purchases - Student Meals & Others	\$1,044.36
SAT Purchases - Grocery Vouchers	\$19,000.00
Student Assistance Team Purchases	£40.000.00
Total Student Assistance Team Grants	\$116,583.55
Student Assistance Team Grants	\$116,583.55
Student Assistance Team Grants	
Total Salary and Wages	\$585,726.83
Superannuation Expense - Event Coordinators	\$647.35
Superannuation Expense - BKSS	\$1,122.55
Superannuation Expense - ANUSA Exec	\$3,580.84
Superannuation Expense	\$65,187.19
Salaries and Wages - Event Coordinators	\$12,868.49
Salaries and Wages - BKSS	\$26,969.17
Salaries and Wages - ANUSA Exec	\$77,622.72
Salaries and Wages	\$367,480.18
Department - Superannuation	\$4,314.79

3. The Audit

The audit was passed at the AGM last week, and I've dropped off all the signed documents at the auditors' office. This means that the audit for the 2020-2021 financial year is all done! Thank you to all the department officers who submitted their financial reports, especially the officers who compiled the reports left unfinished by their predecessors. You went above and

beyond I n your roles, and because of this despite how behind we were on December 1<sup>st</sup> we were able to compile all the documents in record time. As for the 2021-2022 audit, I will begin work on this this week. I've (hopefully by the publishing of this report) reached out to department officers to begin the midyear financial review, which is just to make sure that departments are keeping on track of their bookkeeping so that come the end of year audit compiling all the necessary documents isn't too much of a headache.

## 4. The Night Café

Beginning from this week, and over the entirety of the winter break, working on the ANUSA business will take up the majority of the work I do. To give a quick update, I've gotten quotes on merchant terminals, and am still getting quotes from Bidfood. The rest of the working group is seeking quotes from other suppliers (for coffee, tea, etc.). Securing a coffee supplier might be difficult, as most coffee suppliers have a non-compete clause with the cafes that buy their product; that is, the cafes have the right to block the supplier from supplying another café if it is within a certain radius of the currently supplied café. This means that we will need to reach out to quite a few suppliers to find one that will meet our requirements (ideally, provide machines and barista training as well as ethically sourced coffee for a reasonable price) while also not currently being signed to any other cafes in Kambri. The work on this continues, the group is now meeting weekly so I expect a lot of progress to be made over the break.

I am also now working with other representatives (largely gen reps) on the Night Café. I put out an expression of interest the other week, and have gotten a small group together. We will hopefully start meeting as of next week. This will give us an opportunity to work on more niche areas of the night café (for example, the ethical sourcing of goods, a safer spaces policy, etc.). It'll also give me another avenue to gain feedback on the work we've been doing so far, so overall should be a net positive for this project!

# 5. Wage Theft on Campus Survey

You've heard me talk about this before, but this survey will close in early July; so if you currently work on campus or have worked on campus in the past 12 months, please get your responses in ASAP! Recently we've put out ads to increase our responses, and we've seen a significant increase in responses as a result. Sometime over the break, I along with our Education Officer Bea will be entering businesses on campus to directly approach workers and tell them about the survey. This is a necessary and important step, as there is a significant portion of workers in Kambri who either are not students or who do not receive news through our regular channels (mailing list, Schmidtposting, and social media ads).

# 6. Honoraria Committee

By this SRC, I will have held the Honoraria Committee for Sem. 1. The purpose of this committee is to reward the work of members of ANUSA who do not normally receive compensation for their work (either through a stipend or a wage); this not only encompasses gen reps and college reps, it also includes volunteers for O-Week, Student Bites, etc. The work these individuals do is hugely important for the operation and outreach of ANUSA, and though the honoraria pool is small it serves as a token of our appreciation to the members of ANUSA whose work is often overlooked. As a gen rep last year receiving honoraria was one of the few times my work was formally recognised by the rest of ANUSA, and though it wasn't much I still greatly appreciated it. Congratulations to everyone receiving honoraria this semester, you've definitely earnt it!

# 7. Ethical Sponsorships Committee

Since the last SRC the committee has not met, however this is something I expect to change over the winter break in the leadup to Bush Week. The period before market day each semester is always the busiest time for the ESC, and I am grateful for all the hours they have put in so far.

## 8. Timesheet

Since my term began I have worked a total of 427.5 hours, not including the hours which I have worked this week. I have not taken any leave since the last SRC, though I intend on taking a week of leave sometime during exams.

### Reference F Clubs Officer

1. Clubs reform

I think I already talked about this enough at AGM but it's where a majority of my hours have gone since SRC3. It passed! It's through! Thanks everyone for the help with it, for coming up with such thoughtful amendments, and for being engaged in discussion - thanks to clubs attending, this was the first ANUSA AGM in a while that hasn't struggled with quorum so good job everyone.

We're in the beginning stages of deciding when they'll be implemented as we'd like them to come in at the same time as QPay.

2. Clubs

1. CCM2

CCM2 happened on Wednesday the 4th of May... and it was the last CCM ever! Most of it was consulting clubs on the upcoming policy reforms and some discussion about upcoming events and training. Thanks to all the clubs who came along :)

2. Grants

As usual, I've been spending some time helping admin process more complicated grant requests or general inquiries and been having meetings with a few clubs who need assistance.

3. Executive

Now that Clubs reforms are through, the Clubs Council Executive is in planning stages for upcoming projects.

3. QPay

I've been working with QPay on creating all of the forms we'll need for affiliation, grants, etc in the new Clubs system. There's a lot of forms that need to be created so this has been my main goal since AGM.

4. FNP

FNP planning has been going well! Working on booking artists and a Save the Date at the moment.

# 5. Bush Week

Thanks so much to everyone who applied for Bush Week Coordinator! Updates and interviews will be coming soon.

6. Timesheet

From December 1 I have done 419.5 hours.

Project	Content	Status
O-Week	Organise a week of events for ANU students during Orientation Week (14 February-18 February)	Completed.
Bush Week	Organise a week of events for ANU students during Orientation Week (25 July-29 July February)	In progress. Early stages of planning has commenced, thank you to everyone who applied for coordinator.
Friday Night Party	Organise the one-day music festival	In progress. Beginning stages of securing a location.
Developing ongoing events throughout the year	There have been many requests for ANUSA to hold more events outside of the usual O-Week and Bush Week and I am investigating this possibility. This is particularly important to reinvigorating campus life after the past two years.	In progress. Paused as it's been quite busy with the policy updates.
Clubs Governance - CCE roles	Reform the amount of CCE roles in order to reduce workload and size of committee	Completed. Further updates were made at the AGM
Clubs Governance - Policy review	Review and reform the Clubs Policy. The main goals are to make it more accessible, take a stronger stance on discrimination, be less bureaucratic and to reduce the current administrative workload on volunteers.	COMPLETED! There will likely still be further changes to be made at future OGMs but yay!
Clubs Officer Office Hours	Establish office hours to assist and consult with clubs	Completed. These are every Wednesday 12-2.

Clubs Newsletter	Establish a newsletter for better progress for clubs	In progress.
Q-Pay	Set up the QPay system in a way that is great for clubs! This includes an easier affiliation system, up-to- date clubs info on the ANUSA website, a clubs calendar system, easier grant application and finance management, club membership and event management systems, and LOTS MORE!!!	In progress. Working on creating the new portals for affiliation and grants now that the AGM policy has passed.
SEEF reform	Investigate the possibility of reform to the SEEF system. There have been reports of it being inaccessible for clubs and not allowing enough potential for future growth.	Not yet commenced.
Clubs Training Videos	Create generic Clubs Training Videos and review the Clubs Training process to be more automatic and easily accessible throughout the year. I will work with the CCE Community Officer, Kelsie, on this.	Not yet commenced.

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# Welfare Officer Report

# **Executive Summary**

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Student material support
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- c. Individual cases
- 3. Abolition reading group
- 4. Less Stresstival
- 5. ANU Student Diversity Working Group
- 6. ANU Committees
  - a. Timetabling Committee
- 7. Upcoming projects
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- 10. SRC Four bestie shoutout

# 1. Introduction

Hello! My name is Grace (she/her) and I am the 2022 Welfare Officer. My role involves fighting for material issues and bettering the material conditions of students.

I firmly believe that a student union should be community-led, grassroots and staunchly leftist. I am committed to proactive practicing this. I am in a paid position which gives me capacity to collaborate on student issues and help however is needed. That is fundamentally different from acting paternalistically, from an ill-informed or ignorant standpoint or without thorough collaboration and consensus. I am always available to chat about anything through sa.welfareofficer@anu.edu.au and am usually able to respond punctually.

This report will not be as lengthy as usual because it has only been three weeks since the previous SRC, but please email me with any questions or thoughts.

# 2. Student material support

Overall, there is a high level of need right now. The Student Assistance Officers do a wonderful job at supporting so many students. I highly encourage anyone that needs assistance to contact sa.assistance@anu.edu.au

# 2a. Mutual aid

The mutual aid system is run out of the ANUSA foyer, next to the Brian Kenyon Student Space (BKSS). It is accessible to all students on weekdays 8am-8pm. You can give and take as much as you like, how often you like!

I am hoping to spend some time at the end of the semester reinvigorating it, especially as students move out of residential halls for the winter. I will detail this further in the 'upcoming section'

#### 2b. Student grants and assistance

COVID-19 supplement grant:

The COVID-19 supplement grant has launched. It has a strong rate of usage so hopefully the communication about the grant has been effective. I have recently shared information about this grant with several non-ANU organisations that regularly interact with ANU students.

Skill Up:

I am in the process of organising the relaunch of Skill Up for Semester 2. Skill Up is an ANUSA program that pays for students to attend training and certification processes that may access a student in learning new skills, finding or changing jobs. It's been on hold because of COVID-19 but in 2019 and prior it was very popular and successful. Options will be advertised soon.

Further grant ideas and communication:

Working on how our grants and programs may be improved and better communicated to address the evolving and specific needs of students.

#### 2c. Individual student cases

I have responded to many individual student issues, referred them to appropriate support and services and advocated for them as needed.

#### 3. Introduction to Abolition Reading Group

The first introduction to abolition reading group will be this Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30pm in the ANUSA boardroom. Everyone is invited to come! It is catered towards those wishing to learn more and discuss abolitionism, but with no previous knowledge or experience needed.

I am very excited about the event and encourage everyone to come! More details are available on the Facebook event. I plan on running these every 3-ish weeks for the rest of the year but will be open to changing the time and date if it isn't suitable for attendees.

#### 4. Less Stresstival

Less Stresstival will be held from Monday to Friday of week 12. It will primarily be run out of the Brian Kenyon Student Space (BKSS), which is open 8am-8pm. There will be free food and items to grab. There will also be jewellery making craft that will be out in the BKSS throughout the week for people to use as they wish.

#### 5. ANU Student Diversity Working Group

Established at SRC 7 2021, the ANU Student Diversity Working Group aims to investigate the quantitative and qualitative experiences and issues faced by ANU students in equity groups. It is co-chaired by Sai Campbell and me.

The group is progressing well! The update can be seen in the report that was delivered in SRC 3.

#### 6. External Committees

I am an ANUSA representative on several committees. Many of these have not met yet or not met again since SRC Three. I will provide an update on the one committee that has.

#### 6a. Timetabling Committee

I am the ANUSA Executive member on the timetabling committee. I have attended several meetings and been in communication with other members of the committee. I think this is a valuable committee for ANUSA to be a part of and I think the student experience will be improved by the new system.

The new timetabling system will be ready and used by students for semester two, 2022. Note: This does not include winter courses, it starts with semester two courses.

Communication about the new timetabling system has been published for students to have a look at. Right now, the focus is on building awareness of its existence before its time for class selection.

#### 7. Upcoming projects

The Introduction to Abolition reading group is this Friday! Please come along! The specifics are detailed in the 'introduction to abolition' section of this report.

I will be creating a spreadsheet and public group/page for the mutual aid system. If you have any ideas or feedback, let me know!

#### 8. Other

I am attending Organising for Power training once a week.

On Thursday 28/04 I attended an ACTCOSS event about election priorities.

I have spent time supporting members of the ANUSA SRC with various projects and being consulted with.

#### 9. Timesheet

From SRC Three on the 27/04 to Monday Week 11 16/05, I have worked about 59.5 hours. This is an average of about 23.8 hours per working week. I have taken one day of sick leave since SRC Three.

#### **10. SRC Four Bestie Shoutout**

Shoutout to Phi for their awesome work on Clubs reforms! They did a great job and created a final document that is a big improvement and that clubs are happy with.

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#### WOMEN'S OFFICER REPORT 4

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<u>Content warning: this report will mention sexual assault and harassment, transphobia and abortion and reproductive rights in the advocacy section at the beginning.</u>

The Women's Department exists and operates on the lands of the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land and we acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded and that this always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land. Further, we acknowledge the disproportionate violence and oppression experienced by Indigenous women and gender diverse people and the immeasurable contributions of Indigenous feminists to the protection and fight for our rights.

#### 1. Advocacy

#### a. Transphobia

In recent weeks it has been brought to our attention that there have been multiple incidents of transphobic and discriminatory graffiti on campus at the ANU. We condemn transphobia in all forms and stand against bigotry and in solidarity with all trans, intersex and gender diverse students and staff.

The vandalism has been removed and is being consistently monitored. If you see anything troubling in future please do not hesitate to reach out to the Queer or Women's Departments. We are deeply concerned that any member of our community has been subject to witnessing hateful, exclusionary and distressing materials. There is no place at our university for transphobia or gendered discrimination.

As always, the Women's Department stands with and is available to support all women and gender diverse people who find our services useful. We are here for you and will do whatever we can to support the rights of all students to exist safely and free of judgement on campus.

In upcoming weeks we will be organising a working group in collaboration with the Queer Department to set up some more long-term advocacy to address and counteract transphobia on campus.

#### b. Reproductive Rights

The Women's Department stands in solidarity with all those speaking and protesting for basic reproductive rights and bodily autonomy. Any effort in any jurisdiction to undermine the bodily autonomy and judge the agency of those with uteruses to make decisions about their own bodies – must be condemned and prevented.

Systemic misogyny is manifest in the cyclical return to this debate, those who advocate for the overturning of legislation like Roe v Wade's precedent are not only anti-choice but also actively harmful to the progress of rhetoric that values and respects all women and non-binary people. Anti-choice propaganda is

oppressive and actively deprioritises the clearly vocalised needs of women and gender diverse people.

In so-called Australia we may face a similarly distressing and incensing threat to the bodily autonomy of women and non-binary people as well as the LGBTQIA+ community (and particularly for those intersectionally oppressed) of the repackaging and reintroduction of the Religious Discrimination Bill. If this type of legislation is successfully introduced and passed, we will see a country in which legal allowance can be made for medical practitioners to deny reproductive rights, abortions and contraceptives. We must keep fighting because at this point, our rights have been reduced to political fodder to be manipulated at the will of a careless patriarchal system.

As always, the Women's Department supports every person's right to choose, personal autonomy of their own bodies and right to exist safely and free of judgement on campus. We stand with survivors, pro-choice advocates, and those who have faced oppression at the hands of those who seek to limit their freedom.

#### c. Anti-SASH Campaigns

Preliminary work in organising the upcoming August 1st Action is getting started. The action will take place on/around Monday Week 2 next semester.

#### 2. Birth Control Subsidy Program

Since beginning the birth control subsidy on March 21st, we have spent approximately \$5,000 on subsidising contraception.

The program provides 50% subsidies to undergraduate students on prescriptions for oral contraceptive pills, contraceptive implants, contraceptive injections and IUD's. Students will have to show their undergraduate student ID in order to be eligible, supply will be limited to one pack per time.

#### 3. Events

The Department has been running a number of projects and events throughout Term 2. Keep an eye out for events on our Facebook page and in our Facebook groups! Thank you so much to all the committee and Department members who have gotten involved!

#### 1. Feminist Consciousness Raising

The Women's Department is hosting bi-weekly Feminist Consciousness Raising circles (Tuesdays in even weeks at 5pm).

Last week's session focused on menstrual health, women's health, ableism and medical discrimination and was held in collaboration with the DSA. It was wonderful to see a bunch of new and familiar faces and have such a productive and thoughtful discussion facilitated by Ellen Carey.

The next session will be in Week 12 with a theme that is yet undecided but will be included in the upcoming event description. All women and gender diverse students are welcome to attend.

#### 2. Bossy Launch and Stall

Bossy officially launched their 2021 Bossy Magazine - print edition, Memento Mori at an awesome event at amBUSH gallery. We are so proud of the team and so excited about the release of the magazine. Just over a hundred people attended from the community and the event included two incredible DJ's and readings of a number of the fantastic pieces in the magazine.

We also held a stall on Tuesday to sell ANU's intersectional feminist publication! The stall was held on Kambri Lawns and copies were just \$5.

#### 3. Bookclub

WD Collective member Isabella Harding has officially taken over the Women's Dept Bookclub and brought it back to life! The bookclub began with a viewing of the film Suffragettes. The next bookclub event called 'Books, Badgers and Bevs' will be held next week and the bookclub will be reading Chapter 8 of The Vindication of the Rights of Women by Mary Wollstonecraft. All collective members are welcome to attend, whether or not they have had time to read the materials. Join the bookclub facebook for me info!

#### 4. Collective Meetings

All dept members are welcome at collective meetings and they are a super fun and welcoming space to come and share thoughts and ideas! Keep an eye out for some exciting activism and planning sessions in upcoming meetings including a Digital Activism session prepared by Deputy Officer Elodie early next semester!

#### 5. Collective Dinner

Next week we will be holding an end of semester collective dinner following our collective meeting. Keep an eye out for the event which will follow our week 12 collective meeting.

#### 6. Open Mic Night

We will be holding an open mic style event with Bossy Magazine in week 12 for collective members to showcase their talents and incredible content produced through Bossy in particular. The event will be posted on our facebook soon so keep an eye out for that too!

Income	Details	Amount	Total
Sales of Bossy Launch Tickets + Magazines (Funds reserved for Bossy)	Funds reserved for Bossy	\$536	\$536
		Total Income	\$536

#### 4. Income and Expenditure

Expenditure	Details	Amount	Total
Collective Meeting & Feminist Consciousness Raising	Snacks for 26/4	\$24.60	\$24.60
Henna Night	Henna	\$30.80	\$30.80
	Snacks	\$25.27	\$25.27
Collective Meeting	Snacks for 2/5	\$14.79	\$14.79
Bossy Launch	Gifts for DJs	\$14	\$14
	Flowers	\$35.90	\$35.90
Collective Meeting	Snacks for 9/5	\$18.93	\$18.93
Feminist Consciousness Raising	Snacks for 10/5	\$24	\$24
		Total Expenditure	\$188.29

### 5. Timesheet

Since the last SRC, I have worked an approximate 50 hours. Most of these hours have been spent in meetings and on admin. A fair bit of this time has also been spent on emails and outreach.

#### 6. Slay Queen of the Month

I think (hopefully!) everyone knows what it means to slay queen but for the purpose of this report I will clarify that a slay queen need not be a queen/woman matriarch. \*Also worth acknowledging the origins of language like slay queen in AAVE and the fact that the same can be said of a tonne of gen z's colloquialisms.

This month's slay queen is Dr Hannah McGregor! Hannah is an Assistant Professor of Publishing at Simon Fraser University, on the traditional and unceded territories of the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam Nations. She has a podcast called Secret Feminist Agenda (which is now finished but has over 100 episodes to listen back to). It is such a lovely and thoughtful podcast looking at the 'insidious, nefarious, insurgent, and mundane ways we enact our feminism in our daily lives'. It is a pretty scholarly-vibes podcast but also not condescending or overly-academic and Hannah makes thinking about stuff fun - which is why she is slay queen of the month.

#### Reference J

ANU Queer Oncorn Semester 1, SRC 4 2 Remi Prica (they/them) As of the 16<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> **Queer\* Officer Report** Semester 1, SRC 4 2022

#### **SUMMARY**

- 1. Projects
- 2. Events
- 3. Timesheet

#### Project

Over the past 3 weeks many things have come up, a big one is the transphobic graffiti in chiefly bathrooms. We had it painted over but it keeps popping back up. Security and librarians are monitoring the bathrooms for when it does appear & women's and queer are getting together a collaborative working group to come up with better ways to deal with the issue and how to create a better understanding and awareness in the wider community. Something sweet is the librarians in chiefly have been seen wearing pride pins and lanyards in support of the Queer community.

#### **Events**

- We had a collaborative event with LASA, the viewing of a queer film in the Spanish film festival at palace electric.
- We've been hosting events in the queer house such as board game nights and Eurovision events.
- The organisation of queer ball has started.
- ISD x Queer event in the works for sometime near the end of this semester, looking at doing a study break picnic
- A book club run by two trans Nonbinary people has also reached out to me, so possibility of collaboration with them in the future!

#### Timesheet

Hours done since last SRC 50.5, time sheet can be provided upon request

## Reference K INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' OFFICER REPORT SRC 4, SEM 1, 2022



#### Summary

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Election
- 3. ISD advocacy work wrap-up
- 4. Upcoming projects
- 5. Income and expenditure form

#### Introduction

Hi everyone! My name is Hebe Ren (she/her) and I am the Interim ANUSA International Students' Officer, and the Interim President of the ANU International Students' Department (ISD) until this vacancy is permanently filled.

You can reach out to us via our Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/anuisd</u>), or email us directly at <u>sa.international@anu.edu.au</u>.

#### Election of international students' officer

The election of the next International Students' Officer/ President of the ISD is going to be held at the ISD's next AGM on 18 June (the date still needs to be confirmed). Nominations for the position are now open and close 19th Thursday 5pm. Any ordinary member of the ISD can run for International Students' Officer here: <u>https://forms.gle/JzXiWPZfGYcymnFj7</u>

#### ISD Advocacy Work Wrap-up

The ISD has been helping international students with advocacy issues mainly:

- a. Facilitating a former Afghan ANU student's safe evacuation to Australia since last year
- b. Following up on accommodation issue for several students
- c. International student Fair Work issues

International students who contact the Officer with individual issues will receive assistance, the president and the executive team will be in contact with them as soon as possible.

#### **Upcoming Plans:**

- Universal Lunch Hour (this Thursday, we have Halal options!)
- Collaboration with RRU: Let's talk about sex
- Collaboration with International Relations Society: International Students in the field of IR/ISS/Politics
- Collaboration with Careers: International Student Alumni: what they are doing
- Collaboration with Engagement and Success (potentially Woroni): International Student Podcast Series: Their Stories

- ISD & ANUSA x Dining Society x MESA x ANUFA x ANUISA: A Feast
- International students' return for semester 2 & potential chartered flights

### Income and expenditure form:

Opening Balance		\$ 14,227.49
Income		
ANUSA Baseline Funding		\$ 10,000.00
Unauthorised Transaction Refund		\$ 52.22
ISWE		\$ 10,775.06
Shared Funding Pool		\$ 1,740.12
Total Income		\$ 22,567.40
Expense		
Rollover Budget Return to ANUSA	\$ (6,192.98)	
International Meetups Reimbursement	\$ (212.92)	
Merch Orders	\$ (2,430.70)	
Publications Portfolio Subscription	\$ (211.77)	
International Transfer Fee	\$ (6.00)	
ISWE	\$ (13,243.51)	
O-week Mixer	\$ (539.98)	
Boardgame night	\$ (107.30)	
OGM	\$ (88.65)	
Mehendi Night	\$ (74.48)	
Total Expense	\$ (23,108.29)	
Closing Balance		\$ 13,686.60

#### Reference L



## Disabilities Officer Report SRC 4, Semester 1, 2022

Saffron Bannister (Disabilities Officer)

Anu Disabilities Student Association

Prepared 14/05/2022

## Contents

- 1. Executive Summary
- 2. Advocacy & Campaigning
- 3. Media & Community
- 4. Administration

### 1. Executive Summary

The DSA's social campaign for increased engagement has shown success, with the last meeting having the biggest turnout of the whole year! Casual coffees, study catchups, and crafternoons which we have run have all been successful. We have also engaged with student media. In addition, the Officer has attended meetings and talked with various parties on issues which affect members of the collective, as well as engaged in individual advocacy on behalf of students.

## 2. Advocacy & Campaigning

### Issue based Advocacy & Student Support

Students who contact the Officer with individual issues of ableism and discrimination can receive assistance. I have been in contact with various parties, including conveners, A&I, and other university staff members, and in order to address the individual concerns of students. The details of these interactions will remain unspecified for reasons of confidentiality.

If you ever have an issue like that, please don't hesitate to contact me at sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au, or any other means through which you are comfortable seeking contact.

### Ableism Report Progress

The ableism report is still in the information gathering stage. If you are interested in joining the working group, please contact the Officer at sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au, or the committee at anudsa.community@gmail.com.

We are collecting data on incidences of ableism experienced by ANU students, so we would highly encourage anyone who has experienced ableism in any form during their time at ANU to fill out this survey if you feel comfortable doing so. This can include anything from comments made by fellow students or staff members, physical accessibility issues, online accessibility issues from professors or courses and much more. If you're unsure that what you experienced is ableism, please fill out the survey anyway! All reports are completely anonymous.

#### https://forms.gle/JvPwhomyJ8p9ATn5A

If you want to talk about your experience in more detail, the DSA will also be conducting very informal interviews with students who feel comfortable doing so. Please fill out this expression of interest form if this sounds like something you would be comfortable participating in!

https://forms.gle/yyp9yp1VXf3N1dAN6

### 3. Media & Community

#### Social Strategy Update

Running events in order to increase student engagement has been successful so far. We hope that future events will get even more engagement.

#### Spoon week planning!

More planning has taken place for Spoon Week (which will be in week 8 of semester 2), including talking to potential panellists and event brainstorming. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact me at sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au.

#### The Spoons Space

If you want Spoons Space access and do not yet have it, please fill in the form here: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSer0wMrnhQwxmAnbjZHp6wzjK8XOeEpDVmvVHRV0iClLy</u> <u>N5hw/viewform</u>

### 4. Administration

#### **Office Hours!**

The current office hours are 1 - 5pm on Fridays. During this time, if you want to chat with the Officer in person, you can head to the Spoons Space. I am also available on Zoom at request.

#### **Election Process**

The collective unanimously passed the improved election process which was passed at the AGM on 11/05. Minutes for this meeting are available on request.

#### Financial

We have spent money on various events over the past two weeks. One of the bank cards was hacked by an unknown party and made a fraudulent purchase. That bank card has been cancelled and the transaction reversed.

Spent from bank account

Casual Coffee	\$18.70
ADHD Community Events	\$25.50
Food (meetings)	\$32.85

Owing

Casual Coffee	\$42.20

Total of spent and owing: \$152.15

## Timesheet

During the period between this SRC 3 and SRC 4, the Officer worked 38.05 hours. Most of this time was spent in meetings. A full breakdown of time spent is available on request.

Reference M

### **Environment Collective Officer Report – SRC 4**

#### Freya Brown

Content warning: this report mentions racism under section 3a

#### Summary

- 1. Meetings
- 2. Campaigns
- 3. Collaborations
- 4. Upcoming events
- 5. Elections and stipend allocation
- 6. Expenditure
- 7. Timesheet

#### 1. Meetings

We have had one collective meeting since the last SRC. We discussed and voted to make meeting time increase to two hours, to allow more time for political discussion. We will continue to meet fortnightly, on Tuesday evenings of even-numbered weeks.

#### 2. Campaigns

a. Fossil Free

The Fossil Free working group is going well. We are meeting weekly and developing a campaign timeline, broken into three phases. We met with the EMP project officer, which helped understanding where the Fossil Free demands would fit within the EMP. We are working on meeting with Below Zero to incorporate FF demands into the BZ plan. We have identified a lack of student awareness about the campaign, so have made social media content explaining the campaign and written content for the ANUSA website and student newsletters. We are organizing collaboration with SUN, more on this in section 3b.

#### 3. Collaborations

#### a. HUE training

We discussed the potential for the EC doing three HUE anti-racist training workshops. After communicating with HUE, this is estimated to cost \$6,300 so is subject to approval by the collective to change the budget. Unfortunately, there was some pushback from some EC members which prompted discussion about the usefulness of the training. I am working to ensure this training does get collective approval so it can go ahead. The pushback indicated it is most definitely needed.

#### b. <u>'Students Say NO to Scarborough'</u>

The Sustainable Uni Network (SUN) has organized an open letter and petition for the campaign 'Students Say NO to Scarborough'. We are organising to meet with SUN organisers to collaborate on Fossil Free. In the ANU's last release of investments in 2016, \$4,415,777 was invested into Woodside Petroleum Limited. We signed the open letter collective and encourage students to sign the petition:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSel3puLwQMWyT5dkihKmRTKVPH74Qbt N7HvsY-ijyn24IU6Nw/viewform

c. Other collaborations

The EC is also in communication with the Tomorrow Movement and Landcare ACT about future possibilities for collaboration.

- 4. Upcoming events
  - a. <u>PARSA presents: Canberra Candidates Climate Forum:</u> 5pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Robertson Lecture Theatre
  - b. <u>Collective meeting:</u> 6-8pm Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at ANUSA Boardroom/Zoom
  - c. <u>Tour de Carmichael:</u> Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, at the Adani coalmine
  - d. <u>Blockade Australia:</u> Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, in Sydney CBD
  - e. Op shop ball: CANCELLED

i. After some discussion, we have decided to cancel the op shop ball. This is mainly due a lack of interest/capacity to organize it. We also decided it was very resource, time, and energy intensive for a low impact. We are discussing where to reallocate its budget line.

#### 5. Elections and stipend allocation

The election for the two casual vacancies was held in the week 10 collective meeting. Rex Michelson was voted as General Secretary co-convener and Abhijeet Swami was voted as Outreach co-convener. Both Rex and Abhijeet were approved as new trustees on the bank card, and Elise was approved to be removed. The exec team redrafted the stipend allocation to reflect these changes, which was approved by the collective.

NEW STIPEND													
Name	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
Elise	438	438	339	339	NA	1554							
Freya	339	339	438	438	589	661	661	661	661	661	661	661	6770
Satara	116	116	116	116	268	116	116	116	116	116	116	116	1544
Mai	116	116	116	116	NA	464							
Angel	116	116	116	116	268	116	116	116	116	116	116	116	1544
Abhijeet	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	116	116	116	116	116	116	116	812
Rex	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	116	116	116	116	116	116	116	812
Total Stipend													13500
Honoraria													1500

#### 6. Income and expenditure report

For the period 26/04/2022 to 15/05/2022:

Income
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Interest income	1.85
Total income	1.85
Expenses	
Bank fees	3.00
Exec planning day lunch	78.00
Fossil Free meeting snacks	17.00
Total expense	98.00

#### 7. <u>Timesheet</u>

From April 26 to May 15, I have worked 47.5 hours. Most of this time has been spent on meetings, administration, Fossil Free and other campaign planning. For a more detailed breakdown of these hours, please email sa.environment@anu.edu.au

Reference N



## ANU BIPOC<sup>[1]</sup> DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPORT

#### **CHANEL NGUYEN**

Student Representative Council 4 18 May 22

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#### **COMPLETED PROJECTS**

#### **BIPOC Y2K Night:**

The BIPOC Department hosted a successful autonomous social event at Sideway on the 15th of May. I want to congratulate all of my executive members as well as volunteers who have been working so hard into making sure this event was a big success. I am glad that we are able to host events and make a safe, social environment for all BIPOC students. Some of the decorations for the event will be reused in the gallery exhibition for our 'Safe Scenes' project in Semester 2.

#### Fighting Bigotry and Racism: Leading Change in Social Sciences

The BIPOC Department will continue to do a series of academic panels in residential halls to facilitate a non-autonomous event for discussions about race and racism on campus. The first event on the 4th of May had a successful turn out and we will be taking student feedback into consideration when planning for the next panel event.

#### Autonomous Alternatives:

Autonomous Alternatives was first launched last year as many members of the BIPOC community, particularly those living on campus do not participate in going out or drinking for cultural and religious reasons, many BIPOC students stay in on a Thursday. Our Department hosted an autonomous event in Week 7 and 10, doing arts and crafts activities.

#### Collective Meetings:

Our department has had really interesting discussions with collective members via our weekly autonomous meetings. We have had very passionate students with activist backgrounds who have presented really good ideas for what campaigns or events to hold later in the year.

#### PROJECTS UNDERWAY

#### RACISM REPORT:

The BIPOC Department Racism Report released last year was an incredibly impactful report that provided an insight into racism on campus and how the ANU can do better to support BIPOC students. Our department is committed to ensuring the safety and inclusion of all Bla(c)k, Indigenous and People of Colour students and will be following up on incidents to create a second Racism Report.

#### **BIPOC BALL:**

The BIPOC Department will be hosting a BIPOC Ball in Semester 2. More details about this event will be released shortly.

#### **BIPOC OPEN MIC:**

The BIPOC Department is planning to host an Open Mic event for Second Semester and will be encouraging all students to participate in performing dance, comedy, music as well as any other forms of entertainment for this event.

#### BIPOC Safe Space Campaign:

The ANU BIPOC Department will continue the initiative to have a physical, autonomous space on campus for all BIPOC identifying students. Prioritising an autonomous space for marginalised students is completely possible, as we have seen with other ANUSA-affiliated Departments such as the Women's Department and Queer Department. The space is intended to be used for collective meetings, organising, studying and to allow community discussions in a comfortable, safe setting.

#### BIPOC Advocacy Campaign: 'Safe Scenes'

This year, as a part of our anti-racism campaign to consolidate our own BIPOC Safe Space, the BIPOC Dept at ANU is hosting an exhibition in second semester to showcase artworks, films, music, and any other creative productions made by BIPOC identifying students at ANU. The theme for this year's campaign and exhibition is: SAFE SCENES. The launch will be hosted at Ainslie and Gorman Art Centre in Braddon.

#### FINANCE REPORT: INCOME & EXPENDITURE

#### Expenses: 23 APR – 12 MAY

#### INCOME

Purpose	Amount

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#### EXPENDITURE

-\$ 64.06
¢ 10.00
-\$ 19.90
-\$ 23.25
-\$ 66.10
-\$ 175
-\$ 75.50
-\$ 79.50

#### **TIMESHEET**

Since last SRC, I have worked 30.5 hours. For a more detailed breakdown of my hours free to email me at sa.bipoc@anu.edu.au.

 $\ensuremath{^{[1]}}\xspace{BIPOC}$  is an abbreviation for Bla(c)k, Indigenous, People of Colour

#### Reference O

#### Honoraria Report Sem 1 2022

#### 17/05/2022

Committee: Jaya Ryan (Treasurer), Christian Flynn (President), Freya Brown (Environment Officer), Katrina Ha (General Representative), Nathanael Kwon (College of Asia and the Pacific Representative), & Tom Graham (former Clubs Council Executive Member).

Name	Position	Contribution	Amount
Luke Harrison	General Representative, Deputy Education Officer	Going above and beyond in contributions to the Ethical Sponsorships Committee and being actively engaged and committed as a Deputy Education Officer far beyond the expectations of the role, among other contributions.	\$350.00
Oscar Pearce	General Representative	Going above and beyond in contributions to the Ethical Sponsorships Committee.	\$150.00
Ben Naiju	General Representative	Going above and beyond in contributions to the Ethical Sponsorships Committee.	\$150.00
Ben Harms	General Representative	Going above and beyond in contributions to the Governance and Election Reform Working group, minuting meetings, and producing ANUSA meeting summaries.	\$240.00
Azraa Hussein	General Representative	Going above and beyond in contributions to the Governance and Election Reform Working group and in minuting meetings.	\$180.00
Nikhil Clementi	CAP Representative	Going above and beyond in the organisation of a CAP Language Expo and CAP community building.	\$140.00
Nathanael Kwon	CAP Representative	Going above and beyond in the organisation of a CAP Language Expo and CAP community building.	\$140.00
Phoebe Denham	CECS Representative	Going above and beyond by developing policy for the Academic Quality Assurance Committee, minuting meetings, and volunteering extensively during O-Week.	\$270.00
Shriya Vaka	JCOS Representative, 2021 Bush Week Coordinator	Going above and beyond in fostering community within JCOS, volunteering extensively during O-Week, and by being a very competent and enthusiastic coordinator for Bush Week 2021.	\$300.00
Charlotte Carnes	CASS Representative	Going above and beyond by developing policy for the Academic Quality Assurance Committee, contributing extensively to ANUSA's CASS course cuts campaign, and being actively engaged and committed as a College Representative far beyond the expectations of the role.	\$350.00
Rania Teguh	CBE Representative	Going above and beyond in their role by	\$50.00

		running events to engage remote students.	
Gabriel Luca- Morrison	Deputy Education Officer	Going above and beyond their role by being actively engaged and committed as a Deputy Education Officer far beyond the expectations of the role.	\$120.00
Perpetual Nkatiaa Boadu	Deputy Education Officer	Going above and beyond their role by being actively engaged and committed as a Deputy Education Officer far beyond the expectations of the role.	\$160.00
Kelsie Suter	2021 Bush Week Coordinator	Going above and beyond their role by being a very competent and enthusiastic coordinator for Bush Week 2021.	\$100.00
Sebastian Tierney	2021 Bush Week Coordinator	Going above and beyond their role by being a very competent and enthusiastic coordinator for Bush Week 2021.	\$100.00
Shadreck Nyamukuvhengu	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by repairing and testing ANUSA's previously non- functional DJ decks.	\$120.00
Jacky Yuen	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by regularly volunteering for Student Bites and in the distribution of other supplies to students.	\$120.00
Alex Moscato	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by playing an integral role in the painting and creation of the ANUSA mural in the foyer.	\$50.00
Kit Wartho	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by volunteering for every Student Bites this semester.	\$120.00
Weifeng Tao	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by volunteering for every Student Bites this semester and by enthusiastically training and recruiting new volunteers without which Student Bites would not have been possible.	\$140.00
Sophie Holloway	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by volunteering for every Student Bites this semester.	\$120.00
Sofya Golubeva	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by volunteering for every Student Bites this semester.	\$120.00
Anqi Wei	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by regularly volunteering for Student Bites.	\$80.00
Chen Huan Liu	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by regularly volunteering for Student Bites.	\$80.00
		Total:	\$3750.00

#### Note from the Committee:

As noted in the financial regulations, these are tokenistic monetary amounts, not reflections of hours worked and volunteered. The total pool for this year is \$7,500, of which half, \$3,750, was allocated this semester. The committee could only make judgements and allocate honoraria to individuals who were nominated during the honoraria nomination period.

Candidates were only eligible to be allocated honoraria when they did not receive another form of payment from ANUSA this financial year. This includes department stipends and honoraria. It should be noted that many talented candidates this semester could not be allocated honoraria due to already receiving another form of payment from ANUSA.

Any members of the honoraria committee who were nominated did not take part in the discussion/decision to allocate honoraria to themselves, or the amount that was to be allocated.

Appendix P

#### **POLICY: Procurement**

#### Purposes

- 1. The purpose of this policy is:
  - a. to ensure that all purchases of the association are made in an accountable manner and appropriately authorised manner.
  - b. to ensure that ethical behaviours such as honesty, integrity, diligence, fairness, trust, respect and consistency are adhered to. This protects the integrity of each procurement process being undertaken by the association, promotes members' confidence and manages potential risks, perceived or otherwise, to the association.

#### Principles

- 2. Association purchasing activities shall seek value for money.
  - a. Association purchasing shall be conducted in a manner that encourages competition amongst suppliers, generating opportunities to achieve the best outcome for the student body.
  - b. Association funds must be used solely for the purposes of the association in an efficient, effective and ethical manner.
  - c. Association purchasing activities shall be undertaken in accordance with the principles of accountability and transparency.
  - d. Association procurement shall be conducted in accordance with the principles outlined in the below procedure, with particular attention paid to the requirements associated with various procurement thresholds.
  - e. For the avoidance of doubt, employment decisions are not subject to this policy.
  - f. Procurements should provide long-term value to the Association wherever possible.
    - i. This section applies exclusively to procurements on behalf of the Association as a whole, and not procurements on behalf of departments, committees, or other sub-units of the Association.
    - Merchandise purchasers should procure designs that will not rapidly date wherever possible. All merchandise purchases made on behalf of ANUSA must promote the Association and items should be identifiable as being produced by ANUSA, unless doing so would defeat the purpose of the procurement.

#### **Procurement Thresholds**

- 3. All procurements must be conducted according to the requirements in the threshold table appended to this policy.
- 4. Association procurement requirements are dependent on the value of the goods and services being sought.
  - a. Thresholds apply to the value of individual goods and services, not to the value of single transactions. A contract shall be treated as a procurement at the threshold of the total cost over its full term.
  - b. A procurement must not be divided or split into separate parts to avoid a procurement threshold.
- 5. All thresholds in this policy are subject to the Purchases Policy
- 6. A purchaser may conduct a procurement according to the requirements of a higher value procurement threshold.
- 7. A procurement exercise is valid for the term of the contract (including extensions entered into in contract variations).

a. Any further procurement undertaken following expiration of a term of a contract must be conducted with reference to the Procurement Policy.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

- 8. Procurements must be done with a view towards minimising conflicts of interest.
  - a. Staff, representatives and volunteers involved in association purchasing activities must disclose any actual or perceived conflict of interest arising from the purchasing activity.
  - b. Particular caution should be exercised if the Association is considering purchasing goods and/or services from suppliers who:
    - i. are current employees or office bearers of the association;
    - ii. are past employees or office bearers of the association;
    - iii. have a personal relationship with any of the employees, volunteers or representatives involved in the procurement process.
  - c. Where an actual or perceived conflict of interest has been identified, such a conflict shall be actively managed by the board or involvement prohibited.
  - d. The Association and its staff, representatives and volunteers must not seek to benefit from supplier practices that may be dishonest, unethical or unsafe.
  - e. Staff, representatives and volunteers must avoid all situations that could give rise to a conflict of interest, either real or perceived.

#### **Ethical procurement**

- 9. Procurement activities should be done in line with the ethics that the student body expects of its student union.
  - a. Procurement activities should encourage positive environmental outcomes through the promotion of environmental standards, energy efficiency, re-use, recycling, disposal practices and natural resource conservation.

<u>Threshold</u>	Requirement 1	Requirement 2	Requirement 3	Requirement 4
<\$2000	view to value for money			
\$2000 – 4999				
\$5000 – 100,000			The procurement must be approved by a decision of the Executive.	The Executive must consider competitor quotes or other evidence to satisfy themselves that the procurement is the best value option available.
>\$100,000	Treasurer beforehand.		The procurement must be approved by the SRC.	The SRC must consider competitor quotes or other evidence to satisfy themselves that the procurement is the best value option available.
Notes:		Requirements in this column may be waived or reduced by a decision of the Executive, recorded in the minutes of the next executive meeting if taken outside a meeting. The executive may only waive or reduce these requirements in compliance would be unreasonably difficult or would be commercially unviable.	column for decisions by the SRC or Executive may be fulfilled by votes conducted over email or other non-synchronous means. Meeting notice requirements do not	

#### Appendix 1: Threshold Table

## The Australian National University Student Partnership Agreement 2022

### Introduction

The Australian National University Academic Board ('the Board'), the ANU Students' Association ('ANUSA') and the Postgraduate & Research Students' Association ('PARSA') wish to create a longstanding agreement ('the Partnership') that sets out the fundamentals of a relationship built on mutual respect and a genuine commitment to good faith engagement. This agreement sets out the details of the relationship between these bodies, details the mechanisms by which annual priorities are constructed, and commits to a series of key values that underpin the relationship between the Board, ANUSA, and PARSA.

This agreement does not replace other strategic documents concerning student engagement. Rather, it has been developed to promote an understanding between students, staff, and the Board about agreed enhancement-focused goals that are important to all individuals who are part of the ANU. We believe that this Student Partnership Agreement represents a commitment on the part of the Board to engage with the student body consistently and meaningfully, as well as foster a community in which all members have rights and responsibilities. This Student Partnership Agreement is designed to promote the engagement of students during their period of study at the ANU and encourage feedback on their experience whenever possible.

## **Key Values**

The following values form the basis for the grounds upon which the signatories commit to interacting with each other during this partnership.

#### Mutual respect for independence, academic freedom, and freedom of expression

The signed parties of this document recognise the critical role that each entity's independence plays in ensuring the highest quality of academic policy and governance at the ANU. The ability to act independently ensures that honest communication, discussion, and the expression of thoughts, concerns, and ideas are not easily jeopardised. Relatedly, academic freedom and freedom of expression play key roles in our democratic societies. If our universities, to safeguard the future of our democracy in this nation, are to reflect the society we wish to contribute to, then the safeguarding of said academic independence, freedom, and freedom of expression is critical to the formulation of any terms of partnership. The Board, ANUSA, and PARSA all understand and share a commitment to safeguarding these key principles.

These values also align with the ANU's Strategic Plan to contribute to the fundamental structures upon which democratic society in Australia rests upon. ANU's desire to see national prosperity and democratic participation augmented by the activities of the ANU necessarily lends itself to creating democratised, participatory structures within the university.

#### The nature of partnership

The terms 'partner' and 'partnership' are used in a broad sense to indicate the continuing commitment to good faith engagement that all parties show one another. It is critical that partnerships are based on fundamentals of mutual respect for one another's viewpoints and autonomy. Consensus will not always result, but an agreement to meet, to discuss, to hear one another out is critical to the success of

any such partnership. Partnership means involving students from issue identification through to implementing solutions. Partnership means engaging students in meaningful and accessible ways.

A successful partnership includes some of the following key principles:

- Openness and honesty in communication;
- $\cdot$   $\,$  An understanding of the importance and value of maintaining organisational autonomy;
- · Effort made to reach shared goals and values where possible; and
- · Respect for the need to listen to our respective general memberships.

It is not based on the legal conception of equal responsibility and liability. Rather, a partnership recognises that all members in the partnership have legitimate, though sometimes different, perceptions and experiences. By working together to a common agreed purpose, steps can be taken that lead to enhancement in a way that works for all concerned.

#### Diversity within our communities

The Board, ANUSA, and PARSA are proud of the contributions we each make to building a more diverse and inclusive ANU community continuously. This Partnership builds on our commitment to fostering a culture of inclusivity and respect for everyone where staff and students work in partnership based on mutual respect. Our student body and its relationship with academic and professional staff is central to this purpose and vision. The Board, ANUSA, and PARSA value the diversity of our student population and work to make sure everyone feels supported and a part of the ANU community.

As part of this remains a commitment from all parties to ensure that we amplify the voices of those whose lived experience is most central to the conversations within which we partake and initiate.

### Part A – the Continuing Commitment to Partnership

#### **Creating oversight of the Partnership**

The Partnership requires the signed parties to form and maintain representation upon a Student Partnership Agreement Oversight Group ('SPA Oversight Group). This Committee will meet at least four times per calendar year, and includes the Chair of Academic Board, the ANUSA President, and the PARSA President, and any other such individual as all parties agree upon. The SPA Oversight Group shall have the responsibility of reviewing the terms of the Partnership from year-to-year, as well as providing a forward plan for what will be the focus of the signed parties efforts in realising the Partnership in any given year. Specifically, the Oversight Group should consider key areas of the university's policies and practices in need of review and reform and ensure that an Academic Board Working Group is established and appropriately resourced to complete that review and reform. As such, the SPA Oversight Group will have purview to assess and manage the following parts of the Partnership:

- · Assisting and providing information for reporting on the SPA to the Academic Board;
- Managing a Joint TLDC;
- Overseeing the functioning of any working groups established in response to the Partnership, and addressing relevant concerns; and
- · Identifying future annual priorities for the Partnership to address and arranging the necessary features of fulfilling that annual priority.

#### Selecting the Partnership's Annual Priority

Each year of operation of the Partnership will see a minimum of one designated area agreed upon for consideration and review – this shall be known as the Partnership's 'Annual Priority.' Further areas of priority may be agreed upon on an ad hoc basis where needs arise. Annual and ad hoc priorities shall be nominated by consensus by the SPA Oversight Group after consultation.

#### Maintaining the student voice through formal student representation

The Board is committed to involving students in decision-making processes and ensuring that students have the best possible experience during their period of study. All students are automatically members of either ANUSA or PARSA and are members of the ANU. ANUSA and PARSA primarily exist to advocate for students across the ANU by representing their rights, needs and opinions. The ANU, ANUSA, and PARSA work closely together to ensure that students are represented on all relevant University committees and are supported and trained to fulfil their roles.

The Board, in recognition of the value that including student voices in the conversation holds, hereby commits to:

- Ensuring that students are consulted upon changes that affect them as key stakeholders;
- Maintaining the involvement of students in decision-making spaces, such as committees and working groups in the Academic Committee structure;
- · Maintaining the involvement of students on the ANU Appeals Panel;
- · Maintaining the involvement of students on Academic College Committees;
- · Maintaining the involvement of students in their capacities as Class Representatives;
- Where major changes to student academic and other experience are being brought through Academic Board, that there be open student consultation available for every ANU student.

#### Running a Joint TLDC

The Teaching and Learning Development Committee shall hold one meeting annually constituted of TLDC members and additional ANUSA and PARSA representatives. The purpose of this meeting is to provide long-term strategic leadership and planning to the relationship between students and the university and to provide an annual opportunity to recall the vital role that the student voice plays in university decision-making. The agenda for the Joint TLDC shall be determined in partnership between the chair of TLDC and the ANUSA and the PARSA representatives on TLDC.

#### Managing emergency situations without compromising the Partnership

The context from which the Partnership arises emphasises the need for the ANU to maintain a dynamic and highly responsive approach to emerging challenges. Events such as the 2020 hailstorm, bushfires, floods, and the COVID-19 pandemic paint a clear picture that the Board, ANUSA, and PARSA need to be able to manage issues as they arise together.

As such, should incidents arise with a scale as noted in some of the above examples, the SPA Oversight Group shall have the power to create another annual priority at any such point.

The signed parties recall that the need for partnership and good-faith, effective communication is greater in a crisis than in routine times. The Board recognises the unique and significant role that the Associations have in securing positive outcomes for students in trying times.

### Part B - Accountability within the Partnership

#### Reporting on progress on matters arising from the Partnership

To ensure that the Partnership is successfully promulgated, the Chair of Academic Board, or any individual as delegated by the Chair of Academic Board, will make regular updates to the Academic

Board on the progress of the Student Partnership Agreement. These will occur no less than twice a year but may occur more often. As part of this requirement, there should be reports made to the Academic Board about any new iterations of the Partnership. There should also be an annual report presented to the Academic Board on the progress of the Partnership towards the conclusion of the Partnership.

The Academic Board will ensure that clear reference to progress made under the Agreement is conducted in all relevant public statements and reports.

#### **Publication of agreement**

All signatories to this agreement commit to ensuring that this agreement is clearly published, and easily found, on our respective websites. As a commitment between representatives of staff and students, all members of the ANU community have a right to view this agreement. Similarly, the signatories should create a mechanism by which members of our community can reach out to us and provide feedback on the terms of the agreement. This should occur with the provision of a point of contact at each relevant organisation that is published alongside the Partnership. For the Board, this will be the Chair of the Academic Board, or any individual as delegated by the Chair of the Academic Board. For ANUSA or PARSA, this shall be the respective presidents or other delegated individual.

#### Providing the resources necessary to engage with the Partnership meaningfully

The signed parties recognise that the Partnership may require a reasonable amount of work to ensure that a relevant working group or similar mechanism has the resources necessary to function effectively. The parties also recognise that the resources of the Board and the ANU far exceed those of ANUSA and PARSA.

In return, ANUSA and PARSA will provide at least one representative each with a thorough understanding of the reforms desired within the Annual Priority. These representatives will endeavour to engage deeply with the work being conducted under the purview of the Annual Priority.

## Part C – the Current Commitment to Partnership

For 2022, the agreed upon area shall be to initiate a review and potential reform of **Education Access Plans** and the processes by which they are managed and overseen. As such, the signed parties agree that reviewing and undertaking any necessary reforms to the program of Education Access Plans available at the ANU shall be the **Agreement's 2022 Annual Priority.** 

As such, the SPA Oversight Group will request the Academic Board establish a working group within the Academic Board structure that reports to Academic Board or one of its subsidiary committees. This working group shall be chaired by the Academic Board Chair or other delegated individual, ideally a member of the ANU executive such as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) or the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education & Digital). This working group shall meet no less than four times before AB 7 to discuss reforms in the Annual Priority.

Ahead of the first working group meeting, the Chair of Academic Board, or delegated authority, shall provide the Terms of Reference for the working group for approval by the SPA Oversight Group.

### Part D – Reviewing the Terms of Partnership

The Board, ANUSA and PARSA are committed to the continual development of the Student Partnership Agreement which will be reviewed jointly on an annual basis.

The process of review and renewal shall occur with the following benchmarks to assist in ensuring this timeline is maintained for the 2022 Student Partnership Agreement:

- For initial consultation: AB 2/2022
- For approval: AB 3/2022
- For implementation of any working group: AB 4/2022
- For delivery of the annual report of the Partnership: AB 7/2022
- For renewal of the Partnership: AB 1/2023

The Student Partnership Agreement shall expire at AB 1/2023 unless otherwise renewed.

Professor Joan Leach Chair, Academic Board

Christian Flynn President, ANUSA

Delephene Fraser Vice President, PARSA

Professor Brian Schmidt Vice Chancellor, ANU

## MICHAEL MATHESON-DENG,

- Dog shelter: have a small team working with me // website, socials are up // in talks with legal team + Australia Charities & Not-for-profits Commission // also looking to collaborate with other grass roots shelters & RSPCA
- Science society: liaison with Phoenix & Shriya (jcos rep) involving one of the science societies
   // representing the interests of students enrolled in that particular society, details available on
   request

## BEN HARMS,

- Perfect attendance at all meetings this year, including the SGM for the Too Little, Too Late campaign (which was amazing!).
- I have taken minutes for more than half of our meetings, which is a challenging but fun job! It has been great writing minutes with Phoebe and Azraa to manage what can sometimes be a bit of a hectic task.
- I have tried to be as actively involved in meetings as I can, often asking questions of clarification and challenging the predominant views of the SRC. I have also proposed amendments on multiple occasions. I feel it is important in my role as Gen Rep to question some of the content of motions and to speak up when I think they could be improved, even if it means disagreement with other SRC members. I think it is important for the SRC to be able to have respectful debates and disagree on things like wordings, knowing that everyone elected does want the best for students and not turning debates into arguments.
- I have written meeting summaries that have been posted to Instagram and Facebook for every SRC meeting so far – thanks to Kate the ANUSA Communications Officer for making and posting the graphics! I hope they are a useful and accessible tool for students to see what their representatives are up to and to break down some of the barriers to understanding what actually goes on in ANUSA meetings.
- I am a member of the Governance and Election Reform Working Group. The Group has discussed some very worthy and important reforms and I look forward to continuing to be a part of these changes throughout the rest of my term!
- I was a moderator for the New @ ANU 2022 Facebook group!
- Of course, the Night Café is still a work in progress so the Open Mic Nights I had envisioned for the space have been yet to go ahead, but I have had one meeting with Phoenix and a student to discuss the support ANUSA could provide for regular open mic comedy nights on campus which could be potentially going ahead. I am also soon to join the new Night Café Working Group!
- I volunteered during O-Week on Market Day on the ANUSA Stall and helping out in other roles throughout the day. O-Week was amazing!

# SAMUEL MACRAE

HEY EVERYONE, STILL SO GRATEFUL TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED ME DURING AND SINCE THE ELECTIONS LAST YEAR. SO HAPPY TO BE A GEN REP ON ANUSA THIS YEAR! THIS IS SOME OF THE NOTABLE THINGS I WANT TO MENTION IN MY REPORT, SOME RELATING TO THE WORK I'VE PUT MYSELF TOWARDS AND SOME POINTS ON ANUSA OVERALL:

- I volunteered during the ANUSA O-Week market day, switching between contributing towards the COVID-safety of the event, including counting entrants and leavers at the gates.
- I have joined the working group on the ANUSA night cafe, which itself is progressing
- I have tried to speak in every SRC meetings including amendments
- I have attended all the SRC meetings from SRC zero, and the OGM and SGM. The too little too late meeting was a great event and was a special highlight of my time on ANUSA and being apart of the ANUSA srcx, seeing the great work the exec and the ANUSA departments do.
- I can also add that the other SRC members have been so delightful to meet and I look forward to seeing what other projects I can contribute towards over the rest of this year.

## KATRINA HA (SHE/HER),

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#### Intro

My policies that I came up with during the last year's election were mainly about advocating for international students. Because the borders were closed during the last year, my policies targeted both remote and on-campus international students, however, since the borders are almost open as of now, I focused on international students' transition from remote to on-campus. As I'm also the executive member of International Students' Department, it was quite hard to separate ANUSA Gen Rep role from ISD role, but still I tried hard to support and advocate international students' transition regardless of my roles.

#### Supporting international students' transition to on-campus

#### Collaborating with ANU Engagement and Success

#### N-Week: International Student Drop-ins

Many international students arrived in Canberra especially early this year as the borders opened in December for international students. Therefore, ANU Engagement and Success prepared regular drop-in sessions for international students, and I attended as ISD executive and ANUSA Gen Rep.

#### **Returning International Students Induction**

CBE Rep Isha and I attended returning international students induction by ANU Engagement and Success as speakers in O-week. This session was aimed at international students who are not in their first year but have never been on-campus. I could advise returning international students not only as a student representative but also as an experienced international student who has been on-campus before.

#### Assistance in arriving in Australia/post arrival

I arrived in Australia after two years on the very first day of border opening for international students and I could get used to the process of arriving in Australia. Therefore, I made a few posts on New @ ANU FB group and international students FB group so that international students who are trying to come to

Australia in December and January can arrive in Australia more easily. Also, I got many questions regarding these posts and just general information about arriving in Australia, so I tried my best to answer those questions or direct them to proper sites/information.

In addition to this, I supported early arriving international students regarding their accommodations at ANU as international students were experiencing difficulties getting an offer from ANU accommodation.

With the other Gen Rep Hebe, I provided information about vaccines and getting a booster in Australia.

#### Ongoing project to organise off campus international students' group chat

In accordance with my policy of making a virtual space for international students, Pranavi, the social director of ISD and I are currently discussing making a virtual space for off-campus international students. Whilst oncampus international students have a lot of opportunities for networking and socialising within their residential halls, off-campus international students in fact do not have a proper channel to communicate and socialise. Therefore, Pranavi and I are working on this and hopefully it can happen before semester 2.

#### **General Involvement in ANUSA**

#### Meetings

I have attended most SRCs, OGM and the AGM in semester1. There were only two meetings (SRC 3 and the SGM) that I couldn't attend, for which I sent apologies to Ben.

#### **Representation Working Group**

I'm ANUSA representative sitting on the Representation Working Group (RWG). Unfortunately, the two meetings scheduled for this semester were cancelled and replaced with written updates. However, as the contents are quite much related to international students, I have been actively following the written updates and I'm looking forward to participating in the next meeting in June.

#### New @ ANU 2022 FB Group Moderator

I acted as a moderator for New @ ANU 2022 FB group, and it was not that hard job for me. I was actively accepting or declining member requests and posts.

#### O-week Volunteering

I volunteered at many ANUSA O-week in February. The most important ones for me were especially Market Day when I scanned tickets for attendees and the DIY Bubble Tea event.

#### Sem1 Honoraria Committee

I have been involved in Semester 1 Honoraria Committee and assisted Jaya in making decisions regarding ANUSA honoraria allocation.

#### Upcoming plans for the semester 2

#### Improving ANUSA interpreter service

One of my policies during the election was improving and promoting ANUSA interpreter service. A lot of international students do not know of the existence of this service, so I'll work for it to improve and promote it during semester 2.

#### Multicultural events in collaboration with culture clubs & ISD

I'm discussing with Pranavi (ISD Social) about having multicultural events in collaboration with culture clubs for not only international students but also for domestic students. This will be an opportunity to experience multicultures and share values.

## **BEN NAIJU**

What I have been involved in:

All SRC Meetings and SGM

Ethical Sponsorships Committee - meetings over summer holidays in preparation for Orientation week and in the weeks that followed Helped out on Market Day

#### LUKE HARRISON,

- <u>ETHICAL SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE</u>: SPENT THE BULK OF MY TIME OVER THE SUMMER BREAK WORKING IN THE ETHICAL SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE. WE MET ONLINE SEVERAL TIMES TO DISCUSS SPONSORS BEFORE O-WEEK AND HAVE MET SOME TIMES IN THE MONTHS AFTER.
- <u>Student Safe Protest Guide</u>: Also, spent time working on the Student Safe Protest Guide with Beatrice Tucker and Elise Chua. My section is about mental and physical safety at protests.
- <u>Education Committee</u>: I have spent a majority of my time as part of the Education Committee. In O-Week, I helped run a banner making event with another deputy education officer and other ANUSA members, and was at the EdCom stall with NUS Education Officer on Market Day. Since then, been having weekly meetings, been doing training, and organising and planning campaigns.

## OSCAR PEARCE

Hey all,

I feel very lucky to be one of your gen reps this year! See a brief summary of what I've been up to below, but feel free to reach out to me for further details :)

#### **Ethical Sponsorships Committee**

- A great introduction to the workings of ANUSA, my time on the Committee has been productive
- We have made efficient decisions on sponsors ahead of O-Week and now Bush Week
- I believe I have contributed beneficially to these discussions, raising pragmatic considerations and attempting to put the strengths and weaknesses of each business/organisation into perspective.

#### **Promoting Engagement**

- A key pillar of my election platform was encouraging 'whole of campus' engagement, over and above residential hall communities. I believed then and now that sport is a great avenue for achieving this.
- I have been engaged in the process of establishing an ANU parkrun for the last 6 months or so
- Numerous roadblocks have emerged over the course of that process, including the need for philanthropic support and identifying an appropriate course
- I am exploring options that do not involve establishing an official parkrun, but rather hosting our own event
- If you would like to support this project, feel free to reach out!

#### **Future Plans**

- Most immediately, I hope to find a solution to the parkrun dilemma in the coming months. This will (I think) involve collaborating with the IB committee.
- The other key pillars of my election platform were advocacy (specifically, tackling wage theft on campus) and accountability (specifically, increasing student engagement with ANUSA). I look forward to making use of the ANUSA planning day to develop a plan to implement initiatives on these key issues.

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent you, and for the chance to take action in a small but meaningful way. Cheers!

## KAI DREYFUS-BALLESI

Hi folks! I'm Kai (he/him) one of the 2022 general representatives. I ran on a platform of building greater support for students with ADHD. My time in the role has shown me how much more can be done in this space.

#### ANU ADHD Community/Collective

The ANU ADHD Community is in its sophomore year, with the group continuing to grow and form an identity. Since the beginning of 2022, over 90 new people have joined the Facebook group, bringing its total membership to 287 as of writing. Along with the other ADHD Community Coordinators, I have run three coffee catch ups, and fielded several queries regarding ADHD diagnosis in Canberra.

#### **ADHD Support Group Pilot Program**

ANU Counseling is currently running a pilot support group for students with ADHD. This initiative has been in the works since last year, when Sebatian Tierney of the 2021 ANUSA Wellbeing Committee put together a proposal in consultation with myself and Sinead, the Disabilities Officer. Seb and I met with staff from ANU Counseling in March to discuss the content of the workshops, when they were to be held, and what students might want from them.

At this stage, it seems that ANU Counseling is interested in making an ADHD support group part of the regular offering. However, I have gotten some feedback that the content and format of the workshops is perhaps not what people were hoping. At the conclusion of the program, I will pass on the feedback I have heard to ANU Counseling, and hopefully work with them to build a great support program.

#### **Other involvement**

During O-Week, I volunteered at the ANUSA Market Day stall, helped with Market Day teardown, and set up for the Night Markets and movie night.

#### What's next?

There is so much more to be done to aid students with ADHD at the ANU. I am currently writing an options paper which can provide a lay of the land and opportunities for the future. These possibilities include:

- An online information hub to help with getting an ADHD diagnosis in Canberra, applying for an EAP, and late subject withdrawal.
- Making EAPs available to students who are waiting on an ADHD diagnosis
- Develop a workshop with ANU staff on accessible assessment practices

I am really excited to continue working in this space. Hopefully, with time, we can make this university a more accessible place for neurodiverse students.

## AZRAA HUSSAIN

Hey everyone! My name is Azraa (she/they) and I am one of your 2022 Gen Reps! Here are some of the things I've been working on since my term began on December 1st. If you would like to chat about anything I've been working on or if you have any questions, please reach out! My email is u6942066@anu.edu.au or shoot me a message on Facebook (Azraa Hussain).

#### **General Involvement:**

#### Attending SRC, AGM, OGM, SGM Meetings

I have attended all meetings in Semester 1.

#### Volunteering during O-Week

I volunteered at several O-Week events and preparation days, including on Market Day.

## PARIA NAJAFZADEH

Hello everyone! My name is Paria (she/her) and I am one of your general representatives for the year. I was elected on three policy platforms:

- 1. Making SRC a safer space for marginalised students
- 2. Creating a Safe Space policy for our upcoming Night Café
- 3. Create a New to ANU Guide to centralise all the information new students need

#### **Making SRC Safer**

In 2021 I was aware of how SRC and general meetings were a difficult space for marginalised students to navigate. After attending few SRC, I have become familiar with the unfortunate side effect of these kinds of environments. This year I hope to improve the accessibility of SRC/general meetings to marginalised groups, as well as to the general student population.

I have brought this idea to the Governance and Election Reform Working Group (which I am a part of) and hope to make progress across the next few meetings. I am not sure yet of what the product will look like yet, but I am excited to see where it goes.

#### Night Café Safe Space Policy

I have joined the Night Café Working Group where I plan to complete and implement a Safe Space Policy (in some form). The group has just started so it will be a while until I will be implementing anything, and again am not sure what the end product will look like but excited!

The 'New to ANU Guide' was an idea I had to collate all the information new ANU students need in one document to produce a centralised source of information. This guide is intended to replace countless emails from multiple avenues, which results in important information getting lost. I had planned to undertake this big task with the help of a candidate who unfortunately was not elected. If anyone vibes with this idea, please let me know and we can get started on it together as I am not sure I will have the capacity to complete this alone.

#### Other

In O-Week I volunteered at the Thrift Store Market which was a very fun and successful event. Just after O-Week, I helped with a Universal Lunch Hour cooking hash browns for our vegetarian students (slay). I have attended all SRC and general meetings except the OGM on the 9th of March, and helped out a very miniscule amount for the Too Little Too Late SGM.

So far, I have spent 28 hours in this role, please email me (u7118274@anu.edu.au) if you want a breakdown of my hours.

## ANUSA General Representative's Report SRC 4, sem 1, 2022 (Hebe Ren)

#### Introduction

Hey everyone, my name is Hebe Ren (she/her) and I am one of the ANUSA gen reps for 2022. Some of you might know me as someone that hosted several meet-ups and the ball (did not end up happening due to a sudden covid outbreak) in China and was very involved in the ISD community.

This year, moving to campus and shifting from online to in-person, my focus has slightly shifted. My major focus this year is to liaise with all the ANU departments, ANUSA department, and clubs and societies. I am hoping to collaborate, minimize duplication and most importantly, how we can maximize resources the ANU provides to benefit international students' study and wellbeing together with them.

#### What I have done

Many of my work overlaps with the ISD work I have done

- Remote Students Games Night with CBE Rep Rania
- SEX101: Let's Talk about Sex (postponed to next semester becasue of the concern of low engagement near end of semester) major project for sem 1
- Returning/New International Students Inductions with ANU Engagement and Success
- International Students Australian Vaccine/
- Assisting the return/arrival of international students & post-arrival supports with the ISD
- O-week volunteering
- Advocacy: facilitating a former Afghan ANU student's safe evacuation to Australia
- New @ANU 2022 Facebook group moderator
- Answering all WeChat relevant enquiries and promotions for ISD/ANUSA related resources

• Minute-taking of SRC 1

#### My upcoming projects:

After an entire semester of chatting with ANU Careers, ANU Engagement and Thrive, ANU Thrive, ANU RRU & Uni Safety, as well as many clubs and societies, here are the things I am going to do.

- Collaboration with RRU: Let's talk about sex (postponed from sem 1)
- Collaboration with International Relations Society: International Students in the field of IR/ISS/Politics
- Collaboration with Careers: International Student Alumni: what they are doing
- Collaboration with Engagement and Success (potentially Woroni): International Student Podcast Series: Their Stories (major project for sem 2)
- ISD & ANUSA x Dining Society x MESA x ANUFA x ANUISA: A Feast (either a Less Stresstival event or an event happening around Bush Week, still coordinating)
- International students' return for semester 2 & potential chartered flights
- Remote Student Games Night per term

I am not a fan of lengthy explanations but if you are interested in any of the above projects I'll be doing or would like to know some detail, please do not hesitate to contact me as sa.generalreps@anu.edu.au :))

## DORCAS BUGEME

Hiya guys! My name is Dorcas (she/her) and I am a Gen Rep for 2022. I came into the role a little later than others but hope to make the most of my time. To recap, I was elected on the following policies with the aim to bridge the gap between ANUSA and the wider student body.

#### 1. Developing the capacity of FYE program

Although the program has undergone some leadership changes, I have collaborated with the FYE Team and the Engagement & Success Department in forming a support network and community that assists Low-SES, RRR, First in Family, Immigrant, Refugee Background students in their first year at ANU. The program is aiming through Sem 2 and I'm keen on continuing to train mentors, run mentee events and build on my interpersonal skills.

#### 2. ACT WWVP free for selected students

The aim with this policy is to break down barriers for students to jobs that are most accessible to them as the cost of Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) Check are exorbitant. In all honesty I have been quite slow with aim, but I am intending to use the rest of my term to create further action on this. This may take the form of communicating with the inaugural welfare officer, liaising with ACT Treasurer and social services or lobbying.

#### 3. <u>Re-Implementation of the Skill-Up</u>

As the program is currently in renewal for 2022, I have aimed to find other ways to support students in 'skilling up' in other capacities, more specifically employability/soft skills. I have been in contact with ANU Careers throughout the semester about what opportunities are currently available for students and how successful they are. I am currently running surveys to

reflect on students' experiences in these areas. I am aiming to gather this data and find ways to help students develop employability/soft skills within ANU.

This semester I have attended all SRC, the OGM and SGM. I have also recently joined the Night Café Working Group that I am looking forward to getting involved in. Also keen on the SRC Planning Day to see where others are at and more ways I can bridge the gap between ANUSA and the wider student body. <<3