



## **AGENDA – ANUSA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 7 2022**

Wednesday, 12 October 2022

6:15pm, Zoom and Graneeek Room

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### **Item 1: Meeting Opens at 6.22pm and Apologies**

#### 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

Ben passes the chair to Phoenix.

#### 1.2 Apologies

#### 1.3 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

If nominated for honoraria you will have a conflict of interest this meeting.

### **Item 2: Passing the previous meeting's minutes**

Moved: Aarfa

Seconded: Charlotte

Passes.

### **Item 3: Executive Reports**

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

Christian: final SRC! Yay we've made it.

Focusing on specific things since last SRC.

1. Election! Was great, well run, special shoutout to Probity officers and returning officer. Turnout at the election is still a major issue. We took steps this year to try to increase engagement, Christian and Chido ran some events during election week. Dozens of people he spoke to who would not have otherwise voted. Not largescale enough to fix the problem, but think it helped. Non-partisan events during the election are worthwhile.
2. Working on moving to more written handovers in ANUSA. Focus during handover period.
3. Expansion of membership to postgrads, exciting unanimous acceptance of constitutional changes last week. Reiterates he really believes in doing this, makes a lot of sense strategically and tactically to place ourselves in this decision and have a stake in it.

Working together for one union for anu students. The thing spent most of the year working on, urges next years SRC and executive to work towards it.

Big year! A lot has gone on. Two broad shoutouts, appreciation for the entire SRC in particular Department Officers who put in an enormous amount of work in very difficult roles. Motion later for SGM - one way we can improve conditions for Dept Officers. Appreciation for immense work put into campaigns, building community, connecting ANUSA to the general membership. Thanks also to the executive this year. Phoenix - enormous amount of work into incredibly difficult double role, saw this effort every day but never saw their kindness falter. Know you will be a great gensec! And the club regs - 50 to 18 pages not easy. Grace - massive work on mutual aid station, pleasure to work with her, valued her on the exec this year for honesty and a lot of good takes! Beatrice - shown Ed officer role can have specific meaning and build workable campaigns that are a model for campaigns going forward, excited to see what can be done with course cuts foundation. Jaya - kept ANUSA machine running, struggled with staff absences but without Jaya so much finance stuff would not have run. Little stuff so important but also worked so hard on big things like business proposal, work on Ethical Sponsorships Committee (his brainchild!), big improvements on that front. Ben - workhorse! loves ANUSA and working at ANUSA and he has put in a lot of effort on many things, notes the department election reforms work. So much confidence in Ben as successor as President. Chido - couldn't have done this year without her, relied on in more ways than could name or count. Hard coming from Dept to the Exec, effort put into the BKSS - transformed the space. Importance of student spaces cannot be underestimated. Work has paid off and it is a real standout of this year to turn the BKSS into a space hundreds of students rely on and can count on as a safe and supportive space.

Q: Chido: what are you doing on December first?

A: Winery tour.

Phoenix: hashtag is #ANUSASRC, get tweeting.

### 3.2 Vice President's report (C. Nyakuengama) [Reference B]

Chido: this year has been very worthwhile, being on ANUSA in 2020-22 has been nothing like anything before. ANUSA owes everything to its staff (paid staff in the office) who are the reason why our union is better than many other student unions. Thankful to get to know them and work with them, literal icons who do a great job so big shoutout.

Thanks to the BKSS staff this year. It has been transformed physically but also thanks to their efforts to talk to students and bring them in. Really great conversations happen in the space.

Painting the walls during covid restrictions, thinking will this all be for nothing? But since O week it has been popping and hope it continues to grow more and more.

Thanks to Chanel and the BIPOC Dept this year, Paria and Dorcas especially, hard to do two roles, and Officers have three roles dealing w ANUSA, the dept, fighting ANU.

Advice to everyone for next year: pop the bubble as much as you can. Great thing for self care is to remove ourselves - doesn't mean you don't care about the cause.

This week was the Racism rally, first time Dept has done that, hope everyone doesn't view it as something they think about now, but hope everyone continues to think about racism on campus going forward.

Shoutout to Avan for the amazing work the last two years. Wouldn't be on ANUSA if she wasn't here.

Shoutout to Christian - every day I tell him my problems, i will miss our chats, he knows too much about our lives. Shoutout to Jaya - he is my bestie I would die for him.

Excited for the future of ANUSA and what students can do when we work together, it is how we achieve change. Everything good on this campus, someone in ANUSA did it, keep up the good fight everybody :))

Q Kai: what are you going to do on December 1?

A: getting in a truck and driving to Melbourne and leaving.

Q Dorcas: what are you going to do on November 30?

A: come to work. cry (i may have misheard)

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

Occupation of the Arts School - last week on Tuesday, 50 students occupied the Arts School fighting for after hours access. Taking part in a diff form of protest to usual but has had a massive ripple effect in the past week, people are keen to get involved. Creating a space democratically as students, shows there is so much more agency to be had in our university. With all the corporate interests, profit-driven university prioritising industry over learning, courses that are on programs and courses that don't run that we came here for thinking they'd be cool. reflecting on what's to come, this year has set the bar for what ANUSA needs to do in terms of activism in the future and keen to continue this work. Learned a lot this year about pace of campaigns, how to win little things as well as fighting for massive movement building. Students know whats up! Stalling and talking to students on uni ave - having those conversations it becomes clear students have the answers and want to be fighting for their education. Primarily shoutout goes to all of us as students, and everyone fighting for our educations together. And turning out for staff is so important too. 7.30-9am on the 18th of October chat to people about staff cuts about enterprise bargaining etc.

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

Routine stuff in report. General reflections - what hasn't been great this year?

- Talked about ourselves more than ever before this year. Needs to be a priority next year to engage in bold actions not talking about ourselves but talking to students and empowering students.
- Growing open hostility to departments, from people other than Socialist Alternative. Troubling development. Astonishing amount of experience, skill, intellect and clarity and vision and radicalism built into so many Dept Officers is hugely underappreciated by so many on SRC and a shame when they are passed off as 'liberal stooges'.
- As GenSec, accountable for what goes wrong in the meeting space. Rates meetings a 5/10 this year, not been great. Hard to diagnose the problem but thinks it is bad faith engagement. If we can't have productive discussions in this space, hard to imagine how a space could be safe.

What has gone well?

- Dept Election reform ! So overdue, grateful to Dept Officers who worked with Ben. Meant no officers had to run as dead candidates. much easier.
- NSSS SGM in March. Was part of policy to use SGMs for student activism. Was great to work with Avan to see it come to life. Empowering format, ANUSA should operate in

massive movements giving power/strength to students remembering we are here to give students control over their own lives.

- Working with Phi on clubs reform, so so much faith handing over to GenSec. Cried in the counting room when he heard Phi got the role! So proud to hand over to them and excited to work with Phi for another year.
- Pleasure of GenSec role working with so many people on their own stuff, helping other people achieve their goals. Shoutout Maddi and Mira, incredible people and a pleasure to work with them on motions, what accessible ed. means. Struck by their passion and motivation for collective and community. Katchmirr - has been through so much these last few years in an incredibly unforgiving role. Putting Acknowledgements of Country on all our policies, work on advocating for ? procedures. Avan - working on SGM. Paria - working together on meeting safety, lovely to see how well you understand threats and opportunities. Phoebe - incredibly intelligent and reflective person who thinks so deeply about every problem put before her, excited for her to be Women's officer.
- Thank you all and I look forward to next year.

Kai: Q for Bea and Ben: what are you doing on December 1?

Bea: clean desk. maybe brunch. Also want to say - wants to give shoutout to Luke Harrison! Couldn't have done this without them.

Ben: excited and motivated to get to work with the whole team. Something about Christian i missed oops.

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

Didn't put any sentimental things into his report :(

Three major things over last few weeks:

- Night Cafe - negotiations have dragged on and now stalled. ANU hesitant, concerned about financial viability of Night Cafe. Further in this process than any ANUSA SRC has been before, we are in a particularly difficult position not owning property and having to bid for a lease. Important to keep up the pressure, sustained pressure will get us there eventually. Look at PARSA cycles, it is possible.
- Student vending machines - ANUSA in process and will take over the management of all vending machines on campus sometime next year! This will cost us nothing. Vending machine operators will still operate. We will have a say on what is in vending machines and where they are located. More of them as well. and 4.5% cut of sales - 17k ish. Certain political groups question why we pay student representatives, this will pay my salary. Exciting news, every other union manages their own vending machines.
- Financial Report - announcing budget underspends. Biggest one is clubs, two budget lines totalling \$175k. With less grants this year we've only spent \$75k. Even with a late surge we are currently \$100k under budget which is good news.

Phi: deficit gone! (laughter)

Jaya: good sign for budget. Also seems clubs taking a while to rebuild after COVID.

May be last SRC after two and a half years attending. Haven't been 'named' yet which is an achievement.

ANUSA not the most comfortable space for all students. Definitely whiter and less Indigenous than the student body. Not a safe space for BIPOC people the way debates are done here is generally quite poor. Not sure entirely how we go about fixing that, it will take a while. Every year I've been here the Treasurer has been Asian. Will take time.

Q Chris: \$5k profit for FNP from budget line. Argued that it would create revenue?

A: there are still invoices to be paid/receive. Phi will talk about it in their report.

Q Kai: if you had \$2mil to celebrate on Dec 1 what would be the biggest budget line of your celebration?

A: Student assistance grants (laughter). On Dec 1 I am going back to Wollongong (? i think).

Chair passed to Ben.

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

Friday Night Party - did not make \$500 - that is just from one profit line. FNP will be running at a loss, we haven't got the numbers entirely figured out. The main reason is ticket sales - if we sold as many tickets as we wanted it would have run at a profit. People did everything they could do to push tickets. A lot of advertising. I don't think it is worthwhile getting into the reasons a huge amount, one worth noting is that events in the music industry are underselling everywhere due to oversaturation. FNP ran for a loss in 2020, 2019. Advice to incoming exec is to seriously evaluate FNP and its effectiveness and if it should be run again, and in what form. Advice would be to scale back. Think it is really cool and spending money on cool events is worth ANUSA's time for community building reasons. Main way people interact with ANUSA is through welfare system or through clubs and events, and this year we've had huge turnouts at events and in student assistance and think people are starting to interact with ANUSA more. Also thank god it didn't rain at FNP so thank you.

Clubs ball this year being renamed to Union Ball - looking at 29 October more info coming soon. Partly to help with clarity people thinking only club execs can go.

Cancer so I cry so didn't write much sappy stuff. Everyone who will be getting my appreciation will be getting it in written format. Clubs officer a new role, really exciting. Took clubs council chair and social officer who both chronically suffered from burnout and combined into one role lol. But had an amazing and supportive executive and the entire SRC volunteering. In particular shoutout to Christian for hearing every single complaint about the role. And also Phoebe my housemate - don't know how you come home to me sometimes.

Q Kai: if you could through a ginormous party to celebrate your year as clubs officer which Australian artists would you invite?

A: SKEGGS. Someone else would organise this party. Also Charlotte congratulations you can throw the giant party. Sputnik Sweetheart have also loved for a year and they were a really cool small band to open.

Chair passed back to Phi.

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

Less Stresstival in Week 12 and is going to be so so good, in BKSS, arts and crafts, food etc. Extending throughout the exam period too, a really big hit last time and last sem the first time some students engaged with ANUSA. Important we do that. Please come!

School of Psychology planning on changing how they currently offer their free services to expand their capacity, not confirmed yet but basically going to expand free psychologists with more availability and accessibility, there are psychologists who are researching but want to practice as well.

Rewriting some stuff for the website and looking at how the website functions, pretty hard to find things and some things are outdated so have been doing that for quite a while.

Shoutout to Christian, great source of guidance in ANUSA and in general and a friend and constant bestie so thank you Christian. Also want to thank Kai for taking on Welfare role, and well done, think you will do an amazing job and ready to let it go. First year in the role, what do i do, i'm the boss. Excited to see all it can become and especially with how well the spaces where Welfare operates have blown up this year.

Q Kai: how will you be saying farewell to the welfare role on december first?

A: desk theme is girlboss. ordered more stuff and going to be opening up a new era of memes for myself. Hopefully never getting another wellbeing email ever again (i couldnt hear all of this)

Procedural to move all reports on bloc.

Mover: Jaya

Passes.

Orocedural for 5 min break.

Moved: Chid

Passes.

#### **Item 4: Department Officer and General Representative Reports**

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

would like to highlight last RAP committee meeting. ANU is coming up with a new RAP, last one got rejected. Proposed RAP did not talk once of student experience, safety, or wellbeing on campus. Only discussed students being placed on campus and no mention of their continued wellbeing and presence. I oppose this. Racism must be acknowledged in the RAP, no consultation was mentioned either, they consulted their exec and staff but none with the student body. I have pushed them to consult with teaching staff and students.

I don't feel sentimental about my position and I have been in this position for two years. I have not been listened to. Not once have I felt safe in ANUSA, I am worried for the new officers. I don't want anyone to go through what I went through. The current and previous SRCs have not done enough to ensure the safety of Indigenous students among other marginalised students in this space. I am so burnt out. I did not want to be Officer this year but nobody else did and I could not leave that space vacant, I needed to keep an Indigenous voice present. I am a full time financially independent student. This stipend is a pittance. If I had the money to support myself through this role I could've done a much better job and this is the case for many Officers. The institution, the government, the state is against us. I've also been a white-presenting Indigenous Officer and that's been another pathway to feeling unsafe. I don't feel like I can speak for hundreds of nations of Indigenous peoples, all I can do is consult and take things back to my community and Department. I appreciate every single Officer who's ever held this position, it's a shit gig. In the future, the only way to start making this better is to fund the Officers better and fund the executives and make these spaces safe.

Q Chido: Thank you. Not a question, just thank you. I've witnessed what you've been through and can't even imagine.

A: This was not a pity party, just everybody get your shit together.

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

1. Hosting a fundraiser called Dinner and Delights, tuesday week 12, tickets are \$20 for department members, \$25 for non-dept members, non-autonomous. Fundraising for ??
2. Just under \$2000 left in birth control subsidy fund, go stock up!!
3. Elected our new Officer, Phoebe! Deputies Abreshmi and Maya. This is going to be an amazing year

4. SHout out to Chanel and the BIPOC Department for the Anti-Racism Rally.
5. This is my last SRC, some lessons. Please be kind to one another, if you're going to be critical make it useful. Be actively aware of microaggression, don't stoop to the university's level of dismissing lived experiences.
6. Shout out to the committee and department, it's been an honor.
7. Thank you to Chido and Christian, you've been so dedicated and you're such wonderful people who make things happen. Your support in SASH advocacy has been invaluable.

Q Jaya: what are you doing Dec 1?

A: Shout out Jaya as well, I will be working at my other job

Q Kai for Katchmirr: What are you gonna do?

A: Sleep.

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

Started this role in April, thrown in the deep end and drowned. Being an Officer was much larger than it is described or listed, it's been so hard. I'm grateful for the people I've met in this role and my executive who've worked together. As one person in this role there is not enough support, it takes so much emotional energy to represent an entire marginalised community. You have to jump into roles you didn't expect i.e. social and treasurer. These are not tears of joy but they should be.

#### 4.4 International Students' Department (A. Khan) [Reference K]

We've had a huge few weeks. ISD Week, huge thank you to the committee and community. We've covered so many areas of student experience and welfare. Shout out to Shriya, Kat, and Amithi for their hard work. The latter particularly, the amount of pay is abominable for that much work.

When I first took this role in June I was so excited and passionate to give better rights and representation to my community. Things as small as academic matters and helping students with that. We come to a new country and adjust to a new lifestyle and it is so overwhelming, I wanted to ease that for people. I felt let down in my four months as Officer in what I've done there. We could've done so much more had we had the adequate amount of support. I echo Katchmirr and Remi's sentiments on not feeling supported or safe in this space. I wanted to speak on certain matters on SRC and couldn't due to fear of seeming wrong or not being respected. This is the most stressful role I've ever assumed. Let this be a lesson for the next SRC: respect department officers, we do so much work that we're passionate about and receive so little in return. Next year it is crucial that we receive better funding and better support. I feel guilty taking a stipend and not giving it to my executive who don't get paid. It's unethical to get paid \$4 an hour as an officer. If you want results, respect the time and lives of Officers and pay us. We all need to maintain scholarships, full-time jobs, university. It's sad if someone steps up to such a role and they don't feel comfortable. As Katchmirr said: get your shit together. I won't end on a negative note, I cannot thank ISD committee enough. When I joined the committee was changing so much and we made it work. I hope the next ISD exec continues to do the same good work. I've also been opened up to the work ANUSA does. The work the SRC does is enormous. Big expectations for the exec next year. Thank you.

Q Kai: what are you excited to do after December when you graduate?

A: I'll be touring Australia with my parents.

#### 4.5 Disabilities Department (M. Robson and M. McCarthy) [Reference L]

Mira: Big thing: spoon week in wk 8 which went really well! We've got a session with Your Story Legal Service, they're doing a session 4pm in the Graneek Room - this is about how to

make a submission because it's closing up at the end of the year. Come along, their sessions are great.

We'd like to thank the work of the executive, like other departments ours has had a rotating Saf who was Officer for first part of the year.

Cody who is treasurer

Isabella our deputy for her work on accessibility in reshalls! Charlotte

Maddi: being an Officer is rewarding at times but it mostly sucks. Nobody else knows what it's like. We're speaking on this as co-Officers who've been in the role for a few months. I would not survive without Mira. Pay us more, we deserve a liveable wage. This job is at least the work of a full-time one, we should be paid accordingly.

ANUSA is historically inaccessible. I swore that I would never touch the SRC, luckily the people we've met have made this easier for us but my opinion was not ill-informed. The ANUSA office isn't even physically accessible. This meeting space is inaccessible. There is much work to be done. I want to thank the committee

Thank Bea and Remi for our first campaign - was yelling at CASS, they were there to support us the whole way. They were the first people from ANUSA who made us feel safe.

Q Kai: what are you doing December 1?

A Maddi: our election's on Friday and we're re-running so depends what happens there

Mira: so either crying through handover or drinks.

#### 4.6 Environment Department (F. Brown) [Reference M]

I stand with all the other Officers, I am constantly in awe of the work that they do and angry that I have to be so in awe at the work you do for the reward you get. This is an odd role, this is not autonomous nor attached to my identity. The exhaustion is of a different nature. The structure around department officers is so messed up. My experience is almost entirely negative, I didn't really want to do this role but because of the structures in place I just fell into it. I wasn't trained until months after I was doing the role in the dark. I was doing treasurer, social media, gensec. I had no choice and I was getting paid \$3 an hour to be doing that. This role is an activist role which is amazing and made me want to do activism within the role, that's the reason I'm here. It came apart because I had to do solely bureaucratic work with no support, had there been better structures in place I would've been able to achieve what I wanted to do. Every week I was in meetings, dealing with admin, dealing with the fact that the EC is not a safe space and dealing with the people who make it unsafe and the people who feel unsafe is so gruelling. I'm pretty angry. I sacrificed paid hours at my paid job so that I could work for the EC. Several times I was unable to pay rent. Doing the bare minimum in this job put me in unlivable conditions. So I have nothing positive to say, I don't wish this role on anyone. I really echo what the other officers have said and want to reiterate that I have it the easiest in that my identity is not attached to this role and my emotional labour is removed from that factor. With activism in this space we all talk about ourselves, this room is so detached from real activism and what students want on this campus. That's poor form from us. Keep reading your theory but also ground it in the people and the community here. Not the community who can afford to do these roles and get paid \$5 an hour. This is a student union. It's abominable these conditions. You cannot be financially independent in this role, something has to give. Failing uni, money, mental health, your personal life. This whole system needs a reshape. Even half of minimum wage would be better.

Q Aarfa: Not a question, you hit all the correct points. Creativity does die in this role. Shout out to every department officer.

Q Kai: I don't want to make light of what has been absolutely horrible but what are you doing December 1?



A: working my other job because I have no money. I'm looking to saying goodbye.

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

I'm in bed because SRC is not a safe space. The fact that so many BIPOC people in this room have expressed that they haven't felt comfortable to exist within this political space is incredibly disappointing. I haven't felt comfortable at all in SRC and that's why I'm never there in person. People from marginalised communities need to be able to engage with their student union. The other department officers put it perfectly.

The Racism Rally had a great turnout. One of if not the first political rally held by the department, shout out to everyone who spoke. Chido's been helping me since day 1, this role is not easy. Others have echoed that we receive very traumatising disclosures about our communities. The fact that Officers are paid so little and have to deal with this much is abominable. I work 3 other jobs on top of this as well as uni. I can't pay rent just by being an officer. The stipend is so low. We do this job because we genuinely care about our communities and about the wellbeing of those students. Don't ask about December 1st I'll be working.

Q Chido: what is it like to be the DJ bbygirlchanel and be the BIPOC officer?

Grace: Hannah Montana

\*Chanel didn't answer\*

#### 4.8 General Representative Reports [Reference O]

Michael M-D: done four things, first dog shelter. Wrote a 200+ page constitution, on third draft.

*Michael was named twice.*

PARSA is the same type of thing as the dog shelter, a not for profit charity.

SRC meetings - attended bare minimum, ones I went to made sure I talked rubbish. Love virtue signalling and action for the sake of action. Massive disconnect between what we talk about here and what students actually want. Feels like people want the publicity but there's no actual action following it, so what if we post something on our facebook, it does nothing and no-one reads it. Motions don't actually achieve the intentions, or achieve unintentioned things. People talk about real life consequences a motion will have and people will say no I think it's really good. I think that the SRC itself needs to take a step back and realise - what are we actually talking about here, not what we can post on our Facebook page. When was the last time we actually ran a fundraiser for people affected or done something physically to help people on campus? no reports on if this helps. Not action, its virtue signalling. Only people taking action are Department Officers. Stuff we are doing is inconsequential.

All I wanted to say, dog shelter is going well.

Ben Harms: take my report as read, included something at the bottom of my report about how difficult it was to settle into the Gen Rep role, the lack of direction and structure, going to SRC. The Exec are also probably not paid enough to help gen reps and do their job but just wanted to reflect on that. It's been an interesting experience, I've enjoyed the year.

Katrina Ha: take as read mostly. Want to encourage int'l students to get involved in ANUSA, it can be hard for int'l students to show their views in SRC and express political opinions, this

was the hardest thing as a Gen Rep this year. Really want to encourage people to use the Gen Rep funding pool - no-one used it and I didn't use it this year.

Ben Naiju: taken as read.

Luke Harrison: taken mostly as read, most work done this year on the Ed Committee and in the Course Cuts campaign, put a lot of unpaid hours into it but have enjoyed it and enjoyed the friends I have made at ANUSA. Reflecting sentiment of other Gen Reps, often running on policies of engagement, would encourage engagement to actually happen.

Oscar Pearce: take report as read, feel free to have a look at it if you're interested in what I'm up to, short answer is not much. very grateful to exec this year, biggest thank you to the department officers, before getting involved in ANUSA I had very little understanding of what they did but i've appreciated this year that it is everything and it is where the most felt work is done by ANUSA that makes a big difference to so many students lives, i sit here in the corner of these meetings and chime in every so often but touching to see the hard work of the officers.

Kai D-B: take report as read. Kat - it's not too late for us to use the Gen Rep funding pool so I really want to organise some ANUSA beach trips for ANU students as it gets warmer so if you're interested in being a part of that, would be cool to take a few bus and car loads of students on a day trip and use the gen rep funding cool bc it wouldnt cost that much and I think people would really enjoy it. If you have cars or any organising capacity hit me up.

Q from Maddi: what are you going to do on December 1?

A: I'll be moving in and putting a rubix cube on my desk and figuring out how to talk to the ACT govt about more student public housing.

Hebe Ren: take report as read. Thank you everyone for this amazing year and wish everyone the best of luck in the future.

Voting on all reports en bloc.

Mover: Luke

Secunder: Freya

Passes.

Ben Yates moves a procedural to consider motions 5.1, 5.2, 6.1 and 6.2 en bloc.  
Motion passes.

Phoenix notes that people receiving honoraria won't be able to vote on anything in the bloc.

Mover Ben Y: mentions ESC, says Probity report is great, the honoraria are token amounts but important to acknowledge the hard work.

Speaking for:

Ned: wants to talk about Probity Officer role, not much of a handover, and people in ANUSA aren't really familiar with what being a Probity officer is and Roxane is really busy. Tough issue and a lot of Probity Officers drop out - last year 6 were elected and 1 made it through, this year 4 were elected and 3 made it through the election process. Would be ideal if people inside ANUSA were able to write documents affirming how the process works. Thanks to Christian. Thanks to other Probity Officers. Disclosure forms are ridiculous, having to submit them before 9am. Can unburden people and future Probity Officers with reforms. Actual election regulations broken in a bunch of ways so hopefully that is kept in mind with Governance review stuff next year.

Moving to vote for 5.1, 5.2, 6.1, 6.2 en bloc.  
If you're nominated for honoraria you can't vote.  
Motion passes.

## **Item 5: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice**

### **Motion 5.1**

#### **Special General Meeting**

##### **Preamble:**

In order to best adapt to the changing circumstances of the defunding of PARSA, it is prudent call a SGM so that we can make further reforms based on any developments in the interim. Moreover, this will give an opportunity to consider changing the governance of department officer stipend, a long overdue reform that has required significant consultation.

##### **Motion:**

The SRC directs the General Secretary to hold a Special General Meeting on 26 October 2022 at 6:15pm to consider motions in relation to the budget, the governance of ANUSA, representative compensation and other motions for the good management of the Association in 2023.

Moved: Christian Flynn

Seconded: Ben Yates

Christian: lot of things we need to clean up after the last few weeks, and most importantly we've heard some pretty serious things about stipends for dept officers.

Motion passes.

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## **Motion 5.2**

### **Confirming Ethical Sponsorships Committee members for 2023**

Motion:

The SRC confirms Skye Predavec, Brandon Lee and Abirami Manikandan as Ethical Sponsorships Committee (or successor committee) members for 2023.

Moved: Katrina Ha

Seconded: Ben Yates

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**Motion 5.3**

**Ethical Finances Policy**

*Withdrawn*

## **Motion 5.4**

### **ANUSA endorses COP27 speak-out**

Over 33 million people have been displaced by the floods in Pakistan. That's millions more than the entire population of Australia. Over 1,700 people died from the flooding. Waterborne diseases are rife among the population. Mosquitoes have bred in their billions, bringing malaria and dengue fever. Hundreds of children have died since June.

On top of the particular disaster in Pakistan right now, heatwaves have swept across the world this year during the northern hemisphere summer, triggering massive wildfires in France, Algeria, Spain and the US. Drought has almost fully dried up the Yangtze river in China and sparked worsening dust storms across an increasingly desertified Middle East.

This is the climate crisis, we are living in it now.

It's in this context that another of the UN's 27th COP conference is happening. Every year, the effects of climate change has worsened and the worst polluting industries, such as fossil fuels, have expanded. This is why Greta Thunberg dubbed the proceedings of the COP26 meeting last year as just more "blah blah blah". It is an opportunity for the world's worst climate criminals to engage in greenwashing.

This year the COP27 conference will be taking place in Egypt. Democracy activists in Egypt have called for solidarity from the international climate movement to oppose the attempt by Sisi to use the COP27 forum to greenwash and sanitise their image internationally. It is important that we meet these calls for solidarity and condemn the continued attacks on democracy and this attempt of greenwashing by the Egyptian regime.

Anthony Albanese doesn't even plan on attending this conference, so while showing solidarity with climate activists internationally it is important to direct criticism towards our own government. While in government Labor has consistently emphasised a refusal to rule out the banning of new coal or gas projects despite attempting to pose themselves as the party that is taking action on climate change. Labor's bill for a 43% emissions target does nothing to actually enforce these targets and allows room for businesses to meet these targets through carbon offsets. In the context of there being over a hundred new coal and gas projects set to go ahead this year, and the already immense impact of Australia's coal export industry (which is excluded from the 43% emissions target) this is clearly just an exercise in greenwashing, which the climate movement should oppose.

The ANUSA Environment Collective and Uni Students for Climate Justice has called a protest in response to COP27 for the 28th of October at 1 pm in Kambri.

### **Action**

1. ANUSA stands in solidarity with activists in Pakistan and in the diaspora demanding debt relief/debt cancellation in the wake of the catastrophic floods, affecting 33 million lives
2. ANUSA condemns the Egyptian government for silencing climate and democracy activists, particularly in the lead up to the COP27 conference they are hosting
3. ANUSA condemns Labor's climate bill as an exercise in greenwashing and calls on the government to legislate for no new coal and gas and a rapid transition to renewables

4. ANUSA endorses the Environment Collective speakout happening on October 28th in Kambri (event here: <https://fb.me/e/48UJB8KuF>)
5. ANUSA will print posters and leaflets for activists to distribute promoting the speakout, promote the event in the weekly ANUSA email, make sponsored facebook posts promoting the event and provide a PA system for the speakout itself

Moved: Nick Reich

Nick: situation we are facing is ongoing climate crisis, pointy end being experienced in pakistan where more than the population of Australia is being displaced from the homes and one third of the surface of Pakistan is flooded, causing diseases and mosquitoes.. IMF loans that should be directed to recovery are being paid back. COP27 coming up in Egypt, call for solidarity from democracy and climate activists in Egypt who are being locked up and unable to engage in protests, shows the pressure activists face in other parts of the world and the need for solidarity. It all speaks to the importance of a rally like this and we want to make it as big as possible. Working with expats from Pakistan, Pakistani activists, important voices as part of the rally, organising the rally through the EC and Uni Students for Climate justice. Urge ANUSA to make this a big thing in the last few weeks of sem. Important to point out Labor are climate criminals as well as part of the student union.

Seconded: Freya Brown

Freya: friendly amendment to change the time of the rally from 1pm to 2.30pm.

*no dissent*

Freya: echoing everything Nick has said, it is happening in week 12 and will be the last rally of the academic year, really important that we get behind it. COP27 is happening a week after that, we've talked a lot in this room about how disappointed we are by Labor's climate inaction and general political inaction and incompetency so we should back that up by action getting together for a climate rally in support of Pakistani and Egyptian activists. Last rally of the year and we want to make it big and ANUSA has the capacity to do a lot, we saw how much flyering and sitting on uni ave people were doing in preparation for the election, let's do that for what we supposedly talk about which is activism. Really hope to see ANUSA pull through and get behind this.

### **Amendment on notice**

Add the following actions:

1. ANUSA will send a stand alone (ie not just a section of the regular ANUSA newsletter) email promoting the rally to its list
2. ANUSA will post sponsored ads on Facebook and instagram to promote the rally

Moved: Nick Reich

*This amendment is friendly to the mover and will be incorporated subject to dissent by the meeting.*

*No dissent.*



Motion passes

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## **Motion 5.5**

### **ANUSA condemns the scrapping of mandatory isolation**

2022 has been the deadliest year of the pandemic so far. Of the 15,000 deaths from COVID in Australia, 12,000 of those have occurred this year.

Despite this, at the end of September, National Cabinet unanimously agreed to scrap mandatory COVID isolation requirements in Australia and end all disaster payments for workers who test positive. This has come alongside states removing the few remaining health measures, including mask mandates.

Albanese and the Labor-dominated National Cabinet argue that we need to end “COVID exceptionalism”, that we should treat the pandemic like the flu. However, the consequences of contracting COVID are far more severe. Unlike the flu, between 9-81% of people who contract COVID will go on to develop a number of chronic illnesses and long-term disabilities currently labelled under the term ‘Long COVID’, along with increased susceptibility to other diseases. This risk compounds with each reinfection.

As the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Association argue: “removing all isolation periods for the general community, particularly in the context of uncertainty regarding the emergence of new variants and potential waning immunity, will put further pressure on our healthcare systems”.

The end of isolation requirements is the latest in a series of moves to shift the burden of dealing with the ongoing pandemic onto individuals, rather than the government. Now, casual workers face the “choice” of going without pay for weeks if they are sick or exposed, or to continue working and put their coworkers and the public at risk.

This an ideological move that priorities the interests of business over that of public health. Public health is a collective responsibility. The choice whether to wear a mask, get vaccinated, or stay at home when COVID positive affects those around us. It is not a matter of “personal responsibility”, but social solidarity. Despite the failure of governments to protect our health, we will model this solidarity by continuing to wear masks and practice social distancing in ANUSA spaces and at ANU more broadly.

## **Motion**

1. ANUSA releases the above statement on the ANUSA Facebook page.
2. ANUSA opposes ANU’s move to remove mask mandates in all settings other than teaching and clinical settings and will require continued mask wearing in ANUSA spaces regardless of ANU’s position.

Moved: Carter Chryse

Seconded:

### **Amendment on notice**

This amendment is necessary as the text proposed to remove would create a policy that binds ANUSA staff. Under the ANUSA Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, this cannot be done without a prescribed process of staff consultation. Accordingly, passing this motion without the amendment would breach our Enterprise Agreement. The rephrased action also seeks to empower the DSA as the representative group for some of the students who are most vulnerable to changes in the mask policy.

### **Amendment**

Delete “and will require continued mask wearing in ANUSA spaces regardless of ANU’s position” from the second action and replace with “and ANUSA will consult with the DSA, staff and other students to ensure policy around mask wearing in ANUSA spaces reflects the need to protect immunocompromised and disabled users of ANUSA spaces”.

Moved: Maddi McCarthy

Maddi: as DSA we agree that we oppose the removal of mask mandates and the isolation period being scrapped. Our amendment is adding two parts to this motion, firstly something about the enterprise bargaining agreement, and also adds DSA as central part of consultation process. Reality of COVID is that it disproportionately affects disabled and immunocompromised students, agree with the content of the motion but important that our collective is consulted.

Seconded: Ben Yates

Ben: we should depart from ANU/broader ACT policy, but when it comes to mandating things in ANUSA spaces our staff have the right to consultation under enterprise agreement and also a basic political statement we should empower our staff in the workplace. Agree with the substance of the motion, we should keep wearing masks.

Amendment to the amendment from Carter:

Delete consultation with the DSA.

Speaking for (Carter): if consulting staff is part of the enterprise bargaining agreement, sure. Doesn’t think DSA should be formally consulted, because we want this motion to represent a specific set of politics. I am disabled but don’t go to DSA meetings, I don’t engage with the politics of the collective, most students didn’t vote for the officer. This motion represents an argument about solidarity that ordinary people shouldn’t be sacrificed on the altar of business as usual. Not just a motion about masks in ANUSA, but about the set of politics ANUSA represents and that’s why I wrote this motion and so I did not build the DSA into this motion.

Ben moves a procedural to vote on the amendment after Maddi speaks.

Passes.

Maddi: I try to be civil in this meeting, you’ve shown over and over again you don’t give a shit about disabled students. We want the same thing, you and we can’t speak for all disabled and immunocompromised students, but we can take ideas back to our collective. As DSA we are in the best position to mediate and bring ANU into the conversation, we had a meeting with them today.

Procedural from Carter to respond: doesn’t pass.

Voting for Carter’s amendment.

Motion fails.

Back to discussion on Maddi and Ben’s amendment adding to consult w staff and DSA.

Speaking against (Carter): my point was misrepresented, not saying disabled students shouldn’t be part of the conversation, its a great thing DSA takes political stances. But didn’t want to build DSA consultation formally into this motion because they do represent a certain politics, not accurate to say they represent anyone more than the small number of members that attend.

Chido moves a procedural to vote on motion now.  
Voting on whether we put the motion to a vote now.  
Motion passes.

Carter (speaking against): outrageous to try to cut off the discussion. Didn't want to build in consultation with collectives that have a political perspective I disagree with, I am a socialist. This amendment doesn't add something in, it removes the requirement for there to be a mask mandate in ANUSA. If we're for practising what we preach in being against COVID, we have to be for a mask mandate pretty clearly that's why it is in the motion.

Freya: question of clarification, with the consultation does that mean SRC will then have to vote on a mask mandate again?

Christian: something we are already reviewing with staff, motion gives us the power to follow through. I understand ANU is going to stick with masks for the rest of the teaching period so that gives us a few weeks to sort it out.

Ben Y: this is a work health and safety matter of the policy.

Amendment: that we continue to require masks to be worn in ANUSA meetings.

Amendment passes

Mira (for): Apparently Maddi and I are officers that not a lot of people have voted for. We are a small collective by virtue of the nature of the collective's membership. Yes we have a lot of elections where only 1 or 2 people run, that does not make us any less legitimate. We receive endorsements from the collective. The elections are presided over by an independent returning officer. We want masks to continue, obviously. The whole point of this is so that if the SRC decides to remove mask wearing from the Office, this empowers the DSA to say that they have to continue wearing masks. It's good not only for COVID but for other transmissible diseases which help people that are immunocompromised. I'd like to trust that people do the right thing but that's not the reality with which we're dealt. I think it's important that we are consulted as stakeholders, even though all students are stakeholders in this. I understand that your point is that socialism should mean masks are everywhere, we think that for disabled people masks are everywhere. Ultimately we have the same end goal.

Carter: this amendment removes the mandate part of the motion because I agree with the point about the ANUSA office. Part of this is about ANUSA modelling an argument and winning it with the student body.

Kai (point of order): could you speak to the content of the amendment?

Carter: I am

Continuing - Health measures have been actively undermined by the government and by ANU, there is a role for student unions to make the argument to the student body that this continues to be a deadly disease. There should not be an extra step to having it in force.

Mira: it's the EBA that prevents us at this time from making this mandate an ANUSA wide thing which is why we've produced an amendment. How can we represent the interests of disabled

students in just adding an extra consultation process if that's required for staff? If this was about continuing a mask mandate respective of what ANU does then we'd be for.

Amendment passes

Procedural for a 10 minute break moved by Katchmirr.

Procedural passes

Friendly amendment from ned strange, mandating mask wearing in meetings

Motion passes

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## **Item 6: Other Business**

### **Motion 6.1**

#### **Probity Report**

ANUSA accepts the Probity Report for the 2022 Election [Appendix P]

Moved: Christian Flynn

Seconded: Ben Yates

Passes.

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### **Motion 6.2**

#### **Honoraria report**

ANUSA approves the payment of honoraria in accordance with the schedule in Appendix Q.

Moved: Jaya Ryan

Seconded: Ben Yates

Passes.

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## **Item 7: Meeting Close**

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council is scheduled to be held in 2023.

Close of Meeting: 9:30pm

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