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## AGENDA – ANUSA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (OGM) 3 2022

Wednesday, 5 October 2022  
6:15pm, Zoom (with in-person option in the Graneeek Room)

*Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://anu.zoom.us/j/89960621848?pwd=eEhRUeS1TWZJeXoyc2IwblM2QU5XZz09>

*Meeting ID: 899 6062 1848*

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### **Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies**

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Apologies

1.3 Chair outlines standing orders for the meeting (please also see the following:

<https://anusa.com.au/pageassets/about/meetings/ANUSA-Standing-Orders-Guide.pdf>)

1.4 Declaration of conflicts of interest

### **Item 2: Passing the previous meetings minutes**

2.1 Passing OGM 2, 2022 minutes

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### **Item 3: Reports**

3.1 Treasurer's report (J. Ryan) [Reference A]

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**Item 4: Motions on notice**

**Motion 4.1: ANUSA 2022 Budget**

ANUSA approves the 2022 Budget [Reference B].

Moved: Jaya Ryan

Seconded:

## **Motion 4.2: ANUSA 2023 Provisional Budget**

### **Preamble:**

These budgets have been kindly prepared by Jaya over the past weeks for the benefit of the 2023 team. The rationale for passing two budgets, activated by a condition based on funding is that ANUSA still has a level of uncertainty about our budget in the near term. It is important that no matter what funding we receive for 2023, we have a viable provisional budget to use over the summer period.

In the preferable scenario in which we receive enough funding to activate the higher budget, this budget will permit us to make the staffing increases that are required to serve postgraduates.

Like this year, it will likely be necessary to pass new budgets at each general meeting in order to redistribute money as effectively as possible.

### **Motion:**

ANUSA approves the 2023 Provisional Budgets:

- If ANUSA's anticipated funding meets or exceeds \$3.5 million in 2023, ANUSA approves the provisional budget attached. ■ 2023 Budget Ideal Scenario.pdf
- If ANUSA's anticipated funding is less than \$3.5 million in 2023, ANUSA approves the provisional budget in Reference D. ■ 2023 Budget Non-Ideal Scenario.pdf

Mover: Katrina Ha

Seconded: Ben Yates

### **Motion 4.3 Constitutional changes for postgraduate membership and related purposes**

#### **Motion:**

Add to section 2: “Postgraduate Student means a student active in a postgraduate program as defined by the University.” and “Student means an Undergraduate Student or Postgraduate Student.”

Delete ‘undergraduate’ from section 4(1)(a) and 4(1)(c).

Amend section 5 to read:

5. MEMBERSHIP
  1. The Association has one class of membership, being ordinary membership.
  2. An ordinary member of the Association is any person who is a Student in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at ANU.
  3. A person, with immediate effect, may terminate their membership in the Association by writing to the General Secretary of the Association specifically stating that they do not wish to be a member of the Association.

Amend section 9(9)(a) to read ‘cease to be a Student’.

Amend ‘an undergraduate Student’ in section 9(10)(a) with ‘a student’.

Amend s 10(8)(k) to read ‘liaise with the University Council student members on issues relevant to students’.

Remove the word ‘undergraduate’ from section 10(9)(a) and (b).

Amend section 12 to:

12. UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBER
  1. The University Council Members are the two persons elected according to the Election Regulations, provided they are consistent with the requirements of the University's enabling Act, and any relevant statutes of the University.
  2. The University Council Members must:
    1. attend meetings of the University Council; and
    2. comply with the University's enabling Act and any statutes of the University as they apply to members of the University Council.
  3. The General Secretary must invite the University Council Members to attend meetings of the SRC.
  4. A University Council Member is neither a Representative of the Association, nor an Officer of the Association for the purposes of the Constitution and Regulations.
  5. A University Council Member may not be removed from their position otherwise than in accordance with the University's enabling Act, any relevant statutes of the University.
  6. One University Council Member shall be elected by Undergraduate Students as provided in the Election Regulations.
  7. One University Council Member shall be elected by Postgraduate Students as provided in the Election Regulations.

Amend section 18 to:

18. PARENTS AND CARERS COMMITTEE
  1. There is to be a Parents and Carers Committee to promote community among students who are parents or carers and to raise awareness and facilitate action and discussion on the issues facing these students.
  2. Membership of the committee is to be open, unless otherwise provided for in a regulation or policy made under this Constitution or by resolution of the Parents and Carers Committee.

3. The Welfare Officer must, unless the Parents and Carers' Committee provides otherwise:
  1. manage the administrative affairs of the Parent and Carers Committee;
  2. convene a meeting of the Committee at least twice in every Teaching Period;
  3. convene the Committee within seven (7) Teaching Days of being presented with a petition signed by five (5) members of the Association; and
  4. provide notice for convening the Committee of no less than three (3) Teaching Days. Notice should be posted on the front door of the Association offices, on the website of the Association.
4. Subject to the Constitution, the Regulations and Policies of the Association, policy proposals of the Committee must be determined by meetings of the Committee, at which all members of the Committee may vote.
5. The Welfare Officer is bound to present these policy proposals to the Executive or the next meeting of the SRC, whichever is first, which may then choose to ratify or reject the proposed policy.

Add a new section 19(3)(c) and renumber accordingly: "seek to recruit to active participation in the Education Committee students who are undertaking undergraduate or postgraduate course work degrees, students who are undertaking an honours program, and candidates who are undertaking higher degree research;".

Add a new section 19(5) and renumber accordingly: "The Education Committee may establish sub-committees to specifically address issues of concern to undergraduate coursework students, postgraduate coursework students and higher degree research candidates, respectively."

Add a new section 31:

### 31. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS 2022-23

#### **Entry into Effect**

1. The changes adopted to this Constitution at the October General Meeting of the Association (Ordinary General Meeting 2022, No. 3). (including this section) enter into effect on a date declared in writing by the General Secretary, after a vote of the Executive in favour of declaring the commencement of the provisions and after consultation with the SRC.
2. The date of commencement shall be after ratification of those amendments by ANU Council.

#### Ad Hoc Representatives

3. These provisions allow for the election of additional Representatives, who are Postgraduate Students, pending further reform of the ANUSA Constitution and the commencement on 1 December 2023 of the term of office of Representatives elected in 2023 at the annual ANUSA election.
4. Representatives elected under this provision holds office until 30 November following their election.
5. By Special Resolution a General Meeting may create Ad Hoc Representative roles.
6. The Special Resolution will:
  1. name the role(s);
  2. number how many members are to be appointed to the role(s);
  3. name any eligibility criteria for nomination, including that the person is a Postgraduate Student;
  4. give a description of the role(s).
7. An Ad Hoc Representative role created under this provision may not overlap with or have any of the same or similar functions as a unique Representative role already provided for in this Constitution.
8. An Ad Hoc Representative role created under this section 31 may be filled by a majority vote of a General Meeting.

9. The General Secretary must advertise for nominations for an Ad Hoc Representative Role at least 10 days before the General Meeting at which the election is to be held. The call for nominations must be advertised through:
  1. ANUSA's social media;
  2. The ANUSA Website; and,
  3. The front door of the Association.
10. For avoidance of doubt, a ballot to fill the Ad Hoc Representative role may take place at the same meeting as the special resolution creating that role. The General Secretary may advertise for nominations after giving notice of the proposed special resolution. The call for nominations must note that the election will not be held unless the special resolution passes.
11. This section 31 ceases to have effect immediately on 30 November 2023, and shall be deleted from this Constitution at that time.

Moved: Ben Yates

Seconded: Christian Flynn

#### **Motion 4.4: Remove Kambri from the campaigning exclusion zones**

##### Preamble:

ANUSA elections have some of the most draconian, anti-democratic measures to limit campaigning in the country. A key measure which limits the capacity for campaigners to intersect with and talk to voters is the existence of exclusion zones.

Kambri is the main thoroughfare of campus and should be the heart of student life, including student activism and politics. From its establishment, the ANU intended Kambri to be a corporate haven. Students have successfully pushed back against this in the past, winning the right for student clubs to hold information stalls in Kambri free of charge.

Removing Kambri from the list of exclusion zones and establishing it as a campaigning space in the ANUSA elections is another important way we can push back against the corporatisation of this space. Kambri should be a place where candidates and tickets running in the election are able to have political discussions with students about the direction of ANUSA, the key political issues facing students and the strategy needed to fight back against attacks on our rights. No other university campus prohibits student union campaigning in the central thoroughfare.

The expansion of exclusion zones in recent years to include spaces like Kambri has been a measure used by the larger incumbent tickets in ANUSA to disadvantage smaller tickets who rely more on campaigning during election week to convince students to vote for them. Incumbent tickets with existing social networks and voting bases don't need to talk to as many new students to win votes. This makes the existence of exclusion zones in the most central parts of campus an undemocratic measure that helps to privilege the incumbents and depoliticise the campus.

##### Motion:

Remove number 1 (Kambri precinct) from the list of exclusion zones in schedule B (in relation to section 3.1.3) of the ANUSA constitution.

Moved: Wren Somerville

Seconded:

## **Motion 4.5: Robson Rotation**

### Preamble

This motion strips the requirement to order the ballots and replaces them with the method that the software we already use requires. Each of the last four elections have been run using this method and literally nobody except me noticed. Also, this method is fairer as it entirely eliminates the advantage that may be gained by appearing first on the ballot.

This motion also removes the ability for tickets to order their NUS and Gen Rep tickets - only one NUS ticket and zero Gen Rep tickets tried to order themselves this year, so I can't imagine it will be missed. Tickets will still have the ability to tell people how to vote for Gen Rep or NUS if they so desire.

### Text

Replace the text of Regulation 2.4.3 which currently states

‘Except as provided for in section 2.4.5, the position of candidates on the ballot must be determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer or their nominee.’

With the new text

‘Except as provided for in section 2.4.5, the position of candidates shall appear randomly on each ballot.’

Replace the text of Regulation 2.4.5 which currently states

2.4.5 The ballot for the election of General Representatives to the SRC:

(a) must group candidates according to the ticket or party to which they are aligned, and group together all

"Group Unspecified" candidates in a single group titled "Not Grouped";

(b) must display these groups in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer or their nominee;

(c) must list the registered ticket name at the top of each group endorsed by each registered ticket;

(d) must list candidates within these groups: (i) in the order requested by that group, if that request is received in writing by the Returning Officer or their nominee before the date of the drawing of lots; or (ii) if no order is requested, in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer or their nominee in accordance with section 2.4.3; and

(e) must display the group entitled "Not Grouped" to the right of the groups endorsed by each registered ticket; and

(f) must list candidates within the group entitled "Not Grouped" in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer or their nominee in accordance with section 2.4.3.

With the new text

‘Candidates for General Representative shall be ordered randomly, except that those candidates who belong to a ticket shall appear together under the heading of their ticket. Also, those candidates who do not belong to a ticket shall appear together under the heading “Not Grouped”

Moved: Ned Strange

Seconded: Isabella Gockel



## **Motion 4.6: Spending Caps**

### **Preamble**

The student politicians here somehow succeeded in removing graphic design and photography expenses from the spending caps, apparently due to concerns about underpaying artists. That's all well and good, but those expenses make up a significant majority of spending for tickets! One ticket this year spent more than 1000 dollars on these expenses and under 500 dollars on capped expenses. Why even have a cap?

This motion adds those expenses back into the spending cap and raises it by 20% (rounded to the nearest dollar) to compensate. If you want to pay artists more, we could raise it more. The language about inflation is to allow for the case in which the current inflation crisis leads to year-over-year inflation exceeding 20%, though that seems unlikely.

### **Text**

Amend the Electoral Regulations by removing subpoint 2.9.4(a) and renumbering the following subpoints accordingly.

Add the following subpoint at the end of Regulation 2.9.2

‘For 2023. the value of min shall be 260 dollars, or the 2022 value adjusted for inflation, whichever is higher. The value of max shall be 1589 dollars or the 2022 value adjusted for inflation, whichever is higher.’

Moved: Ned Strange

Seconded: Isabella Gockel

## **Motion 4.7: Withdrawals**

### **Preamble**

It turns out there are no provisions anywhere in the Regulations allowing candidates to withdraw at any point. This is very dumb, and this motion will now allow candidates to withdraw at any time before the voting period. Our practice has been to allow this anyway. Withdrawing during or after the voting period, under this motion, will lead to a recount of votes with the candidate excluded.

### **Motion**

Create a new subsection in the Electoral Regulations under section 2 that reads as follows

#### **‘2.12 Withdrawals**

2.12.1 A candidate may withdraw from their candidacy at any time in writing by informing the Returning Officer or Probity Officers.

2.12.2 If a candidate withdraws before the voting period, that candidate’s name will be removed from the ballot and the funding cap of any ticket that candidate belonged to decreases accordingly.

2.12.3 If a candidate withdraws during the voting period or after it but before the votes for every position are counted and announced, their name remains on the ballot. Ballots for the election of the positions that candidate was running for shall be counted as normal, except the withdrawn candidate shall be excluded and their votes redistributed before any other step is taken. In the case that a candidate withdraws after the votes for the position they are running for are counted but before all the votes are counted and announced, the votes for the position they were running for will be recounted in this way.

2.12.4 Any attempt to withdraw a candidacy after votes are counted will lead to a casual vacancy under the Constitution.

Moved: Ned Strange

Seconded: Isabella Gockel

## **Motion 4.8: No In-Person Voting**

### **Preamble**

There's a requirement for ANUSA to run in-person voting in the Kambri precinct. If that means paper ballots, that would cost thousands of unbudgeted dollars and at least 20 hours of time, not including counting time. Given that ANUSA moved to solely online voting years ago and strict compliance with this requirement would have substantial costs, we should get rid of it.

In its place, I have put a requirement for ANUSA to assist people in casting their ballots and to prominently advertise the fact that they do so. This will address any accessibility concerns and help those people who, for example, cannot afford or access a computer or cannot complete a ballot unassisted for disability reasons.

### **Text**

Replace the text of Electoral Regulation 2.5.1 which currently reads.

‘On each of the four Teaching Days upon which the Annual Elections are held, at least 5 hours of polling must be conducted in the Kambri precinct. The Returning Officer or their nominee must ensure procedures are in place to enable ordinary members of the Association to cast their vote in the Kambri precinct at these times.’

With

‘Voting shall be conducted entirely online. ANUSA shall make sure that impartial students or staff, as well as internet devices, are available to assist students to cast their vote through all business hours in which the Annual Elections are held. Further, the availability of assistance in casting a vote shall be advertised on ANUSA social media platforms.

Moved: Ned Strange

Seconded: Isabella Gockel

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## **Item 5: Other Business**

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### **Item 6: Meeting Close**

Expected Close of Meeting: 7:30pm

Released: 3 October 2022 by Ben Yates

The next general meeting of ANUSA is in 2023, date and time TBC.

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Reference A  
[Treasurer]

Reference B  
*Not yet provided.*