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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*CAMERON WILSON*

#### Student Services & Amenities Fees

The university has been withholding SSAF from ANUSA this year. At first, this was due to the delay to the audited accounts which should have been submitted at the end of April. The reason for this delay was, as touched on in previous reports, difficulty in preparing the accounts and general lethargy from the accountants. We'll be reconsidering our contract with them, in consultation with the new executive, due to quality of the service that we've experienced.

We received and submitted the reports at the start of September to the University. The auditors sent us notice of 6 errors that we had to fix up, which we took swift action on. In reaction to the time that the audit took, the university has launched a review into the financial and human resources procedures of all the student-run groups (ANUSA, PARSA, ANUSM), and is refusing to give SSAF until after the review concludes.

ANUSA is deeply concerned about this. While we understand our accounts took an extended period of time, this was through no fault of our own. According to the ANU/ANUSA funding agreement, we have fulfilled all the requirements from our end. While there were 6 things that the auditors picked up, ANUSA has either fixed those or set in place an action plan for solving them. We also have noted that ANUSM (Woroni) has not yet submitted their audited accounts for this year and has received SSAF.

We informed Richard Baker (PVC-SE) about this, and have not received an adequate response. Marnie Hughes-Warrington (DVC-A) has the ability to change this but she is away for 4 weeks on study leave. We have told them unless we receive swift action, we will be proceeding with dispute measures mentioned in our funding agreement.

The lack of SSAF has impacted the operation of ANUSA. We have had to break our term deposit, forgoing a certain amount of revenue from interest. The university has promised to reimburse us for the lost revenue. While our day-to-day operation has continued, we have not been able to initiate any significant capital expenditure that we have been working on for fear of running out of funding for our staff. This has halted some of the plans for our association, muting our ability to assist students.

#### Ernst & Young Review of ANU Student Organisation Finances

Richard Baker (Pro Vice-Chancellor: Student Experience) and Marnie Hughes-Warrington (Deputy Vice Chancellor: Academic) have commissioned an independent review into the financial processes of the students' association. The purpose of the review is to ensure good financial processes and to demonstrate the current competency of the organisations. I've attached a draft copy of the terms of reference here <http://goo.gl/TQIEAf>.

While I am confident that ANUSA has good financial practices, I take issue with any attempt to integrate ANUSA's financial staff with the university departments. This was proposed at the end of 2012 in SSAF negotiations. Aleks Sladojevic (ANUSA President 2013) and I (Woroni Editor-in-Chief 2012-13) both rejected this proposal and I will continue to do so. While the university should receive reports of what's going on and controls our budget to some extent with their SSAF allocation, they should not have access to details of our individual transactions because we are separate organisations.

We were upset about the circumstances surrounding this (little notice, weren't given the letter of engagement until the day before the review) but we're confident of our procedures so we have no issue being part of this. We are supposed to receive the review report in early October. As well, there's been talk of a follow up review in six months to see how the recommendations have been implemented.

### Higher Education Policy

The fee deregulation saga continues. As many of you would know, the legislation has passed through the House of Representatives as it was originally proposed, but has been sent to Senate Committees for consultation. Word on the street is that there's almost no chance that the legislation will pass

ANUSA's continued to be a force in the debate. We've been involved with the NDAs, stunts like the Unhappy Birthday Party at the last General Meeting, and campaigning for the university to consult with students. The 'Ed Talks' were shaped in part by ANUSA, calling for feedback on what students expect from their education, de-regulated or not.

This debate will extend into next year, and we're working with the new team to ensure a smooth handover to keep pressure on the decisions-makers.

### Executive Workload

Representative burnout is one of the largest risks to the students' association. Despite the radical increase in funding, staff and projects that have accompanied SSAF, hours for the executive has remained fairly constant. As I understand, President has remained unchanged, VP has changed from 15 to 20, and the other positions have increased from 7 to 10. Given the tiny percentage this is for the association, the bottleneck for association's capabilities is time of the representatives, not anything else.

What I'd point out as the biggest issue is two interconnected parts: the reliance on executive members for work that shouldn't be done by student representatives

and a generally executive heavy structure versus students associations around the country. This is a larger issue that I've been researching.

Many other students associations have a different formation to ours. The most common structure is a smaller executive (for example, President, Vice-President, General Secretary), and then a number of 'councillors', some of whom have office-bearer positions such as Welfare Officer. This structure is less hierarchical and allows a greater flexibility in organisational capability.

While my research is still in early day, I personally support a move towards this structure. There will need to be long consultation period and time for transition which is not possible this year. I have been discussing with the new team, particularly President-elect Ben and General Secretary-elect Megan, to float this idea with them and to help them put it into place.

### GAC Reform

Grants & Affiliation Committee is currently running really well. It's easier now than ever to affiliate and request for funding, and the turnaround time is two weeks or less. However, GAC has been often been a huge workload for the Social Officer, taking up a large portion of their few hours at ANUSA. The student representatives on GAC (including Social Officer) spend the majority of their time doing 'implementation' rather than creating or modifying policy.

We're currently looking into staffing solutions for parts of GAC. The receipt checking function is a task that does not require student interaction, but takes up the bulk of the time for the committee. By moving this to a staff member, students would still have agency over how GAC is administered, and in fact would have more time to dedicate to improving GAC policy (i.e. amounts given for different events).

There are multiple different staffing solutions available. We could look to use current staff such as the finance officer which would mean that we could implement it more quickly and avoid difficulties surrounding hiring new staff. Another solution would be to hire a staff member who is dedicated to helping out with GAC and could perform other functions to assist clubs and societies. I am personally leaning towards the former but will spend some time giving this a proper proposal.

As well, we're looking to streamline the GAC application process. One possibility is to remove the 'Budget Proposal' stage of GAC which just acts as a confirmation of the regulations which are clearly available in the GAC Handbook. GAC would, as a result, have more time to focus on the policy around grants and affiliation rather than just the implementation.

### Changes to Union Court

As mentioned previously, ANU is planning to do a massive update to the Union Court area. Members of ANU executive have talked about the need to revamp Union Court area to better provide for students on campus. The project is

predicted to cost hundreds of millions of dollars and to include new accommodation and services housed in Union Court area. The timeframe for the project is 5-10 years.

I've been meeting with Sam Shepherd, from a consulting group called VillageWell, to organise consultations around the changes to Union Court. Honestly, they've been a bit useless meetings so far but I'm glad they're touching base with us to organise these consultations which I think are extremely important. It is essential ANUSA establishes itself as critical to the student experience at ANU, which would be reflected in the geographical layout of the university.

### Consultations

ANUSA's been running small, issue based consultation sessions. These sessions have had varying levels of success, but usually have a few people turn up. They have been running on Tuesday 12.30-1.30pm in the ANUSA Board Room, and we also seek online feedback through Facebook and email. Overall, these have been a great addition for ANUSA which needs to incorporate more active attempts to receive feedback into our operations. Below are a list of the planned consultations

Week 8 - Elections  
Week 9 - 2015 team  
Week 10 - Seminars  
Week 11 - Constitutional Changes in the SGM  
Week 12 - ANU Online  
Week 13 - 2015 team

### Co-curricular Engagement Working Party

ANUSA has been involved with the formation of a program (potentially called "ANU +") that will officially recognise non-study activities around campus. Although there's a few changes to be made, I'm confident that ANU's creating a great new system to celebrate and reward students' achievements outside the classroom.

ANU + will record extra-curricular engagement, ranging from being a rep on ANUSA to being an active member of a club or society, which is signed off by a 'gatekeeper'. This 'gatekeeper' will then organise some kind of reflective activity, such as a short reflective piece or reflective forum, and will sign off that a student has completed this as well. After a student has done enough of these, they can qualify for the award (given at graduation ceremony) by writing an overall reflection of all their activities on campus. These capstone reflections will be available online for students to attach to their resume.

We support the introduction of a program to recognise the contributions of our rich student community, and welcome any support to the students to help recognise the importance of these experiences.

Handover

We've been working hard on the handover process with the incoming executive. Traditionally, ANUSA has had pretty average handovers and we're t's consisting of three parts: meeting up personally, a written document and organised training from outside the organisation. We still haven't organised a handover process for general representatives and college representatives.

### Response to Residential Hall Fees Paper

I've been working with the Interhall Committee, which consists of the student presidents of the Residential Committee, to find out more information about changes made in the Residential Hall Fees Paper.

The key changes they proposed were a 5% increase to fees for catered colleges, a later application closing date for the accommodation guarantee, increase number of beds available for undergraduates by 20% by refusing further accommodation to later years, promoting a priority list of undergraduate students, creating an central application process for all the residential halls and colleges and to allow graduate students to be part of the first year accommodation guarantee.

After finding out about these changes, we contacted and set up a meeting with Marnie Hughes-Warrington (Deputy Vice Chancellor - Academic) to ascertain some more details before taking action. Following a unsatisfactory response, the Presidents set up a highly successful boycott day and attracted media attention. Since then,

### ANU Website

ANU is updating its website. It's a fairly quick project split into two sections: first six months spent updating the front-end and content management system, and the second half spent doing more backend improvements. We were only made aware of this project at a meeting with the Division of Student Administration two weeks ago, and jumped on this as something we'd like to be involved with.

We've been raising issues with the ANU website for a while. John Casey and I worked on a project earlier this year which seems to have had some influence. We particularly raised issue with the balance between using the website as a repository of information for students versus using it as a promotion for coming to ANU, feeling that it was much closer to the latter than the former. I'm happy to report that there will be a 'future student' and 'current student' section, and a number of other changes.

ANUSA was not originally involved with these discussions. We had been receiving feedback about the online infrastructure and actively sought out input in this issue. We've asked to be consulted in future on these issues.

Information Technology Services

Ben Gill, PARSA President Ben Niles and I met with Karen Hill who is the ANU Chief Information Officer (CIO) who oversees Information Technology Services (ITS) formerly known as the Division of Information (DoI). We met to discuss ANU's proposed 'information strategy' to tackle the problem of technology for the university in a unified form. ANU's approach to improving technology is currently piecemeal so we were enthusiastic to hear about a co-ordinated and targeted action to improve ITS on campus. ITS plans to run some forums later this term to canvas student opinion on the future of ANU's information services.

We've also been told that ANU finished its surveys on wireless in the colleges and libraries. The library wi-fi project should be a quick fix and is going to be completed over the next few months. Colleges is a lot more expensive and will take longer to get funding.

### **ANU Mobility Strategy**

At the last Academic Board, there was a proposal to create an ANU Mobility Strategy which aimed to increase the amount of students who are taking up exchange (or other ANU Global Programs). Most of the talk was about the administrative side of exchange and the load on academics. After asking, we were told that ANU is currently looking into more equity provisions for students from low-SES backgrounds. I'd like to put in a submission, so I would appreciate any feedback on the issue!

### **Light Rail**

ACT Government is initiating a Light Rail project in Canberra. I had a meeting with Kim from ACT Government and Jacob, President of the UC Students' Association. We discussed the upcoming light rail project and how the government could reach out to consult with students. The light rail project as it's proposed seems like it would particularly benefit ANU students more so than UC students, as the route ends in Civic. I'd like to see ANU students get involved with this to help guide the project, as current and future stakeholders. I'm considering asking them to come to ANU to run a consultation - more info as I know.

### **Special General Meeting**

We have a Special General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 22nd of October, to propose some changes to the ANUSA Constitution and electoral regulations. Information on these is available on our website.

### **Contact**

On anything in this report, anything else concerning undergraduates on campus, please get in touch! My email is [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au) and I'd love to meet up and have a chinwag about what's on your mind.

## REFERENCE B

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### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*ANNIKA HUMPHREYS*

Term four has come around at a fast pace, giving us not much time to get a number of things done before our term ends. Firstly congrats to all of the incoming representatives, you have an exciting year ahead of you and best of luck with it. I've been doing a number of things within the advocacy and welfare space, as well as working on some social, administrative and other fun activities.

#### ANUSA Survey

The Annual Survey went out on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September and will be open for three weeks. This has been a collaborative effort between Carolyn, ANU Planning and Performance and myself. Please take the time to fill it out and encourage others to do so as it will provide valuable information for this and future teams in where to focus their efforts on.

#### Clubs & Societies Ball

I have worked on putting this event together with Eric Chan – everything from decorations, ticket sales, award panel and more. It's been great fun and we're looking forward to seeing everyone there on the night – make sure you can a ticket before sales close.

Alongside this social event, I've been managing a few other social activities and working with clubs and societies to make sure they've filled out all of the correct forms that are required. In the student space there are weekly performances of music and or magic (get lucky and pick a week), as well as weekly movie screenings and a few others. I've spent about ten hours this term facilitating safe events for clubs and societies and ensuring they comply with all the relevant policies, procedures and legislation.

#### Student Assistance

Michael, Carolyn and Bronwyn have been busy working with students across the two terms with issues around tax help, legal issues, office policies and academic advice. I have been working closely with Carolyn on a number of academic and fee related assistance issues. In this space, we are continuing to run our free breakfast program, as well food aid and are looking into a more affordable solution for academic gowns for graduation ceremonies – watch our website and Facebook page for more information.

#### Communications

Cam and myself have been coordinating communications whilst we are in between staff members. This has included updating the Facebook page and Campus Life, as well as providing content to Woroni, working on the annual report and diary.

Further, Dallas and I spent some time updating the website to ensure that we have all of the relevant governance documents, as well as providing further information to students who are seeking help or wishing to view our

submissions to the university and other bodies. If you have any other feedback, let me know, it's quite fast to add and remove content so any further insights would be appreciated.

Whilst Gowrie was away over the break, I took on some of her responsibilities, including chairing SRC and posting notices for meetings, providing assistance for constitutional changes and a number of other documents and papers.

### **Mental Health & Safety on Campus**

I have been chairing both ANUSA committees this year and we have been able to make some positive feedback and actions for students at the university. Attendance this semester has been lower than last which has made it harder to progress on some key initiatives that I was hoping to work on. I will be passing these onto next year's team.

I recently attended the university wide mental health advisory group. ANU is looking into engaging with Batyr as a partner for mental health awareness and encouraging student leadership across campus. A suicide prevention policy and associated program paper was presented at the meeting which received support from committee members and we will be looking into how to best move forward with this. The Counselling Centre has employed (funds provided through SSAF) a manager for interns who are seeing approximately 11 clients/week, on top of the full time counselling staff. The Mental Health Plan – developed last year by ANUSA and the university will be coming to an end next year so the summer period will again prove to be a good time to start looking into and working on where ANUSA sees mental health moving at ANU.

The Safety on Campus campaign has continued to run, with the ISD producing a successful online campaign about diversity and racism. The Queer\* Department have put together Pride Week with a number of fantastic activities. Following this, there will be an interactive drug and alcohol training held for free at ANUSA, as well as some initiatives in running a safe and accessible event on campus.



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### EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

LAURA WEY

#### Senate Inquiry into proposed changes to Higher Education

ANUSA and the National Union of Students (NUS) have made submissions to the Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee Inquiry into the Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014.

ANUSA has been invited to the Senate Committee to appear at a public hearing on Friday 10 October in relation to the *Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014*.

The Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee will report back on 28 October 2014, before a vote is taken in the Senate.

#### Ed Talks

Ed Talks are a series of small focus groups, designed by PARSA, ANUSA and the ANU, to include students in the discussion around the future direction of ANU.

This is your opportunity to tell ANU:

- ~ why you came to ANU
- ~ barriers you may have faced getting to ANU
- ~ what quality you expect from an ANU degree

Sessions will be facilitated by ANU teaching staff and the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) will be in attendance.

The remaining sessions after ANUSA OGM4 are:

- ~ Wednesday 8 October, 5.30-6.30pm, JCSMR Boardroom (HDR students)
- ~ Thursday 9 October, 9-10am, ANUSA student space (ALL)
- ~ Tuesday 14 October, 5.30-6.30pm, ANUSA student space (ALL)
- ~ Wednesday 15 October, 8.45-9.45am, Union Court (ALL feat. hot BBQ breakfast)

Join the Facebook event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/829103223789092/>.

#### Fair Go for Canberra

*Fair Go for Canberra* is a community driven campaign platform through which ANUSA is working to fight the proposed changes to Higher Education.

*Fair Go for Canberra* will be facilitating a Canberra community public meeting about fee deregulation in the coming months.

Check out the website for more information:

<http://www.fairgoforcanberra.org.au>

Like Fair Go for Canberra on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/FairGoCanberra>

### **PhB Working Party**

I am the ANUSA Representative on the PhB Working Party. We have had 2 out of 4 meetings so far. I consulted with undergraduate research students through student focus groups ANUSA held in 2013 and more ANU held in early 2014. Recommendations are going to be proposed from the Working Party in the coming weeks, which will be voted on by university committees. I will communicate the changes to students (if they affect current students) via the ANUSA Blog and through the PhB convenors.

### **SELT Review Working Party**

I am the ANUSA Representative on the SELT Review Working Party. We have had 2 out of many meetings so far. I consulted with students via the ANUSA College Representatives and discipline-focused Clubs and Societies. Recommendations are going to be proposed from the Working Party in the coming weeks, which will be voted on by university committees. I will communicate the changes to students via the ANUSA Blog as ANUSA begins it's Complete Your SELTs campaign at the end of the Semester.

### **Hand Over**

I am thrilled that Education Officer remained the most highly contested executive position in the ANUSA elections this year.

I have deep respect for all the incredible candidates who ran for Education Officer: Aayushi Talwar, Richard Kong, Monique Langley-Freeman and Jock Webb.

They are a testament to the passion and hard work of ANU students in the fight against the proposed changes to Higher Education.

I look forward to seeing how the Education Officer-elect continues our campaign against fee deregulation, adding real interest onto student loans and cuts to government funding of university courses.

I hope that all candidates who ran for positions on ANUSA continue their involvement in this union.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

*NICK BARRY*

As this year has began it's final stretch, I have spent most of my time in the last couple of months:

- Preparing for the Ernst and Young audit
- Working with Cam in the collection of our SSAF payment for 2014  
Working on a report for ANUSA on how we should financially prepare ourselves for operation without funding from SSAF
- Assisting in handover for the new treasurer (Sophia Woo, who will be presenting the preliminary budget for 2015)
- Finishing up with both Campus Advisory Sub-Committee and Campus Planning and Development Committee
- Organising new computers for the ANUSA offices
- Helping in the organisation of an ANUSA wish list of purchases that will benefit anyone from ANUSA Staff to the everyday student. This has already been released to the ANUSA 2014 and 2015 team.

Most of this has been covered in the last 2 SRC's and if there are any further questions, dont hesitate to ask or email me at [sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au).

Attached in the reference material is a cash summary with our spending this year until October 6<sup>th</sup>. After speaking with the incoming treasurer, we would like to use Xero (our accounting software) to prepare reports for OGM's and SRC's more often as it is currently underutilised (and if you're worried about the \$640,00 deficit, it is because we haven't received our whole SSAF payment yet).

Lastly, I wanted to congratulate the elected ANUSA team for 2015. I am really excited to see what they have in store for us next year.

**Cash Summary**  
**e Australian National University Students' Association Incorporated**  
**For the month ended 31 October 2014**  
**Excluding GST**

**YTD Actual**

**Income**

Bus hire revenue	\$55.91
Equipment Hire	\$227.27
First Year College Camp	\$6,363.64
Interest	\$20,399.82
Miscellaneous (Sundry) Income	\$134,380.94
Sales - BKSS	\$2,900.66
Sponsorship - ANU	\$36,957.25
Sponsorship - External	\$25,731.18
SSAF Allocation	\$182,045.45
Stall Hire Income	\$2,181.82
Ticket/Event Sales	\$70,258.34
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$481,502.28</b>

**Less Operating Expenses**

Accounting/Bookkeeping	\$36,465.11
Auditing	\$63.64
Bad debts expense	\$2,336.64
Bank Fees with GST	\$840.90
Bank Fees without GST	\$1,943.35
BKSS Food/Consumables	\$9,710.84
BKSS Non-food	\$6,043.18
Bus expenses	\$7,679.59
Bush Week	\$30,242.75
C&S Capital	\$1,034.72
C&S Training and events	\$5,286.73
Cleaning	\$5,298.46
Conferences/Travel	\$2,047.52
Departments & Collectives	\$80,622.79
Education Committee	\$9,699.51
Elections	\$392.60
Faculty Camps	\$59,402.54
Faculty Representatives	\$1,255.23
Fees & Subscriptions	\$149.57
Fines and Penalties	\$2,380.00
Grant Expenses	\$700.97
Grants and Affiliations Committee	\$51,451.74
Grants and Affiliations Committee Non-GST Grants	\$11,231.42
Interest Expense	\$0.95
IT Support & Equipment	\$3,231.75
Legal Expenses	\$4,952.31
Marketing & Communications	\$37,072.32
Meeting Expenses	\$2,146.31
Misc Committees (Mental Health, Safety on Campus)	\$6,513.62
Non-committee projects	\$2,969.53
NUS	\$5,193.63
Other Employee Expense	\$5,333.97
O-Week	\$200,338.32
O-Week/Bush Week Honoraria	\$4,680.00

Printer	\$5,052.55
Repairs and Maintenance	\$6,507.28
Salaries and Wages	\$375,827.99
Social Committee	\$25,598.27
START	\$2,365.05
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	\$1,802.26
Student Assistance Unit Grants	\$2,756.00
Student Assistance Unit Purchases	\$3,026.53
Superannuation Expense	\$54,382.06
Telephone	\$1,119.39
Training	\$3,523.98
Utilities	\$10,888.07
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$6,616.62
ATO Integrated Client Account	\$44,137.39
Sundry Debtor	-\$7,929.81
Online Sales Clearing Account	-\$15,105.37
PAYG Withholdings Payable	-\$4,210.00
Payroll Clearing Account	-\$514.95
Rounding	\$0.02
Sundry Creditor	\$16,121.00
Superannuation Payable	-\$8,512.47
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,122,164.37</b>
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<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>-\$640,662.09</b>