
MEETING MINUTES: STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2 2011

Tuesday 4th April 2011

ANUSA Boardroom

Attendance List:

Leah Ginnivan – President of the Association

Brody Warren – Vice-President of the Association

Shaun Wykes – General Secretary of the Association

Victor White – Treasurer of the Association (attended for less than an hour)

Hannah Purdy – Social Officer of the Association

Christian Dent – Education Officer of the Association

Kate McMurtrie – Women's Officer of the Association

Robin Shannon – Environment Officer of the Association

Gus Little – Sexuality Officer of the Association

Angeline Tan – International Officer of the Association

Isobel Morphy-Walsh – Indigenous Office of the Association

Steph Smythe – Disabilities Officer of the Association

Maneka Sivanathan – General Representative

Emily Bennett – General Representative

Ridah Hassan – General Representative

Shan Verne Liew – General Representative

Elaine Li – General Representative

Nuwan D'Alwis – General Representative

Sarah Jane Collum – General Representative

Jamie Bryce – General Representative

Emily Criticos – General Representative

Maea Lenei Buhre – General Representative

Callum Brindley – General Representative

Thomas Barrington-Smith

Galvin Chia

Fleur Hawes

Meeting opened at 6.08pm

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

- Apologies were received from Skye Webb and Josh Wiseman.

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising

MOTION: That the minutes from SRC 1 2011 be accepted.

Moved: Shaun Wykes

Seconded: Leah Ginnivan

Motion Passed.

Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising

3.1 Executive Reports

3.1.1 Presidents' Report (L. Ginnivan) [Reference A]

Questions

- **Gus Little:** What are the committees that people can sit on?
 - **Leah:** Leah is sitting on 15 committees and Brody is sitting on about 5. It would be good to bring more reps into committee meeting especially people who are interested in particular areas including admissions, equity, diversity, student support.
- **Gus Little:** How often do the committees meet? L
 - **Leah:** Monthly, Maea and Fleur are coming to some meetings
- **Robin:** What is happening with the ANU cleaning contracts?
 - **Leah:** Citigroup is already compliant.

MOTION: That the President's report be accepted.

Moved: Brody Warren.

Seconded: Kate McMurtrie.

Motion passed.

3.1.2 Vice-President's Report (B. Warren) [Reference B]

Questions

- **Hannah Purdy:** How many people have entered the logo competition?
 - **Brody:** There have been five entries, some with multiple logos. So we have 12 or so designs for the logo. The all student email will encourage more entries
- **Gus Little:** Is there an incentive for the web design?
 - **Brody:** We think there will be but we have not yet discussed that. We would bring it to SRC first. There may be possibility of a bursary depending upon how much work is needed. There have not been too many people keen to jump on the bandwagon. One company said they would charge \$30,000. Talked to Woroni who did it with Kudisi, who also did the current ANUSA website. They may be able to map the website lay out.

MOTION: That the Vice-President's report be accepted.

Moved: Kate McMurtrie.

Seconded: Shan Verne Liew.

Motion passed.

3.1.3 General Secretary's Report (S. Wykes) [Reference C]

- The office organization will start soon. The Treasurer/General Secretary /Social and Education Officers will go into the Woroni office. The current exec office will become a planning and meeting space.
- Meetings take up a lot of time.
- Meeting attendance is a problem – how can we fix this/ better approach this?

Questions

- **Christian Dent:** When are Woroni moving out?
 - **Leah:** Probably by the end of the week – they are encountering some problems in the new space.

MOTION: That the General Secretary’s report be accepted.

Moved: Hannah Purdy.

Seconded: Jamie Bryce.

Motion passed.

3.1.4 Treasurer’s Report (V. White)

- Got copies of the budget for anyone that hasn’t been at JRC.

MOTION: That the Treasurer’s report be accepted.

Moved: Kate McMurtrie.

Seconded: Gus Little.

Motion passed.

3.1.5 Social Officer’s Report (H. Purdy) [Reference D]

- The main issue is that clubs and societies are having problems booking venues, getting alcohol licenses and organizing meetings. Hope to create a simplified fact sheet.

Questions

- **Brody Warren:** Is there a Union Rep now on GAC?
 - **Hannah:** Sam Stapleton is going to sit on GAC. The post grad rep can stay until 3pm now on GAC days and Dallas has to leave at 4.

MOTION: That the Social Officer’s report be accepted.

Moved: Maea Lezni Burne.

Seconded: Kate McMurtire.

Motion passed.

3.1.6 Education Officer’s Report (C. Dent) [Reference E]

- NUS National Day of Action: are interested to know what he can do to get people more involved. Interested in hearing suggestions.
- Youth Allowance Review: there are consultations happening all over the country, mostly for regional students. It is on 29 April in Canberra, let Christian know if you are interested in being involved.
- Education Committee is happening on the first day back next term
- There is a review of the student concession card happening with NUS. An ACT Legislative Assembly member is putting up a motion in ACT Parliament.

Questions

- **Gus Little:** Were there problems organizing before the national day of action? Would more meetings more often for the Education Committee help?
 - **Christian:** There are a few things Christian is still getting his head around – the material getting sent out too late.
- **Galvin Chia:** Is there a limit for the amount of people for the Youth Allowance consultation?
 - **Christian:** Not aware if there is a limit
- **Callum Brindley:** It is good that there is a campaign around HECS – thoughts on lecture bashing, publicizing material?
 - **Christian:** Agree with a lot of what Cal says. The NUS material was to present a national front through all campuses. It should have been more widely publicized.
- **Brody Warren:** When is the next NDA?
 - **Christian:** There are lots of different campaigns but nothing specific going on at the moment.
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MOTION: That the Education Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Kate McMurtrie.

Seconded: Leah Ginnivan

Motion passed.

3.2 Department Reports

3.2.1 Women's Department Report (K. McMurtrie) [Reference F]

- Passed the Womens Department Constitution. Took a photo.

Questions

- **Brody Warren:** What the photo?
 - **Kate:** There was a photo taken of everyone voting for the Constitution.

MOTION: That the Women Officers's report be accepted.

Moved: Christian Dent.

Seconded: Shaun Wykes.

Motion passed.

3.2.2 Sexuality Department Report (G. Little) [Reference G]

- Applied for ABN so the grant can come through. An updated emailing system is on the way.

Questions

- **Maea Lehni Buhne:** Was the time of the sexuality officer in union court successful?
 - **Gus:** Some people wanted to get space access and some signed up to mailing list. Getting people to sign up is more of a problem but it is good to see people around and then they can access it in other ways.
- **Kate McMurtrie:** Has anyone been having issues getting into rooms?
 - **Gus:** Not as far as we know.

MOTION: That the Sexuality Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Brody Warren.

Seconded: Kate McMurtrie.

Motion passed.

3.2.3 Environment Department Report (R. Shannon) [Reference H]

- Publicly apologies for getting it in late and using the same one used for JRC.

No questions.

MOTION: That the Environment Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Kate McMurtrie.

Seconded: Maea Lehni Burne.

Motion passed.

3.2.4 International Students' Department Report (A. Tan) [Reference I]

- Start selling tickets for International Ball from tomorrow onwards. They are \$65 each. There will be a BBQ on tomorrow.
- Would like to do a survey for the international student review about what people think about the change.

Questions

- **Callum Brindley:** Do you know what international student rights are in regards to concession cards? If they don't have the same rights, is this a problem that could galvanize international students?
 - **Ang:** They are allowed in the ACT but do not have the same privilege in other states,
- **Shaun Wykes:** Is International Ball outside?
 - **Ang:** It is indoors when you get into a marquee. There is a pre drinks area. It is right in front of the national library.
- **Christian Dent:** What is the entertainment?

- **Ang:** The theme is Arabian Nights so there will be shisha, belly dancers, performances, and an after party.

MOTION: That the International Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Jamie Bryce.

Seconded: Emily Criticos.

Motion passed.

3.2.5 Disabilities Department Report (S. Smythe)

- Nothing further to add – until Steph can get in contact with disability services

Questions

- **Leah Ginnivan:** A student came in who needed to borrow scooter. This person lives off campus and needed to store it off campus so they will use ANUSA offices but they need a space.
 - **Steph Smythe:** There is no solution. Disability services are really rude and when trying to get access for lift they are pretty rude.

MOTION: That the Disabilities Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Kate McMurtire.

Seconded: Nuwan D'Alwis.

Motion passed.

3.2.6 Indigenous Students' Department (I. Morphy-Walsh)

- Nothing much has happened.
- Department doesn't have an ABN so need to get onto that.
- Have not moved forward with trustees. There is someone who would like do deputy but they have not been met.
- Reconciliation Action Plan meeting– ANU has a plan and they meet regularly and a new plan draft is coming out soon (in about two months)
- Sitting on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Identity Policy Committee

Questions

- **Leah:** Is there issues with the traditional owners acknowledgment? Does the Indigenous Department have a stance on this?
 - **Isobel:** The stance is to not name a particular tribe at the moment. Don't feel it is right to make a clear statement and just acknowledging traditional owners is enough.
- **Maea:** What are the aims of the Reconciliation Action Plan meetings?
 - **Isobel:** Every big government institution has one. Designed to create reconciliation action plans and see how we can bridge gaps and move forward. Issues include identity issues, acknowledgements to country. There is a wide range out outcomes.
- **Brody:** How often does the Reconciliation Action Plan committee meet?
 - **Isobel:** Once every two months. Push for college residential colleges to have an action plan.
- **Christian:** What are the Indigenous games?
 - **Isobel:** Students have to put in expression of interest in. But there hasn't been a collective meeting with quorum yet for people to put expressions of interest forward.

MOTION: That the Indigenous Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Kate McMurtrie.

Seconded: Emily Criticos.

Motion passed.

3.3 General Representative Reports

3.3.1 Skye Webb and Maea Lenei Buhre

- Doing an outreach stall every fortnight in union court, give them materials
- First session and free food was popular

Questions

- **Robin Shannon:** EC have tried outreach stalls and they have ended in disaster. Nobody is very interested – if you find it can you please share the secret formula?

- **Leah:** Who paid for the food? Can get it reimbursed from ANUSA.
 - **Maea Lenei Buhre:** Have paid for it, but will get ANUSA to pay it back.
- **Christian:** Do you have shirts, jumpers?
 - **Shaun:** Come and see me for these.

MOTION: That the x report be accepted.

Moved: Hannah Purdy.

Seconded: Emily Bennett.

Motion passed.

Item 4: Notices of Motions

4.1 Sexual Health Awareness and Guidance Week (G. Little)

MOTION: That ANUSA shall hold a Sexual Health Awareness and Guidance (SHAG) Week to attempt to address the knowledge and access the ANU student population has to sexual health awareness, information and prevention. The week will be:

- Funded by ANUSA or ANUSA-lead fundraising processes
- Held in Term Two 2011
- Organised by a committee comprised of at least two sexuality department members and at least two student representatives.

Moved: Gus Little

Seconded: Brody Warren

- **Gus Little:** Canberra has had them in the past and they have been pretty successful. There is a void of information from colleges and would like to take a leading role on that. It could include an awareness BBQ, free condoms, sausages, getting reps in from different organizations, working in with sexual health testing ("Stamp Out Chlamydia"). People normally pay for sexual health checks but could encourage them for free.
- **Leah Ginnivan:** There are issues with sexual health. This is a way to talk about good and the bad things that can happen and where to go to for resources.
- **Callum Brindley:** This is a great idea. Sexual health is heteronormative and this is a way to talk about how sex is portrayed.
- **Leah Ginnivan:** Would Gus be heading this up?
 - **Gus:** Danni is pretty enthusiastic. Her plus two or more ANUSA reps.
- **Hannah Purdy:** Could be a feature week.
- **Christian:** Can get halls and colleges involved?

Motion passed.

4.2 Motion on Music and Art Schools (C. Brindley)

MOTION: That ANUSA openly supports students in their campaign against the amalgamation of the music and art libraries and calls for consultation.

Moved: Callum Brindley

Seconded: Ridah Hassan

- **Callum Brindley:** This has been moved for Fleur and Galvin who are both Arts Reps. This motion ensures solidarity for music and arts students, specifically that there is a proposal to close to the music library. The decision was made last year with no consultation. Staff and students oppose it. This is a question about priorities and not money. The university has built new centres including the new Crawford centre and built a hockey field while they have cut courses that don't have large number of students. This is a cost saving exercise on behalf of the university and students and academics should not have that.
- **Galvin Chia:** Have been in contact with music and arts students. This is a good social movement and will be a way of closing gap between ANUSA and the university.

- **Leah Ginnivan:** Fleur and Galvin have been doing a great job. Vic Elliott, the chief librarian, thinks this issue is out of his hands. Have set up meeting with the VC.
- **Emily Bennett:** Following on from Galvin, music school are very grateful with the communication in Woroni and the Fac Reps are working really hard.
- **Fleur Hawes:** Thursday at 3.30pm there will be student activism in the art library aimed at showing off the space and how it should be used for arts students and that it can't fit both music and art students and books. Want to fill it up to show it would not be a useable space.

Motion passed.

4.3 Faculty Representative Budget (G. Little)

MOTION: That ANUSA Faculty Representatives be granted an annual budget of \$200

Moved: Gus Little

Seconded: Brody Warren

- **Gus Little:** Moving motion on behalf of Fleur and Galvin. This is important because fac reps currently rely on college money. This money could be used for advocacy or student engagement. They must also continue to seek money from the colleges
- **Isobel Morphy-Walsh:** Will there be any accountability to it?
- **Fleur Hawes:** It will be accountable just like any ANUSA funds. There would need to be evidence about how it was spent.

Motion passed.

4.4 Lecture Recording (S. Wykes)

MOTION: That ANUSA adopts a general position that all lectures must be recorded.

Moved: Shaun Wykes

Seconded: Gus Little

- **Shaun Wykes:** Fac Reps were keen on this but we lost quorum at the OGM. The current policy is that lecturers don't have to record if they provide summaries but the lecture notes aren't always sufficient.
- **Fleur Hawes:** Spoke about this in JRC – we mentioned there should be exceptions (eg. lecturers speech difficulties). We will write a letter to the Heads of Schools. The exception should come from the Dean and a Student panel.
- **Galvin Chia:** We don't want to be antagonistic to lecturers.
- **Robin Shannon:** Who would the student rep be?
 - **Fleur:** It would probably be an ANUSA rep.
- **Emily Criticos:** In the Drama Lab there are no recording facilities. Could we lobby to provide adequate recording facilities as well?
- **Maneka Sivanathan:** In the case of exceptions - do we have regulations on what the notes should be like?
 - **Leah Ginnivan:** It says "substantive notes" but there is no definition of this.
- **Callum Brindley:** Do we know the background on the policy? It would be interesting to find out how we brought that about. If this is in place less students may come to lectures but we should advocate for recordings. However students need to know that going to lectures is equally important – we need to advocate that less working and more studying is ok.
- **Leah Ginnivan:** The policy was initiated by the university in the past years.
- **Fleur Hawes:** Other universities have had a campaign to "go to class" in order to acknowledge the lecturers hard work etc.

Motion passed.

7.5 Academic Advice (B. Warren)

MOTION: That ANUSA adopts a general position that all academic advice given on behalf of any College administration is signed and dated.

Moved: Brody Warren

Seconded: Shaun Wykes

- **Brody Warren:** This came up in CRC. It is dangerous that there is no policy on this at the moment. Advice has been given in CASS and CBE that they don't have to do a pre reqs etc. Sometimes it may have just been a passing comment. It is important that we get some clarity on the issues and that students will be assured that the advice they get is ok.
- **Galvin Chia:** Admin can not work on hearsay.
- **Fleur Hawes:** This will be across all faculties. The faculties can create a report together that creates a position in a equitable way.
- **Callum Brindley:** Does this mean advice must be provided in writing?
- **Fleur Hawes:** Lots of heads of colleges don't like that academics can't give academic advice. It is just about staff development.
- **Emily Criticos:** Are there worries that if we go to a lecturer they would be afraid to give advice? How can we fix this?
 - **Galvin:** What they are saying should be correct. This way it is to make sure that if they are giving good advice they have nothing to fear.
 - **Fleur:** If lecturers feel uncomfortable that is where school admin comes in
- **Brody:** This advice is on behalf of the college admin – if it is advice on behalf of the admin then it should be formal.

Motion passed

Item 6: Items for Discussion

6.1 Meeting Attendance (S. Wykes)

- **Emily Bennett:** In meetings a lot of the material is repeated. Perhaps we can bold stuff that has happened already and if people need clarification they can ask.
- **Leah Ginnivan:** There was a motion passed last year (or at some point) that all reports should be taken as read.
- **Shan Verne Liew:** Gen Rep reports are really good.
- **Callum Brindley:** suspending standing orders – frame it in terms of a question – taking vote allows people to decide what are important. OGMs should be about drawing in other students – publicizing meetings – location.

Item 7: Other Business

7.1 MOTION: That Thomas Barrington-Smith be the acting General Representative until either a new General Representative is elected at the AGM in term two or he is successful in an appeal to the Disputes Committee, whichever comes first.

Moved: Hannah Purdy

Seconded: Leah Ginnivan

- **Hannah Purdy:** Not doing this as an easy way to get out of it – Tom has a lot to give and good idea
- **Leah Ginnivan:** Tom hasn't had a chance
- **Fleur Hawes:** What's the role of the disputes committee?
- **Christian Dent:** Tom came to one of the gen rep meetings
- **Tom Barrington-Smith:** Contacted Rob Anderson this afternoon to get the ball rolling

Motion passed.

Item 8: Date of next meeting and close

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 17th May 2011, 6pm in the ANUSA Boardroom.

Meeting closed at 7.46pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Leah Ginnivan

The last little while has been hectic mainly with university things so not too much to report, so I'm going to make fun bullet points then people can ask questions!

-Unigardens residents' survey will come back this week. Working with Ian (an SR at unigardens) , Shan and Skye on this. It would be disruptive for resses to move this late in the game. Once we get it back we'll do some lobbying with UAS and the VC.

-had interviews for Ursies deputy head and the Manager of residential and campus communities.

- I have been contacted about supporting a campaign to make sure ANU's cleaning contracts are compliant with union standards. Looking into it!
- Music and Art school library stuff still going ahead. I haven't been able to attend meetings but the lovely Fleur and Galvin have been. Happy to help out where I can although this campaign seems to be doing great.
- I'm working on the proposal to get a graduating student to speak at graduation.
- Still a lot of fun committees for reps to be on if you're interested! Admissions Standards Committee, anyone?
- Working on the review of safety still and looking for . On Thursday we'll be taking some campaign ideas to the uni. Hurrah!
- Heading to Council Retreat over the holidays to work on the strategic plan for the ANU's direction.
- We still need to organise a visit for the VC to talk about the strategic plan (SRC? JRC?)

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brody Warren

Incorporation

The incorporation saga continues... We have another consultation session (Monday afternoon), which I will report on at the meeting. We have had a few more submissions etc. Shaun and I will be combing through the constitution and updating these changes over the Easter Break, and will be ready for public view a few weeks prior to the AGM in May.

It is expected that the Legal Advice will soon be completed, and hopefully we can pass the Constitution at AGM 1, and put it to the University Council for their May meeting, so as to be ready to implement for Semester 2 2011.

AUQA Audit 2012

As mentioned at the last meeting, ANUSA will be conducting its Annual Survey in first semester this year to coincide with the Report that needs to be submitted to the Australian Universities' Quality Authority before their Audit of the ANU in 2012. I will be working closely with the Quality and Standards Sub-Committee and the Dean of Students, to create an Apollo survey similar to previous years, with particular focus on the "International" and "Student Experience" subject areas.

Website

The Clubs and Societies Calendar is now being updated weekly on the website, thanks to Hannah Purdy, and her and I are currently creating a PHP calendar, following the suggestion of a student on the ANUSA Facebook page. This will hopefully be up in the next week or so.

Minutes of the first round of meetings will also be added as soon as they are approved at the next meetings (i.e. SRC2 and CRC2).

The re-design committee was advertised in Woroni recently, and we will continue to recruit people to be involved in re-developing the site as a whole. A professional re-design is also being investigated, but it would be preferable to have students involved as much as possible.

Logo Competition

The official logo competition has now been launched, with the details circulating on the web and in the most recent edition of Woroni. The designer of the winning logo will receive two tickets to the 'Groovin' the Moo' music festival on 8th May.

Meetings

DOI (Division of Information)

CPDC (Campus Planning and Development Committee)

EMPC (Environmental Management and Planning Committee)

QASSC (Quality and Standards Sub-Committee)

The next round for these meetings will be happening over the next few weeks.

CASC (Campus Advisory Sub-Committee)

This committee is a branch of CPDC, and had its first meeting for the year last week. The main things to report are that there will be a few relocations happening in the near future, principally of the Registrar and Student Services Division, currently in the Pauline Griffin Building, which will be moving over near UniLodge in approximately May. The new Student cards are also being rolled-out, it is currently in Stage 3, but there have been a few problems. There have also been a few incidences of tyre left on the Western side of campus, so ANU Security has asked all students to be vigilant for shifty characters, particularly in carparks. Also contact them if you encounter any problems with your new student cards.

Appeals

The course credit appeal which I mentioned at the last meeting is continuing, but should be resolved fairly soon.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Shaun Wykes

Constitution and Incorporation

We held another consultation session on Monday 4th April. We had four attendees and discussion included mostly Education Committee and the benefits of Incorporation in general. We are still taking submissions and are willing to talk to anyone if they would like to make any comments. An updated version of the Constitution will be released during the holidays.

Cleaning, clean, clean, clean

I cleaned up the Department Space (check it out!) and the rubbish will be taken away very soon. There have been some problems with contacting ANU Green. When Woroni moves out the plan is to move all the Exec members bar Pres and Vice-Pres into the Woroni Office and the other space can be used for reps when they have meeting etc.

Meetings

So far this year one of each SRC, CRC, JRC and OGM has been held. We lost quorum at both the OGM and JRC and may mean we need to reevaluate meeting times and how to get people to come along and wish to discuss this at the SRC.

SOCIAL OFFICER' REPORT

Hannah Purdy

O-Week Wrap Up

Practically everything from O-Week has been finalised. As Victor reported at JRC lat week profit will be in the vicinity of \$11K.

GAC

All GAC inquiries should now be directed to Brian's Student Space or to myself as the paperwork has been removed from the second hand bookshop. Have set the dead line for reaffiliation (in order to have market day stall deposits returned) by the end of this Semester.

Information Session Follow up

Despite the information session run for Clubs and Societies early in the semester, C&S's have still been having problems booking events and venues and accessing the relevant information. This has become a huge issue. Leah and I will be meeting with the relevant parties at ANU Security and Facilities & Services to determine what steps can be taken.

Taking Back Thursdays

Set to be an awesome night. Tickets are still available in the Student Space. \$5.

Mid Semester Break

I will be spending the break getting started on Bush Week (any suggestions/comments here would be much appreciated), planning feature weeks, and potentially an Easter Egg hunt. I am really disappointed that I am yet to run a feature week, but O-Week follow up continued for much longer than I had expected.

EDUCATION OFFICER' REPORT

Christian Dent

NUS National Day of Action

The National Union of Students National Day of Action 'Fund our future: Say No to a HECS increase' was held on Wednesday 23rd of March in Union Court. A big thank you to all those who helped out in planning the event, and who helped out on the day. Overall the event was a success. Despite there not being a huge turnout in union court, we got 120 cheques signed which have been sent off to the government. Students were also very receptive to the information that was given to them about potential a HECS increase.

For future event's planning certainly needs to be done earlier. I was unable to get any speakers (apart from campus personality Jamie Freestone), due to having contacted them too late. Advertising also could have been better. Courtney Sloane (NUS women's officer) and I did some postering and lecture bombing on the day, but this didn't get the amount of student's in union court that we wanted. The ability to advertise early was slightly hampered by the NUS materials being sent out quite late. I will also endeavour to include more ANUSA reps in the planning of the event so that we can have a bigger presence in union court.

In terms of media coverage, we had a tough gig because it was on at the same time as the climate sceptic protests at parliament house. In past years ANU NDA's (ie. last year's noodle day) have made it into the Canberra times, however despite Leah's press release this didn't happen this year. The ACT NDA, with a small reference to ANU did nonetheless get a small article in the Canberra times:

(<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/uni-students-join-protest-over-funding/2112760.aspx>).

Base Funding Review Submission

I compiled a submission to the Base Funding Review which was due on Thursday. I basically argued that for a variety of reasons that costs of teaching is going up, and that the government, not students, should be increasing its contribution to base funding. Any increase to student contribution to base funding may act as a financial barrier to some students accessing higher education. The submission will be available on the website shortly for your reading pleasure.

Student Visa Review

Submissions to the Student Visa Review are due on the 15th of April. I'll be working with a few ANUSA reps to compile a submission. If anyone is interested in helping out on this please let me know.

Youth Allowance Review

A review of Student Income support will be happening soon, and there will be consultations sessions all over Australia. The consultations are specifically aimed to hear from regional students about the difficulties they face. The Consultation session for Canberra will be on Friday 29th April. If you would like to attend please let me know. This is a fantastic opportunity to express your concerns about and difficulties with youth allowance and the cost of studying directly to a government review.

Education Committee

The next meeting of the education committee will be on Wednesday 27th April at 4pm in the ANUSA boardroom. Everyone is welcome to attend to discuss all things relevant to higher education.

WOMEN'S OFFICER'S REPORT

Kate McMurtrie

Womens Collective Activities

The Womens Department has voted in a Deputy Womens Officer, Renee Jones, at the second meeting of the Collective.

The Womens Department has been finalising the final version of the Womens Department Constitution pending the incorporation of ANUSA. Last week was the second consultation with the Collective and some amendments have been made. It is expected to go to a vote at the next meeting of the Collective.

The Womens Department has written and voted for a Safe Space Policy Procedure and Guidelines for use of the Rapunzel Room.

The Collective also voted in to remove two of the existing trustees to the Womens Department Bank Account. The new trustees will be Renee Jones and Raveena Toor.

The Collective has decided to run a discussion group held in the uni space and held a craft day to decorate the Rapunzel Room last week. The Womens Collective is currently in the process of arranging for regular bellydancing classes to be run by a previous ANU student who now teaches. More details to come!

Rapunzel Room

The kitchen cabinets in the Rapunzel Room that were damaged have been fixed.

SEXUALITY OFFICER'S REPORT

Gus Little

Meetings have been held at least fortnightly, with strong numbers in attendance – quorum has been exceeded at every meeting. Also fortnightly have been the Queery Discussion forums, lead by a different Department member each time, providing the LGBTIQ community and opportunity to discuss important issues in a supportive environment; the next one is scheduled for 7pm on the night of SRC and will be about Consent, hosted by Lisa Judge.

The Sexuality Collective has also restarted the Jellybabies, the social club of the Department. In collaboration with the Department, they will hold weekly brunches and drinks, monthly movie nights and the Queer Ball later in the year. Affiliation with GAC has been undertaken by the Querelle Organising Committee, who have taken responsibility for the publication of the magazine of the sexuality departments' conference. Fundraising for this is underway with chocolate selling already happening and grant proposals about to be sent out.

Also, following a motion passed unanimously by the collective, Deputy Sexuality Officer Danni Day and I spend an afternoon in union court to further increase the visibility of the Department. Together, we have also maintained at least weekly updates to the mailing list, and are investigating the setup of an ANU Mailman Server to make subscription and unsubscription of members simpler, and further protect confidentiality. Danni has also been in contact with the ANUSA Executive around the organisation of Sexual Health Awareness and Guidance week as part of a collaborative effort. I have also expressed intention of holding Pride Week in second semester to the Social Officer to fit in with a 'feature week'.

There has been difficulty in the transfer of trustees of the Sexuality Department bank account. However, progress has been made and this should be resolved by the end of this week. Similarly, until now, the Department has failed to acquire an ABN and thus has been unable to invoice ANUSA for its annual grant. It also remains unclear as to whether the grant over the last two years has been credited to the Department's account due to an inability to invoice ANUSA. Once I am an authorised trustee of the Sexuality Department account, I will ensure this is investigated thoroughly and that the bookkeeping of the Sexuality Department is maintained at an acceptable standard.

ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Robin Shannon

The enviro collective received nation-wide media coverage for a pro-carbon price stunt they staged during question time last Thursday. We heartily recommend similar activism to our brother and sister collectives. It's not only good for the soul but it is a good bonding experience for the collective.

We have begun organising a public lecture series around the issue of a carbon pollution price. This will be held in the second half of semester

The trials and tribulations of our cup-free campaign continue. I'm glad that the wonderful Jasmine has been dealing with the ANU bureaucracy rather than me. We are at present discussing how this will tie into a broader campus sustainability campaign.

We (by which I mean the amazing Kai and Ross with the help of a bunch of others) have started serving \$4 organic vegan lunch at the food co-op Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DEPARTMENT REPORT

Angeline Tan

1. On the 18th of March, we held a joint solidarity event with the Council of International Students (CISA) for the Japanese victims of the Tsunami and earthquake that happened recently. It was held in the Student Space. It was well attended and the room was completely full. It was a simple event with speeches, performances, and contributory sessions for the victims.
2. We've had 1 meeting with 5 nationalities based clubs and societies. We are working on a google calendar which coordinates all events held by participating clubs and societies so that there are less clashes of events. We have discussed about the Harmony Day in 2nd second semester (tentatively 20th August) and a Harmony Week as a collaborative effort between all nationalities based clubs and societies. There will be no more meetings about Harmony Day until the end of the semester.
3. International Ball will be held on the 6th of May 2011. Location is changed to the Patrick White Lawns (next to Lake Burley Griffin). It is going to be great this year. Lots of alcohol, shisha, and an awesome 3 course meal will be served. Tickets will be sold in union court all week and we are capping the ball to 350 attendees.
4. Student engagement barbeques will be held on the 6th April 2011 an 27th April 2011. We will be selling our tickets and also take the opportunity to do surveys on the "visa review submission".
5. We are dealing with the visa review submission that is due on the 15th April 2011. We will be conducting surveys in union court to collect information on students' perspectives on this issue.