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## **AGENDA – ANUSA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 2 2021**

Wednesday, 21 April 2020 6:15pm, Zoom

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

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country
- 1.2 Apologies
- 1.3 Opening of nominations for honoraria to the Honoraria Committee.

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

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#### **Item 3.1: Executive Reports**

- 3.1.1 President's report (M. Janagaraja) [Reference A]
  - 3.1.2 Vice President's report (C. Flynn) [Reference B]
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  - 3.1.6 Social Officer's report (S. Jaggar) [Reference F]
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#### **Item 3.2: Department Officer Reports**

- 3.2.1 Indigenous Department (K. Russell) [Reference G]
- 3.2.2 Women's Department (A. Daruwalla) [Reference H]
- 3.2.3 Queer\* Department (V. Lee) [Reference I]

3.2.4 International Students' Department (B. Chin) [Reference J]

3.2.5 Disabilities Department (Z. Adams and S. Winn) [Reference K]

3.2.6 Environment Department (L. Corby) [Reference L]

3.2.7 Black, Indigenous and People of Colour Department (Ethnocultural Department)  
(C. Nyakuengama) [Reference M]

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### **Item 3.3: Clubs Council Chair Report**

3.3.1 Report by Joshua Yeend [Reference N]

### **Item 3.4: NUS Reports**

3.4.1 Report by Luca Corby [Reference R]

*Note:* NUS Delegate Zoe Raganathan has expressed that she will not deliver a report due to her election as the President of the NUS. However, she can be contacted via email if you have questions about her work.

The remainder of the NUS delegate reports will be presented at SRC 3.

### **Item 4: Elections**

4.1 Election of Returning Officer for SRC 2 elections

4.2 Election of General Representatives to sit on the Ethical Sponsorships Committee

4.3 Election of Probity Officers

4.4. Election of Disputes Committee

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

#### **Motion 5.1: Approval of Bus Expenditure**

The SRC approves the expenditure of \$37,990.00 on the purchase of a bus for ANUSA (see Reference O for an outline of how the process satisfies the requirements set by the Procurement Policy).

Mover: Siang Jin Law

Seconder: Jaya Ryan

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#### **Motion 5.2: Ethical Sponsorships Working Group Terms of Reference**

The SRC approves the Ethical Sponsorships Working Group Terms of Reference (see Reference P).

Mover: Siang Jin Law

Seconder: Jaya Ryan

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#### **Motion 5.3.1: Expenditure cap option 1**

### *Preamble*

Because of how limited ANUSA's potential sources of revenue are, some level of sponsorship of ANUSA is necessary. However this creates a problem, as increased sponsorship brings with it a need to maintain good relationships with third parties (our sponsors). Though the level of sponsorship we are at now is not an issue, were sponsorship to increase in future it is easy to picture a scenario where vital ANUSA services, such as our legal service or emergency grants, can only continue to be funded if we maintain the same level of sponsorship. This creates an issue of conflicting loyalties, where ANUSA would be incentivised to appease sponsors to enable the association to continue functioning, as opposed to now where sponsorship makes up a small portion of our revenue stream and as such ANUSA can afford to lose sponsors without worrying about how this will impact our budget.

It is important to note that both options, a 5% cap and a 7.5% cap, are very high levels of sponsorship compared to what we have now and what we have historically had. The highest this has been in recent years was 3% in 2019, it is unlikely that we will exceed this in 2021. This cap would not reduce the sponsorship that ANUSA currently receives.

### *Motion*

To amend the Ethical Sponsorships Policy through the insertion of clause 2.6 which reads as follows:

#### **2.6 Limit on income to be sourced from sponsorship**

ANUSA shall only receive 5% of overall funding for the year from sponsorships" into the Ethical Sponsorships Policy.

Mover: Siang Jin Law

Secunder: Jaya Ryan

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#### **Motion 5.3.2: Expenditure cap option 2**

### *Motion*

To amend the Ethical Sponsorships Policy through the insertion of clause 2.6 which reads as follows:

#### **2.6 Limit on income to be sourced from sponsorship**

ANUSA shall only receive 7.5% of overall funding for the year from sponsorships" into the Ethical Sponsorships Policy.

Mover: Jaya Ryan

Secunder: Siang Jin Law

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#### **Motion 5.4: Ethical Sponsorship Levels of Approval**

### *Motion*

To amend the Ethical Sponsorships policy by amending clause 1.4 and inserting clause 2.1.1 as follows:

## 1.4 Definitions

Specified benefits can come in three forms:

- O-Week/Bush Week named sponsor:
  - ANUSA allows the sponsor's name/brand to be named as the principle sponsor for the whole week, e.g. ANUSA x \_\_\_\_\_ Presents: O-Week/Bush Week.
  - ANUSA may allow for a business stall in the hub of ANU for the entirety of O-Week/Bush Week.
  - ANUSA may allow for the business logo and name on canvas show bags to be handed out.
  - ANUSA may allow for the logo printed alongside ANUSA on event postcards.
  - ANUSA may allow for the logo to be on the ANUSA Facebook Event Banner.
  - ANUSA may allow for logo inclusion on Friday Night Party Collateral
  - ANUSA may allow for other sponsorship activities
- Market Day Stall as sponsorship:
  - ANUSA allows the sponsor to hold a stall at a market day, which would include market day at either Bush Week, O-Week, or both.
- Other sponsorship activities:
  - All other specified benefits provided by ANUSA that do not fall under the above categories and have been described in the O-Week prospectus as Gold and Silver tier benefits.
  - For example, sponsorship activity could include running a partnered event with ANUSA, Facebook posts on our page and in New@ANU, logo on the O-Week/Bush-Week posters, promotional material in the showbags.

### 2.1.1 Approval Register

The approved register shall provide for three levels of sponsorship approval: Level A, B and C. Sponsors on the register should be allocated to a level which best represents their sponsorship relationship with ANUSA.

Level A shall contain sponsors that are permitted to engage in any sponsorship activity with ANUSA. This includes activities up to and including being an O-Week/Bush Week named sponsor.

Level B shall contain sponsors who will be permitted limited engagement with ANUSA sponsorship. This includes all sponsorship activities except for O-Week/Bush Week named sponsorship and its associated benefits.

Level C shall contain sponsors who will only be permitted to have a Market Day stall as sponsorship and nothing else.

Mover: Siang Jin Law

Seconder: Jaya Ryan

### Motion 5.5: Minor changes to Procurement Policy

#### *Motion*

To amend the Procurement Policy as is marked up in Appendix Q by making all changes marked from the title of the policy through the end of the section titled 'Medium Scale Procurement Threshold Requirements'.

Mover: Siang Jin Law

Seconder:

### **Motion 5.6: Changes to the Large and Major Procurement Threshold requirements**

#### *Motion*

To amend the Procurement Policy as market up in Appendix Q by making all changes from the commencement of the section titled 'Large Scale Procurement Threshold Requirements'.

Mover: Siang Jin Law

Seconder:

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### **Motion 5.7: Notification of Disputes Committee Decision**

The SRC acknowledges the decision of the Disputes Committee in the case of *Re Section 26 Request of 24 October 2020* [2021] 1 DC 1 ('*FOI Interpretation Case*') in which a decision was made in favour of the applicants, Jaya Ryan and Kai Clark.

The decision can be found here: [https://anu365-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/u6677850\\_anu\\_edu\\_au/ESp3YYkRPFhFnDSmXNkIjj4BlCa3o91NtJRMPSHKfFgNQ?e=UCMFcH](https://anu365-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/u6677850_anu_edu_au/ESp3YYkRPFhFnDSmXNkIjj4BlCa3o91NtJRMPSHKfFgNQ?e=UCMFcH).

Mover: Meghan Malone

Seconder: Jaya Ryan

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### **Motion 5.8: ANUSA Supports the Fight Against the Military Coup in Myanmar**

#### *Preamble*

Myanmar has been engulfed by strikes, protests and demonstrations against the military coup that deposed the democratically elected government on 1st February 2021. These demonstrations continue as we speak with the demands the military retreat from the political sphere and the government is reinstated. However, demands have been progressing to demanding an entirely new constitution that excises the military's presence from political life altogether and grant rights to the ethnic minorities that are currently excluded from political representation.

Over a million people have been involved in the general strike paralysing the civil service, electricity utilities, mining industries and nursing sectors. Students, youth, oppressed minorities, religious groups, professional associations and local strike committees have all come out to demonstrate for their demands in cities all over Myanmar; Yangon, Naypidaw, Mandalay and Myitkyina among others. Protests are everywhere throughout the country.

However the military has not been silent on these demonstrations. The first death was a 20 year old student - Mya Thwet Thwet Khine - who was shot in the head by police at a protest. Up to now, there have been more than 700 deaths, many of them young students and workers. 18 of those deaths occurred in one day, accompanied by scores more wounded as the military seeks to shock protesters from the streets and workers from their strikes.

#### *Motion:*

1. ANUSA condemns the coup enacted by the military of Myanmar.
2. ANUSA supports the strikes, protests and demonstrations that seek to topple to the military government.
3. ANUSA supports the rights of the Rohingya people and opposes the genocide being carried out against them

4. ANUSA will make a statement from its media pages in solidarity of the protesters and strikers in Myanmar. The statement will include a link to the following Gofundme campaign: 'Support for CDM in Myanmar - Australia Chapter' which has been endorsed by the ANU Myanmar Student Association and the Myanmar Student Association Australia (<https://gofund.me/06e24d62>).

Mover: Nick Carlton

Seconder: Kaung Khant Hein

### **Item 7: Other Business**

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### **Item 8: Meeting Close**

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council is scheduled to be on Wednesday 19 May, 2021 via Zoom.

Expected Close of Meeting: 9:30pm

Released: 19 April 2021 by Meghan Malone

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Reference A

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### Introduction

Good evening everyone and welcome to the second SRC of the year - my name is Madhu and I'm your ANUSA President for 2021. Since March, key issues for the association have continued to revolve around the nature of continuing academic and welfare support for students, both domestic and international. We've also expanded our legal service provision to students, seen the March 4 Justice take place, commenced internal work on policy development to fulfill agreements from the 2019 Enterprise Bargaining Agreement and encountered new opportunities – both in retaining leftover SSAF from 2018 and before and with the commercial venture project.

I would like to content warning parts of my report for discussion of SASH issues, family violence and institutional betrayal. The content warnings will be provided immediately above the relevant sections. As always, should you have any questions, comments or burning suggestions I am always open to have a chat and can be reached at [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au).

I would like to give a shout out to four people in particular today – Benedict (and the rest of the ISD executive I have not had the fortune of meeting) for his tireless work around the CRS and CRN campaign, Isha and Rania for their valuable contributions across multiple spaces to ensure the continuing support of remote students and last but certainly not least Avan who had to juggle the organisation of the March 4 Justice with advocacy to ensure that students were best supported during the NSSS pilot.

## ANUSA Responsibilities

### Carers' Grant

Upon receiving feedback from a student and the Disabilities Officer regarding ANUSA's carers' grant, I am currently working on implementing any necessary changes to our process and bridging existing gaps in communication with our student assistance team.

### Clubs

I met with the CCE chair to discuss collaboration and support for the CCE in the year ahead. I hope to see an increase in allocation to the general honoraria pool to better recognise the contributions of the CCE to ANUSA once SSAF discussions are finalised and also intend to convene a planning day shortly.

### Commercial Venture

Planning for the commercial venture has now started. We are currently in discussions with the ANU regarding the securement of a physical space for ANUSA to operate from, as well as regarding particular business opportunities. We are also working to explore the logistics of the venture legally. Please find other details in the Treasurer's report.

## Departments

I've met with all ANUSA Departments to date, and some more frequently than that for mutual projects, and issues as they've arisen. My work on the Department Escalation Document is continuing and I am keen to send it out for consultation shortly.

## Executive

One part of my responsibilities as President is ensuring the effectiveness of the executive. The Executive's Professional Development Sessions for quarter one are progressing and will conclude shortly. We also have undertaken conflict resolution training at the generosity of an ex-President of ANUSA (thanks Ben!)

## Legal and Fiduciary Responsibilities

I have maintained attention and input to all legal and fiduciary matters that concern the association as required of my role.

## NUS

We hope to continue coordination with the NUS regarding upcoming national days of action. I continue to have monthly meetings with the NUS Education Officer. I am pleased to share that through our experience with the pilot we have been able to better support other campuses with their experience of the NSSS as it will come in September, in large part due to Avan's effort. Please see the Education Officer's report for any details as relevant at a time period regarding collaborations with the NUS.

## Office & Administration

Staff and Executive are able to work from our physical office on a rostering system. Our approved office capacity is still restricted due to approved COVID protocols so student assistance and legal appointments are continuing to operate through Zoom, and the space is now also open to Department Officers. We have recently undertaken the work of updating the protocols and seeking approval from the DVCSUE regarding this. I hope to see a transition back to complete in person operation shortly.

Work on policies as agreed upon in the recent EBA has now commenced. This includes policies on bullying, breastfeeding, harassment and parking. We are only seeking to have these policies serve as relevant to ANUSA at the current moment.

I am thrilled to also announce that ANUSA has hired a new paralegal after going through the application, interview and reference process. Our lawyer currently not only provides extensive in house counsel on a range of issues, but also works with individual students. With 2021 bringing an increase in migration and tenancy issues, it was my intention in creating this position that we are able to assist a greater number of students and expand our service provision. This will also assist decision making in future years as to whether the position is one we should keep permanently if it is of benefit to the association.

### [SSAF Agreement](#)

The SSAF agreement has now been finalised and we are in the process of signing it. Upon discovering that the association has around ~140,000 in unspent funds from 2018 and previous to 2018 however I am currently in the process of negotiating for this money to be kept by us for long term infrastructure investment (including the bus) which will keep us from drawing on reserves, particularly at a time where we're seeking to invest in a commercial venture.

### [SPA Agreement](#)

A decision has been made to progress with the student partnership agreement process to be for three years for each implementation of the document, giving it longevity and opportunity to be well fulfilled – this will supplement the intended purpose of a strategic plan for ANUSA well. I hope to provide further updates on this shortly.

### [Strategic Plan](#)

I have paused my own work on the bigger framework of this project while I've been in the process of planning and preparing for individual portfolio work – such as regarding our archival methods and handover processes for college representatives and in individual spaces of activism such as SASH. Work compiling statistics and performance indicators as relevant to our service provision and other operational facets continues.

## [ANU & Community Responsibilities](#)

### [Ambush Art Gallery Exhibit](#)

Students voiced concerns regarding the inclusion of a particular caption in the Ambush Art Gallery in Kambri. Upon contacting Kambri directly, I was happy to understand it was taken

down shortly after and that the gallery released a public apology. The ISD met with the directors personally to resolve the follow up of the issue and future interactions.

### [ANU Activism Project & March 4 Justice Rally](#)

I spoke at both the ANU Activism Launch event and the March 4 Justice Rally. It was incredible to meet Liz o Brien (the first woman to be ANUSA President in 1976!) and hear about her experiences in the activism space during times as tumultuous as her term.

### [Course Offerings](#)

I have just commenced the process of communicating with college representatives to seek their assistance with the process of proposing further additions to winter and summer course offerings for students. While staffing restrictions deem it unlikely to progress before the summer of 2022, it is still useful data and a beneficial initiative to push for.

### [CRS/CRN](#)

I am currently working with Benedict on the CRS/CRN initiative for 2021. I am in the process of submitting a proposal to Academic Board for consideration and have been assisting minimally in the expansion of the campaign where my portfolio is relevant.

### [Director of University Experience](#)

I sat on the application review, interview and selection panel for the Director of University Experience portfolio, which is a new position. I hope to see the successful candidate appointed shortly, and for the role to serve as an effective support in supplementing the student experience on campus.

### [Misc.](#)

I've continued consulting on welfare support for students and am now exploring issues with the extension process for assessment across colleges. More updates shortly.

### [SASH](#)

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The NSSS pilot has rolled out at ANU, with a satisfactory information release being released through the DVCSUE along with support systems. It is my understanding that the need of support services at ANU have not risen dramatically during this time, although disclosures to student representatives. I have escalated issues regarding communication and support from Universities Australia to the Vice Chancellor and Deputy Vice Chancellor and expect to see improvements in the scale of national support delivered for the full rollout in September. Please refer to the Women's Officer's report for further information.

## University Committees

### **Academic Board**

The next Academic Board meeting will be in early May, with the steering group meeting Tuesday of this week. I will provide a further update shortly regarding the agenda especially in regards to ANUSA's proposal for the CRS/CRN grading system.

### **RRWG**

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RRWG dates and membership have been finalised for the year ahead with the first meeting occurring on Wednesday (the day of this SRC). I will attempt to provide an update verbally.

### **IDEA Oversight**

This committee has finalised its membership but has yet to meet for 2021.

## University Council

University Council met again earlier this month in April. I was particularly engaged in conversation around what a world class student experience means in context of it serving as one of the pillars of ANU 2025's strategic plan. You can find the agenda and minutes in the link below, and also click through to Council relevant news:

[https://www.anu.edu.au/about/governance/council#acton-tabs-link--tabs-committee\\_tabs-middle-2](https://www.anu.edu.au/about/governance/council#acton-tabs-link--tabs-committee_tabs-middle-2)

## Timesheet

Between December 1 and April 18 I have worked 888.5 hours. If you're curious about a further breakdown of my hours or where my time in a given week goes, please feel free to chuck me an email at [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au)

# Vice President's Report

Christian Flynn

19 April 2021

## Summary

- Course Cuts
- Course Advocacy
- Course Reps
- Committees
- Wellbeing Committee
- BKSS
- Timesheet

## Course Cuts

The recent announcement of cuts to the Eccles Institute of Neuroscience has been particularly concerning at a time of increasing budget pressure. Grassroots organisations are doing an excellent job of mounting a resistance to this move by the ANU. Simultaneously, the JCOS Reps, Sai and Metta (who's just joined ANUSA and is doing an amazing job already!) have put together a statement as well as helping assist me in planning our next stages. I'm hoping to find some ways I can support those two and the broader petition in our advocacy to the ANU, with an eye towards future cuts.

## Course Advocacy

I've been somewhat involved in the plan for campaigning for CRS/CRN, as well as more broadly with other issues, such as exam timings for international students and creating more online exam study spots on campus with the ANU. I've also spent quite a bit of my time following up on and escalating a range of issues across many courses, so a big thank you to all of the course and college reps who assisted or drove this process, and I encourage anyone in or out of ANUSA to continue to contact me on [sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au).

## Course Reps

Course Representative training happened last term - it was a huge success, thank you to everyone who came along! I've had several issues raised to me from Course Reps, and I'll be working to ensure that we get a faster and more effective outreach for next semester.

## Committees (CW: mentions of SASH)

AQAC – Have been working closely with our Student Assistance Team to identify a number of issues with some proposed changes to academic integrity policy. Still a long process before finalisation, but it looks like we'll have a promising response.

Student Leadership – Having my first (substantive) meeting on the Monday of this week so will be able to provide a better update at the next SRC!

Academic Freedom – not much movement but I'm hopeful that the ANU will continue to work closely with us as we construct a new policy.

RRUWG – am pushing for a number of procedural changes to make meetings more efficient going forward. I am also investigating the ANU's publicised data on SASH over the last few years and seeking to create greater transparency with de-identified data.

## Wellbeing Committee

The Wellbeing Committee is now up and running thanks to the amazing work of Sophie, who'll be Chairing the Committee with my oversight for this year. We have three amazing new deputy chairs who've just come on board, and I'm looking forward to seeing the Committee revitalise an important aspect of ANUSA's activities. Stay tuned for the re-launch event!

## BKSS

The BKSS has finally reopened since our last report!!! It's been an awesome start and our space is looking rejuvenated! A huge thank you to all of our BKSS staff who've done so much work to get the space up and running.

We've had our free breakfast program running for a while now, and I encourage you all to check out the space and bring some friends along when you get the chance! I am looking into how we can promote the space better going forward. We also have some ULH's coming up with some community partners, which is very exciting!!

## Timesheet

I have worked 524 hours up till now, again averaging just below 30 hours per week.

Reference C

## **SRC Report – Education Officer**

### **Summary**

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Education Committee**
- 3. University Committees Update**
- 4. Previous campaign updates**
- 5. Neuroscience campaign**
- 6. Course cuts campaign in general**
- 7. Other ANUSA duties**
- 8. Timesheet**

#### **1. Introduction**

Hi all, thanks for coming to the second SRC Meeting! Just wanted to reiterate that I'm here if you have any questions, or just want to have a chat or chill out after this meeting (doesn't have to be immediately after, can be any time!). Please don't hesitate to get in touch :)

#### **2. Education Committee**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Education Committee is set to meet on the 20<sup>th</sup> April from 5-6pm.

I apologise for the lack of stability in relation to the date and time of EdCom meetings. Term 1 had many public holidays or unavoidable work commitments that fell on a Monday. However, this term I will endeavour to ensure that the meetings will be held on Monday 5-6pm every second week. I would also like to take this chance to thank my Deputy Education Officer for their hard work and patience with me as I navigate this role.

#### **3. University Committees Update**

Last term, a joint TLDC was held quite last minute and unfortunately there was a lack of student consultation which I expressed. The joint TLDC discussed the importance of VC's courses and how to promote them going forward.

The next TLDC Meeting will be held in 2 weeks.

#### **4. Previous campaign updates**

Previous campaigns have included the major March4Justice. Thank you to all those who attended and those who helped out with logistics. A major shoutout has to go to Avan the Women's Officer for all her tireless effort in logistical planning. Congratulations to Madhu for her amazing speech too. Avan and I hope to continue this work going forward. We had a great deal of media coverage including ABC National Radio which is fantastic for continuing to keep pressure on ANU.

A few weeks ago I also participated in The Drum on ABC which focused on issues of wage theft, especially young workers (students) at different workplaces around Canberra. This was a great opportunity and exposed the problems facing students finding jobs and the exploitation of working conditions and pay. I plan to continue this work and potentially do an investigation into the businesses on campus which employ students.

#### **5. Neuroscience campaign**

I am currently working with Christian the VP regarding a neuroscience campaign and to keep highlighting this issue in the media. We aim to potentially do a read-in at the Chancellery or combine this with a larger cuts campaign culminating in a protest at Parliament in combination with USU and NUS.

#### **6. Racism campaign**

I am meeting with the BIPOC Officer, Chido and her Deputy Officer Tori to discuss a joint racism campaign on campus. We hope that this will highlight the inequity of marginalised individuals on campus and the ongoing importance of discussions of privilege between students.

#### **7. CRS**

I have met with Madhu, Benedict, Christian, Chamika to discuss CRN/CRS. In collaboration with the International Students' Department we have released information on the ANUSA social media channels and will continue to push for CRS. At this point we will be bringing it to the respective academic boards to review and involve the media to put public pressure on the ANU.

#### **8. Other ANUSA duties**

On Monday the Executive are participating in Conflict Interest training. I am also in the process of organising a dinner for my buddies to get to know each other and help out in any way I can. I have also met with one of my buddies to discuss their gen rep project.

#### **9. Timesheet**

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 until the 18<sup>th</sup> April, I have worked a total of 99.5 hours. I also took time off due to illness for 10 hours. Please email me at [sa.education@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.education@anu.edu.au) if you would like a full breakdown of these hours.

Reference D

**Executive Summary:**

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2. Governance Training
3. Other ongoing projects
  - a. Archival project
  - b. Gen Rep Project Register
  - c. Elections
  - d. Governance infographics
4. Committees
5. Meetings
6. Timesheet

**Governance Reform**

The Governance Reform Working Group has now formed and had a number of meetings. Thank you very much to Jaya Ryan, Ben Yates and Kevin Tanaya for dedicating time to the meetings. Meetings will resume in the next few weeks and will be widely advertised so please come along and share your thoughts.

We will also soon be looking for a Chair and Secretary so share this opportunity with your friends who have interests in these areas.

An updated record of all constitutional changes has been sent to the DVCs and will be signed off on by then before being added to the agenda for the July 30 council meeting. This will affect the schedule for elections this year and will mean that the election dates are pushed back. Please let me know if you have any questions about how the constitutional changes are progressing.

**Governance Training**

I was able to work with the CCE to deliver two fairly comprehensive governance trainings for clubs. It was a joy to work with the CCE and particularly Elijah Smith who really put his heart and soul into the sessions. Josh Polak, the CC Secretary, was also an absolute asset to the sessions. Well done!

The first governance training booklet for the Departments has also now been finalised. Thank you very much to Ben Yates from the EC for putting so much work into the booklet. It's a very aesthetically pleasing but also fantastic guide to governance in the department which we hope will assist it for years to come. The remainder of the booklets are now in their final stages which is great to see!

**Other ongoing projects**

**Archival project**

Kai Clark has proposed that ANUSA being to take on better archival practices. I really agree that this is a great way to not only preserve ANUSA's student history but also to ensure that important documents are kept as we have high staff turnover.

I am now commencing work with some of ANUSA's longer term employees to find what kinds of things ANUSA currently has that could be archived. I am also in communication with the Senior Archivist at the Noel Butlin Archives about how ANUSA could formulate an archival

policy and begin archive. My understanding is that our policy could be guided by those practices employed by unions across Australia.

### **Gen Rep Project Register**

The Gen Rep Project Register is an ongoing project. I am continuing to trawl through old minutes and emails. Thank you also to Ben Wicks who has offered to use his ANUSA knowledge to assist in this project.

I am to publish the register as it stands at that time by the end of Semester 1 so that Gen Reps are able to use it in writing their SRC 4 reports.

### **Elections**

I am beginning to work with ANUSA Staff on setting timelines for the upcoming annual election. The Election Regs Working Group will thus be kicking off in the next few weeks.

Probity Elections have been organised for this meeting.

### **Governance Infographics**

ANUSA's wonderful Comms Officer has been great help in formulating meeting wrap ups which I am to continue working on over the coming weeks.

Let me know if you have any amazing ideas for how I could make meeting content fun and approachable.

### **Committees**

I've had a number of meetings both for the Class Allocation Project and the University Research Committee.

Please let me know if you have any further questions about the content of these committees.

### **Meetings**

Thank you to the wonderful team of people who've been assisting with minute taking during meetings – you are all absolutely wonderful.

### **Timesheet**

Since the last SRC, I have worked 110 hours and have taken 7 hours of leave.

Reference E

## Treasurer SRC 2 Report

Siang Jin Law

### Executive Summary

1. Expenditure Report
2. Completed Projects
  - a. SSAF
  - b. Budget for 2021
  - c. Department Finance Training
3. Ongoing Projects
  - a. ANUSA Bus
  - b. ANUSA Business
  - c. Ethical Sponsorships
  - d. Procurement Policy
  - e. Term Deposits
  - f. Clubs
  - g. BKSS
4. University Committees
5. Timesheet

### Further Information

#### 1. Expenditure Report

Please find attached ANUSA's updated Profit and Loss since the last SRC, dating from March 1<sup>st</sup> till 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2021. If you have any questions at all about any line items please feel free to ask me a question at SRC or shoot me an email at [sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au).

## Profit & Loss

The Australian National University Students' Association Incorporated

1 March 2021 to 30 April 2021

30 Apr 21

### Income

SSAF Allocation	\$530,265.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$530,265.00</b>

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### Gross Profit

**\$530,265.00**

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### Less Operating Expenses

Accounting/Bookkeeping - Xero	\$171.82
BKSS Food/Consumables	\$915.70
Bus expenses	\$270.91
Fees & Subscriptions	\$41.64
Leadership and Professional Development	\$211.82
Printer	\$101.64

Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	\$158.50
Utilities	\$650.58

**Bank Fees**

Bank Fees with GST	\$90.00
Bank Fees without GST	\$45.09
<b>Total Bank Fees</b>	<b>\$135.09</b>

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**BKSS Non-Food**

BKSS Non-food	\$1,635.09
<b>Total BKSS Non-Food</b>	<b>\$1,635.09</b>

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**C&S Training & Events**

C&S Training and events	\$173.55
<b>Total C&amp;S Training &amp; Events</b>	<b>\$173.55</b>

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**Clubs Council and Clubs Grants**

Club Funding	\$6,026.25
<b>Total Clubs Council and Clubs Grants</b>	<b>\$6,026.25</b>

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**Consultancy**

Legal Expenses	\$478.00
<b>Total Consultancy</b>	<b>\$478.00</b>

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**Marketing & Communications**

Marketing & Communications - Printing	\$863.13
<b>Total Marketing &amp; Communications</b>	<b>\$863.13</b>

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**Other Employee Expenses**

Other Employee Expense	\$9.31
Staff Amenities	\$16.36
<b>Total Other Employee Expenses</b>	<b>\$25.67</b>

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**O-Week**

O-Week Events	\$1,014.09
<b>Total O-Week</b>	<b>\$1,014.09</b>

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**Salary and Wages**

Department - Stipends	\$9,143.40
Department - Superannuation	\$868.62
Salaries and Wages	\$79,866.28
Salaries and Wages - ANUSA Exec	\$17,904.60
Salaries and Wages - BKSS	\$9,717.59
Salaries and Wages - Event Coordinators	\$2,017.94
Superannuation Expense	\$12,984.50
Superannuation Expense - ANUSA Exec	\$1,700.88
Superannuation Expense - BKSS	\$971.71
Superannuation Expense - Event Coordinators	\$201.78
<b>Total Salary and Wages</b>	<b>\$135,377.30</b>

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<b>Student Assistance Team Purchases</b>	
SAT Purchases - Grocery Vouchers	\$269.72
SAT Purchases - Student Meals & Others	\$576.95
<b>Total Student Assistance Team Purchases</b>	<b>\$846.67</b>
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<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$149,097.45</b>
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<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>\$381,167.55</b>
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<b>Non-operating Income</b>	
Interest Income	\$393.59
Miscellaneous (Sundry) Income	\$19,178.23
Sponsorship - O-Week	\$3,087.50
Ticket/Event Sales - O Week	-\$48.26
<b>Total Non-operating Income</b>	<b>\$22,611.06</b>
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<b>Non-operating Expenses</b>	
<b>Non SSAF</b>	
<b>Emergency Student Bursaries</b>	
SAT Purchases - Grocery Vouchers COVID-19	\$9,500.00
Student Assistance Team Grants - COVID-19	\$29,655.99
<b>Total Emergency Student Bursaries</b>	<b>\$39,155.99</b>
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<b>Total Non SSAF</b>	<b>\$39,155.99</b>
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<b>Total Non-operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$39,155.99</b>
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<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$364,622.62</b>
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## 2. Completed Projects

### a. SSAF

**I'm happy to report that we have finally finalised** our SSAF agreement with the ANU and should be receiving our first instalments soon. A huge thank you to Madhu for her work in negotiating with the University on the agreement.

### b. Budget for 2021

**Thankfully we reached quorum for** OGM 1, and the budget for 2021 was passed. As such, we will be able to operate financially and be able to spend money as per the lines in the budget.

### c. Department Finance Training

**I ran a second Department Finance Training on the 31<sup>st</sup>** of March with the Environment Collective. It went successfully and hopefully the Departments in attendance found it useful. I will also be running a more casual training for treasurers of the Departments who couldn't make it on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

## 3. Ongoing Projects

**a. ANUSA Bus**

**The budget passed at OGM 1 included a line item for the purchase of the bus; however, as the total amount owed for the bus exceeds \$30,000 it is subject to the terms of procurement policy for purchases above \$30,000.** This, in conjunction with a recent (but unrelated) disputes decision, has meant that I need to pass a motion at SRC 2 to get approval before I can purchase the bus. Please refer to the motion to be passed later in the SRC for more details.

**b. ANUSA Business**

**Anthony from Tertiary Action Group (TAG) visited ANU campus on the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>** and is currently in the process of compiling a report on the viability of an ANUSA business, as well as what we need to look out for in starting one. We are also currently in the midst of negotiating with the University as well as Kambri on renting a spot and receiving a discount as ANUSA. We will be starting to write our business plan soon, and I will endeavour to present the SRC with a plan hopefully by the next SRC pending on how everything progresses in the following weeks.

**c. Ethical Sponsorships**

**I held two consults for the Ethical Sponsorships policy, open to all members of ANUSA. Unfortunately, no one showed up to my first consult, and only three people showed up to the second. I also released a Google Form for written feedback for people who may prefer to write their thoughts down or couldn't make the meetings; however, I only received three responses as well. As such I've had limited feedback on this** and have tried my best to compile a Terms of Reference that I hope will best reflect people's thoughts. We will also be electing the general members of the committee at SRC 2, and will hopefully be able to get the ball rolling on compiling the registers of sponsors in time for Bush Week.

**d. Procurement Policy**

Due to a recent (but unrelated) Disputes decision, changes need to be made to the ANUSA's Procurement Policy to ensure balance between accountability and efficiency. The policy also hasn't been updated since 2014 resulting in it failing to account for inflation, and has several drafting errors. I provide more information in the preamble and text of the motion regarding these changes.

**e. Term Deposit**

**I am currently about to put \$1,500,000 of ANUSA's reserves into a term deposit with AMP Bank for 7 months – this is so that ANUSA's reserves can make us passive income while we have no use for it. The delays so far have mainly been administrative, as often is the case with banks.**

**f. Clubs**

**Clubs finance training went well, and I was very happy with the outcome. A huge thank you to Elijah and Dri for their work on it and I hope that it was useful to the clubs who attended. I would also like to thank Josh Polak for working with me to put in a requirement of affiliation that club bank names should be in the name of the club and not the President into the funding policy, as in the past it has been an issue.**

**g. BKSS**

I went on a shopping trip with BKSS Staff and Christian on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March to IKEA and Officeworks for materials for the space, and it's all looking fantastic. A huge thank you to the BKSS staff for making the space so pleasant and hopefully welcoming to

many students now that it's open.

I am also currently in the process of sorting out an inventory and equipment tracking process for ANUSA equipment that is lent out to external stakeholders. A lot of ANUSA equipment goes missing because of this and I'm looking to remedy this issue as soon as possible in collaboration with the BKSS.

**4. University Committees**

I attended the Kambri Reference Group meeting on the 13th of April – we discussed a number of Kambri activations including the Here I Am Exhibit and the current exhibition on University Avenue. The group is looking to expand its engagement with Clubs and Societies and will hopefully be working more closely with Clubs to provide free venue hire and other support.

**5. Timesheet**

**Since the last SRC I have worked** 89.6 hours. I have taken 0 hours of leave.

Reference F

[SOCIAL OFFICER]

**ANUSA INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**  
**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2**  
Katchmirr Russell

**Executive Summary**

1. Events
2. Campaigns
3. RAP Committee
4. Stipend Allocation
5. Budget and expenditure

**Report**

1. Events:

Department Meetings:

This semester, we have been having fortnightly Department meetings on Monday evenings according to when most people are free.

Autonomous Weaving Workshop:

Sarah Loynes ran an autonomous basket weaving workshop that was greatly appreciated by students. We reached the capacity of the event and learnt a lot. We will hold more events throughout the year for weaving as the department has stores of raffia for such events. These events will likely be in the form of self-care afternoons.

Coffee catch-ups:

Coffee catch-ups have been a big success so far this semester. The department decided to run them weekly on alternating days each fortnight. This has boosted engagement as more people are able to attend. They have proven to be a great space to catch-up with mob and check in on the students and what they want to see.

Blak Books:

The Deputy Officer has led the planning for a series of upcoming events called Blak Books. Blak Books will be a non-autonomous event for individuals to discuss Blak literature in a safe environment. The club will be held both in person (for discussions to take place) and online via Instagram/ Facebook engagement. It will be an ongoing event run by the Indigenous Department throughout 2021 and overseen by the Deputy Officer, Amy O'Brien. The first event will be on April 21st. These events hope to serve as a non-autonomous event hosted by the Indigenous Department provoking engagement by non-Indigenous people with Blak literature and facilitates collective knowledge building through academic resources, rather than relying on the labour of Indigenous persons. Events can be held both in person and online (COVID-Safe + added accessibility!). These events have potential to become a collaboration event with other departments.

Exam packs for Semester 1 will likely be put together later in the term.

2. Campaigns:

After instances of white-supremist behaviour was highlighted on campus, the departments did a joint statement on this behaviour on campus. The university responded to the situation so the issue was not followed further.

Communication with the Churchill Foundation on campus regarding the Churchill statues has been recommenced and a meeting is being organised for late April with the BIPOC Department and the Indigenous Department.

The deputy of the Indigenous Department, Amy O'Brien, is currently writing a submission for the United Nations Youth Australia 'Global Advocate' Magazine. The article is aimed at depicting the ways that Indigenous youth show their ancestry through 'tokenism' (i.e. wearing Blak merch) or in traditional dress. The final direction of the article will depend on the involvement of the Indigenous students within the department who will help shape it.

3. RAP Committee:

I, the officer, attended the first ANU RAP Committee this year. I raised concerns about racism on campus and in residential colleges. The launch of the Australian National University's (ANU) new Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is being planned for Reconciliation Week in May. The Indigenous Department, through me, is in the planning committee for the RAP launch and ANU's Reconciliation Week planning.

4. Stipend Allocation:

The Stipend allocation can be seen in Appendix A. The stipend allocation was discussed with the executive and again at the Department Meeting. There was a unanimous agreement on the allocation.

5. Budget and Expenditures:

The budget was passed in the first meeting and is based on a year running without a COVID-19 lockdown. We are aiming to be below our total income however, we are open to changing the budget in order to run events and campaigns to strengthen student engagement and education. The current expenditure is also outlined in the budget template shown in Appendix B.

Appendix A

**APPENDIX C - Provisional Distribution of Executive Stipend**

<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend Amount (Total)</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Katchmirr Russel	Officer	\$10,000.00	Monthly
N/A	Deputy Officer	N/A*	N/A
Bella Borchert-Jonker	Secretary	\$350.00	N/A
N/A	Treasurer	N/A*	N/A
Lilli Ireland	Social Officer	\$350.00	N/A

\*\$275 has been provisionally allocated to any vacant roles (taking into account work already done by Bella and Lilli in preparation for O-Week, Invasion Day etc. If these roles are not filled this money will be distributed to Bella and Lilli.

## Appendix B

<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>			
Opening Balance	\$7,000.00			
ANUSA Baseline Funding	\$10,000.00			
<b>Total</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Allocated</b>	<b>Expended Amount</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>Comment</b>
O Week	\$1,100.00	\$1,095.87		
Bush Week	\$400.00			
Meetings	\$700.00	99.5		
Coffee Catch Ups	\$900.00	105.1		
Exam Packs	\$400.00			
Tjabal End of Year Dinner	\$1,500.00			
Merch	\$600.00			
- Support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artist/creator	\$400.00			
Events	\$3,700.00	373.3		
Website	\$150.00			
Koorioke	\$500.00			
Miscellaneous	\$100.00			
Bank Fees	-			
Campaign	\$1,000			
NAIDOC	\$0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,450.00</b>	<b>\$1,673.77</b>		



## **WOMEN'S OFFICER REPORT 2**

*Avan Daruwalla*

As of 19th April 2021

*Content warning: this report will mention sexual assault and harassment under the Respectful Relationships section.*

### **Executive Summary**

1. Supports Available
2. Committee Elections
3. Completed Projects and Events
4. Upcoming and Continuing Projects
5. Income and Expenditure
6. Timesheet
7. Girlboss of the Month

### **Further Updates**

#### **1. Supports Available**

I just wanted to begin my report by acknowledging that this past month has been an incredibly difficult time for many Department members and more largely women and non-binary people across Australia. The media attention around SASH issues has been overwhelming as it is but increased exposure to incredibly troubling reports of violence and discrimination has been exhausting. The internal environment of the Department has remained so kind and supportive - an exceptional reminder of the power and intelligence of young feminists. As always, I am available to anyone seeking resources or support.

#### **2. Committee Elections**

Following the last SRC, the WD elected our new committee! Thank you so much to everyone who nominated - every candidate was a delight to hear speak and had so much passion and enthusiasm. Hope to see all nominees involved in the department going forward - you are all incredible assets! So excited to announce our 2021 committee. They have all been working so hard already and are a joy to work with.

- a. Secretary: Lucy James
- b. Treasurer: Destiny Harding
- c. Social Media Officer: Maddy Watson
- d. Web and Design Editor: Shannon Napier

#### **3. Completed Projects and Events**

The Department has run a number of projects and events throughout Term 1. Thank you so much to Deputy Officers Azraa and Aurora for all their hard work and organisation.

**a. Paint n' Sip**

The Women's Department hosted a Paint 'n Sip event to celebrate the last week of Term 1. 30 spots were filled and the conversation and art produced was lovely.

**b. Stitch n' Bitch**

**On the 25th of March, we hosted a Stitch 'n Bitch alongside ANU Academic Blair Williams. Attendees came along to the Rapunzel Room to chat about current events, vent about the political climate and learn handicraft skills whilst making feminist inspired embroidery pieces. About 12 people came along and it was a really fun event.**

**c. Banner Making**

In the lead up to the March for Justice, the Department also hosted a banner and poster making craft session alongside the Education Officer. The event was non-autonomous and about 20 people came along and produced a ton of feminist protest art.

**d. Pamela Denoon Lecture**

Libby Lyons presented the 2021 Pamela Denoon Lecture this year. Only 3 collective members attended as the Lecture took place at the University of Canberra this year but they were very well received and engaged by organisers.

**e. March for Justice**

On the 15th March we sent a very significant ANU Contingent to the March for Justice at Parliament House to protest sexism and SASH in our political landscape and press the government to address gendered violence. I spoke alongside Education Officer Maddie Chia and was overwhelmed by support from the ANU community. ANUSA President Madhu Janagaraja also made an incredible speech on the day. We were also involved in the Canberra organising group for the event. Thank you so much to the volunteer Marshalls who assisted on the day; Aurora Muir, Grace King, Siang Jin Law, Azraa Hussain, Vincent Li, Ben Yates and Marlow Meares.

The protests across Australia were huge in scale and outrage and the Women's Department is striving towards further collective action to ensure change as well as press towards a more inclusive, diverse, welcoming and empowering social movement.

**f. Clubs Council Training**

During the Clubs Council's Special Events and Ball Training, I attended both sessions for executive members of clubs and societies. I presented some general training on safety at large scale events and safe spaces as well as an overview of responding to disclosures - focusing on referral channels.

**4. Continuing Projects**

**a. NSSS**

**The National Student Safety Survey pilot survey run by Universities Australia has come to a close. The pilot was a purely methodological task,**

**focusing on testing the questions and the methodology of the survey. None of the data from the pilot survey will be released in the official report, and its sole purpose is to make sure the survey is valid in its methodology.**

**The official survey will be sent out to all Australian universities later in the year and data will be collated for official reporting by UA.**

**b. Campaigns**

We will be officially launching our 2021 Campaign 'Not All Feminists' in the upcoming weeks. The goals of the campaign include; challenging #girlboss culture, promoting intersectionality on campus, going beyond our echo chamber, education/learning something new, providing more radical feminist content and creating a challenging discourse.

The campaign will include an online forum to discuss contentious issues in feminist dialogue, a panel event, collaborations with the other Departments centring around intersectionality, guest lectures and publication of resources. More details and event pages will be released through our online spaces and platforms soon.

**c. Residential Hall Advocacy**

**Discussions in collective meetings have offered better insight into the needs and objectives of the gender and sexuality advocates from all the halls. I will be organising an autonomous meeting and sharing space for those who identify with the Women's Department in the next few weeks and will be collaborating with the Queer\* Officer to support the advocates in their work.**

**d. Pastoral Care**

I have received a number of disclosures and have appropriately escalated them and offered help and support where needed. Most of these were received over Facebook message and on email.

**5. Income and Expenditure**

<b>Source of Income</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
Baseline Funding from ANUSA	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
O-Week	Market Day, Department Fete, Welcome Picnic	\$346.18	<b>\$346.18</b>

Collective Meetings	Collective Meeting Week 2	\$35.90	\$35.90
	Collective Meeting Week 3	\$20.05	\$20.05
	Collective Meeting Week 4	\$15.65	\$15.65
	Collective Meeting Week 5	\$18.40	\$18.40
	Collective Meeting Week 6	\$27	<b>\$117</b>
Stitch n' Bitch	Craft supplies, food, fabric	\$58.90	<b>\$58.90</b>
Paint n' Sip	Painting supplies, food, tablecloths	\$114.97	<b>\$114.97</b>
		<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$637.05</b>

It's all about an abundance mindset at the Women's Department.

#### 6. Timesheet

**Since SRC 1, I have worked approximately 55 hours. Most of the hours involved administrative tasks such as answering emails, attending meetings, and events. A significant portion of this time was also spent on tasks in the lead up to the March for Justice protests. If you would like a more detailed timesheet please feel free to contact me at [sa.womens@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.womens@anu.edu.au).**

#### 7. Girlboss of the Month

In celebration of the myriad of #girlbosses currently thriving in the world and serving as inspiration for all of us, I would like to give a shout-out to someone for their hard work and gusto. To clarify, for the purpose of this report; a girlboss need not be a girl nor a boss.

I would also like to encourage all reading this to engage with the Women's Department's upcoming campaign as we seek to deconstruct girlboss culture, investigate intersectionality and critically analyse pop feminism.

This month, our girlboss is Lizzie Crane because she is an absolute angel and provided copies of information and content regarding the NSSS pilot - a huge effort and so greatly appreciated. Thank you Lizzie!

Reference I

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Reference J

## **2021 International Students' Department (ISD) SRC 2 Report Benedict Chin**

(Last Update: April 16<sup>th</sup> 2021)

A lot has happened since SRC 1, here are what's important that ISD has been or are still working on.

### **1. bringbackCRS Campaign**

ANU has recently announce that the CRS/CRN system would not be continued in 2021. However, students continues to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic either directly or indirectly. There should be no argument that students continue to face hardships and uncertainty which disrupts their education. Please sign the petition for the extension of CRS/CRN at <https://www.change.org/p/the-australian-national-university-anu-implement-the-crs-crn-system-in-2021?fbclid=IwAR0ypduBHff4fjvSVXOSuR4CD1aKoEnU5MR8iQcE01waWkyoMQvXFWI38q0>

### **2. Racism on Campus**

ISD stands with those who are affected by the recent racist events on campus that have occurred. We believe that racism and discrimination have no place in our community and that will always be.

### **3. Recruitment of General Representatives**

Our portfolio directors conducted interviews for general representatives in March. Considering many International Students are still stuck overseas and learning remotely, this year we also encouraged the application from virtual representatives. We had a total of 18 applications and 12 applicants was accepted, with 4 of them being in Canberra and the other 8 being overseas. I want to congratulate those who got accepted and thank everyone for applying.

### **4. Academic Board**

I attended the first Academic Board meeting of 2021 in March. The next academic board meeting will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **5. Constitutional Amendments**

ISD's first OGM was called in March in order to allow some constitutional amendments to take place. Here is the constitutional amendments that was passed during the OGM:

Before the amendment, the ISD Constitution s 7 states:

7. Non-Executive Committee Members

7.1. General Representative

7.1.1. The following Executive Committee members have the power to appoint up to two students who must be either Ordinary or Associate ISD members to assist them in their role provided that such appointments comply with section 7.1.3:

(a) Education Director;

(b) Social Director; and

(c) Publications Director.

Due to changes in the current Executive team's vision and plans for 2021, it has been put forward to allow for all Directors to have the power to appoint up to **three** students to be their representatives. The amendment look as follows:

## 7. Non-Executive Committee Members

### 7.1. General Representative

7.1.1. The following Executive Committee members have the power to appoint up to **three** students who must be either Ordinary or Associate ISD members to assist them in their role provided that such appointments comply with section 7.1.3:

- (a) Education Director;
- (b) Social Director; and
- (c) Publications Director.

It is to be noted that this change only gives the Directors the option to appoint up to three, and if they would prefer to appoint less, they are more than welcome to.

## 6. Ongoing Advocacy Work

Most advocacy work is still mostly surrounding the Covid-19 situation. Of major interest to most international students stuck overseas is still whether there are any updates surrounding when the Australian international borders is going to reopen.

Reports of racism are dealt with quickly and efficiently. Students seeking other kinds of help are provided with the necessary guidance on their next steps and taken good care of.

Our social media pages and website are updated and kept to date with quality resources. For that, I would like to thank Mohamed, ISD's publication director, for the hours he has been putting in to make all this happen. I would also like to thank everyone who contributed in various different kind of ways.

Besides this, the International Students @ ANU 2021 Facebook group chat has been well maintained by Isha and Rania. A range of advocacy works are continued being carried out in the Facebook professionally.

Recently, we had a photography competition and a casual badminton meetup. I would like to thank Kehan, ISD's social director, for hosting these events successfully.

## 7. Upcoming Projects

Now that our portfolio directors have got their own representatives, more are in the planning. That includes in person events for students overseas, education and wellbeing resources, videography, etc.

## 8. Finances

### Secondary Account (One to Sign)

12/03/2021	Dominos Pizza (OGM)	107.40		25.90	81.50	
07/04/2021	Transfer from savings account	81.50	300		381.50	
	ISD Games Night (Coles Gift Card)	381.50		10.00	371.50	

Primary Account (Two to Sign)

07/04/2021	Transfer to bank account	16600.58		300.00	16300.58	
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## **Disabilities Officer Report - SRC 2**

Sinead Winn and Zoe Adam

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### **Officer Update**

Since our confirmation at the last SRC, we have focused primarily on assisting students and creating support networks that were previously unavailable due to a lack of continuity in the department.

We have handled basic administrative issues, such as electing our committee and organising our portfolios, and have begun facilitating autonomous collectives for neurodivergent identities. We have begun organising our campaigns for this year, which include the following:

7. Special Considerations Campaign
8. Combating Ableism at Residential Halls
9. Collaboration with Black Dog Institute (Major Depressive Disorder)
10. DSA Zine

These are yet to be finalised and are subject to change. We also intend to begin running drop in EAP sessions, hopefully in collaboration with Access and Inclusion. Our office hours are between 3pm and 4pm on Thursdays, via Zoom appointment due to continued restrictions on usage of ANU spaces. We hope to move to the Spoons Space soon!

**Lastly, there have been an alarming number of students who have contacted us regarding discrimination and ableism they have faced by course convenors, Deans and University management broadly.** If you believe you have been discriminated against in *any* way due to your disability, EAP or mental health, or you believe that you have been unable to receive equal access to studying due to the actions of a staff member, *please contact us*. You will be believed, you will be heard and we will assist in any way possible. You can remain anonymous in your email if that would make you more comfortable. If you are able to share your story, we will be able to understand better where things are going wrong, and make sure that it does not happen to students in the future. Our email is [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au) - please contact us if you believe this may be something you have experienced.

Sinead (she/her) and Zoe (she/her)

### **Committee Updates**

#### **ANU Disabilities Student Committee**

Since the last SRC, we have elected our two deputy officers, Rosa and Tom, our secretary, Sea, and our Publicity Officer, Saf. Rosa and Tom have been handling a large

amount of advocacy work, including helping to establish a number of different collectives for neurodivergent identities, establishing a Disability Portfolio at UniLodge, and helping to facilitate Disability Portfolios at other residences, and collating experiences from students with disabilities for media activism. Sea has been helping to reform the DSA constitution with Zoe and facilitating and minuting collective meetings. Saf has been helping organise the revamping of the Spoons Space and managing the Department's social media presence, as well as helping Zoe and Sinead in their roles.

## Advocacy and Campaigns

### Issue-Based Advocacy

If you are unfamiliar with issue-based advocacy, students can contact the DSA to advocate on their behalf to the university if they have faced discrimination or ableism. If you believe you have been affected in this manner, please don't hesitate to contact us at [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au). Zoe and Sinead have attended several meetings with university lecturers, Deans, and residential leaders to discuss issues on behalf of students.

### Special Considerations Campaign

The DSA is currently organising a campaign to change the admissions rules for cross-institutional students, which currently state that no Special Considerations can be considered in cross-institutional applications. We have been working with Vice President Christian Flynn and reaching out to student media to help launch this campaign. If you would like to be involved, please reach out at [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au).

### Residential Hall Intersectionality Campaign

The DSA has met with Residential Officer Susan Helyer and Heads of Halls to discuss residential hall issues. We have been orchestrating regular meetings to ensure ANUSA and residential halls have a more productive relationship. This campaign is addressing largely intersectional issues, so we have been working with other department officers and Vice President Christian Flynn to organise this campaign and address pastoral care issues.

### ANUSA Carer Grants

The DSA will be meeting with ANUSA President Madhu Janagaraja to discuss Carer Grants offered by ANUSA, as we have been approached by a collective member who has found issues in the application process.

### Autonomous Collectives

The DSA has created several autonomous collectives under the overarching branch of the Department. We have autonomous collectives for ASD, ADHD, and Mood Disorders. These collectives are facilitated by members within the Department executive and run by collective members, which is helping to create spaces and resources for students who have similar issues. This is helping to increase department engagement as students are more comfortable interacting with spaces that are more accessible to them.

## Community

## Spoons Space

The Spoons Space, after remaining closed for all of Semester 2 last year, has been re-opened! We are currently sourcing what needs to be fixed and updated to make it more accessible and comfortable. If you have any ideas or requests, send us an email! We are also looking into sourcing the technology to make blended-model collective meetings possible through the Spoons Space. If you would like access to the Spoons Space on your student ID card, please email your name and U-ID number to [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au) with the subject line 'Spoons Space Access'.

## Spoons Week

So far, we have limited updates on Spoons Week, the DSA's main advocacy and event week. This event will be happening sometime in Semester 2, however the details and events of this are subject to change.

## Events

At the moment, we are moving toward a blended model of events. In Week Six we hosted our first Craft-Tea event online, and the autonomous ADHD Collective hosted their first Coffee. We have also been in talks with the PARSA Disability Officer to organise some joint events together! We are going to be restarting Casual Coffees and hosting some other low-spoons events throughout the semester, so please join the autonomous Facebook group to stay posted and gain access to the Zoom links to our online events.

## Social Media

Our Publicity Officer Saf has been doing a great job of managing our Facebook group and page, our Instagram and our Twitter. In addition to this, Sinead and Thomas have been moderating the new autonomous Facebook groups for neurodivergent identities. If anyone reading this report would like to know how to make social media channels that they run (or even their personal social media posts) more accessible, please feel free to email us and we'd be more than happy to guide you through image descriptions, captioning and accessible hyperlinking or please see [this](#) website for a handy guide.

## Merchandise

At the moment, the collective has several hoodies left over from the previous Officer's merchandising order, which we sell for a subsidized cost of \$10. We are looking into ordering some other merchandising - bottles, hats and other various items - as well as beginning to print buttons again. If you would like a hoodie, please don't hesitate to contact us!

## Finances and Administration

### Expenditure Report

As we still do not have access to the department bank account, we have had no real expenditure since SRC 1. We have however hosted autonomous events which have

been paid out of pocket and require reimbursement once we have access to the account.

### Financial Reporting

A key concern of the officers currently is making sure the department falls in line with the current financial reporting standards, as we have not been able to be audited since mid 2020. Sinead is working with the ANUSA Financial Controller Liana to resolve this.

### Constitution

We are looking at possible changes to the DSA constitution regarding the evolving duties and requirements of the officer and executive, such as creating treasurer and community coordinator roles. We If any department members have questions about how this process will occur, what the constitution is or have ideas to improve it, please let us know!

### Officer Timesheet

Since SRC1 (03/03), Sinead has worked 30.28 hours and Zoe has worked approximately 45 hours as at 15/04. The high number of hours worked compared to previous reports can be accounted for due to: meetings with staff, committee meetings, more messages/calls from students, increased emails from students regarding serious and time sensitive issues & the introduction of our autonomous collectives.

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## Environment Collective Officer Report - SRC 2



*Luca Corby, 15th of April, 2021*

### Introduction

For the first term of 2021 and over the Semester 1 mid-sem break, the Environment Collective (EC) has been working hard to launch our Sem 1 campaigns. Fortnightly meetings have consistently had thirty to forty members in attendance, with all our members contributing meaningfully and constructively. This has proven that the EC Co-Conveners' approach to promoting the EC in O-week was extremely successful. A strong network of dedicated activists has been built to support the EC's work and this will benefit our campaigns for 2021.

### Upcoming Campaigns

Week 7 of semester 1 will see a number of EC campaigns launch. On the 20th of April the Fossil-Free ANU campaign will launch. It aims to see the university provide transparency surrounding their investment portfolios and immediately divest from fossil fuel companies. The university administration has been uncooperative in our endeavour to source more information on their current investments, suggesting there could be much to uncover over the coming months surrounding the universities investments. On the 23rd of April the EC is coordinating a Canberra Protest for Climate Justice. This has seen the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, Indigenous Department, ASEN (Australian Student Environmental Network), Uni Students for Climate Justice, ACT Young Workers Centre, ANUSA and AYCC (Australian Youth Climate Coalition) all come together with the EC to stage a protest for environmental justice. I encourage anyone reading this to come along and stand against the climate crimes of our government. Finally, the EC will be launching our education campaign this term, 'Environmental Justice 101.' Writing is currently taking place and the content will be published in the form of articles, podcast episodes and infographics, all with the aim of providing resources to the ANU student body.

### Term 1 Expenditure

Purpose	Items	Total Cost
Meetings	- Venue hire: \$50 - Snacks: \$97.88	\$147.88
Promotion	- Facebook Ads: \$47.20 - Printing: \$138.00	\$185.20
Bank Fees	- Debit Card Fee: \$3.00	\$3.00
		<b>TERM 1 TOTAL: \$336.08</b>

**2021 TOTAL: \$2289.28**



**BIPOC (ETHNOCULTURAL) DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPORT**  
*CHIDOCHOMOYO NYAKUENGAMA*  
As at Friday 16th of April

**PROJECTS COMPLETED**

**FIRST YEAR REP**

At our last collective meeting of term 1, the Department elected Tisha Shah as our First Year Rep. The role will consist of but is not limited to; facilitating the BIPOC department running events as well as advocacy for first year BIPOC collective students. This role will be a precursor to any first year student looking to join the future Department Executive. Congratulations Tisha!

**WHITE SUPREMACY ON CAMPUS**

On the morning of the 26th of March, several pieces of white supremacy propaganda were found on campus. The Department received 2 reports of stickers and a separate report of images of stickers was posted to Facebook group ANU Schmidtposting. As Officer, I immediately contacted the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Student University Experience Professor Ian Anderson. The Department officers came together with the ANU AUJS in writing a statement against the hate on campus. Racism and anti-Semitism have no place on our campus. BIPOC students who are in distress over the recent incidents can reach out to the BIPOC Department for any support they may need.

**PROJECTS UNDERWAY**

**BASC**

The Black African Student Collective (BASC) ran its first event of the year in week 6. This autonomous group will host several events in term one such as an African grocery shopping trip, a potluck and movie night.

**CHAI & CHATS**

So far the Department has run 4 very successful Chai & Chat sessions at various cafes in and around campus. These autonomous meetings provide an outlet for our Department members to discuss their experiences in safe and welcoming spaces. We held a Chai & Chats autonomous to Asian students in collaboration with Sweet n Sour Zine which has a great turnout. We look forward to holding more opportunities for BIPOC students to catch up in term 2.

**AUTONOMOUS ALTERNATIVES**

We have had 2 very successful autonomous alternatives run so far. First, a crafting night and an air dry clay session were both great ways to bond and share experiences as BIPOC students. More sessions will be run on Thursday throughout term 2.

## RACISM REPORT 2021

The Department exec and members have been working diligently to create a database of racist incidents on campus. Towards the end of March we released our 2021 racism survey. So far 20 Incidents have been reported to us through the survey. For most of these incidents, the person reporting has consented for the Department to include them in our first annual Racism Report which shall be released in July. As Officer, I am taking reports directly from my email as well at [ethnocultural@anu.edu.au](mailto:ethnocultural@anu.edu.au). The link to the survey is here: <https://forms.gle/A5hB9hCXEV7NwtAT6>

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Since the last SRC the department finances are as the following:

### INCOME

Income	Amount
Reimbursement from Summer Connections	\$ 173.84

### EXPENDITURE

Purpose	Item Description	Amount
Autonomous Alternatives	Crafts from Officeworks	-\$ 22.87
	Craft Beans: Coffee	-\$ 18.70
		<b>-\$ 41.57</b>
Black African Student Collective	Food for BASC Event	-\$ 12.50
	Food for BASC Event	-\$ 18.00
		<b>-\$ 30.50</b>
Chai & Chats 1	Coffee Lab: Coffee	-\$ 5.00
	Coffee Lab: Coffee	-\$ 6.00
	Coffee Lab: Coffee	-\$ 5.00
	Coffee Lab: Coffee	-\$ 5.50
	Coffee Lab: Coffee	-\$ 26.50
		<b>-\$ 48.00</b>
Chai & Chats 2	Coffee Grounds: Coffee	-\$ 5.50
	Coffee Grounds: Coffee	-\$ 5.50
	Coffee Grounds: Coffee	-\$ 10.00
	Coffee Grounds: Coffee	-\$ 18.50
		<b>-\$ 39.50</b>
Chai & Chats 3	Café Milligram: Coffee	-\$ 13.40
	Café Milligram: Coffee	-\$ 6.70
	Café Milligram: Coffee	-\$ 10.80
		<b>-\$ 30.90</b>
Chai & Chats 4	Café Milligram: Coffee	-\$ 15.00
	Café Milligram: Coffee	-\$ 12.00
	Café Milligram: Coffee	-\$ 6.60
	Café Milligram: Coffee	-\$ 36.20
		<b>-\$ 69.80</b>
Collective Meeting 1	Chatime for Meeting	-\$ 13.45
	Chatime for Meeting	-\$ 66.00

	Chatime for Meeting	-\$	79.00
		-\$	<b>158.45</b>
Exec Meeting	Craft Beans: Coffee	-\$	6.60
	Craft Beans: Coffee	-\$	6.05
		-\$	<b>12.65</b>
O-Week: Speed Friending Event	Space Hire: Fellows Oval	-\$	78.00
		-\$	<b>78.00</b>
Total		-\$	<b>509.37</b>

## **TIMESHEET**

I worked 28 hours in March and 12 hours thus far in April. This time was mostly spent working on the Racism Report and holding collective meetings. If you would like a more detailed breakdown of my timesheet, feel free to email me at [sa.ethnocultural@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.ethnocultural@anu.edu.au)

## **SRC2: CLUBS COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Hi there! It's Josh Yeend again; and I'm the Clubs Council Chair, and welcome to my SRC 2 report. My role is the go-to person on club matters for the SRC, and as such, this report behaves as a run-down of what my team and I have been doing thus far.

If you'd like to read more about my role, and what my team does, please refer to the [SRC 1 Report](#), the [CCM 1 Report](#), and the individual officer reports linked via the [CCM 1 Agenda](#). This will give you a sufficient overview of the team, their various projects, what's been actioned thus far, and where we plan to head moving forward. If you have any further inquiries, or have input on any of these matters, flick an email my way [sa.clubschair@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.clubschair@anu.edu.au).

With that being said, we are almost half-way into our term as the acting 2021 CCE, and done well to isolate the areas for improvement that we'll be working towards for the

foreseeable future: namely the CCE policies and procedure; the CCE mission statement (or lack thereof); our evolving relationship with ANUSA, PARSA, and the autonomous departments; and how best Clubs Council can structure itself to better to lives of students and their respective clubs.

Above all, the team's so-too come to realise the intense workload of our roles and, above all, the lack of incentives beyond selfless motivation for doing what is comparative to a part-time job with no monetary compensation. While we're nevertheless determined to fulfill the obligations of our roles, and go above and beyond in service of student life it need be said that the Council model -- as it currently stands -- is not a sustainable one: regardless of whether a compensated Clubs Officer will assume the Chair's responsibilities in 2022.

*TL;DR: The roles of the Clubs Council Executive are incredibly demanding, and I'd argue warrants a restructure for the benefit of future clubs council executives. Whilst the existing team intend to persevere in our roles and fulfill the plans we've put forward, I firmly believe CCE warrants a broader discussion into what we expect of student volunteers, and the workload oft-assigned to them.*

## CLUBS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

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Ned Strange	Faith and Religion Branch Officer	Tuan Tran	General Officer
Flony Anjilivelil	Culture and Language Branch Officer	[VACANT]	General Officer
[VACANT]	Arts and Performance Branch Officer	[VACANT]	General Officer
[VACANT]	Discipline Branch Officer	Kanishk Kumar	PARSA Representative

[VACANT]	Humanitarian, Advocacy and Social Justice Branch Officer	Benjamin Crew	PARSA Representative
[VACANT]	Political Branch Officer		
[VACANT]	Special Interest Branch Officer		

CCE has vacancies awaiting to be filled; this includes half-a-dozen branch and general officer positions. The EOI for this was originally set to release post-CCM, but I wasn't able to finalise the application forms prior to the break. The preliminary forms (which will be sent out to all clubs and societies by the end of this week), can be found here: <https://forms.gle/xjaiVvLu6Jt8dyVR6>

## 2021 PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Green indicates ahead of schedule and/or completed.
- Yellow indicates on-track to completion.
- Orange indicates in-danger of delay.
- Red indicates delayed and/or awaiting action.

Project	Responsible Person(s)	Timeline	Comments
Residual 2020 Tasks	Primary: Joshua Yeend Secondary: Elijah Smith	<b>Complete.</b> (Term 1)	Handover work from previous council. Emails responded to and archived. Clubs Awards published online. Handovers completed.
Clubs Affiliations	Primary: Jeffery Yang Secondary: Josh Polak	<b>Complete.</b> (Term 1)	First affiliations window closed; second affiliations window closed. Affiliations Officer holds discretion for ongoing affiliations.
Clubs Training (Semester 1)	Primary: Elijah Smith Secondary: Various	<b>Complete.</b> (Term 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance Training.</li> <li>• Finance Training.</li> <li>• Events Training.</li> <li>• Special Events Training.</li> </ul>
Revamped Communications Strategy	Primary: Lizzie Heap Secondary: Joshua Yeend	<b>Complete.</b> (Term 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New guidelines for responding to emails in the <a href="mailto:sa.clubs@anu.edu.au">sa.clubs@anu.edu.au</a> inbox.</li> <li>• New guidelines on social media approach &amp; template graphic creation.</li> <li>• Tagged and archived all previous content. Removed rel. permissions on Clubs documents.</li> <li>• Working on Officer profiles.</li> </ul>
Clubs Council Meeting Calendar	Primary: Joshua Yeend Secondary: Josh Polak	<b>Complete.</b> (Term 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubs Council Meeting 1 (01/03)</li> <li>• Clubs Council Meeting 2 (20/05)</li> <li>• Clubs Council Meeting 3 (19/08)</li> <li>• Clubs Council Meeting 4 (14/10)</li> </ul>
ANU+ Sessions for Clubs	Primary: Jeffery Yang Secondary: Joshua Yeend	<b>Ongoing.</b> (Term 1)	ANU+ invited to CCM1. Requested dedicated ANU+ session for Club Executives.
CCE Collaboration and Working Day	Primary: Joshua Yeend Secondary: CCE	<b>Week 8/9.</b>	Opportunity to work on pending projects and/or decide what areas of concern demand the most immediate attention. Onboard newly appointed CCE members.

CCE Officer Recruitment	Primary: Josh Polak Secondary: Joshua Yeend	<b>Ongoing.</b>  <i>Timeline -- EOIs opened Week 6. Appointed and onboarded (Wk.8) for Term 2/3 activities.</i>	Officer EOIs opening at the end of Week 7.
Clubs Council Policy Review	Primary: Josh Polak Secondary: Meg Malone Tertiary: Dri Sinhababu & Jeffery Yang	<b>Ongoing.</b>  Timeline -- Urgent amendments complete by CCM2.  <i>All other amendments by CCM3.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Affiliations Policy needs amendment. (provisional clause + cleaning up inconsistencies)</li> <li>Funding Policy needs amendment (expanding special event grants, clarifying requirements)</li> <li>New policy on provisional affiliations, collaborative events, event stipulations. See Affiliations, Funding, and Secretary report(s) for more details.</li> </ul>
Clubs Training Review	Primary: Elijah Smith Secondary: Joshua Yeend Tertiary: ANU Department(s)	<b>Ongoing.</b>  <i>Timeline - Report handed down by CCM2.</i>	Review of training modules; feedback & review. Recommendations and discussions w/ Departments for developing further training.
Memorandum of Understanding (CCE + ANUSA Bodies)	Primary: Joshua Yeend Secondary: Josh Polak	<b>Ongoing</b>  Timeline - Outline finalised for CCM2.  MOU signed by Chair, Departments, and Incoming Club Officer by CCM3.	Initial communication on an MOU to finalise procedures between Clubs and Departments, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When to consult on a given club;</li> <li>Expectations between clubs + departments on training modules.</li> <li>Communication and consultation practices.</li> <li>Allocating agreeable compensation for training module assistance.</li> </ul>
Clubs Handbook; Clubs Advertising Assessment	Primary: Joshua Yeend Secondary: Jeffery Yang Tertiary: Lizzie Heap	<b>Ongoing.</b>  Timeline - Handbook finalised for Bush Week (Semester 2)  Advertising discussion continuing in CCE; agenda item for CCM1.	Will commence following the conclusion of Affiliations Procedure.
New Club Info Pack	Primary: Jeffery Yang Secondary: CCE	<b>Term 2</b> <b>Term 3</b>	Info pack -- Recommended, default constitution, guide to policies, etc.
Interclub Events and Activities	Primary: Branch Officers Secondary: Joshua Yeend	<b>Term 2.</b> <b>Term 3.</b>	Awaiting recruitment of Branch Officers to begin group project planning.

#### SEMESTER 2

Clubs Ball 2021	Primary: Sophie Jagger Secondary: Elijah Smith	<b>Semester 2</b>	Pending COVID restrictions, Clubs Ball is currently planned to go ahead.
Clubs in Colleges	Primary: Joshua Yeend	<b>Term 3</b> (Semester 2)	Consultation with Residential Hall leaders.
Onboarding the Clubs Officer	Primary: Joshua Yeend	<b>Term 4</b> (Semester 2)	Begin transitional handover with the elected Clubs Officer. Handover document to be finalised by CCM4 for formal handover conclusion.
Clubs Council 2022 Comms.	Primary: Lizzie Heap Secondary: Meg Malone	<b>Term 4</b> (Semester 2)	Advertising campaign for CCE positions to increase electoral contention.

## **CHAIR ACTIVITIES** [Note: This portion of the report is the same as the CCM1 Report from 01/04]

### *Policy Feedback and Consultation Process*

For the first time since conception, Clubs Council Executive is composed of all-but-exclusively students new to the policies of Clubs Council, and their function from an Executive perspective. Although this has been a fantastic learning experience for us all, it's also been an oft-frustrating one: with policy being confusing, and at times inconsistent with our intuition when it comes to helping clubs. As such, we've collectively agreed to simplify a great deal of this policy so as to make it easier for both clubs and future council executives moving forward. As it stands, the following policies have been highlighted as needing urgent amendment:

- 1. Funding Policy:** This has caused a lot of confusion, particularly as funding is one of the few responsibilities that are shared across administrative teams; on our end, Clubs Council Executive will interpret Funding Policy and permit grants above \$200, whilst on the other, ANUSA Administration team will do the same on requests that they receive on their end. Beyond being a steep learning curve, the complexity of the policy raises three core issues:
  - 1. Slow response time on interpretative matters:** where unclear, the complexity of the funding policy will often demand a discussion between our officers insofar as its intended meaning, meaning that our ability to respond to oft-urgent queries is hindered. This is esp. true of clauses similar to the Profit clause which, albeit well-intentioned, is a pain for my brain to process.
  - 2. Miscommunication between administration teams:** because both our team, and the administration team (with the exception of Kate) are wrapping our heads around the policy and its practical applications, there is more than one occasion where our interpretations will differ or, alternatively, be relayed incorrectly between teams. Dri and myself will be having a comprehensive meeting with ANUSA Admin this coming week to make sure we're on the same page on the more abstract portions of the policy, but simplifying it will also go a long way to increasing our teams' efficiency.
  - 3. Difference in interpretation leads to confusion around precedent:** The policy often demands a degree of interpretation, and some aspects are selectively waived while others are not. Correcting this will lower the institutional knowledge requirement of being on Clubs Council Executive, and allow us to have confidence in the policies we adhere to.

There are also a handful of grants that we'd like to review and correct insofar as eligibility is concerned, and the requirements for accessing them. In short, we'd like to tighten and clarify the evidence required for a given grant, but loosen the requirements insofar as the nature of events and their specifics are concerned.

- 2. Affiliations Policy:** Put simply, this is just a bit of a mess imo. It's arguably the most functional policy of them all and its requirements are sensible, but it's no coincidence that our club ecosystem has been steadily decreasing in numbers over the past few years. Making this policy easier to read, interpret, and adhere to will make everything a helluva lot better for everyone. The main areas of concern are:

1. Fleshing out and defining provisional affiliations: As it stands, this is the first year provisional affiliations have been used -- and by technicality, provisional affiliation isn't meant to give clubs access to any prospective privileges whatsoever. As evidenced by Market Day, we've been using it very differently, and with largely positive results. If we want to continue allowing for some flexibility in the new affiliation procedure, we need to define this in the policy, whilst also tightening up the considerable gaps in oversight over such clubs;
  2. Stipulating a default, editable clubs constitutions that'll include the default articles of affiliation so as to mitigate the number of constitutional issues that arise in the initial affiliations process; and
  3. Allowing for retrospective grant permission (in conjunction with the funding policy) for provisional clubs that have since-been affiliated at a CCM.
3. Communications Policy: It's kinda a nothing policy, and although not requiring urgent attention, could be much, much better defined so as to create clearer and more concise expectations around the communication methods of the Clubs Council Executive going into next year.

#### Clubs Handbook and Marketing Assessment

In response to feedback on the ANUSA Market Day, CCE put together a temporary advertisement document that compiled various comments, posts, and user-submitted entries of the many clubs on and off campus. Although crude (and I definitely should've used a Google Sheet instead), this received positive feedback from the Clubs presidents, who's online engagement and sign-ups were self-reported to have increased shortly thereafter. The standing document can be found here, albeit will (hopefully) be made redundant in the coming few months.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yB\\_gGS\\_9Ecv1QCaCmI4QkHD3QAOLcubo8OUAsFPbrW8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yB_gGS_9Ecv1QCaCmI4QkHD3QAOLcubo8OUAsFPbrW8/edit?usp=sharing)

From this point, there were a few core requests around clubs marketing that arose, each of which I'll address a bit below and how progress has been made on them:

9. **ANU Discord Server**: An email was received from one of the administrators of the ANU Discord Server proposing a discord-based virtual market day be implemented. I've responded to this email, but am yet to hear back. Given the busy time of the semester, I will follow up and revisit this idea in Term 2.
10. **Unofficial Virtual Market Day**: Organised by former Clubs Council Executive member and General Representation, Isha Singhal, this was arranged separate from both the ANUSA O-Week team and CCE. We advertised this on our Facebook page, and forwarded rel. communication to moderate success.
11. **ANUSA Website Updates**: We've been coordinating with the ANUSA Administration team on this, and a few things were raised:
  - a. The website was last updated by the Admin team last year where they could find relevant logos and information.
  - b. **ANUSA Admin clarified that clubs with access to the admin tools (i.e. all clubs w/ finance permissions), should be able to update their website information themselves. We were provided with a how-to link as follows:**  
<https://anusa.com.au/life/clubs/updateinfo/>

- c. It was also stressed that if any club has issues with this, they can touch base with the ANUSA Admin team ([sa.admin@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.admin@anu.edu.au)) and they'll be able to assist or clarify any issues; and finally...
  - d. Our Communications Officer and I are evaluating how possible it is for us to work on the website ourselves, and better its layout and appearance moving forward. For example: making the club page more intuitive, creating update reminders, etc.
12. Clubs Handbook: This was something we initially wanted to have as a fixed item prior to O-Week, but we quickly realised we lacked the internal infrastructure and information to coordinate this. The O-Week Coordinators were able to institute the A5 advertisement system, but this asked a lot of Clubs with insufficient notice for all to get them done. Since then, we've been working on a few things:
- e. Jeffery switched our affiliation system from JotForm to Google Forms, which has allowed us to compile qualitative information (and logos!) from clubs on our end more easily.
  - f. Once the reaffiliation process is complete, we'll create a comprehensive document with all 107 clubs' logos and descriptions. We'll have drafts read through by CCE, and submit it for approval at CCM2 for publication during Bush Week in Semester 2.
  - g. If you have queries or concerns on this, please contact [sa.clubs@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.clubs@anu.edu.au)
13. Finally: a reassessment process! A lot of this stuff wouldn't have been possible without the feedback from various students and club executives, and we want this dialogue to continue. Without wanting to overload clubs with consultation opportunities, we'll be opening a standing form for feedback and recommendations on the marketing and handbook procedures. This will be distributed at CCM2 so that we may devise further projects for Semester 2, and fix any issues prior to the Semester 2 student intake.

### ***Clubs Council, Training, and Other Things***

Aside from working with the team and doing clubs stuff, the other part of my job is kinda liaising with ANUSA and its relevant parties on concerns around clubs and whatever might be going on on any given day. It's an important job, don't get me wrong, but I tend to reserve this stuff more-so for SRC meetings than CCM. I'll put it here in very brief summary format so as to keep everyone updated on my movements.

1. Clubs Council 2021: The Last Chair: Amazingly, it's finally been confirmed that i'll be the final Clubs Council chair. As of this upcoming ANUSA election, the Clubs Officer will instead be an elected role, and will be combining the duties of Social Officer and Clubs Officer.

1. In preparation for this, amendments were passed at OGM 1 by our wonderful General Secretary to fix up Clubs Council regulations and the ANUSA Constitution to make sure my role continues to exist until December, at which point the CCO will take over from me. As an aside, while I love this job, I must admit I'm already very excited for whoever takes over for me, and moreover, for whoever does-so to be compensated for this work. If future them happen to be reading this, you're a star!
2. Clubs Training Discussion (ANUSA, Departments, Etc.): This is a bit of a multifaceted discussion, but there are two core conversations being had right now:
  1. In what ways can Clubs Council Executive request assistance from the ANU Departments with trainings, whilst simultaneously ensuring it's a mutually beneficial relationship?
    1. Thus far, their training for our sessions have been an invaluable addition and is something I'd love to continue working with Elijah on as we move forward, but I'd also like to devise ways for them to be suitably compensated and/or rewarded for their emotional labour.
    2. This will be an ongoing discussion, but thus far we've had offers from the Queer\* Department for further help with training, and will reach out to BIPOC and International Departments for further input. We'll continue our liaising with the Women's and Disability Department as this evolves, with the ultimate, hypothetical goal being to devise a memorandum of understanding (MOU) as to all Department's participation in an Inclusive Clubs training module year-on-year.
  2. In discussions with the ANUSA President, we've similarly spoken about the potential for external training organisations to be brought in to foster additional skill development for club executives and, if not them, at the very least the Clubs Council Executive. This is a slow process given the complexity and cost of certain training providers, but this is a topic I'm super keen on!
    1. I'm currently sitting on a Student Leadership Working group which aims to compile the training opportunities for student leaders so as to make this training more consistent and accessible across the university (i.e. keeping more accurate records to reduce duplication, extending the reach of training, opening up opportunities to clubs, etc.) I'll have more to report on this in the future as the committee meets approx. every second month.
3. ANUSA / Clubs Planning Session in Term 2: This was brought up and recommended by the ANUSA President in our meeting this past month; I think this would be an invaluable opportunity and would allow for the team to plan the rest of the year (namely Semester 2) in collaboration with the ANUSA Executive. There isn't a heap to say here, but it's just a cool op for strengthening communication between teams!
4. Other Things: The final, less ANUA-ish thing worth mentioning is the ANU+ aspect! CCE has been communicating with ANU+ on and off over the past few months, and have invited them to attend CCM1 so as to introduce themselves to the various clubs on campus. With their program being approved for transcript approval, the opportunity to receive recognition for clubs volunteering seemed like a fantastic opportunity. Shout out to Jeffery for their work on this, and looking forward to seeing how this newfound

partnership evolves moving forward!

## CCM1 UPDATES

### Motions Passed

A handful of important motions were passed at CCM1, a summary of which have been included below. The full extent of the motions can be found in the CCM1 Agenda.

#### Funding Policy (Delegated Grants Power) Amendment.

Allows the executive to make grant categories and make new rules for grants that aren't stipulated in the Funding Policy, designed as a stop gap measure. Allows for more oversight. All grants under this rule must be passed by a 2/3 majority of the executive.

#### Affiliation Policy (Bank Account Requirements) Amendment

Clarifies that the bank account must be in the name of the club, rather than 'the president' or 'the secretary', allowing for easier tracking of funds. Contains a transitional period for clubs that CCE can extend where necessary. Will be a requirement for affiliations next year.

#### Affiliation Policy (Constitutional Provisions of Clubs) Amendment

Minor clarification amendment to ensure club constitution contain provisions to amend the constitution

Affiliate clubs listed below (en bloc) as approved by the Affiliation Officer

ANU Society for United Nations

ANU Improv

ANU Anti Racism

ANU Jewish Students Society

ANU Democracy Society

International Law Society

Brewing Society

## Sri Lankin Students Association

### WRAP UP

Before I wrap up this report, I just wanted to give a quick thank you to all of the Clubs that have been so willing to work with us over the past few months. As a team, Clubs Council Executive functionally exists to assist student clubs wherever we can, and but the aspirational nature of clubs -- for whom we've all been pushed to be better, and do more -- has been greatly appreciated by all of us on this team. We hope to continue our work for the remainder of our terms, and do-so with the intent of making Clubs Council a better body than when we started.

### TIMESHEET

From 3rd March 2020 to 19th April 2021, I've worked 61 hours, and have taken 12 days of leave between the 4th and 11th of March, and 5th and 13th of April. If you have any inquiries around these totals and/or how these hours are accumulated on a day-to-day basis, please contact me via the [sa.clubschair@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.clubschair@anu.edu.au) email address. Thanks all.

Week	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Total
29/11 - 05/12	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	6 Hours (Handover)
06/12 - 12/12	8	2.5	0	0	0	1	0	11.5 Hours (Handover)
13/12 - 19/12	0	1	2	1	3.5	0	0	7.5 Hours
20/12 - 26/12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Hours (Holiday Period)
27/02 - 02/01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Hours (Holiday Period)
03/01 - 09/01	0	2.5	2.5	0	0	4	0	9 Hours
10/01 - 16/01	0	2	2	1	2	4	0	11 Hours
17/01 - 24/01	0	1	2	4	2	0	1.5	9.5 Hours
25/01 - 30/01	0	2	3	1	2	0	0	9 Hours
31/01 - 06/02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Hours (Leave from 01/02 - 05/02)
07/02 - 13/02	0	2	1	4	1	0	0	8 Hours
14/02 - 20/02	0	2	2	3	2	2	0	11 Hours
21/02 - 27/02	0	3	0.5	2	1.5	2	0	9 Hours
28/02 - 06/03	6	2	1.5	3 SRC1	1	0	0	13.5 Hours (Leave from 04/03)
07/03 - 13/03	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	7 Hours (Leave until 11/03)
14/03 - 20/03	0	2	1.5	2.5	4	3	0	13 Hours
21/03 - 27/03	0	2.5	4.5	7	4.5	0	0	19.5 Hours
28/03 - 03/04	0	2	0	1	4 CMM1	0.5	0	7.5 Hours
04/04 - 10/04	0						0	0 Hours (Leave from 05/04)
11/04 - 17/04	0			1	1	2	0	4 Hours (Leave until 13/04)
18/04 - 24/04	0	3	TBC	3 SRC2	TBC	3		9 Hours



## Reference O

Evaluation by the ANUSA Treasurer on the purchase of a new bus for the Association.

**1. Proposed expenditure must be evaluated by the board (with the assistance of the allocated individual/committee) by:**

**a. assessing compliance with the constitutional aims of the association**

**The purchasing of the bus will be in line with the constitutional aim of ANUSA to promote and further the welfare and interests of undergraduate students, as it will make transport much more accessible for multiple groups of students. ANUSA and Clubs will be able to rent the bus at the cost of petrol used for a multitude of reasons, all of which will arguably promote the interests of students.**

**b. assessing the technical viability of the proposed solution;**

**The old ANUSA bus was unfortunately written off in the 2020 Canberra hailstorm and was declared no longer roadworthy this year. As such, the only way forward is to either purchase a new bus or to no longer have a bus as ANUSA. Seeing as this was a service that many students relied upon the latter seems to be not viable as an option.**

**c. assessing the capability of the proposed supplier to provide the goods or services, including technical and management competence and financial resources;**

**Research conducted by the ANUSA admin team found it very difficult to find a supplier of minibuses at an affordable price with the specifications we were looking for (10–12-seater, with a wheelchair lift). As such we turned to Sydney as the closest big city with the resources to have what we were looking for. Anthony Lahood motors stocked buses in the range of what we were looking for, and is an established car dealership, and have been selling vehicles for 59 years.**

**d. taking account of the benefits and costs involved on a whole of life basis with a focus on value for money over cheapest price; and**

**The bus is a 10 seater with a wheelchair lift and good mileage for its age – it was made in 2013 and has a mileage of 167,274kms. The wear and tear on it is consistent with its age and mileage but is still in an overall good condition. Research for similar buses with similar characteristics range in the \$40-\$45,000, and so this bus being about \$38,000 is consistent if not slightly lower than the market price for this type of bus. We also got a year of free warranty on the bus from the dealership at no extra cost, and are using the write-off money from the old bus to subsidize the price as otherwise it would be outside of our price range.**

**e. Identify the solution that represents best available value for money in line with this policy.**

We have commissioned a report to be done on the bus' condition that returned an overall rating of 78% based on its interior, mechanics and body. We have also negotiated for free warranty and received it. For a bus of this quality and having the feature of a wheelchair lift, it is the best deal we can find at the time and for the situation we are in.

2. The board must report its decision with appropriate justification as a board meeting minute that:

- a. **provides full details of the process;**

**The ANUSA Admin team conducted research on available minibuses in the general area with our specifications of 10-12 seaters and a wheelchair lift. After research was conducted and a range of buses were evaluated, the ANUSA Trustees decided upon this particular bus** due to its proximity, price, and specifications. We then looked at getting the old bus write-off insurance cashed out to subsidize the cost of this bus, which we did successfully. We also commissioned an inspection report to be done by State Roads on the condition of the bus to ensure we were not buying a lemon. The report came back positive, and we then passed the relevant motion at OGM 1 to account for the total amount we would be paying minus the bus write off. However, as this is still a one-time transaction of over \$30,000, we are now awaiting SRC approval to purchase the bus. We have currently given Anthony Lahood \$1,000 to keep the bus on hold for us, which will be taken off the final price to be paid for the bus.

- b. **provides a clear and publicly defensible appraisal of the proposal;**

For vehicles of this rank and specification, the market price is in the \$35 to \$45k range if not higher. We have researched the available options in the market and found this to be the most desirable option, and have also commissioned an inspection report to ensure the quality of the bus, which was confirmed. We have also prepared so that final cost is subsidized by our old bus' write-off money, which amounted to about \$15,000, which brings the final cost to about \$23,000.

- c. **notes any potential constraints or risks;**

We are hiring a company through the dealership to transport the bus down to Canberra, so there are potential risks with the transport, although likely to be very small and likely to be covered by the company. There is also the potential that the inspection report missed something, but that is also very unlikely.

- d. **recommends acceptance of a quotation subject to satisfactory negotiation of a contract.**

A lot of care was taken with this bus and this is likely to be the best possible option for ANUSA to obtain a new bus.

## **Ethical Sponsorships Working Group**

### ***Terms of Reference***

#### **1. Role and Purpose**

The Ethical Sponsorships Working Group will determine ANUSA's methodology for engaging and entering into ethical sponsorship arrangements. The Group will determine two registers of sponsorships – an approved register and a rejection register. The Group will also endeavour to determine what "ethical sponsorship" should look like to ANUSA, and what principles and attitudes towards sponsorships should be kept in the coming years.

#### **2. Term**

These terms of reference will be effective from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2021.

#### **3. Membership**

The Ethical Sponsorships Working Group committee will consist of only members of the SRC. From the Executive, the Treasurer, the President and Social Officer or successor role must all sit on the committee. The committee will also include 4 general representatives from the SRC to be elected at SRC 1.

The Chair of the Working Group shall be the Treasurer of the Association. The Secretary of the Working Group shall be elected at the first meeting of the Working Group.

Members are permitted to miss meetings if apologies are submitted before the meeting.

If members continually fail to attend the meetings and it impedes on the operation of the working group, the group may vote on a motion to bring to the SRC to re-elect general members as they see fit.

In the interim period in-between the end of the terms of members and the first SRC, the Executive at the time is responsible for putting out Expressions of Interest (EOIs) and for electing the four interim general members.

#### **4. Roles and Responsibilities**

The Working Group is accountable for:

- Creating and maintaining the two registers of sponsors
- Researching and investigating sponsors before they are placed on a register
- Discussing and determining the meaning of ethical sponsorship to ANUSA

The Chair is responsible for:

- Calling and chairing the meetings
- Reporting to the SRC after each meeting outlining the group's activities.

- Maintaining the registers of parties.

The Secretary is responsible for:

- Operating as acting Chair if the Chair is unable to attend.
- The creation and publication of the agenda
- The creation and publication of meeting minutes

## **5. Meetings**

All meetings will be chaired by the Treasurer.

A meeting quorum will be a simple majority – four out of seven members.

All decisions will be made by majority vote, with the Chair acting as a tiebreaker where necessary.

Meeting agendas will be published on the ANUSA website before every meeting. Meeting minutes will also be published but with commercial in confidence items to be redacted from the public minutes.

Meetings will be held every term. The Chair will also have the power to call out of session meetings where appropriate.

## **6. Amendment, modification or variation**

This Terms of Reference may be amended, varied or modified in writing after consultation and agreement by the SRC.

Reference Q

## **POLICY: Procurement**

Last Updated: 19/04/21

By: Siang Jin Law, Treasurer

### **Purpose**

To ensure that all purchases of the ~~organisation are made only upon proper authorisation of the SRC/PRC/Board (as applicable)~~ association are made in an accountable manner and appropriately authorised manner.

To ensure that ethical behaviours such as honesty, integrity, diligence, fairness, trust, respect and consistency are adhered to. This protects the integrity of each procurement process being undertaken by the associations, promotes members' confidence and manages potential risks, perceived or otherwise, to the associations.

### **Principles**

Association purchasing activities shall seek value for money.

Association purchasing shall be conducted in a manner that encourages competition amongst suppliers, generating opportunities to achieve the best outcome for the student body.

Association funds must be used solely for the purposes of the associations in an efficient, effective and ethical manner.

Association purchasing activities shall be undertaken in accordance with the principles of accountability and transparency.

Association procurement shall be conducted in accordance with the principles outlined in the below procedure, with particular attention paid to the requirements associated with various procurement thresholds.

### **Procedure**

1. Association procurement requirements are dependent on the value of the goods and services being sought.
2. A procurement must not be divided or split into separate parts to avoid a procurement threshold.

3. The associations should avoid perceived and/or real conflicts of interest. Particular attention should be given to this policy if an association is considering purchasing goods and/or services from suppliers who:
  - a. are current employees or office bearers of the association
  - b. are past employees or office bearers of the association
  - c. have a personal relationship with any of the employees, volunteers or representatives involved in the procurement process.
4. All below thresholds are subject to the [Purchases Policy](#)

#### Minor Procurement Threshold Requirements (less than \$1,000 in value)

1. No quotation is required; and
2. Purchasing individuals are expected to use their knowledge of the available market to secure value for money.

#### Medium Scale Procurement Threshold Requirements (\$1,000 to \$9,999 in value)

1. A minimum of two written quotations are required;
2. Quotations must be attached to the [Expense Form](#), and sighted by at least two ~~board~~ Executive members prior to authorisation of expenditure; and
3. Purchasing individuals are expected to use their knowledge of the available market to secure value for money.

#### Large Scale Procurement Threshold Requirements (\$10,000 to \$~~9929~~9,999 in value)

1. A minimum of three written quotations are required;
2. Quotations must be attached to the [Expense Form](#), and sighted by at least two ~~board~~ Executive members prior to authorisation of expenditure; and
3. Purchasing individuals are expected to use their knowledge of the available market to secure value for money.

#### Major Procurement Threshold Requirements (\$~~30,000~~100,000 or greater in value)

1. A minimum of one written quotation is required;
2. ~~A committee or individual must be allocated by the board to manage the procurement exercise~~ A committee appointed by the Executive will manage the procurement exercise;
3. Proposed expenditure must be evaluated by the ~~board committee appointed by the Executive with the assistance of the Executive at a meeting (with the assistance of the allocated individual/committee)~~ by doing the following:
  - a. assessing compliance with the constitutional aims of the association
  - b. assessing the technical viability of the proposed solution;
  - c. assessing the capability of the proposed supplier to provide the goods or services, including technical and management competence and financial resources;

- d. taking account of the benefits and costs involved on a whole of life basis with a focus on value for money over cheapest price; and
  - e. identify~~ing~~ the solution that represents best available value for money in line with this policy.
4. The evaluation and ultimate decision of the committee appointed by the Executive must be recorded in minutes to be published on the ANUSA website which:
  5. ~~The board must report its decision with appropriate justification as a board meeting minute that:~~
    - a. provide~~s~~ full details of the process;
    - b. provide~~s~~ a clear and publicly defensible appraisal of the proposal;
    - c. notes any potential constraints or risks;
    - d. recommend~~s~~ acceptance of a quotation subject to satisfactory negotiation of a contract.

## Contracts

A procurement exercise is valid for the term of the contract (including extensions entered into in contract variations).

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

## **Procurement Ethics**

Related: [Gifts and Entertainment Policy](#)

Staff, representatives and volunteers involved in association purchasing activities must disclose any actual or perceived conflict of interest arising from the purchasing activity.

Where an actual or perceived conflict of interest has been identified, such a conflict shall be actively managed by the board or involvement prohibited.

The associations and their staff, representatives and volunteers must not seek to benefit from supplier practices that may be dishonest, unethical or unsafe.

Staff, representatives and volunteers must avoid all situations that could give rise to a conflict of interest, either real or perceived.

## **Environmental Outcomes**

Procurement activities should encourage positive environmental outcomes through the promotion of environmental standards, energy efficiency, re-use, recycling, disposal practices and natural resource conservation.

Reference R

## **NUS Delegate Report**

### **Luca Corby**

This report is somewhat brief due to the fact I was unfortunately unable to participate in the NUS National Conference as much as I had hoped to. I believe this was largely due to the fact I had no factional alignment and therefore was not privy to factional lines of communication, which I now realise is almost entirely how the conference operates. Some may remember that when I ran in the 2020 ANUSA election to be an ANU NUS delegate I did so with the intention of sitting with NLS (National Labor Students) at the conference if I was successfully elected. However after I was elected, I left the NLS faction and was hence operating as an independent delegate. My campaign to be a delegate to the NUS was largely driven by policies aiming to reinstate the NUS Environment Officer as a position in the union and increase the union's involvement in environmental activism and campaigns. This would have been a difficult task even if I was factionally aligned, however without the support of a faction it was practically impossible. It is my understanding that Socialist Alternative delegates attempted to move a constitutional amendment to reinstate the Environment Officer and this was refused due to bureaucratic interference.

Without a faction, delegates have no access to resources as to how they can draft motions or propose constitutional changes. Likewise, the bureaucratic processes and jargon of the union are highly difficult to navigate without guidance. However this isn't even the largest barrier to independent delegate involvement in the union. What I soon realised in my preparations for the National Conference was that all deadlines, programs, schedules and most motions are all communicated through factional communication lines, with the conveners of factions receiving conference information and then distributing it amongst faction members. I therefore had little access to the content or schedule of the conference which left me not only unable to prepare, but also quite confused.

Overall this has revealed a number of things surrounding the NUS. It not only fails to engage delegates who aren't factionally aligned, but also inhibits them from participating by withholding crucial information from them. This is disappointing to say the least. NUS should be more relevant than ever right now as students face the greatest threats to their education and standard of living since deregulation. The NUS conference left me in two minds, inspired by the passion of many activists but disappointed at how this passion is directed towards factional skirmishes and grandstanding to advance the interests of different political groups. The NUS raises a lot of strong opinions in the student movement but I believe ANUSA must approach it from two fundamental points. Firstly, students need a national union. Secondly, the NUS needs to do better. In my opinion, the answer to this is not bureaucratic solutions. The problems in the NUS will not be resolved by constitutional amendments or strategic plans. They will be resolved by electing activists who care about fighting the system that impoverishes students, not fighting for their political future or the future of their political alignment.