
MINUTES- STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 4 2011

Wednesday 3rd August 2011

ANUSA Boardroom

Attendance List:

Leah Ginnivan – President of the Association

Brody Warren – Vice-President of the Association

Shaun Wykes – General Secretary of the Association

Victor White – Treasurer of the Association

Hannah Purdy – Social Officer of the Association

Christian Dent – Education Officer of the Association

Penny Rumble – Queer* Officer of the Association

Angeline Tan – International Officer of the Association

Isobel Morphy-Walsh – Indigenous Officer of the Association

Maneka Sivanathan – General Representative

Ridah Hassan – General Representative

Shan Verne Liew – General Representative

Elaine Li – General Representative

Nuwan D'Alwis – General Representative

Jamie Bryce – General Representative

Emily Criticos – General Representative

Maea Lenei Buhre – General Representative

Callum Brindley – General Representative

Thomas Barrington-Smith – General Representative

Faculty Representatives:

Fleur Hawes

Simon Ngo

Abby D'Cruz

Nakul Legha

Marie Ngiam

Galvin Chia

Talha Baseer

Ordinary Members:

Lisa Judge

Issac Wright

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting opened at 6:10pm.

Apologies received from Ippy Mondal, Robin Shannon, Kate McMurtrie, Renee Jones, Emily Bennett, Jarrod Hulme-Jones & Sarah Jane Collum.

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising

MOTION: That the minutes from SRC 3 2011 be accepted.

Moved: Shaun Wykes

Seconded: Leah Ginnivan

Motion passed.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That we move directly to Item 4 immediately, before returning to Item 3.

Moved: Brody Warren

Seconded: Shaun Wykes.

Procedural motion passed.

Item 4: Items for Resolution

4.1 Appointment of Queer* Officer

That the SRC ratifies the appointment of Penny Rumble as the new Queer* Officer of ANUSA.

Moved: Shaun Wykes

Seconded: Victor White

Motion passed.

Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising

3.1 Executive Reports

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

- Library merger situation – university has decided that an adequate case has not been made for the merger – university is having a review over the next 6-8 weeks
 - BBQ tomorrow at the Music school
- Campaign for student safety on campus – will bring to next meeting
- Neighborhood day – received \$2000 from university
- SA4 will definitely be run by UniLodge – have been given a copy of the contracts – has been named Lina Karmel – no student input on the decision – the content of the contract in terms of SR's and student support has not been finalized yet

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Simon Ngo

Seconded: Nuwan D'Alwis

Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Incorporation happened over the holidays
- Student Survey is still going on – haven't had the responses we would like yet
- Went through some of the recommendations today and some are quite helpful – good to pass on to future years
- New website in final stages

- Harmony Day - Isobel, Ang and Brody met this morning – scheduled for 20th August (Saturday before Neighbourhood Day)

Questions

- **Galvin:** What is the International Students Working Party?
 - **Brody:** Chair is a guy from HR, rep from CAP, rep from student equity – once Working Party starts then will get in contact with Ang and Isobel who will have points to add, which will be available
- **Issac Wright:** Why is Harmony Day being held in August when it was meant to be held in March?
 - **Brody:** Because ISD wanted to hold the Ball in Semester 1 – we got in touch with the Immigration Department and they said it was ok

Motion: That the Vice-President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Jamie Bryce

Seconded: Shan Verne Liew

Motion passed.

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

- Abby and Tom were successful with their appeals
- Disputes have been a bit slow – but they need to be independent so don't want to push it too much
- Kit Wong has resigned – appointing a new rep at CRC
- Josh Wiseman has breach requirements and did not appeal – new gen rep soon
- Don and Bronwyn hold confidential meetings so Don is moving to the new office
- Christian, Shan and myself put in a submission to the ACT Housing Review
- Student space was open during exams – thank you to everyone for volunteering
- Disabilities hasn't submitted Constitution – all departments will have their own now
- Reps – need to send in bios + pictures

Motion: That the General Secretary's report.

Moved: Nakul Legha

Seconded: Tom Barrington-Smith

Motion passed.

3.1.4 Treasurer's Report (V. White) [Reference D]

- SSAF is positive for the Students Association

Questions

- **Lisa:** Will 100% of SSAF go to the Students Association?
 - **Victor:** It will be divided by a committee chaired by the Students Association
- **Issac:** Who would be on the committee?
 - **Victor:** University, PARSA, ANUSA etc
- **Lisa:** Could students control 100% of funds?
 - **Victor:** Penny Oakes believe students could control these funds
 - **Leah:** VC said 100% of the money will go to student organizations
- **Tom:** Will all student organizations be on the board, or just democratically elected ones? Even SRA?
 - **Victor:** It will include SRA

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Simon Ngo

Seconded: Shan Verne Liew

Motion passed.

3.1.5 Social Officer's Report (H. Purdy) [Reference E]

- Bush Week was much more chilled out than O-Week
 - Ran 3 BBQs, evening event, market day went well
 - Made a little bit of money which went well
- Clubs and Societies handbook went well – will be ready by next SRC but within a week and a half
- Website will allow Clubs and Societies to log on and update their own details

MOTION: That the Social Officer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Brody Warren

Seconded: Fleur Hawes

Motion passed.

3.1.6 Education Officer's Report (C. Dent) [Reference F]

- NUS Education Conference happened over the holidays – will talk later in the discussion item
- SSAF – during the holidays with Leah and Brody met with Andrew Leigh, Brodman about legislation and certain issues with it – main issues are that all the fundings isn't assured to go all to students – both MPs were supportive of the change – letter from minister at Ed Con said that they didn't want to change it because it would be hard to get through house of reps
- Fair Fares – got about 500 signatures with Courtney and Ryan – put on the COAG agenda – hopefully get some action in the not too distant future

MOTION: That the Education Officer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Tom Barrington-Smith

Seconded: Hannah Purdy

Motion passed.

3.2 Department Reports

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

Kate was not present. Report attached.

3.2.2 Queer* Department Report (P. Rumble) [Reference H]

- Gus resigned on 31st May - Brett and Penny were acting - Penny was elected - Danni resigned, Brett is acting deputy
- Prefer people to use "queer" when talking about the department
- Will consult with collective on what she votes on
- Will talk about importance of using gender exclusive language especially with staff
- "Before it's too late" report – will talk to counseling service about the report

Questions

- **Fleur:** Ally program has an opening? What is it?
 - **Penny:** Details are up on Facebook
 - **Leah:** Ally network being reinstated – in 2004 it was a network for staff and students for people who are GLBTIQ – there will be a launch in the Student Space as part of Diversity Week
- **Isobel:** Are you doing stuff for Diversity Week?
 - **Penny:** Doing a campaign similar to "Man Speak Out" campaign
- **Lisa:** Queerelle published? Financially successful.

- **Penny:** Amazing magazine - fundraising was amazing thanks to Brett and other people in the organizing campaign, it is available online

MOTION: That the Queer* Department's Report be accepted.

Moved: Maea Lenei Buhre

Seconded: Nuwan D'Alwis

Motion passed.

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

Robin Shannon not present.

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

- Everyone came back for International Orientation Week – booth in front of the International Education Report – couldn't hold a social event because there weren't as many international students compared to previous round – booth getting sign ups – sent out handbook to all the new members
- Organizing Harmony Day – 20th august – international food fiesta, performances etc
- Trying to amend the constitution – has not been passed yet – amend certain parts that are ambiguous such as the definition of international student, if we can include certain domestic students who have lived overseas for a while

MOTION: That the International Students' Department Report be accepted.

Moved: Leah Ginnivan

Seconded: Fleur Hawes

Motion passed.

3.2.5 Indigenous Students' Department (I. Morphy-Walsh) [Reference K]

- This report was submitted in the collective meetings
- Money has been taken out of the account - \$90 for Indigenous Conference for Isobel to attend
- Everything went well with the Indigenous Games
- Constitution completed and submitted
- Diversity Week in conjunction with ReconciliACT – music performances – tours through Jabal for non-indigenous students – duck, kangaroo and emu will be on (12.30-2 on Tuesday)

Questions

- **Leah:** Why is there such a high staff turnover in the Jabal Centre?
 - **Isobel:** Political reasons
- **Leah:** Are they advertising for the positions in the Jabal Centre?
 - **Isobel:** Yes, they will be open for three more weeks. Spoke to director about lack of pastoral care.
- **Leah:** Will you be on the interview panel?
 - **Isobel:** Have requested.

MOTION: That the Indigenous Students' Department Report be accepted?

Moved: Brody Warren

Seconded: Jamie Bryce

Motion passed.

3.2.6 Grants and Affiliation's Committee (H. Purdy) [Reference L]

- Approx 55% of budget spent – after today's GAC the amount is now closer to 70% - still have special purpose and 30% left for the rest of the year – want to make it last as long as possible
- Regulations spoke about in Social Report

Questions

- **Issac:** \$1800 to Harry Potter Club – what requirements did they adhere to?
 - **Hannah:** They are one of the biggest clubs on campus.
- **Lisa:** What is Harry Potter’s membership?
 - **Hannah:** Unsure of the exact membership
- **Issac:** What were the Harry Potter Club buying?
 - **Hannah:** Some of the money was for their ball
 - **Emily:** They may need to buy real brooms
- **Callum:** It does raise a point about how these decisions are being made - raises issues about how they would be made?
 - **Hannah:** In the process of reviewing the regulations – it is impractical to give out money to do it at an OGM
- **Lisa:** Why was ANU Debating given so much??
 - **Simon:** For ANU Spring – 54 teams from ANU
 - **Brody:** Are they still the biggest on campus?
 - **Hannah:** Yes, behind LSS.
- **Issac:** Have LSS put in their grant yet?
 - **Hannah:** Not yet

MOTION: That the Grants and Affiliation’s Committee Report be accepted.

Moved: Victor White

Seconded: Thomas Barrington-Smit

Motion passed.

3.2.7 Education Committee [Reference M]

- Sorry about not sending it out initially
- Education committee meeting attendance hasn’t been too high

Questions

- **Lisa:** What has been done about low attendance?
 - **Christian:** Advertised on ANUSA doors and on FB
- **Issac:** Do you take responsibility for the low turn out?
 - **Christian:** Will take responsibility for people not turning up – role of education committee is a bit difficult – only a few students who are interested turn up

MOTION: That the Education Committee’s Report be accepted

Moved: Jamie Bryce

Seconded: Galvin Chia

Motion passed.

3.3 General Representative Report

3.3.1 Thomas Barrington-Smith [Reference N]

- Taken as read

Questions

- Galvin: What is the Admissions Standards Committee?
 - **Tom:** Volunteered to be a part of it – haven’t attended any yet – look at admissions scores from around the world
- **Isobel:** When was the gen rep meeting? Was it before the meeting? If you have lack of direction perhaps attending the meetings may work?

- **Tom:** Had a meeting on Monday as well
- **Lisa:** There has been a view that putting dirt lines in the carpark will fit less cars
 - **Tom:** It has been an issue – other issues raised at the meeting: break ins at colleges, lines in dirt car parks, people want multi stories

MOTION: That the General Representative Report be accepted.

Moved: Hannah Purdy

Seconded: Nakul Legha

Motion passed.

Item 5: Notices of Motions

5.1 ANUSA Public Officer

That Eleanor Boyle, the ANUSA Office Administrator, be appointed as the ANUSA Public Officer under section 15 of the ANUSA Constitution, until which time she resigns her position as office administrator.

Moved: Brody Warren

Seconded: Shaun Wykes

Motion passed.

5.2 ANUSA representatives meeting attendance requirements, Semester 2 2011

Due to ANUSA becoming incorporated halfway through 2011 the meeting attendance requirements under section 13(a) of the Constitution allow too much scope to miss meeting.

Therefore the following meeting attendance requirements shall apply for semester 2 2011:

- A) If a representative was required to attend and missed a meeting of the Student Representative Council, the College Representative Council or the Joint Representative Council in semester 1 2011 it will be considered that the representative missed a meeting in which they are listed on Schedule A of the council membership.
- B) If a representative fails to attend 2 meetings for which they are listed on Schedule B during semester 2 2011 they will be considered to have breached their meeting attendance requirements.

Moved: Shaun Wykes

- Sent around during the holidays, due to constitutional cross over during holidays Schedule B allows for too much discretion and need to see how JRC applies to meeting attendance for the rest of the year.

Seconded: Brody Warren

- Same conditions as circulated during the break – nothing said contrary to this

Questions

- **Lisa:** This is a constitutional issue – have concerns.
- **Cal:** This can't apply retrospectively.
- **Shaun:** Would need to go to OGM as well – just tentative guidelines.

Motion goes to vote.

Motion passed.

5.3 Indigenous events on campus

ANUSA requires that all affiliated student organisations/groups who run events with Indigenous content and themes to consult with the Indigenous Department of ANUSA. Any event that is run without this consultation will be seen as culturally inappropriate, showing clear disregard for the University's Reconciliation Action Plan. Therefore an event of this nature shall not be supported by ANUSA.

Moved: Isobel Morphy-Walsh

- This is the first motion which stems from lack of consultation with Departments – consistently not consulted

- It is unrealistic to be consulted for each event
- The event last week was held at a culturally inappropriate time
- If the department had been consulted it could have been ok

Seconded: Leah Ginnivan

Speakers

- **Callum:** Socialist Alternative ran a film screening of “our generation” made by indigenous group – information sent to members and posters were put around campus
- **Riddah:** It was a mistake and I apologize.
 - **Isobel:** This motion came out of many events, not just that one
- **Fleur:** How could this consolation occur?
 - **Isobel:** Just send an email
- **Leah:** Work is being done on how to hold indigenous events appropriately with Welcome to Country etc – can be quite easily put on website
 - **Frank:** Am involved with Queer and Indigenous Departments – amount of respect given to Queer is much more than Indigenous – only 6 or 7 events on campus through 3 years as officer – this is another motion similar to last year
 - **Issac:** LSS came to Queer Department and asked Queer Department if they could do Mardi Gras – passed motion and passed it onto LSS – this is just a way to drill it into everyone’s minds
 - **Callum:** Point of clarification: Is this motion proposing that departments have a veto on activities on campus? Is it binding for all ANUSA events?
 - **Tom:** Automatic nature is that that the event will be culturally inappropriate – if you do not consult with indigenous people then it is culturally inappropriate

MOTION: That the motion go to a vote.

Moved: Issac Wright

Seconded: Brody Warren

Motion passed.

Abstentions: Emily Criticos, Shan Verne Liew

- *Right of reply:* **Isobel:** This is standard in many organizations.

Motion passed.

Abstentions: 5

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That we move directly to Item 7.

Moved: Lisa Judge

Seconded: Isobel Morphy-Walsh

Motion passed.

Against: Leah Ginnivan

Abstentions: 3

Item 7: Other Business

7.1. MOTION: That the Australian National University Students' Association endorses the rally for marriage equality organised by Community Action Against Homophobia on December 3, which will march to the ALP National Conference. (see 'CAAH statement')

Moved: Ridah Hassan

- CAAH are organizing a marriage equality rally – all state branches of the labor party have passed motions in support of marriage equality

Seconded: Callum Brindley

MOTION: That the motion be put to a vote.

Moved: Victor White

Seconded: Fleur Hawes

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion put to a vote.

Motion passed unanimously

7.2 MOTION: That the Australian National University Students' Association signs the marriage equality open letter which will be handed to Labor conference delegates at the ALP's national conference in December. (see 'marriage equality open letter')

Moved: Callum Brindley

- Could go straight to a vote – will hand out to delegates as they go into the conference – emphasis that marriage equality is accepted

Seconded: Ridah Hassan

- *Speaking rights reserved.*

Speakers

- **Lisa:** Issac was largely responsible for ACT Labor passing their motion - letters from PFLAG were accepted
- **Penny:** It's a rad motion

Motion: That the motion be put to a vote.

Moved: Leah Ginnivan

Seconded: Isobel Morphy-Walsh

Motion passed unanimously

Motion put to a vote.

Motion moved unanimously

7.3 MOTION: That the Australian National University Students' Association supports the right to protest and freedom of speech.

~~ANUSA condemns the Victorian police for their brutal attack on the Palestinian solidarity rally in Melbourne on July 1st 2011, and calls on the charges against the 19 protesters to be dropped.~~

~~ANUSA signs onto the statement in support of the campaign. (see 'B19 statement')~~

Moved: Ridah Hassan

- Palestian solidarity rally outside Max Brenner who send care packages to Israel defence forces – peaceful protests – speeches, chants etc – cops kettled the protestors and protestors sat down and linked arms – protestors had the right to be there – people with megaphones and making speeches were attacked – Palestinians are disposed and kicked off land – should have right to protest against companies
 - **Lisa:** What were they charged with?
 - **Ridah:** Videos show police kettling the protesters – women being dragged away

Seconded: Callum Brindley

- *Speaking rights reserved.*

Speakers

- **Issac:** Against the notion – if material was from a more reputable source – not trusting the source– this motion condemns the Victorian police
- **Leah:** Agree with Issac – one sided presentation – a lot of people dispute what protestors were doing – however agree with right of peaceful protest
- **Shan:** Spoke about this in the Gen Rep meeting – liked the idea of freedom of speech but against taking sides

AMENDMENT: That everything except the first sentence of the motion is deleted

Moved: Lisa Judge

- Freedom of speech is important

Seconded: Issac Wright

- *Speaking rights reserved.*

- **Ridah:** The point of the motion is to sign on to the letter – has nothing to do with choosing a side between Israel/Palestine – Students of Palestine, Norm Chomsky etc have signed onto the letter – why should we take a position on homophobia and not this?

- **Issac:** Motion will say that we support the right to protest – police should be judged by the judicial system –commend the amendment

Procedural motion: That the amendment go to a vote.

Moved: Christian Dent

Seconded: Isobel Morphy-Walsh

Procedural motion passed.

Against: Callum Brindley, Ridah Hassan

Abstentions: Penny Rumble

Amendment went to a vote:

Amendment passed.

Against: Riddah Hassan, Callum Brindley

Abstentions: 6 (Noted: Penny Rumble)

Procedural motion: That motion be put to a vote

Moved: Issac Wright

Seconded: Isobel Morphy-Walsh

Procedural motion passed

Abstentions: 3 (Noted: Shan Verne Liew)

Right of reply: **Callum:** The motion is now abstract - we should be supporting the call for the charges to be dropped against these people.

Motion went to a vote.

Motion passed.

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

7.4 MOTION: “The event run and endorsed by ANUSA for Harmony Day each year must be organized by both the Indigenous Department and Intentional Department. In organizing the event the following applies:

- a) A meeting must be held between the two Departments to discuss Harmony Day within the first month of study each year
- b) Neither Department will make decisions that effect dates/content of the day unless adequate consultation has been performed with the other Department.
- c) If decisions are made without adequate consultation the event will be seen as going against the spirit of the day and not endorsed by ANUSA.

By following these provisions it is the hope of ANUSA that future Harmony Days will be inclusive of all ethnically diverse people at the ANU.”

Moved: Isobel Morphy-Walsh

- There has been inadequate consultation from the ISD - think it is important to be consulted – important that they are an active part of Harmony Day – not good enough – fourth year that a motion like this has been put – motion was passed unanimously by collective

Seconded: Brody Warren

- Can't comment on the Indigenous Department and ISD – not against Ang – website talks about recognizing traditional owners of the land – if motions are passed like this they can put in handover documents

Procedural motion: That the motion be put to a vote

Moved: Lisa Judge

Seconded: Fleur Hawes

Procedural motion passed.

For: 12

Against: 6 (Noted: Elaine, Shaun)

Abstentions: 1

Motion put to a vote.

Motion passed.

For: 10

Against: 2 (Elaine, Ang)

Abstentions: Leah, Shan, Victor, Galvin, Marie, Simon

Procedural motion: That Standing Orders be suspended for Angeline Tan to speak.

Moved: Christian Dent

Seconded: Emily Criticos

Procedural motion passed.

Against: Isobel

- **Angeline:** Should be given a right to speak and to talk to department about this motion – need to share the organizational role (what ISD, Indigenous Department and ANUSA will do in the organization) – very happy to include Indigenous Department

7.5 MOTION: Daycleaning Contracts

• **Moved:** Lisa Judge

- University is committed to better wages for cleaners – the currently cleaning contracts are up and there have been problems

• **Seconded:** Issac Wright

- Time to show the university that we care about workers – Day Cleaning is more sensible and more environmentally friendly

Discussion and questions

- **Lisa:** International students are worried they will have to work over their 20 hour cap - would be a good transitional arrangement
- **Emily C:** Is it possible to have cleaners while students are at university?
 - **Lisa:** They come in 2 or 3 hours before working day and do noise intensive work – it's about changing the culture of cleaning
- **Leah:** Issac and Lisa have raised issue in the passed – Issac said she would arrange meeting and Lisa said she would email out – would like to do research
 - **Issac:** This would be one union supporting another union – we would not be leading the charge just putting out support behind the other union

Motion was withdrawn for further discussion.

7.6 MOTION: The General Secretary to create a list of emails for meeting notices and agendas to be sent to.

Moved: Issac Wright

- It is important to be up to date – notice and agendas are a good way to keep updated
 - **Fleur:** Will this membership list change with incorporation?
 - **Brody:** Registrar has agreed to a membership list – lodged request with

Seconded: Lisa Judge

- *Speaking rights reserved*

Procedural Motion: That the motion be put to a vote.

Moved: Christian Dent
Seconded: Fleur Hawes
Procedural motion passed.

Motion put to a vote.

Motion passed.
Abstentions: 3

Procedural Motion: That we move back to Item 6.2 and then down the list.
Moved: Leah Ginnivan
Seconded: Victor White
Procedural motion passed.

Item 6: Items for Discussion

6.2 Gen Rep Projects (L. Ginnivan)

- **Leah:** Potential projects:
 - Head of **ANU College** contacted ANUSA– ANUSA has never done any work with ANU College – most students are international from a very diverse background – they are not getting legal advice or social support – could identify what meetings are – could look into getting an ANU College person on ANUSA → Jamie said he might be keen: Fleur, Elaine
- **Callum:** We are a union – are we representing them out of the goodness of our heart?
 - **Leah:** Preliminary meetings (17 and 18 year old int students)
 - **Fleur:** Some of them are part time ANU students
- **Lisa:** Suggestion - some people could look into ANUSA meetings functioning under safer spaces policy
- **Leah:** Evaluation Learning Party – advocated that all feedback that is collated to be put on the StudyAt website – wanted Gen Reps to access how good a course was, create an ANUSA course guide – looking at how other universities do it → Shan
- **Leah:** Housing Policy: ANU has done a survey of all people living in residences – housing choices on campus, culture, affordability, talking about tariff increases, bringing in participation requirements - nothing we have addressed in a long time - could do up a discussion paper and have people respond to that and have people come to the meeting who are interested
- **Leah:** Maea, Skye and Nakes – safety campaigns
- **Shan:** Uni Gardens visits
- **Christian:** Looking over the whole gen rep structure and how to go forward with it

6.3 Communications Position (G. Chia)

- **Galvin:** raised at last SRC – ANUSA has problems connecting with students which is where the Communications Officer proposal came from – it would be a new executive position that would communicate the policies of ANUSA so that we can get more student engagement
 - **Issac:** Would they receive honorarium?
 - **Galvin:** Yes
 - **Leah:** Would it be an officer or vice president esque role?
 - **Galvin:** Would need to look into that

6.4 SHAG Week (L. Ginnivan)

- **Leah:** SHAG week – last semester Danni and Gus raised view of having sexual health and guidance week – the idea would be to promote healthier relationship, safer sex, issue of time and human resources – we could bring it to SRC to see if anyone would like to help in the organizational side of things – in September
- **Penny:** Queer department wouldn't want to lead the SHAG week – would need people onboard and leading this forward
- **Fleur:** What sort of people power? Steering committee, budget etc
- **Simon:** UniLodge is having a sexual health and awareness week because we know they have particular needs
- **Leah:** Not in a position to coordinate it
- **Fleur:** What week?
- **Simon & Fleur:** Happy to help

6.1 NUS Education Conference Report (C. Dent)

- **Christian:** Will present the report to the next Education Committee.

Item 7: Other Business

7.7 MOTION: Motion of congratulations to the Queer* Department for publishing such a great Queerelle!

Moved: Fleur Hawes

Seconded: Simon Ngo

Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8: Date of next meeting and close

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council will be held on Wednesday 28th September 2011.

Closed: 8.37pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Leah Ginnivan

Good morning all! I'm writing this at 4am, just to mix things up a bit. "Holidays" have been pretty dull, made only worse by facebook pictures of all your actual holidays. Firstly, big news: our incorporation came through and we are, at last, ANUSA Inc! Yay to Brody and Shaun. I would also like to give thanks and praise to Hannah Purdy, Matt Keely, and Adam Da Cruz for a great Bush Week.

A brief synopsis of the happenings over the holidays:

-Lyneham Hall

In the last week of the holidays, Lyneham Hall was announced to be closed. Neither ANUSA nor PARSA were told about this ahead of time. Shan and I went out to watch the PVC's announcement to residents (those who were there) and were really disappointed with the uni's approach. I wrote a letter with the SRs, PARSA and Shan expressing our dismay at the timing and lack of co-ordination with SRs and the head of halls, and also talked to the VC about it.

Everyone is now in the process of moving. I've been following up with the SRs to see what if anything we can do, and in particular to make the uni pay for the work that their academic advisor did (but was not yet paid for).

Libraries

The VC responded to our last letter asking for in-principle objections to the library move. We wrote back with a long letter of student concerns. The VC is holding off on any library decision until they've done a full study to assess how use will be changed (if at all) and take students' views into account. This is a W4S. I will also be on the panel to select a new chief librarian in the next few months.

Neighbourhood day

Is going great guns! We've been working with ANU V to pull together a rad-looking day with 9 different groups to help out. Got \$2000 out of the uni to fund it and will be working with \$4 lunch gang to cater it. Need more help from ANUSA people so step up (and be rewarded with fun times).

SA4

I'm awaiting an updated version of the contracts- UL is going to possibly put in more RAs and CAs but I haven't seen the detail yet. An issue has also come up with the Food Co-Op who apparently have to pay 700 times their current rent in the new SA4- obviously this is egregious and I've been speaking to co-op and uni about it.

Archives

We cleaned out the shonky room at the back of the office so Don and Bronwyn can each have a room. In doing so we found an amazing collection of archives! The student space staff are sorting them for us now but if you want to help, or even just take a squiz, you should.

Complaint Policy/ Safety

After my review of the Complaint Resolution Policy, I found that there were very few concrete problems people had with the policy. I rewrote it to make it clear, including making it explicit what the policy does and does not deal with, and have requested it be more fully searchable. I've explained the roles of ANUSA, PARSA and the Dean of Students more fully too. The Safety working group who met last semester came up with the idea of having an awesome website with information about sexual harassment, using the complaints policy, and a list of contacts. I'm working on this with Kate McMurtrie at the mo.

I would like to see a position within the Residential and Campus Communities which is responsible for positive cultural change within the ANU- eg the ALLY Network, anti-discrimination and support for LGBTIQ students as well as diversity issues generally. Working with Luce on this ATM.

My main aims for the next few months are working with the rest of the exec to get our SSAF proposal looking good to take to the VC (and next year's ANUSA team), developing an ANUSA Housing Policy document (to be discussed), success in ANU Neighbourhood Day, lobbying for the additional NRAS places to go to affordable housing, finishing up with the Working Party on Undergrad Education, continuing to try to get the best out of the SA4-Unilodge situation, and (with Brody) getting the Exchange program sorted.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brody Warren

Incorporation

As of Friday 22nd July, The Australian National University Students' Association became incorporated with the ACT Office of Regulatory Services. Woot!

Student Survey

The survey has had some really good feedback in terms of comments etc, but we are still lacking in terms of numbers, so our statistics will be a bit skewed unless we can boost those. We are sending it around again to undergrads and to the Halls and Colleges in particular. Can everyone please complete the survey yourselves, and pump it as much as possible over the next week or so, as I know quite a few of our reps haven't actually completed it yet. Go to: <https://apollo.anu.edu.au/default.asp?pid=5659>

SSAFF Proposal

As will be covered in Victor's report, we're in discussions with Dean of Students, Professor Penny Oakes, to prepare our proposal for the new student amenities fee committee.

Academic Advice

I'm currently working with Penny Oakes, to take action on standardising the methods for giving academic advice to students in the various Colleges. As per our CRC motion earlier in the year, and some subsequent academic appeals, we have decided to take a substantive report to University Education Committee in time for their September meeting.

Diversity Week

Is happening next week (week 3), a big congratulations to the Indigenous and Queer* Departments for their work in preparations.

More details can be found at: <http://news.anu.edu.au/?p=10051/>

Neighbourhood Day

Is looking good, Purdy and I are on T-Shirt duty, and of course getting involved on the day. Leah's report will have already covered the specifics, so just get excited for 19th August – win for neighbourhoods everywhere!

Harmony Day

Isobel, Angie and I are starting to get things underway. We are planning to hold it on Saturday 20th August (the day after Neighbourhood Day), with the usual stalls from international and cultural clubs and societies, with cultural displays and snacks available.

Last Lecture

I am currently working on the preparations with Dinah Withey from the Dean of Students' office. Nominations for lecturers will be open from next Monday, and then a couple of weeks later voting will take place and a few weeks after that there will be more intensive advertising near the end of term.

Website + Branding

Is very close to being finalised – it will be loaded with content over the next few weeks, but we are looking to launch it by the end of next week. Basically, the site should be accessible through sa.anu.edu.au, anusa.anu.edu.au and anusa.com.au The logo has started to be circulated, generally the feedback has been fantastic, so a big thank you must go to Casey White, our graphic designer and the ANU Marketing Office for their guidance. A detailed explanation of the design and concept will be circulated to all of you and posted on website for viewing by the student body at large.

Other Relevant Info from Committees

DOI (Division of Information)

As you are probably aware, DOI has started implemented wireless printing through the new multifunctional devices in the libraries. If you are experiencing any problems with this, talk to the DOI Helpdesk, but also let me know so that I can bring it up in my next meeting with them.

UAEC (University Access and Equity Committee)

There was a report made by Dr Bina de Costa on racism in Universities, and discrimination largely with regard to the concept of English skill level from International Staff and Students. I have been appointed to a Working Party to be initiated in the coming weeks which will be looking at these issues and the idea of cross-cultural training at ANU, which will report back to UAEC for their October meeting.

CASC (Campus Advisory Sub-Committee)

Some exciting developments came out of this Committee – they are currently looking at redeveloping the Pauline Griffin Building to create not only a space for Griffin Hall, but also a hub for the wider student community in the coming months (most likely for next year).

Security has asked for some help from ANUSA and PARSA in conducting an awareness campaign for safety and security on campus, particularly of the recommended night paths and of the thefts in libraries and computer rooms. This will tie in nicely with the seasonal audit of lighting on campus, being conducted this Thursday (4th August), as it was postponed in the holidays due to the blizzard conditions. If you have any recommendations for places on campus for the Audit Group to look at, let me know and I will pass them on to security for Thursday's audit.

The committee is also looking at a long-term strategic plan for Halls and Colleges (particularly the buildings and facilities themselves), which I will report on after the September CASC meeting.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Shaun Wykes

Appeals

Abby D'Cruz was successful in her appeal to the Disputes Committee regarding the breach of her meeting requirements. She has been reinstated as the Science Fac Rep.

Thomas Barrington-Smith was also successful in his appeal.

Steph Smythe breached her meeting requirements and submissions have been made to the Disputes Committee and are currently being considered.

Housing Review

Christian, Tom, Shan and I put together a proposal for the ACT Legislative Assembly's review into ACT student accommodation. That has been uploaded onto the Assembly's website and they have invited us to come and make further oral contributions regarding the submission in late August or early September which we will be following up.

Queer* Officer

The Queer* Department on Tuesday July 26 elected Penny Rumble as their new Sexuality Officer.

Business and Economics Fac Rep

Kit Wong has resigned as the CBE Fac Rep as he has began his Year in China. A new CBE Rep will be appointed at the next CRC.

General Representative

Josh Wiseman breached his meeting attendance requirements and has not appealed the decision. A new General Representative will be elected at the next OGM.

BBQs

We will be organizing barbeques and small events on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th August (Week 3). On Tuesday we are holding a BBQ to promote Census night, as it has been difficult to collect data from students during previous Census nights. On Thursday 11th August we will be holding an ANUSA outreach stall, where we will also have mock ballot papers to show people the papers they will be presented when they walk into the ballot box during Week 5.

ANUSA Executive Planning Afternoon

The current ANUSA executive will be holding a planning day on Wednesday 3rd August to set down plans to achieve our goals for the remainder of our term (2011).

Office Cleaning

The office moving is nearly finished. The Office next to the current Welfare/Legal Office is now clean for Don Malcomson (ANUSA Lawyer) to move into. The Gen Sec, Treasurer, Education Officer and Social Officer have moved into the old Woroni office. Their old office is going to be transferred into a general use space soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Victor White

Presentation of the Budget

Please find the budget attached. The budget has not been updated with final figures from O-Week. This will happen over the next couple of weeks as the receipts from market day.

Bush Week

Spent around \$8000 not including honoraria. Major expenses were market day and the buses to the country club. However, ticket sales approximately matched expenditure on events and as such, bush week will record a modest profit of about \$1500.

Student Amenities Fee

Our lovely and unhelpfully tall vice-president and myself presented the proposed Student Amenities Fee to Penny Oakes (Dean of Students) was well received. So well received actually that I am going to rewrite it to present a more forceful position for the Students Association as the steering body on a committee. I will be asking for any interested general representatives to help out with that.

SOCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Hannah Purdy

Bush Week

A highly successful week. We ran three barbeques, two evening events (Bar Crawl and Road Trip to the Saloon), an amazing Market Day as well as supporting events held by Clubs and Societies. The Bangladeshi Students' Association Memorial concert for Bangladeshi "Pop Guru" Mr. Azam Khan was my personal favourite.

Clubs and Society Regulations

Handbook almost complete! Regulations to follow (and will be available before the next OGM). I have also decided to devise some "fact sheets" for next year. Mainly on the topic of 'How to book a Market Day Stall'.

Website

Very exciting! Have just learned from Brody Clubs and Societies will be able to sell tickets to events, merchandise and potentially memberships via the internet.

AACA

We are now affiliated with the Australian Association of Campus Activities. The Association runs "social, cultural and recreational events" – notably the National Campus Band Competition which has been advertised around campus and which ANU Students can now actually enter!

Other events students can be involved in are the National Campus Art Prize, National Campus Film Festival, National Campus DJ Comp and a professional development and networking conference.

This Semester(so far)

So far we have planned a CENSUS BBQ for Tuesday August 9th (next week) and an ANUSA Outreach Stall on Thursday August 11th.

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Christian Dent

National Union of Student's Education Conference

During the semester break I attended the National Union of Student's Education Conference in Peth at UWA and Curtin University. Please see my attached report, and I will talk more about this in the discussion item later in the meeting.

TEQSA

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Authority has been passed into law. TEQSA will be responsible for registering all higher education providers, accrediting the qualifications they offer and ensuring they comply with a national quality framework. It is still unclear, however, what the standards are that TEQSA will be enforcing.

SSAF

The student services and Amenities fee is the government's response to Voluntary Student Unionism, although is not a complete repeal of the VSU legislation. Under the proposed legislation, universities are allowed to charge students an annual fee of up to \$250 which can be deferred through a HECS style loan. This can be used to fund additional student services on campus including healthcare, sporting facilities and student clubs.

However, the legislation as it currently stands doesn't require any of the money obtained from SSAF to be given to student organisations, (although at ANU the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ian Young has said that all the money from SSAF will go to students). During the break I (along with Leah and Brody), met with the ACT's 2 federal MP's, Andrew Leigh (Member for Fraser) and Gai Brodtmann (Member for Canberra) to discuss our concerns with the current legislation.

We asked both MP's to put three amendments to the Minister, which NUS has been campaigning for. The three amendments are:

- Include student representation in the list of services that can be provided using an amount of the fee
- Allocate a minimum of 60% of proceeds from SSAF to independently elected students organisations. (Amendments to National Student Protocol)
- Requiring universities to consult with democratically elected student representatives (Amendments to National Student Protocol)

Both ACT MP's appeared to be in support of the amendments, however the Minister has all but ruled out any changes to the bill because the bill has already passed the lower house. However he has indicated he is willing to consider changes to the National Student Protocol.

Fair Fares Campaign

This is an NUS campaign trying to get a National Student Concession Card. On market day in bush week we collected signatures for a petition to get a national concession card. We got approximately 500 signatures. The issue has been put on the COAG agenda, so hopefully we will be getting some movement on this issue in the not do distant future.

Meeting regarding the ALTC

As part of deregulation which is to occur next year, the government is abolishing the Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC), and the functions of the council are being transferred into the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. On Wednesday I met with Ms Alison Johns, who has been appointed as a consultant in regards to transferring the functions of the ALTC in to the department. It was a great opportunity to express some of ANUSA's concerns with deregulation, including increased students numbers, lack of resources and the vagueness of the standards that higher education providers are expected to meet.

Education Committee

Education committee will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5pm. The next meeting will be on 10 August.

WOMENS OFFICER'S REPORT

Kate McMurtrie

Recent Activities

Recap from Last Semester

Slut Walk Canberra

Slut Walk was held on the 5th of June at the end of Semester One. It was a great day and I would like to thank everyone who made the day such a success. Special thanks to Renee Jones for doing a fantastic job MC'ing and Emma Eriksen and Jason Andrews for speaking on the day.

Bettina Arndt Protest

The Bettina Arndt Protest was held at the end of the semester. There was an opportunity to discuss some of the issues with Bettina before the lecture which allowed the group to engage in a peaceful debate.

During the Holidays

NOWSA

Eight members of the Womens Collective attended NOWSA (Network of Women Students Australia) which was held at UNSW in Sydney this year from July 11 - 15. The forum gives women at universities across Australia an opportunity to engage with personal, political, social and cultural issues that are relevant to women. The Collective successfully made a bid to host NOWSA for 2012 so next year will be a very busy year for the Womens Collective! This is the first time ANU has hosted the event.

Semester One

Bush Week Market Day

The Womens Department held a stall during Market Day. We had a great response and added interested women to the mailing list to notify them of future events the Collective will be holding in the Semester.

ANU Men Speak Out Launch: Student Space

Some of the members of the Womens Collective have been involved in the ANU Men Speak Out Campaign which has been a great success and has been organised by the Organisation of Critical Students on campus. The launch was on July 28 and encouraged ANU men to speak out against sexual violence and speak up for womens equality. The photos from the campaign are currently displayed in the Student Space.

Safety on Campus Website

I will be working with Leah in the next couple of weeks to set up a website that will allow ANU students to access a general safety on campus website on the ANU website which will provide ANU and external contacts for students.

Feminist Discussion Group

The Womens Collective will be running a feminist theory discussion group on August 1 after the massive success of the first one held last semester. The theme for discussion is the Sex Wars.

Reclaim What Forum?

The Womens Collective will be running a forum with the ACT Womens Services Network about sexual violence campaigning and successful campaigning into the future. This is especially relevant with the recent surge of the event Slutwalk and the differences in approaches and messages from Reclaim the Night. The event will be held on August 3 (Wednesday) in the ANU Law Theatre and will consist of a Q and A format with a panel to answer and debate questions posed by the audience.

Soccer Match Reminder:

After the trauma of losing against the Queer* Collective the Womens Collective will be joining up to face off against the Enviro Collective on Sat 6 August at 2pm at the Chifley Lawns. Anyone who is keen to participate or watch the spectacle is welcome.

Research Group

The Collective will also be holding a weekly research group to produce a paper aimed towards our project for the semester. The Collective has decided to pick up from Leslie Cannold's lecture last semester and promote an awareness campaign about services provided for women at private hospitals and adequate disclosures.

Expenditure

Supplies for Slut Walk and Bettina Arndt Protest: \$50

Expenditure for NOWSA registration fees: \$400

QUEER* OFFICER'S REPORT

Penny Rumble

Resignation of the Officer

Queer* Officer Gus Little resigned on the 31st of May. Brett Jones and I served as interim officers over the winter break while the Deputy Queer* Officer was overseas. On Tuesday in Bush Week (the 26th of July) a Collective meeting was held at which I was elected Officer; our Deputy Danni Day also resigned, and nominations are currently open for the position. Brett Jones is acting Deputy until our next meeting, which will be in week 3.

Department name change

In April the Sexuality Department voted to change its name to the Queer* Department. The name was changed to more accurately reflect the nature of the department – that the department supports gender and sexual minorities, and is not for the sexual health of the entire student population. The term “Queer*” is defined in section 11.11 of our Constitution.

Constitution

In May the collective created and passed its Constitution. The current text is attached below. We're still in the process of tweaking it and ensuring it complies with ANUSA's requirements, and there are a couple of proposed amendments to be considered at our next meeting.

Gender in ANU records and surveys

In the hope of helping foster a more inclusive study environment for trans*, intersex and queer students, I'm investigating the feasibility of having records and surveys at the ANU include gender options beyond “male” and “female”. A member of the collective raised the issue with the Psychology and Ethics Departments in the last semester, and a submission was made to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission. We're currently waiting on their response.

Queer Collaborations and the publication of Querelle

Querelle is a national Queer magazine published by a different university or group of universities each year; over the last few months several people in the collective worked diligently to publish the ANU's edition. It was launched at Queer Collaborations in Perth, and had its ANU launch on Friday in Bush Week. The Queer* Collective voted to help fund the magazine, and to subsidise the editors' attendance at the Queer Collaborations launch in Perth. The total amount given was \$1000, the rest of the Querelle budget was from donations and grants.

Equal marriage letter-writing campaign

Over the last three months or so the Queer* Department ran an online campaign to encourage Canberrans to write to their MPs in support of equal marriage. A number of wonderful letters were received for the campaign.

Seeking a new space

The collective has had serious maintenance problems with the Queer Space, and because of this and other issues the collective voted to investigate other possible rooms we could move to.

Before it's too late: report on early intervention programs aimed at preventing youth suicide

The collective voted to endorse the recommendations of a recent government report on youth suicide, which identifies GLBTIQ people as being at a very high risk. It recommends that instead of treating the symptoms of distress, “gate keepers” (teachers, social workers, parents, friends etc) and health professionals deal positively with the person's sexual and gender identity in order to ameliorate the causes of their mental health crisis. In light of this report we will be consulting with the ANU Counselling service and Unidoc, as well as compiling a list of GLBTIQ-friendly General Practitioners and mental health services. The collective also voted to request that the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth redirect over \$200 million from the Schools Chaplaincy Program towards placing qualified mental health professionals in schools, in order to better support GLBTIQ youth.

Total recent expenditure:

\$1000 towards the publication of Querelle magazine, including subsidising the editors' attendance at Queer Collaborations to launch it.

ENVIRONMENT OFFICERS REPORT

Robin Shannon

NOW WITH 50% MORE EXCLAMATION MARKS!!!!

While the rest of the university hibernated for the winter, the EC took a road trip to Albury. While we could have blown our whole year's budget on hiring a stretch limo to take us there in style, this motion was narrowly defeated (damned hippies) and so instead four of us took our trusty rusty bikes across the Brindabellas (via the back of beyond) on a 5 day journey of epicness. It was <EXPLETIVE>ly awesome!

The purpose of going to Albury was the annual SOS conference which we managed to get 12 ANU students to attend - several of whom had never even come to an EC meeting before. Win for (envrio) students!

This semester we haven't done much yet (unsurprisingly) though we did have a successful bush week stall where we got around 20 students to send letters to Tony Burke MP about the Murray-Darling Basin plan (including one letter in Spanish!) We have also asked the VC if the ANU plans to divest from Metgasco, a particularly nasty coal-seam gas operator. No response as of yet.

Expenditure:

SOS registration costs for 12 people: \$1320 (\$110 per person) Bush week: Not quite sure yet but not very much.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Angeline Tan

1. International orientation week this year was held from the 18th July-22th July 2011. We had a booth throughout the week and organized civic tours on the 20th July.
2. We had an engagement booth during market day.
Expenditure: \$30 (sweets+printing)
3. The committee is actively organizing Harmony Week. There will be a week filled with activities organized by various clubs and societies and we are including Neighbourhood Day as part of our Harmony Week itinerary. Harmony Day will be held on the 20th August 2011 (Saturday, 12pm-4pm, Union Court) with an estimated number of 10 food stalls and various performances. We are still actively looking for volunteers for the event, so please contact me if you are interested!
4. The department constitution has also been amended in the last committee meeting.

INDIGENOUS OFFICER'S REPORT

Isobel Morphy-Walsh

NUS Indigenous Student Conference

Both the Deputy Officer Charlee-Sue Frail and I attended the conference which went fantastically.

Meetings

Reconciliation Action Plan

Diversity Week

Indigenous Department Constitution

The constitution is complete and should be submitted by the end of tomorrow (Tuesday) business day

Indigenous Games

An expression of Interest has been sent to Melbourne University who are hosting the games this year. They have released a pack detailing registration fees and what games will be played. Currently a proposal for financial support is being drafted to be submitted.

Financial Report

No money has been taken out of the account since Indigenous Games in September 2010. The department had an ABN but not on record. This has been rectified and ANUSA will be invoiced for the money ASAP.

GRANTS AND AFFILIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hannah Purdy

Spending since last report

Querelle \$500

Ensign \$200

ANU Debating Society \$4145

Overseas Christian Fellowship \$60

HKSS \$275

ANU Mahjong Club \$100

Australia China Youth Association \$120

ANU Chocolate Appreciation Society \$200

APSS \$215

Univibes \$3000

ANU Catholic Society \$900

PNG Canberra Students Association \$410

Seed.project \$612.25

Indian Subcontinent Students' Association \$1585

Management Consulting Association \$200

Harry Potter Club \$1816

Chocolate Appreciation Society \$100

Eurasian Society \$710

ANU German Society \$40

ANU Chinese Debating Society \$250

ANU Social Skate \$200

Asia Pacific Students Society \$920

The Committee has spent approximately 55% of the budget for the year.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT'S

Thomas Barrington-Smith

I have recently worked on ACT govt housing submission with Shan, Shaun and Christian.

Secondly, following ongoing efforts and combined with results from ANUSA Facebook Q&A is working with Maneka on negotiations with Facilities and Services over line marking the dirt carpark.

This was a previously mentioned as a possible improvement to ANU parking woes and was confirmed by student feedback as a good way to do so. Additionally, compared to other suggestions such as security cameras for carpark, another multi-storey and permit owners being allowed to park in pay spots, this seems to be the most effective option, likely to be met with the least resistance and will be relatively cheap to employ.

Additionally I will be attending the ANU admissions standards committee meeting on Thursday.