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# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

(SRC) 7

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015

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## MINUTES - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 7 2015

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015

6pm, ANUSA Boardroom

### Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

*Meeting opens at 6:20pm*

#### 1.1 Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge and celebrate the first Australians on whose traditional lands we meet, and pay our respect to the elders of the Ngunnawal people, past and present. We recognise that we are the benefactors of the continuing dispossession and ongoing effects of colonisation of this land. We stand in solidarity with their struggle, historical and ongoing, and recognise that sovereignty was never ceded to them

#### 1.2 Apologies

- Albert Patajo
- Alex Cox
- Monique Langley-Freeman
- Jack Gaudie

### Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting

- Motion: to accept the minutes from the previous meeting (as circulated)
  - Mover: P. Cordwell
  - Seconder: B. Gill
  - Motion passed unanimously

### Item 3: Executive Reports

#### 3.1 Presidents' Report (B. Gill) [Reference A]

Taken as read. Key Items:

Questions

- L. Ovens - review for payment for elected officials, whether these changes will come into effect for 2015 or 2016?
  - Be Gill - Unlikely to come into effect for 2015
- S. Wills - school of music, Facebook distress as lack of ANUSA presence, what will ANUSA do in response?
  - Ben Gill - ANU School of music has its own students association - offered ANUSA support, but don't want to supplant the school of music's student association

- Working with the music student's association through CEC, and increasing engagement in 2015, moving into 2016
- A. Biggs - not receiving emails from the school of music. ANUSA CASS reps have been working to overcome the communications problems
- L. Ma - structural problems, looking to institute a school/class reps system, provide a resource for art and music students specifically

Motion: To accept the President's Report

- Mover: E. Roberts
- Secunder: A. Biggs
- Unanimous
- Motion Passed

### 3.2 Vice President's Report (J. Waugh)

Motion: For B. Gill to replace J. Waugh as the Chair

- Mover: B. Gill
- Secunder: S. Woo
- Unanimous
- Motion passes

Questions

- E. Roberts - socialist expectations around BKSS food
  - J. Waugh - how to give, but not provide too much. Introduce a manager to 'ration'. Decided to start with posters displaying expectations around how much food to take. Ensuring that managers know the expectations and feel comfortable approaching students who are abusing the Free Breakfast Program
- S. Woo - questioning getting sponsorship, approaching T2 independently as this is the remit of the Treasurer
  - J. Waugh - apologised, not receiving sponsorship funds
- E. Campbell - who's organising the clubs and societies ball?
  - J. Waugh - Both Jack Gaudie and James Waugh
- E. Merrick - strategy to ensure exposure of ANUSA during open day
  - J. Waugh - no clear strategy at the moment, follow up with Ben Gill
- L. Ma - relating to Student Bites, gold coin donation scheme for filling a paper bag, that the gold coin donation was exorbitant considering the cost of the food
  - J. Waugh - Taken on notice for further discussion

Motion: To accept the Vice President's Report

- Mover: J. Buchanan
- Secunder: E. Roberts
- Unanimous
- Motion Passed

Motion: to return the chair to James

- Mover: J. Buchanen
- Seconded: A. Biggs
- Passed

### 3.3 Education Officer's Report (J. Webb) [Reference B]

Taken as read.

Questions

- J. Buchanan: When in term 4 will the ed event be held?
  - J. Webb: Early

Motion: to accept the Education Officer's report

- Mover: E. Roberts
- Secunder: B. Gill
- Unanimous
- Motion passes

### **3.4 General Secretary's Report (M. Langley-Freeman) [Reference C]**

Absent. Questions on notice

- Loren Ovens - in relation to the past elections, issue with election of the CAP reps, regarding enrolment issues. If another election needs to be held, do we have the budget?

Motion: to accept the General Secretary's report in absentia

- Mover: E. Roberts
- Secunder: S. Woo
- Abstentions: J. Buchanan, E. Merrick
- Unanimous
- Motion passes

### **3.5 Social Officer's Report (J. Gaudie)**

Report not tendered.

### **3.6 Treasurer's Report (S. Woo) [Reference E]**

Taken as read.

Questions:

- E. Roberts - for those that worked the bar for the Friday night bush week party, haven't been paid?
  - Sophia - taken on notice
- L. Ovens - direct us to costs of elections. What kind of surplus do we have? How much SAFF allocation do we have left?
  - \$254.40 - no more specific figures available. Forecast surplus is unpredictable, Love Yourself Week will affect surplus. Total expenses 1.3 million - SAFF allocation is 1.6 million, likely to have around 200 000 remaining
  - B. Gill - there is an indicative amount for elections costs in Gen Sec report

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's report

- Mover: E. Campbell
- Secunder: L. Ovens
- Unanimous
- Motion passes

### **Item 4: Department Officer Reports**

#### 4.1 Women's Officer Report (L. Ovens) [Reference F]

- Addressing controversy around women's department elections
  - Failure to attend three meetings as a constitutional requirement
  - Second clause allows this to be waived - was not done
  - Disputes Committee affirmed the decision of the Collective
  - Highlighting that the Collective followed its own policies and ANUSA policies
  - Clarifying nomination process of candidates
    - Informal, casual, consists of word of mouth endorsement among members of the Collective
    - Collective believes this process is consultative, consensus based, and effective in this context
  - Noting an article by Woroni - they used confidential minutes from an autonomous Collective meeting, despite being explicitly told not to do so by Loren Ovens, Women's Collective head
    - Strong criticism of Woroni in undermining processes and publishing without consent, will be pursuing this issue through the appropriate mechanisms

#### Questions

- J. Buchanan: how to search for Women of Colour Collective
  - L. Ovens: Facebook
- L. Ma: Repro Rights picnic, signed petition and received email from Right of Way, concerned of leaking of personal information
  - L. Ovens: signing the hard copy petition shouldn't have resulted in this, will follow up on this
- L. Ma: Voicing concern over consensus model of appointing women's Collective candidate, believe that the Queer department model of allowing two candidates to run in a fair and friendly election was good, is there any opportunity to use this model for the Womens Collective?
  - L. Ovens: Queer collective has the same three meeting obligation. Consensus model is not strictly enforced, believed that the reason more candidates did not run is that all women were happy in the choice of candidate
    - Not based on fear of competition, and there were no direct prohibitions on other women running
    - If people feel uncomfortable with this approach, please come to a Womens Collective meeting
- S. Woo: SCR 6, report did not contain expenditure, and passing a report is contingent on this
  - L. Ovens report was accidentally not formatted properly, clerical error, and expenditure was later included to redress the issue
- Ben: On SRC 6, question re report, Women's Collective opinion on how Sex and Consent was run? Allegations that some departments were not happy with how sex and consent week were run - what is your perspective?
  - L. Ovens: concerns regarding the involvement of the departments, that engagement was lacking. Concerns over the branding and imagery was potentially offensive. Some workshops generated concern.
    - More focus on communication and engagement with Collectives moving forward
- S. Woo: No payments on the account

- L. Ovens: purchasing structure - Loren makes purchases with her own card, and is then reimbursed. Don't lodge transaction documents until money moves from account
  - Most Womens Collective events have been co-sponsored recently, limited financial activity in the account

Motion: to accept report:

- Mover: P. Cordwell
- Seconder: L. Ma
- Unanimously passed

Motion: to hear the Environmental report now

- Mover: E. Merrick
- Seconder: B. Gill
- Unanimously passed

#### **4.2 Environmental Officer's Report (E. Merrick) [Reference J]**

Taken as read. Key items:

- Update on term 4 events
  - 29th of November, peoples climate march
    - Going to run this event again
  - Paris conference of parties - EC will be involved in advertising

Questions

- T. Kesina: Did Ian Young realise he was taking a photo regarding divestment?
  - E. Merrick: Ian Young and Marnie Hughes-Warrington both approached the stall and considered the EC contribution to be positive
- J. Buchanan: Adapting the EC constitution, autonomous?
  - Both consultation with other departments and with ANUSA executive. Met with Monique re this also

Motion: to accept the Environmental Officer's report:

- Mover: B. Gill
- Seconder: E. Deegan
- Unanimously passed

#### **4.3 Disabilities Officer (A. Stewart) [Reference I]**

Taken as read. Key items:

- Crafternoons, every alternate week to disabilities meetings
  - Responding to members stating that they would like their mobility accessories being decorated better
  - Providing for members who are not interested in coffee meetings, etc, especially where they prefer to have something to do in a social context
- Working on official review of how the ANUSA elections were run
  - Lanyards were believed to be effective, however feedback suggested that students wouldn't feel comfortable wearing them if they were not 'out' with their disability
  - Association should investigate online elections due to accessibility to elections, strain on individuals, and generally beneficial to make voting more accessible

- Expenditure - submitted to Monique

Motion: to accept the Disabilities Officer's report (pending expenditure):

- Mover: J. Buchanan
- Seconded: L. Ovens
- Motion passed

#### 4.4 International Officer (A. Zhang) [Reference H]

Key Items:

- Elections of ISD officer, conducting by-election
- Events detailed in General Secretaries report, see agenda
- Questioning how effective ACT elections are, whether they are worth the money
  - Failed to do basic tasks like replying to emails, communicating with candidates
- ISD ball coming up
- Visa immigration info sessions
- Expenditure will be included in next SRC

Motion: that ISD officers report will be heard in SRC 8

- Mover: T. Kessina
- Secunder: E. Deegan
- Abstention: E. Merrick
- Unanimously passed

Questions

- L. Ma: is ISD involved in organising the Moon Festival?
  - Don't organise directly, support the event. Culturally specific event that is better organised by individuals with greater cultural experience
- E. Roberts: by-elections for ISD officer, format?
  - Still a physical ballot

#### 4.5 Queer Officer (K. Reed) [Reference G]

Questions:

- Ana Stuart - how many people went to the Hanna Gatsby event?
  - Around 200 people
- Em Roberts - what does ISDG stand for?
  - Intersex, Sex and Gender Diverse

Motion: to accept the Queer Officer's report:

- Mover: L. Ovens
- Seconded: B. Gill
- Motion passed

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

#### 5.1: Ethnocultural Committee [Reference I]

Motion: That we establish an autonomous Ethno-Cultural Committee as part of ANUSA. Monique Langley-Freeman, the General Secretary will hold interim chair, with a Chair to

be elected at the next meeting.

- Mover: M. Langley-Freeman
- Seconded: L. Ma
- Motion passed

L. Ma speaking to motion:

- Move toward advocacy for people of colour on campus. Group forming around coffee meetings, casual chats, but want to move to a committee structure and start running events, etc. Still early stages, and department wouldn't be fully autonomous, but would have a budget for running autonomous and non-autonomous events

Questions

- Ana Stuart - understanding that you would spend a year as a committee, then a year as a department, why?
  - Linda - not sure exactly, taken on notice for Monique
  - Arebelle - Attended working group, uncertainty around what the committee wants to focus on. Too short a period to determine the departments goals, prefer to stay as a committee in 2015
- Loren Ovens - what is the definition of ethno-cultural in the context of determining autonomy?
  - Linda - at this stage it is self-identifying. Questions around white privilege whilst still being ethno-cultural
- Elsa - whats the difference between making this committee by motion, rather than making it procedurally?
  - On notice
- Steph - why is it becoming autonomous?
  - Product of consultations, desire for an autonomous space
- Ana Stuart - are you concerned that your ability to create an engaged collective will be abrogated by your committee structure, as opposed to a collective?
  - Linda - no, members have already demonstrated clear commitment to informal events
- Jed - numbers for coffee meeting
  - Linda - 4-5 people

Speaking to motion:

- A. Zhang:
  - On intersection between ISD and this committee. ISD does not focus on issues of racism directly, ISD believes that the ethno-cultural committee will be a good complementary initiative

Vote:

- Abstention: R. Larkin
- Motion passed

Motion: To pass the chair to B. Gill so J. Waugh can speak to the following motion

- Mover: B. Gill
- Seconder: L. Ma
- Motion Passed

## 5.2: Probity Officer Honoraria [Reference J]

Motion: That the committee award honoraria amounting to \$5000 in total, to be divided amongst the Probity Officers active during the 2015 Annual Elections (Fleur Hawes, Dan

Wall, Benjamin Creelman and Maclaren Wall

- Mover: M. Langley-Freeman
- Seconder: J. Waugh

Clarification – J. Buchanan, re equal division of money where parties can't agree, is to be equal

- Seconded - Em Roberts

Speaking to the motion

- J. Waugh
  - Probity officers took on a large workload comprising 10-15 hour days
  - \$500 will be paid as an honoraria, in that it was unforeseen and unsought
- E. Roberts
  - Agreed, small token of appreciation

Clarification – E. Merrick: whether probity officers will be reimbursed for personal expenditure

- Reimbursed from elections line item
- No speakers against

Vote

- Motion passed

## **Item 6: Other Business**

### **6.1: GenRep Handover**

Motion: that E. Roberts will organise the gen reps to provide handover documents for incoming gen reps

- Mover: E. Roberts
- Seconder: J. Buchanan

Speaking to:

- E. Roberts - dealing with gen reps coming in and not knowing whats happening

Vote

- Motion passed

### **Date of Next Meeting and Close**

The next meeting of the Student Representative College is scheduled to be on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October at 6:00pm in the ANUSA Board Room.

***Meeting closed at 7:31pm***



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## REFERENCE MATERIAL

*STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 7*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ben Gill

### Items for Report

1. Payment to elected officials review
2. SSAF 2016
3. Handover
4. Have your say - University Education Committee
  - a. PhB and R&D Market Research
  - b. ANU Co-Curricular Award
5. Education Standards and Quality Committee Feedback
6. ANUSA Values, Mission and Vision Statements
7. Wattle/Moodle Survey
8. Moodle Theme Project Update
9. Safety on Campus App Update
10. School of Music
11. Recruitment of Junior Lawyer
12. Student Support Module Update
13. Arts Transportable
14. Renovations

### 1. Payment to Elected Officials Review

A committee comprising of myself, Linda Ma, Kat Reed and Jed Buchanan has been convened to develop a briefing paper for further student consultation regarding the review of payment to elected officials. In particular, the committee will seek to answer the following questions:

1. Which representatives should be paid? Which should not? What is the deciding factor?
2. How much (i.e. what hourly rate?) should representatives be paid? How many hours? How does this vary depending on position?
3. How do we manage representatives who receive payment? Is there a need for an employment relationship? Or would the current system suffice?
4. What accountability measures (i.e. timesheets, KPI's etc.) are needed/possible?

The first meeting of the committee was held on the 10th of September 2015 at which preliminary discussions were had surrounding the focus questions. One outcome of the meeting was the development of a brief survey of current ANUSA representatives to gather further information regarding how many hours representatives contribute, what their roles entail and how many weeks of the year they are active among other things. The survey can be accessed using the following link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2WCZ7YZ>.

The committee will meet again on the 17th September 2015 and is aiming to have a briefing paper ready to discuss at OGM 3 on the 1st October 2015. Following this, there will be a week of online consultation to facilitate broader discussion among the

student community. It is important to note that this timeframe is in place to allow for outcomes of the review to be included in the 2016 SSAF bid.

For further information please refer to the briefing document available on Alliance (previously sent to all representatives via email).

## **2. SSAF 2016**

Preparations for the 2016 SSAF bid are underway, with the 2016 ANUSA team planning to hold a number of student forums over Wk 8 and 9 at the On Campus Residences and BKSS to present about what SSAF is, where it came from, where it was used in 2015 and the process the Association goes through to bid for it. In addition, the forum will also be used as means of gathering new ideas from the wider student community to include in the 2016 bid as well as consult on new initiatives from the 2016 team.

To ensure as many students have the opportunity to be involved in the process, information has been made available on the ANUSA website as well as the capacity to submit new ideas to be included in the 2016 bid. These pages will be advertised through the Associations social media channels and highlighted in the Week 8 newsletter. You can access these pages using the links below.

Ideas for 2016 SSAF Bid - <http://www.anusa.com.au/ideas-for-2016-ssaf-bid/>

What is SSAF? - <http://www.anusa.com.au/anusa-ssaf/>

## **3. Handover**

Handover has commenced at the Executive level with the 2016 team and I will be in touch early October to coordinate handover between College and General Representatives. Noting the importance of handover, my initial thoughts were to arrange separate lunch meetings between outgoing and incoming General and College Representatives to provide an opportunity to ask questions about the roles, what the outgoing team found challenging and what they are most proud of etc. If there are any representatives who would like to take a lead role in handover please get in touch at [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au) as I think the forums would be most effective without Executive members present so an open discussion can be had.

## **4. Have your say - University Education Committee**

This round of consultation focuses on two items which came up at the University Education Committee (UEC) on the 28th August 2015 and are the 6th in a series of items consulted since the beginning of the year. As such, ANUSA is seeking feedback on the following:

- PhB and Engineering (Research & Development) market research
- Report of the Co-curricular award working party

For more information and to provide feedback please visit <http://www.anusa.com.au/have-your-say/>

## **5. Education Standards and Quality Committee Feedback**

ANUSA's response to the items open for consultation from ESQC 4 is available on Alliance and reflects discussions had at CRC 6. These items included:

- Principles for Recording of Teaching Activities – Future Policy & Procedure
- Student Assessment (Coursework) Policy – Turnitin Opt-Out

## **6. ANUSA Values, Mission and Vision Statements**

For the Association to operate effectively it is important that all representatives buy in to and have a strong understanding of ANUSA's core values, vision and mission statements. However, as an Association we do not currently have these well-defined and clearly articulated, either among representatives or among the wider student community. By creating clear, meaningful and reflective statements, we can communicate our intentions and motivate and inspire representatives to ensure they understand the objectives of the Association, to make consistent everyday decisions and to achieve buy-in to new directions.

At the 2015 ANUSA mid-year retreat, those present attempted to articulate a number of core values that we see ANUSA as possessing. The values were aspirational, in the sense that they sought to express what ANUSA ought to be as an ideal. Over 20 values were noted (some of which overlap).

To facilitate this process moving forward, a survey has been developed to prioritise the values identified at the mid-semester retreat and to continue working towards clear mission and vision statements. This survey will be open to both 2015 and 2016 ANUSA representatives.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QK68FTS>

A briefing document containing additional information can be accessed via Alliance.

## **7. Moodle Theme Project Update**

ANU is currently undertaking a Moodle (Wattle) Theme Update Project to improve user experience by improving Moodle's accessibility WCAG 2.0 compliance, look and feel and by having a mobile device responsive design. As part of this project, a reference group has been set up including representative from ANUSA, PARSA, Academic Colleges and ANU Online. The reference group's role is to consult with their constituents to assist with the selection of a new Moodle theme and will be meeting weekly over September/October. In this regard, ANUSA held a forum on the 1st of September to discuss students' must haves, could haves, and should haves with respect to a Moodle (Wattle) platform and to provide feedback to ANU Online representatives regarding Moodle's current functionality. Overall there were approximately 20 students in attendance.

The initial timeline was to have a new theme implemented for Semester 1 2016. However, due to some concerns from Academic Colleges regarding the consultation process and resource implications of implementation in such a short time frame the reference group has recommended to the ANU Online Steering Committee that the project be delayed until Semester 2 2016 or Semester 1 2017.

## **8. Wattle/Moodle Survey**

An outcome of the Moodle Student Forum was that students have very different experiences of Wattle and that certain Academic Colleges perform better than others. In addition, it was identified that students were overall unaware of the functionalities that the current system offers. As such, to gather further information ANUSA will be working with ANU Online to conduct a short survey of students Wattle experience over the coming weeks.

The information from this survey will inform ANU Online as to how they can improve Wattle/Moodle in the future. As all students will interact with this platform throughout their degrees I would ask that you all actively promote this through your networks once live.

Draft questions can be accessed on Alliance. If you have any feedback please get in touch at [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au).

## **9. Safety on Campus App Update**

At the last meeting of the UniSafe Committee it was decided that the Safety on Campus app was to be managed collectively by a Steering Committee comprising representatives from ANUSA, PARSA, DSL and F&S. From ANUSA's side of things, the representatives will include the President, Chair of Safety on Campus Committee, International Students' Officer and Womens Officer.

The steering committee met briefly on the 9th of September to discuss items to be completed prior to proceeding to development. At this meeting it was identified that the primary hurdle remaining will be ANU Marketing. In particular, the hurdle may be what flexibility we have with respect to the apps user interface given the ANU's strict branding guidelines. At this stage the preference is to have a vibe more similar to Swinburne than UNSW app, with interesting and colourful graphics. As such, the outcome of this discussion with marketing will determine whether we host the app on ANU's apple and google accounts or whether we will do it from the student association's account.

At this stage we are aiming to have all of these things sorted by end of September, including approval from the necessary people so that we can process the invoice and spend October and November finalising content. Our overall aim is still to have things launch at our Orientation in 2016 (early Feb) and if possible sooner so that we can include it in communications with new students over January.

## **10. School of Music**

On Thursday 3 September, a student forum was held with university Professor Ian Young (VC), Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington (DVC A), Royston Gustavson (Associate Dean Education CASS and Interim Head of School) and Paul Pickering (Interim Dean of CASS) to discuss issues surrounding the ANU School of Music (SoM). These issues include claims of a chaotic and toxic environment at the SoM, with high levels of stress amongst students and staff alike who feel that there is no vision for the school, culturally or academically.

More information regarding the forum and School of Music issues can be accessed using the following link - <http://www.anusa.com.au/the-anu-school-of-music/>

Since the forum, our CASS Reps and I have been in touch with the President of the Music Students' Association to offer our support. At this stage, we have been asked to assist keep the pressure on the University to address the issues and to ensure that the review of the Bachelor of Music is done transparently and communicatively.

### **11. Recruitment of Junior Lawyer**

As flagged at the last SRC and OGM the ANUSA/PARSA legal service is currently at capacity and it has been recommended by our current senior lawyer that we recruit a junior lawyer part-time to add to our legal service. As such, ANUSA and PARSA have begun the recruitment process with Hays with an aim of having the junior lawyer recruited by mid to late October. This position will be included in the 2016 SSAF bid and the cost of the salary for October and November will be shared come from ANUSA's reserves and will be shared with PARSA.

Please get in touch at [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au) if you have any questions.

### **12. Renovations**

I will be looking into whether there is merit in undertaking small renovations of the ANUSA Offices over the coming month as a means to address the shortage of consultation rooms. In short, given the increase in uptake of our support services throughout 2015 and the addition of new staff members in 2016 the shortage is likely to be exacerbated if unaddressed.

### **13. Student Support Module Update**

ANUSA is hosting a meeting with Access & Inclusion, Counselling, Health, Academics Skills and Learning Centre, PARSA, ISD, Student Experience and Career Development on the 24th September 2015 to progress the Student Support Module Update project and identify resources to be developed over Summer to include as part of the module in 2016 i.e. videos of ANU student support services, flow charts, infographics etc. If you are interested in attending, please email me at [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au).

## VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORT

James Waugh

### Items to Report

1. SkillUp!
2. ASA Roundtable Surveying

#### 1. SkillUp!

The association has launched the applications for the SkillUp! program. Interest has been high, the online form received over 40 applications in less than 24 hours following launch. We've looked to expand the capacity of the program, in line with allocated budgets, to accommodate the high levels of demand.

The program packages Careers centre training with an accredited Barista and RSA course. The program is designed to assist undergraduate students with finding casual employment to sustain them during study.

We're looking to pay some casual drivers to drive the bus to Barista training.

#### 2. ASA Roundtable Surveying

The alcohol and substance abuse roundtable surveying is being finalised with PPM.

#### 3. Student Experience Committee

The student experience committee meet since last SRC. ANUSA tabled a report pertaining to Cyberbullying. At the recommendation of the Association's representatives a Cyberbullying task force has been set up to advise the committee as to the University's potential responses to deal with heightened instances of online abuse.

#### 4. Clubs and Societies Ball

The C&S ball will be on the Thursday of Week 12. Nominations for awards for C&S achievement are open. The event will be an exciting and worthwhile way to finish the year. We'll be looking to have a very cost-competitive ball.

#### 5. Academic Appeals

Escalated due to issues arising in the ANUSA elections.

#### 6. T2 activation

T2 will be providing some free tea to students at the upcoming Universal Lunch Hour and 10% vouchers for students.

#### 7. Moon Festival

ANUSA, PARSА and SEEF are co-funding an exciting Moon Festival for late September. The organisers are looking to bring in a range of international clubs and societies to sell food from their countries of origin and to promote their own cultures.

### **8. Open Day BBQ**

ANUSA provided a BBQ with a gold coin donation, for prospective students at ANU Open Day. It was not necessarily a productive use of our time.

Thank you to the individuals who volunteered their time.

### **9. BKSS Food**

Some issues have arisen relating to individuals overusing BKSS services i.e. free breakfast program. Gentle reminders of the purpose and socialist expectations of the Free Breakfast program have been created in an attempt to address these issues.

## EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Jock Webb

### NDA August 19<sup>th</sup>

This was a relatively successful event. The numbers (approximately 80 attendees) were comparable to similar events in Sydney and Melbourne.

It was wonderful to hear from the former Greens Higher Education spokesperson, Senator Lee Rhiannon.

There was a slight BBQing disaster but nothing that can't be prevented in the future.

### Next Ed Talk

The next Ed Talk will be focussed on on-campus life, residential halls and colleges in particular and will be held on October 8 and will be a dinnertime discussion.

There will be a Facebook event and Eventbrite registration portal for this opened in due course.

We expect that the First Ed Talk next year will look at the experience of commuter students.

### Moving Forward

Nothing much has happened in the sphere of deregulation recently. Although the cabinet shuffle in the government will possibly yield some change to the progress of any new Higher Education bill, it is unlikely that there will be another NDA rally or speak out this year due to lack of activity in this space.

I am looking to hold an 'Education Fair for a fair education'- type event in term 4. This will be focussed on spreading information regarding where we're at now in the debate.

If you have any burning ideas for Education-related events in term 4, please contact me at [sa.education@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.education@anu.edu.au)

## GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Monique Langley-Freeman

### Items for Report

1. Annual Elections
2. OGM 3
3. Women's Department Report from SRC 6
4. Constitutional Changes – Procedure update
5. Ethno-Cultural Department
6. Proposed Regulation Changes

### 1. Annual Elections

As (hopefully) every should know the annual elections took place last term. A number of issues arose from these elections, as below:

#### a. Returning Officer/Election Operators

Constitutionally, there are very few requirements for a returning officer are that they are not a member of ANUSA (an undergraduate student). This year, we continued the tradition of working with ACT Elections, by nominating their commissioner, Phillip Green as the Returning Officer to the Vice Chancellor. Traditionally, we work with the AEC as they highest electoral body in the ACT, and, as such, can be relied to provide the highest level of impartiality and professionalism regarding elections.

Unfortunately, this year we experienced a number of problems with this organisation, which indicated either a misunderstanding of our regulations and constitution; an unclear internal hierarchical structure, or an unwillingness to dedicate time or concern to our elections.

These elections are one of the higher line items on our budget, and cost estimates are from \$20,000 - \$27,000. I do not believe that we are currently receiving the best service for this amount of money

#### b. CAP Elections

There was a reported error with the data provided by ANU to ACT elections, specifically stating that PhB science students were enrolled in both JCoS and CAP. We notified ACT Elections immediately, but unfortunately, this took a while to confirm with the university to confirm as an error. The Returning Officer is meeting with myself and the candidates later on the 24<sup>th</sup> to come to a solution.

#### c. ISD Officer Elections

Two candidates initially nominated for the position of ISD Officer. One of those candidates subsequently requested a withdrawal of their nomination, however, as this

was after the deadline for withdrawals, it was not considered. This was mis-communicated to both the candidates and the Association by the Returning Officer (ACT Elections). As a result, both names were kept on the ballot, and the candidate who intended to withdraw was elected. This candidate has subsequently resigned, and we shall be holding presidential by-elections with the remainder of the executive, for which I shall act as Returning Officer. All involved groups have been informed and are happy with this outcome.

#### d. Intimidation Claims

A number of claims of varying seriousness were raised to the returning officer via the probity officers. All that related to the conduct of candidates were dealt with by the RO. There was some concern raised about the time with which these claims were dealt.

#### e. Social Media Policy

It has become clear that the lack of clarity regarding social media is going to become more of a significant burden on our ability to hold free and fair elections. ANU has a particularly active online community, and as such, I will be working with Sam Duncan to ensure that we are moving towards this. Most likely, we will be looking towards the AEC's Social Media Policy and Regulations that will be released later this year.

#### f. The role of Probity Officers

I would like to acknowledge the great work done by this year's Probity Officers, Fleur Hawes, Dan Wall, Benjamin Creelman and Maclaren Wall. However, one of the key issues that came out of this election was the scope of the role of probity officers. As the Returning Officer was unwilling to be on the ground during polling (and we could not have afforded to have the AEC Commissioner around for that amount of time), the Probity Officers took on a much larger role than they are explicitly provided for in the Regulations. In the Regulations, the POs are only explicitly given purview over financial matters.

This puts an unnecessary work burden on full-time students who are volunteers in this role. There were a number of instances where the Probity Officers were 'called out' for bad decision-making online, when in fact they were merely passing on the decisions of the RO. In the future we need to limit the role of Probity Officers to protect the interests of the students in those roles, and also to maximise independence regarding electoral decisions.

## **2. OGM 3**

OGM 3 will take place on **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October** in Union Court. As usual, if you have any questions regarding procedure/how to draft or put forth a motion, feel free to ask! I'm looking for volunteers to take minutes/record – if you can make it send me an email or let me know.

## **3. Women's Department Report From SRC 6**

Last week I reported that the Women's Department did not submit expenditure in their report – this was an error on my end (the table got lost in transferring their report to the agenda). Their expenditure report as was provided is tabled below:

Meeting food	\$15.10
The Pledge Week	\$596.55
Stationary	\$4.10

#### **4. Constitutional Changes – Procedure update**

Firstly, I would like to draw everyone's attention to recently updated changes to the constitution, as were put through at SGM 1 this year.

It has come to my attention that there is a lack of familiarity regarding procedure of changes to our constitution. The procedure is:

1. Provide a motion with 21 days notice to a general meeting (a SGM)
2. Have that motion pass
3. Confirm the changes with the university executive at ANU Council
4. Apply to have changes made with the Office of Regulatory Services

#### **5. Ethno-Cultural Department**

As well as having its regular weekly meeting, there was a casual coffee held with the group. There is a motion that I am putting forward today to make the working group a formalised committee of ANUSA.

There were suggestions that we hold a film night as an event for later in the term. If so, nominal amounts of funding would be required. The group has generally received lots of positive support and an active/broad range of members.

Bryan and myself also met with the National Ethno-Cultural Officer (Michael B earlier last week to discuss how we can work with other similar groups around the country.

#### **6. Proposed Regulation Changes**

Over the next few weeks I will be working with Sam Duncan, the General Secretary elect to ensure that we are developing sustainable changes to our regulations which are, at this state, unworkable.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Sophia Woo

### Items for Report

1. Year-to-Date Income and Cost of Sales
2. Year-to-Date Expenditure
3. Tracking Revenue, Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Surplus and Future Planning

### 1. Year-to-Date Income and Cost of Sales

	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2015
<b>Income</b>	
Bookshop Commission	\$131.26
Sales - BKSS	\$2,710.14
Sponsorship - ANU	\$19,900.00
Sponsorship - External	\$38,464.68
SSAF Allocation	\$1,762,088.62
Ticket/Event Sales	\$104,261.66
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,927,556.36</b>
<b>Less Cost of Sales</b>	
BKSS Food/Consumables	\$12,595.21
Cost of Books Sold	\$303.77
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>\$12,898.98</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$1,914,657.38</b>
<b>Plus Other Income</b>	
Interest	\$16,404.23
Miscellaneous (Sundry) Income	\$7,405.54
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$23,809.77</b>

### 2. Year-to-Date Expenditure

	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2015
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>	
Accounting/Bookkeeping	\$32,093.86
Administration Expenses	\$392.00
Auditing	\$8,054.55
Bank Fees with GST	\$1,111.92
Bank Fees without GST	\$959.14
BKSS Non-food	\$3,338.47

Bus expenses	\$2,075.62
Bush Week	\$46,794.70
C&S Capital	\$532.73
Cleaning	\$4,733.29
Consultancy	\$53,975.83
Departments & Collectives	\$55,932.53
Education Committee	\$3,810.37
Elections	\$254.40
Equipment Hire expense	\$36.36
Faculty camps	\$62,604.01
Faculty Representatives	\$993.71
Fees & Subscriptions	\$481.66
Food Aid	\$1,242.00
Foreign Currency Gains and Losses	\$306.45
Grants and Affiliations Committee	\$160,036.99
Grants and Affiliations Committee Non-GST Grants	-\$2,000.00
Interest Expense	\$600.18
IT Support & Equipment	\$1,166.24
Leadership and Professional Development	\$13,773.69
Legal Expenses	\$5,589.06
Marketing & Communications	\$28,032.26
Meeting Expenses	\$1,916.94
Misc Committees (Mental Health, Safety on Campus)	\$83.00
Non-committee projects	\$16,395.28
NUS	\$4,988.18
Other Employee Expense	\$8,383.47
O-Week	\$179,112.83
Printer	\$743.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$2,765.64
Salaries and Wages	\$476,817.75
Staff Development	\$5,009.27
START	\$165.08
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	\$3,890.60
Student Assistance Unit Grants	\$13,372.56
Student Assistance Unit Purchases	\$2,756.89
Student Engagement	\$18,383.65
Student Reimbursement - Training Programs	\$1,566.77
Superannuation Expense	\$68,906.22
Telephone	\$369.94
Training	\$7,921.28
Utilities	\$6,453.24
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$6,352.60
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,313,276.21</b>

<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$625,190.94</b>
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### **3. Tracking Revenue, Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Surplus and Future Planning**

The Financial Controller ([sa.finance@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.finance@anu.edu.au); [brendan.greenwood@anu.edu.au](mailto:brendan.greenwood@anu.edu.au)) calculated:

1. Surplus SSAF funding (from 2012 to the Present)
2. Independent funding (i.e. sponsorship)
3. Emergency reserve calculation

#### Surplus SSAF Funding

- From 2012, ANUSA began receiving SSAF funding from the university.
- Under the 2012 and current SSAF funding contract with the university, budgeted but unspent funds from the year can be recalled by the ANU.
- If the ANU so chooses (which has not yet happened), it can ask for ANUSA to return all SSAF funding.
- However, if unspent SSAF funds were allocated or contractually tied to the same/similar SSAF-approved purposes, than it can be spent in later years.

#### **SSAF Surplus Amounts**

2012 = \$318,563.00

2013 = \$93,430.91

2014 = \$137,601.62

*Total = \$549,595.53*

#### Independent Funding

- Outside of funding from SSAF, ANUSA also has funding from other sponsors.
- In particular, sponsorship comes from other private or public businesses, as well as from other college faculties (e.g. sponsorship for the First Year Camps).

#### **Independent Funding Amounts**

2012 = N.A.

2013 = \$213,879.34

2014 = \$217,616.01

Total = \$431,495.35

#### Emergency Reserves

- In the ANUSA Constitution, the Association is obliged to keep aside contingency funding.
- In the event that ANUSA would have to permanently shut down, the contingency funding is an amount calculated to ensure that the Association can pay its final debts and contractual commitments (e.g. staff salaries which are contracted).

- The amount for emergency reserve amount is calculated for a period of up to three months, which would be the estimated minimum time required for the organisation to wind down and close.

## WOMEN'S OFFICER REPORT

Loren Ovens

### Exclusion Zones ACT

Repro Rights Picnic - The Women's Department joined PARSA in Union Court in Week 7 for a picnic with churros and cupcakes in promotion of the proposed exclusion zones legislation. We collected hundreds of signatures and letters to give to Canberra MLAs.

Meeting with Yvette Berry (ACT Minister for Women) - On the 11<sup>th</sup> of September, Deputy Women's Officer Claire Lenehan and PARSA Women's Officer Alyssa Shaw met with Yvette Berry to hand over the letters written at the picnic and show support for exclusion zones.

Joint Submission – The Women's Officer as head of the Women's Department and the PARSA Women's Office made a joint submission to the community consultation for the draft legislation.

### Women in Science Mentoring Network

Applications closed in August. First mentoring sessions will take place this term.

### Alternative Menstrual Products Project

This project is set to launch in Week 10 of Term 4. It will consist of workshops where women on campus are able to interact with a variety of different AMPS, become informed as to how they are used and ask questions. As well as a lecture by an ANU academic and an online awareness campaign discussing AMPs and the stigma around menstruation. More information will be released at the start of Term 4 on the autonomous Women's Dept page about different ways of getting involved in trialling products, participating in workshops and writing opinion pieces for our website.

### Women of Colour Collective

Our Women of Colour Collective launched on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August.

The ANU Women of Colour Collective is a space for solidarity, collaboration and friendship exclusively for self-identified Women of Colour. The collective defines "Women of colour" as those who have been negatively affected by white and oppressive social structures. Currently the collective exists as an online space with coffee meetings likely to occur in future. If you would like to join please search "ANU Women of Colour Collective".

### No Expenditure to declare

## QUEER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Kat Reed

### ISGD Policies

Progress on the ISGD policies have stalled recently. This is due to the main organisers being sick and unwell. I have a feeling that many are starting to lose hope in the power they have to make change at ANU. I'm currently looking into how I can motivate members.

### Pride Week

Pride Week planning is going well. We've organised several events listed below. Currently planning on having some stalls in Union Court on Thursday during our Marriage Equality Rally but am a bit unsure about this. I've ordered Queer\* Department branded rainbow wristbands for it. We received \$5000 of SEEF for the week. Currently trying to get Josh Thomas to come and trying to get a logo sorted.

Any help from ANUSA representatives regarding volunteering/getting the word out there would be greatly appreciated.

### Queer Ball

Queer Ball is ready and organised! It'll be held at Gorman House to finish off Pride Week! Tickets are \$25 each and are available online. This is a non-autonomous event so everyone can come! Rumoured after-party to be held at Cube in collaboration with UniVibes.

### Asexuality Materials

We're currently finalising our pamphlets on Asexuality. We're planning on having these available for Pride Week. We're really keen to finally have some original materials to give out during O'Week and Bush Week instead of only using other organisation's materials.

### Queer Department Pamphlets

Members are currently translating our Queer\* Dep pamphlet's into various languages. We've tabled 8 different languages and at least one (Mandarin) has been done.

### Queer House

The house renovations have been finished and they're ready for us to move in! Facilities and Services replaced the carpet, bought a new dishwasher and repainted the building. They won't have card access for a while so I'm currently discussing with the collective whether or not we want to move in without it. Move in date possibly set for around Week 10.

### Boardgames + Pub Night

Our Boardgames + Pub night went well. we had around 20 people attend and some new people.

### Movie Nights

We hosted screenings of two movies recently: Priscilla Queen of the Desert and But I'm a Cheerleader. Both were well attended and had around 30 people at each one.

### Queer PoC Collective

We started a Queer\* PoC Collective Facebook group end of last semester. Current plans are to have regular meet ups and to look at people who aren't out due to being an international student.

### Expenditure

Expenditure Report			
<b>Pride Week</b>	Rainbow Flags	<b>\$26</b>	
	Rainbow Wrist Bands	<b>\$301.67</b>	
		<b>Total:</b>	\$327.67
<b>Movie Night</b>	Domino's Pizza	<b>\$72.40</b>	
		<b>Total:</b>	\$72.40
		<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	\$400.07

## ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT

Elsa Merrick

### Open Day

At Open day we held a satirical bake sale and took photos with members of ANU Chancellery. We took some survey data about potential future students on the question of whether or not students would be more likely to come to ANU if ANU had divested from fossil fuels. We had a great time and it was a good energy boost for the campaign.

### Social Meeting

We have moved to a new system where instead of weekly meetings we are having fortnightly meetings and social events every alternate week. Last social meeting was a working bee for open day where we painted banners, prepared the survey and organised props.

### Role Allocation

We have allocated new roles within the Department. We will be dividing some honoraria amongst Department members who undertake these roles, as well as other roles that arise next term.

The roles that we have allocated so far are:

- Updating the Website
- Updating email and communications
- Updating social media platforms
- Organising skill shares
- Updating the constitution
- Finances

### Expenditure

Cost	What?
\$140.30	SOS Conference
\$226.50	Listen Up Conference and Rego
\$349.42	Campaign Materials for Divest the Rest
\$19.23	Meeting Food

**ETHNO-CULTURAL COMMITTEE**

Monique Langley-Freeman + Linda Ma

**Motion:** That we establish an autonomous Ethno-Cultural Committee as part of ANUSA. Monique Langley-Freeman, the General Secretary will hold interim chair, with a Chair to be elected at the next meeting.

**PROBITY OFFICER HONORARIA**

Monique Langley-Freeman + James Waugh

**Motion:** That the committee award honoraria amounting to \$5000 in total, to be divided amongst the Probity Officers active during the 2015 Annual Elections (Fleur Hawes, Dan Wall, Benjamin Creelman and Maclaren Wall)