

# MINUTES - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 1 2012

# Monday 20th February 2012 - ANUSA Boardroom

#### **Attendance List:**

## Executive

Fleur Hawes- President of the Association Alice McAvoy- Vice-President of the Association

Tara Mulholland- General Secretary of the Association

Dallas Proctor- Treasurer of the Association

Phoebe Malcolm- Social Officer of the Association

Tom Barrington-Smith – Education Officer of the Association

## **Department Officers**

Penny Rumble (Interim) – Queer\* Officer of the Association Raymond Tan– International Officer of the Association Isobel Morphy-Walsh– Indigenous Officer of the Association Chris Karas– Disabilities Officer of the Association Sean Munro (Proxy)- Environment Officer of the Association

# **General Representatives**

Charmaine Yong- General Representative
Aizaz Syed- General Representative
Amanda Joyce Neilson- General Representative
Jeff Sun- General Representative
Michael Pettersson- General Representative
Ryan Turner- General Representative
Ben McMullin- General Representative
Samantha Teong- General Representative
Kai Kamada-Laws - General Representative

# **Faculty Representatives**

Jack Hobbs
Mel McLeod
Yasmin Masri
Roseanna Bricknell
Ali French
Maea Lenei Buhre
Justin Steele
Morgan Wood
Vaibhav Sagar
Matthew Birtwistle

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

Meeting opened at: 6:07pm

Apologies received from Alex Clark, Peta Olesen, Renee Jones, Lilly Ward, Sasha Silberstein, Simone Proctor and Tom Brazier

I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, of elders past and present, on which this event takes place.

# Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising

**MOTION**: That the minutes from SRC 6 2011 be accepted.

Moved: Fleur Hawes Seconded: Ben McMullin

Motion passed.

# **Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising**

# **3.1 Executive Reports**

# 3.1.1 Presidents' Report (F. Hawes) [Reference A]

- Thanks for coming. I'm very excited for 2012.
- We are currently in negotiations about SSAF. We will speak about it more in the budget, the legislation is very broad it doesn't say that the money has to go to students. Some of the previous commitments aren't being upheld. The budget has increased but it hasn't been confirmed.
- Refurbished the office, let us know if you need space.
- We have three staff members. Alice and I oversee the staff.
- We are currently in negotiations about the student space staff.

# Questions

- **Ryan Turner:** Do you think president's summit was valuable?
  - Fleur Hawes: A lot of it was quite similar content wise. It was good when we got together with similar universities (like Melbourne and Sydney) to talk about issues.
     Overall it is worth going to.
- Ryan Turner: Do you think that there is anything that could be recommended to improve skills summit?
  - Fleur Hawes: Reducing the executive reports from NUS. Base Funding Review Consultation
- Isobel Morphy-Walsh: How do we make changes to the website?
  - o **Fleur Hawes:** For changes contact Tara at <a href="mailto:sa.gensec@anu.edu.au">sa.gensec@anu.edu.au</a>.

**MOTION**: That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Ryan Turner

Seconded: Maea Lenei Buhre

Motion passed.

## 3.1.2 Vice-President's Report (A. McAvov) [Reference B]

- Commencement 5pm Llewellyn Hall.
- Mental Health Week, if you are interested in being involved please contact me
- Halls and Colleges orientation
- Print Quotas

# Questions

- **Ryan Turner:** Why has the VC has decided not to fund Commencement?
  - We communicated to him early on what the event was and that we would like support. He has decided that it's not an ANU wide event yet in previous years he has

paid for the venue. It is a large cost for us because of venue hire but we are splitting it with PARSA.

- **Isobel Morphy-Walsh:** Is anyone from the university speaking?
  - Alice McAvoy: The VC is speaking, hopefully it will prove that it is a university wide event.
- Michael Pettersson: How much is it going to cost?
  - \$1175 to us \$1175 to PARSA
- Vaibhav Sagar: Has the change in print quota changed the amount of printing that you can do?
  - Alice McAvoy: It hasn't changed the amount of printing that you can do it's just more expensive when it runs out. The reasons they have given for the rise is to pay for the new system and that the cost is in line with GO8 universities. When students run out it is going to cost them twice as much.
- Vaibhav Sagar: DOI want people to log more jobs.
  - Alice McAvoy: The fact that we often can't get wireless in Union court is a big problem. We are going to do a survey about it.

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

Moved: Justin Steele

Seconded: Michael Pettersson

Motion passed

Chair passed to Phoebe Malcolm

# 3.1.3 General Secretary's Report (T. Mulholland) [Reference C]

- Website training access available to everyone who asks
- All should have received a letter outlining your constitutional role
- Encourage everyone to contribute to the election reform. Trying to push to get it changed
- Gen Rep next Wednesday to discuss portfolios and involvement

## Questions

- Amanda Joyce Neilson: When and where is the election meeting?
  - Tara Mulholand: Board Room Tuesday week. Details coming soon. It will be open to all ANU students not just ANUSA people

**MOTION**: That the General Secretary's Report be accepted.

**Moved**: Yasmin Masri **Seconded**: Ryan Turner

Motion passed

Chair returned to Tara Mulholland

# 3.1.4 Treasurer's Report (D. Proctor) [Reference D]

 Budget and SSAF, there is room in the budget for us to wait for negotiations to be finalised

# Questions

Michael Pettersson: asset management, it is a big issue at the moment? Dallas Proctor: Walkie-talkies were stolen in O-week.

**MOTION**: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Aizaz Syed

Seconded: Roseanna Bricknell

**Motion passed** 

# 3.1.5 <u>Social Officer's Report (P. Malcolm) [Reference E]</u>

- O-week report will be on the next SRC, all the O-week directors and the executive worked very hard to create an excellent O-week
- GAC has been moved online, get as many of the Grants pushed online as possible.
- Social committee, come and see Phoebe

#### Questions

- **Fleur Hawes**: What is the clubs and societies training?
  - o **Phoebe Malcolm**: Running 5 modules, managing meetings and committees, managing budgets and finances, sponsorships & finance

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

Mover: Thomas Barrington-Smith

Seconded: Ryan Turner

**Motion** passed

# 3.1.6 Education Officer's Report (T. Barrington-Smith) [Reference F]

- Review of the ANUSA welfare fund, just to know how it can be improved. Key issues- money was
  in an account that wasn't earning interest.
- There will be an education committee meeting next week.

# Questions

- Ryan Turner: Could you go into campaigns you intend to run and the base funding review?
  - Thomas Barrington-Smith: Campus crime stoppers (textbooks moved onto HECS), Act now create change, Fair Fares for Students (all the same ones as the education officer in NUS)
- Ryan Turner: Are you planning on running individual ANU specific campaigns?
  - o **Thomas Barrington-Smith:** We have a semi-independent campaign with the QLD Premier's Office to have the ANU student concession card accepted in QLD.
- Penny Rumble: Is Education Committee a collective?
  - Thomas Barrington-Smith: Education Committee was made not like a collective as it was dominated by the socialist alternative.
- **Penny Rumble:** Would you be able to put posters in the student space?
  - o **Thomas Barrington-Smith:** Yes, happy to do that. I'm looking to hold the meetings more often than once a month
- **Penny Rumble:** Welfare fund- what were some of the responses- only 10-15 responses
  - Thomas Barrington-Smith: One of the recommendations was to increase the amount of money that a student can get. Everyone who has applied has been given at least the maximum amount. Most students don't know it's there.
- Penny Rumble: What about making it less in terms of an emergency?
  - o **Thomas Barrington-Smith:** Maybe it could be conceptualized a bit differently, it is a bit of a drop in the ocean. We are mindful that it doesn't become a source of income.
  - Fleur Hawes: point of clarification, when Bronwyn internally refers a student she often gives them money out of the bursary fund.
- Amanda-Joyce Neilson: Do you have any concrete plans about how to inform people about the emergency fund?
- Michael Pettersson: Why don't you run an increase knowledge campaign about the Welfare Fund.

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

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Amanda-Joyce Neilson

**Motion passed** 

# 3.2 Department Reports

# 3.2.1 Women's Department Report (R. Jones) [Reference G]

MOTION: That the Women's Department Report be accepted

**Mover**: Isobel Morphy-Walsh **Seconded**: Penny Rumble

Motion passed.

# 3.2.2 Environment Officers Report (S. Munro)

**Sean Munro:** We had a successful training Camp and a really great O-week. Things are going really well.

# Questions

• Fleur Hawes: has the NUS officer been in contact?

o **Sean Munro:** Not that I'm aware of.

• **Ryan Turner:** Who is Peta?

#### Chair Passed to Phoebe Malcolm

- Tara Mulholland: Sean has decided to be environment officer this year. Peta has taken up the role. I have to go to a meeting and confirm this.
- **Isobel Morphy-Walsh:** I thought that the collective choose the new officer, is this not the case?
  - Tara Mulholland: It is my understanding that the secretary went but I don't want to infringe on the Collectives. We can ratify the appointment at SRC.

MOTION: That the Environment Department's Report be accepted

Moved: Ben McMullin Seconded: Phoebe Malcolm

Motion passed.

# 3.2.3 Queer\* Department Report (P. Rumble) [Reference H]

- Ally training
- Policy stuff is going
- New officer is going to be elected on Thursday.

## Questions

- **Fleur Hawes:** looking at your budget there was \$768 was that into expenses incurred?
  - **Penny Rumble:** that money is to cover Cost of replacing everything in the radius of the incident.
- Phoebe Malcolm: We promised 5000 to collectives I want to know how it's being spent?
  - o **Fleur Hawes:** we'll discuss that when the budget is finalised.

**MOTION**: That the Queer\* Department Report be accepted.

**Moved**: Isobel Morphy Walsh **Seconded**: Azaiz Syed **Motion passed**.

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

- ISD has been occupied by orientation week
- We are working on the problem that most international students are very segregated.
- There has been a change in our focus and approach; we wanted to create a brand that every international student can relate to.
- We held a civic tour and international speakers.

Currently the department is an elaborate campaign to get people involved.

**Ouestions** 

- **Samantha Teong:** Have you been working with colleges?
  - Raymond Tan: It has been difficult in the summer. We are working towards that (our presence was low). We have changed our logo and the branding.
- **Kai Kamada-Laws**: what sorts of events are relatable?
  - o **Raymond Tan:** Instead of operating as 2 different entities, operate as one. Help ANUSA achieve its goals, ANUSA will benefit a lot if we reach out better, sporting carnival. University wide events
- **Fleur Hawes:** Is there any plans for academic/higher ed activities?
  - o **Raymond Tan:** I haven't drafted it up but we were thinking about a community based buddy system.
- Sean Munro: thought to the channels in which International students could tell you what's important to them
  - Raymond Tan: We have a website, we are going to work on the ANUSA website, facebook page to actively promote ISD to people. We really need to let people know that when you send an email it will be responded to quickly. The message is to let people know that you are ready to help them
- **Penny Rumble:** would you be interested in International bonding? Like soccer, if you want to engage with things in colleges, we did a debate and it worked really well.
  - Raymond Tan: that sounds good, we need to show them that we are not just there for international students.

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

Mover: Ben McMullin

Seconded: Maea Lenei Buhre

**Motion passed** 

# 3.2.5 Disabilities Department (C. Karas) [Reference K]

- It's all looking positive, we had a market day stall and an o-week (Dis)abilities) brunch
- We're getting our constitution approved.
- The relationship between ANUSA and Disability Services Office is good. We can use its mailing list.
- We were doing a Woroni Radio Show in O-week and we got cut off during that, we are looking to make a formal complaint.
- Looking forward to the year of disabilities of campus.

## **Questions**

- **Isobel Morphy-Walsh:** Do you have a copy of our constitutions [the other departments]? We can get you a copy of that.
- **Ryan Turner:** how do you feel about changing the name to dis(ability)
  - o **Christopher Karas:** I personally like it that way but it is a contentious issue.

**MOTION**: That the Disabilities Department Report be accepted.

**Moved**: Matthew Birtwistle **Seconded**: Penny Rumble

**Motion passed** 

# 3.2.6 Indigenous Students' Department (I. Morphy-Walsh) [Reference J]

 The Indigenous department would like to make it clear that we take it very seriously when individuals RSVP to our events and fail to attend or fail to notify us that they cannot attend.

- DEEWR- Review into higher education
- Research Project- Retention rates are bad, lack of appropriate or alternative assessments, university does not cater to the older students that have jobs and families, sometimes the assessment schedule is not as kind to indigenous students. If anyone else wants to look into that, let me know.

#### Questions

- Fleur Hawes: With the research project, ANU College are also looking at similar themes
- Alice McAvoy: What was the commitment that ANUSA members made that they did not go to?
  - Isobel Morphy-Walsh: It was an event for new students. By not attending it says to them that ANUSA doesn't care. Obviously the that person knows that I'm talking to knows who they are

**Fleur Hawes:** I apologise that I did not attend the event, I was sick that day. I did call the Tjabal Centre and I got Eleanor to pass on the message.

MOTION: That the Indigenous Students' Department Report be accepted

**Moved**: Phoebe Malcolm **Seconded**: Morgan Wood

**Motion passed** 

# 3.2 <u>General Representative Reports</u>

- **Amanda Joyce-Neilson:** I was an O-week director I just want to give massive props to Phoebe. We did really, really well.
- Kai Kamada-Laws: I would like to thank everyone that helped us put out the food Coop zine, it is by the far the biggest O-week that we have ever had

# 3.3 NUS Report (R. Turner)

- Alice, Isobel, and myself wrote a report on NUS.
- Penny contributed to a lot of the Queer\* motions and the environment department submitted about Coal Steam Gas
- There are a lot of recommendations about how to improve NUS, the Corporate Governance is really bad which is a pretty big concern. If the corporation goes under we are liable for seven years.
- Frank Gaffa who is a previous NUS officer moved a motion into researching setting up a disabilities collective in NUS. The motion passed.
- Isobel Morphy-Walsh: there were a lot more motions made by people than appear in the report.

# Questions:

- Alice McAvoy: Is there precedent for paid observers to go to NUS?
  - Ryan Turner: There are generally 8-10 paid observers who go, in the year that
     Eloise and Pat went it was about \$800. There is quite a lot of value that comes out of
     sending paid observers. CSG skill sharing on campuses, you can develop contacts
     on other campuses.
- Isobel Morphy-Walsh: when you see what other universities do well it allows for a lot of collaboration
- **Ryan Turner:** It helped to get your head around the base funding review. Check out the Monash University Student's Association advertisement endorsing Melbourne University as a university that supports student's services.
- **Fleur Hawes:** Number 18 is really great, I need a volunteer because I have conflict of interest NTEU on campus is really great. Ryan has already completed recommendation number two.
  - o Ryan Turner: I'll volunteer.

#### **Item 4: Discussion Items**

# ANUSA Survey (B. McMullin)

- I have compiled a report and some action points about the ANUSA points
- They will be sent out with the minutes.

#### Questions:

 Matthew Birtwistle: CBE said that there was a problem with the statistical validity of the ANUSA survey. It's probably something to consider for the next one.

# ASANA (F. Hawes)

- I sent an email to everyone, everybody is added except department officers (because it has a max of 30, we're working on getting the number increased).
- I would like to see meetings used more for big ideas, if you put yourself as an assignee it is an
  easy way for people to stay in contact.

# Check in with Fleur and Alice (F.Hawes)

- We want all General Representatives to check in with Fleur or Alice, it is easy to get into the semester and not have any direction.
  - o **Penny Rumble:** maybe a list should be kept of the projects that they were working on, then normal students could join in.

# Office Space (F. Hawes)

We really want the office space, I think that the fact that we can't leave stuff here is now and impediment. We have spare computers and filing cabinets.

Let us know how much space you need

#### Motion:

That the ANUSA website keep a list of Gen Reps and the projects that they are working on.

**Moved:** Penny Rumble **Seconded:** Fleur Hawes

**Motion Passed** 

# **Item 5: Other Business**

- **Sean Munro:** What happened to the department stuff in the ANUSA office?
  - Fleur Hawes: It has been moved into cupboards next to the photocopier, talk to me if you need extra space or to locate something
- Vaibhav Sagar: Communications Officer what's going on?
  - Fleur Hawes: Something that was discussed a lot last year was the possibility of adding a new position to the executive (Comunications Officer) to solve the issue that ordinary students don't know who we are or what we do.
    - Communications doesn't fit into any of the roles. We have been discussing it a lot, because we do have student space staff we want them to have website and poster skills so that we can hone in on their jobs as advocates and representatives.

- o **Isobel Morphy-Walsh:** is that going to be a part of the exec review?
- Fleur Hawes: Yes, we have been put in contact with a company to do it pro bono (an external person)
- **Isobel Morphy-Walsh:** Where is the money for the independent audit of the departments coming from?
  - Fleur Hawes: Condition of receiving the extra money is that they are independently audited annually, they would be included in the ANUSA review. It already comes out of the ANUSA budget.

# Item 6: Date of next meeting and close

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council will be held on Wednesday 14th March (Week 4) in the ANUSA Board Room at 6pm.

Meeting Closed 9:00pm

#### Fleur Hawes

#### Overview:

Phew, what a summer! 'Holidays' – well I was in Canberra the WHOLE time. But it is GREAT to have you all back. I am bursting with energy to get you all involved in different projects so feel free to pop by the office any time with suggestions, comments or shiny new ideas.

Summer at ANUSA has involved a mix of 0 week, meeting ANU staff and learning the structure of the university, starting conversations about issues we want to work on, some media, committees, GRADUATIONS, chasing up jobs from ANUSA 2011, housing review, welcome speeches, understanding the technical side of the association, prez conference, website overhaul 2.0 and getting started on issues. Approx 40 emails/day and student appeals .

A brief synopsis of the happenings over the holidays:

# Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)

After the SSAF legislation passed the parliament in October, this summer has been shaped by 'negotiations' with the university about how best this money should be spent. After an initial meeting in Dec with Woroni, Sport and Rec, Parsa, Prof. Liz Deane (Pro Vice Chancellor Students) and several other staff members, ANUSA has been negotiation individually.

The process has been problematic and as with other universities, due to the broad nature of the legislation, many student unions are found their associations autonomy. There are ongoing issues with who and how the money is spent.

Our budget has been based upon \$904,000 from the fee, however we are yet to invoice the university as we have not yet received a copy of the 'contact' we have been asked to sign.

## **ANUSA Staff**

ANUSA employs 3 staff members (Eleanor – Admin, Browyn – Welfare, Don – Legal) plus student space staff. This summer myself and Alice have had staff meeting with them and I receive regular reports about workload from Don.

# Student Space Staff and Union Negs.

Currently the student space does not have any one hired for 2012. This is due to the reduction in funding for this space by the PVC and an attempt for us to save costs on the space. On Thursday Don and myself began conversations with the NTEU (education union) to possibly seek an exemption, so that we do not have to pay ANU 1 rates of \$25/hour.

## **NUS Presidents Conference**

In January I attended a conference in Sydney with the Presidents' of approx 30 other student unions from around the country. This conference was mainly benefical for meeting the presidents of other G08 universities who we had the most in common with, particularly re: SSAF.

# **Office Changes**

A huge thank you to ANUSA exec for giving up numerous weekends, taking out HUGE amounts of garbage and organising the office space in a shiny, friendly new space.

We are hope that this space provides a space for all the reps to have work and meeting spaces. Please contact me if you need a secure place to store files.

#### **University Council**

Since Dec 1 I have attended two University Council meetings. The majority of the content is confidential and relates to the finances and governance.

# **Website Changes**

Together the exec and I have worked to reinvigorate the website. Check it out at <a href="www.anusa.com.au">www.anusa.com.au</a> or <a href="www.anusa.anu.edu.au">www.anusa.anu.edu.au</a>. Great new features to encourage clubs to use is the online sales, membership list texting, news and events items and so much more.

I would love to see a lot more content go online ASAP, particularly in the advice areas. Please contact me if you would like to do some research, want to write up some of the pages or have any website skills.

# **PWC Sponsorship**

Over the summer ANUSA secured PWC sponsorship (the largest amount to a student body) for the whole year which will assist in running social events and help secure us extra funding. PWC were really impressed with 0 week and I hope this relationship will continue for years to come.

# **Pauline Griffin Building**

The university is considering renovating the PG Bulding to become a student hub, with services such as housing, disabilities and break out zones. There is talk of ANUSA, PARSA and the Dean of Students' moving into the building, which we are in negotiations with.

List of other issues/things I have been working on which I am happy to speak to:

- Housing
- DOI
- Emails (approx 20 40/day)
- Meeting with Facilities and Services re: parking, Arts Centre and Pauline Griffin
- Welcome speeches
- Media training
- Helping tones of clubs and societies
- Arts and Music Library Changes School Changes
- ANU College (alternative pathways to entry)
- Meeting with VC and College Deans
- Meeting with ANU Endowment and Philanthropy
- Meeting with Head of Library re: opening hours and food
- Meeting with exchange office re: process and opportunities
- Meetings with UC Pres and education officer to build relationship

- $\,\,$  DOI Committee student complaints raised particularly about wifi. Changes coming soon to wattle.
- Interhall Presidents Council 1st Meeting
- SR and Res Com Trainings
- Starting close working relationship with ANU Union

#### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Alice McAvoy

## **Overview**

This summer has been busy with first year camp preparations, a number of student appeals, committee meetings, improving the office space, organising Commencement and a number of other things in preparation for the return of the student body.

# **First Year Camps**

This year ANUSA will be running five first year camps. A mixture of social and academic orientation events have been planned. Later year mentors have been recruited to assist with the running of the camps. The faculty reps are co-ordinating the camps with my assistance

## **Funding**

The only college which will not have a camp is the College of Engineering and Computer Science, as the faculty decided not to give us funding at the last minute. We have secured faculty funding for all the others, and the law camp has also been sponsored by the ANU Law Students' Society. We have kept costs low, and student tickets are \$75.

# Risk Management

We have liaised with both ANU Risk Management and ANU Legal, and faculty representatives have created risk management plans.

	Date	Location	Funding	No of students	No of later year mentors
Asia Pacific	2-4 Mar	Borambola	College: \$10,000 ANUSA: \$2000	62	8
Law	2-4 Mar	Jindabyne	College: \$3000 LSS: \$3000 ANUSA: \$2000	75	8
Arts	2-4 Mar	Kioloa	College: \$7000 ANUSA: \$2000	75	8
CBE	2-4 Mar	Jindabyne	College: \$10,000 ANUSA:\$2000	75	8
Science	24-26 Feb	Jindabyne	College: \$7000 ANUSA: \$2000	65	8

# Commencement

Chris Taylor (The Chaser) will be giving the ANU 2012 Commencement Address this Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 5pm in Llewelleyn Hall. Please spread the word.

The bar will be open afterwards.

The VC has refused to fund the event, unlike previous years, as he believes the money should come out of SSAF. PARSA has agreed to make a financial contribution for venue hire.

## **Mental Health Day**

I am currently in the process of organising the committee for the mental health day that we will be running on the first Thursday of term 2. This will coincide with Random Acts of Kindness Week. We will also be launching the ANUSA Mental Health Survey on that day, which we will be working with the Counselling Centre to create.

# **ANUSA/Halls and College Orientation**

This year we ran ANUSA orientation sessions at the following colleges. My thanks go to the reps for running them:

Burgmann – Az Syed Bruce – Ben McMullin Johns- Roseanna Bricknell/Sascha Silberstein Burton and Garran Hall – Samantha Teong UniLodge – Fleur Hawes Fenner- Fleur Hawes Griffin Hall – Tom Brazier

The orientation sessions covered various different aspects of ANUSA, and were a good way to engage other college students with the workings of ANUSA and to introduce them to their ANUSA reps.

# **ANUSA Animation**

We created an ANUSA Animation, to be used at the above orientation sessions and more generally. Please let me know if you need a copy.

# **Division of Information**

Print quotas have gone up to make it in line with the other G8 universities, and also to pay for the new card system (student ID now is the same as your copy card). Am currently getting figures from George Lovreinic to justify this sudden increase.

Wattle will be upgraded in Semester 2 2012.

# **Campus Environmental Management**

I have invited Peta Olesen and Jaden Rubinstein (ANU Sustainability Learning Community Co-ordinator) to join me as student reps on this committee.

I'm working on a report to give to them regarding improved bike paths and better bus shelters.

# **Campus Advisory Committee**

This committee is a subcommittee of the Campus Planning and Development Committee, and is for members to provide constructive input on the development of ANU. Please let me know if you have an issue I should bring here.

Lena Carmel Lodge will have environmental indicators on every floor. Dallas Proctor will also be joining me on this committee as a Unilodge rep and student rep. I am also working on getting a pedestrian crossing on Hutton St, near Warrumbul Lodge. **Reference C GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT** Tara Mulholland

# **Reference D**

# TREASURER'S REPORT Dallas Proctor

# **Completed Tasks**

- Negotiated prices on walkie talkies, barcode scanner, digital camera, freezer and marquees
- Updated signatories on bank accounts
- Set up Paypal for online purchases
- Exec timesheet shared on Google Docs for perusal by anyone
- Cleaned office!!!

# <u>To do</u>

- SSAF report
- Invoice university for SSAF

- Letters for potential breach of contract actions during 0-week
- 2010 financial statements and audit some receipts missing and asset register not up to date
- Investigate purchase of bus, coffee machine, projector and outdoor sign
- Review student space position and it's financial implications
- Negotiate utility contracts
- Ensure all legal docs have been lodged with ACT ORS
- · Check insurance is up to date
- Pursue recent sponsorship offers

## Areas of concern

# **Asset Management**

During O-Week, our assets were not taken care of by those using them. Walkie talkies and the camera are missing, marquee bags are ripped, extension leads taken, and important documents were not treated with due care when preparing Full Moon Party dressing rooms. Processes must be put in place to stop this happening again.

#### **Utility Contracts**

Office and student space cleaners are underperforming but get paid well. Electricity, phone and gas bills are very expensive and need to be renegotiated.

#### **General Comments**

O-Week was a massive hit – props to Fee and her wonderful team. Our office is cleaner than it has ever been and I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all reps to use the great spaces available. If there's anything else you think ANUSA needs, let me know.

#### Reference E

# SOCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Phoebe Malcolm

# 0-Week

Preparations for O-Week took up a lot of my time over summer. Since this report was due mid-O-Week, a full report will be presented at the next SRC.

# <u>GAC</u>

Nick Barry and I have made some changes to the GAC system over the summer. The biggest change is that all GAC applications, and applications for affiliation, are now entirely paperless. In addition to this, Nick Barry and I are going to attempt to approve as many GAC applications as possible without a formal GAC meeting. Members of the 2011 committee have signalled that this is appropriate for the majority of applications. As a result, Nick and I have changed the scheduling for GAC. We now have a casual drop-in session on Mondays and the more formal scheduled meetings on Thursdays. The purpose of the Monday drop-in sessions is to provide clubs and societies with the opportunity to meet with the GAC representatives on a more casual basis and discuss any questions or problems with us. The formal GAC session on Thursday will follow a similar structure as last year, but we are hoping that there will be fewer bookings. GAC has been taking applications for re-affiliation since early February. These applications will be processed during Week One.

## **Clubs and Societies Training**

ANUSA will be running 5 training modules this semester for leaders of clubs and societies. Please find a summary of the modules below.

# **Leading a Student Organisation**

27 February 5:30 - 6:30pm at Student Space

Are you a part of a club or societies executive and want to know what your responsibilities are? This module is an introduction to the governance and financial responsibilities of student groups at ANU.

# **Managing Meetings and Committees**

27 February 7 - 8pm at Student Space

This workshop is a guide to running meetings, minute keeping, effective use of email and other correspondence and similar responsibilities. Particularly for students with limited experience of formal leadership responsibilities.

# **Managing Budgets and Finances**

5 March 5:30 - 6:30pm at Student Space

A workshop catered for treasurers and other financially conscious executive members. It will introduce you to understanding financial reports and budgets, with particular reference to ANU procedures.

# Sponsorship, Fundraising and Grant Applications

26 March 5:30 - 6:30pm at Student Space

This workshop focuses on the practical strategies for raising funds from a variety of sources. it also focuses on information to key ANU policies and procedures.

# Social Calendar

I have developed a social calendar for semester one. Please find below a summary of the events planned for Semster One.

Week Two - Politics in the Pub

9 March - Jazz and Cocktail Night

23 March - Movies under the stars

29 March - 1 April - Sporting Carnival

5 April - End of Term Party

31 May - End of Semester Party

## Social Committee

I am in the process of forming the Social Committee for 2012. The purpose of the committee is to help the Social Officer produce more ANUSA events for the greater undergraduate community. The structure of the committee is.....

I will be taking applications for the committee in week one and two.

# Universal Lunch Hour

Due to problems with ANU Security, Universal Lunch Hour will not be starting until Week Two. We currently have the following events booked into ULH:

- 1 March Mardi Gras
- 8 March EnviroMENTAL
- 15 March International Law Society and the International Relations Society and ANU Debating Society Present: International Issues Universal Lunch Hour
- 22 March ANUSA Presents International Harmony Day
- 29 March Sporting Carnival Opening Ceremony
- 5 April Mental Health Survey Launch
- 26 April Students Money for Students
- 3 May Break a World Record
- 10 May Univibes ULH

I am currently taking bookings from clubs and societies. Let me know if you know anyone who is interested in running an ULH.

# Poster Policy

I am currently developing a proposal to present to the ANU.

# Reference F

# **EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT**

# **TOM BARRINGTON-SMITH**

# Review Welfare Fund

Published a short review of the ANUSA Welfare Fund which looked into the management of the money, the expected return on money in accounts, the amount available to each applicant and the accessibility of the fund.

Some key recommendations were increased advertising, bringing in a second signatory, increasing the amount available, and transferring the money into a different account which will bear interest.

Full copies of the report are available from me.

# **SSAF**

Been working closely with Fleur, Alice and the rest of the executive on SSAF funding from the university. 1 sentence summary: attending meetings, seeking advice from the Department of Education, pursuing independent legal advice and helping keep everyone up to speed. DEEWR, DIISR, and the Minister's office have been very helpful with providing advice, and we are still seeking more advice particularly on the Student Representation Guidelines which are still in the draft stage but have been tabled before Parliament and will hopefully be enforceable soon.

# **Tidying Office**

#### **Tidied Office**

#### QandA

Been talking closely to the Q&A producers about getting an ANU special on campus. This is something I started working on as a Gen Rep last year and have carried it over summer. After being told no twice, they have once again dangled the carrot in front of me and am thus preparing another submission on the suitability of the venues at the ANU. Will hopefully have an answer one way or the other shortly.

## Worked on website

Wrote up some of the sections on the website including "Money" and "Employment" and am continuing to work on other sections.

#### Universal Lunch Hour

Due to the importance of the SSAF negotiations we have decided to push the Education Committee Universal Lunch Hour from week 9 to this week. The upside is this will help pressure the university into negotiating in good faith with us over the funding, as there are some sections we are strongly concerned about. The downside is, I now have 1 week to organise it, instead of 9, which means quality politicians are going to be hard to attract and I wont have the opportunity to hold an Education Committee beforehand. I would greatly appreciate if anyone, especially the Gen Reps, will be free this week to help out both on the day and leading up to it.

# **Union Agreement**

Have also been working closely with Fleur on renegotiating the agreement with the NTEU over the pay scales we can use for some of our staff.

Questions and comments are of course welcome but if anyone is particularly interested I would encourage you to attend the Education Committee. (TBA)

#### Reference G

# **Women's Officer Report**

Renee Jones

# **NUS Safety Campaign**

Noni Sproule, the NUS Women's Officer, visited ANU campus to help launch the 'It's Time' campus safety campaign. The campaign involves collecting photos from students holding various signs that make up a video message, that conveys the results of the 'Talk About It Survey' and urges campuses that it is 'time' to take up the surveys reccomendations. The other tier of the campaign is collecting signatures for a petition that supports the reccomendations and this petition is intended to be used when lobbying the ANU to implement the recommendations. After collecting signatures on Tuesday and Market Day we have around 200 signatures from ANU. Noni hopes to have 1000 signatures from every university, so the collective will continue to collect signatures at future events.

Professor Ian Young has already implemented one of the recommendations after I asked him to consider becoming a White Ribbon amabassador, via email. Once he has officially become an ambassador, the chancellory and the Women's Collective will issue a press release.

## Rapunzel Room

The Rapunzel Room is up and running for 2012 after some extensive cleaning and new additions make the room more appealing. I have started wearing a patch on the back of my clothing with 'Ask me where the Rapunzel Room is' as I am walking around university. This tactic has proven to be very successful with many ANU women asking me about the Rapunzel Room and even requesting tours. Over the course of three days I have given 30 personal tours of the Rapunzel Room as a result of the patch. I intend to wear the patch as much as possible throughout the academic year.

## **Orientation Week**

The ANU Women's Collective had an enormous O Week planned, hosting three separate events as well as running a stall on market day and hosting an hour of radio on WHAM. The ANU Women's Collective would like to acknowledge the monumentus efforts made by the 2012 O Week organising committe and thanks ANUSA for producing such a wonderful week for ANU Students.

# **Collective Candlelight**

To mark the end of 'The Summer of Respect', a summer long anti-sexual violence campaign initiative from the ACT Women Services Network, the ANU Women's Collective will be hosting a candlelight vigil to acknowledge survivors of sexual assault and promote a culture of respect to said survivors. The event will entail running a gourmet BBQ, a speech on the campaign and the effects of rape culture on survivors on sexual assualt and finishing with a silent candlelit walk from Union Court to Fellows Oval.

#### Reference H

## **Queer\* Officer's Report**

Penny Rumble

## Our O-Week events

O-Week went really well this year, with really high turn-out at all our events – we did the traditional Champagne Breakfast, Vicki Perin ran Speed Dating (this is the second year it's been genderfree) (also major props to Alex Bell-Rowe for helping so much), and I ran a Queery discussion group on coming out/being queer at uni. Having a full schedule was intense but went very well with help from the O-Week directors and from Fee. Thanks guys!

# New officers coming soon

Right now I (Penny Rumble) am temporary officer until our next meeting – this Thursday 4pm in the Queer Space (it might be moved to another room if we have too many people). At that point a new officer will be elected. A Deputy Officer will be elected at the meeting after that – week 3.

#### Ally

The first training session is scheduled for the 8th of March – I heard on the grapevine that it's full, but there will be several more sessions. Email ally@anu.edu.au for more information.

#### **Policy stuff**

Late last year the Access and Equity Committee agreed to follow up a few suggestions for making the ANU more queer-friendly – the first meeting of the working group was in late January. Right now the group consists of me, the Dean of Students, the head of Human Resources, another person from Human Resources, and someone from the Vice Chancellor's office. If it's okay with the next Queer Officer, I'll continue to be on that group. The next meeting will be in a couple of months.

## The Queer Space

There was a massive amount of work done in and around the space – according to the plumbers, the pipes in the old buildings on campus (particularly the arts end) are all a good couple of decades overdue for replacement.

All summer we've been talking with Duncan from Facilities and Services in order to get everything replaced – right now we've got new carpet, fridge, sink, and kitchen gear all courtesy of F&S, so the space has been open again.

For about six months we've also been talking to the other end of F&S about moving to a better location, hopefully we'll be able to do that in second semester.

# Library

Though we've had a bookshelf for a long time, unfortunately people tend to forget to bring stuff back. Thanks to the hard work of collective superstar Emma Eriksen, we now have a lockable cabinet for our books and DVDs. From now on we'll probably unlock and loan out stuff at a set time each week.

We've started stocking up on the classics at the moment – we'll probably focus on getting books which aren't in the ANU collection.

# Spending this year:

Costco trip for champagne breakfast: 103.84 Woolies trip for champagne breakfast: 16.40

Costco trip for fitting out QS: 171.89 Big W trip for fitting out QS: 196.07

Replacing all cleaning gear and getting Tim Tams for queery: 41.24

Bookcase: 249.00

Extra hardware to make bookcase lockable: 26.18

Payment to collective member for clothes ruined in plumbing disaster (paid for by F&S): \$178

Queery food: \$9.75

Breakfast champagne: \$18.80

IGA trip for champagne breakfast: 12.75

# Library:

Maurice - 9.00

Angels in America, Priscilla, But I'm a cheerleader and keyboard/mouse: 45.97

The line of beauty - 11.00 Killing Darcy - 25.27 Lighthousekeeping - 3.94 Hide and seek – 15.90

Total: 1177.16 (\$768 of which was from F&S)

# Reference I

# **International Students' Officer Report**

# Raymond Tan

The International Students' Department(ISD) has engaged on a few key items:

- 1. Assist in planning and execution of Orientation Week 2012 together with International Student Services (ISS) and ANUSA.
- 2. Devising ways to promote integration among international and domestic students

# **Orientation Week 2012**

For the orientation week 2012, the ISD has taken a different approach in planning its events. We decided to align ourselves more to ANUSA's goals, instead of operating independently and without having coherence to the overall O-Week theme. For this purpose, we supported and successfully collaborated with the ISS in integrating the International O-Week (usually held one week before the normal O-Week) with the original Orientation Week in a bid to promote more cultural integration and streamline allocation of resources.

The approach has worked well so far, as there has not been much clash or conflicts that arise from such "condensed" orientation week. If anything, it has proved to be more efficient, as we are able to help ANUSA promote some of its events to ANU International Students, and we are also grateful that ANUSA and ISS helped promoted some of our events.

With such streamlining we have been able to maintain self-sufficiency financially from ANUSA and GAC. Instead of charging for every event like the previous years, we have been able to provide students with events free-or-charge this year courtesy of a slew of sponsorships from external businesses.

We feel that the impact on cultural integration and international students' involvement has improved greatly this year, thanks to a streamlined orientation week and the great variety of events that are suitable for international students to join. There are also several things that ISD focused on extensively this time. Firstly is to have more inclusive events such as the Amazing Race where every student can join. This year the signups have improved almost 140% over last year and it's encouraging to see the involvement of both international students as well as domestic students improve.

The other change we have implemented will be a change in approach, which is an emphasis on building rapport with international students and domestic students alike. Such approach can be seen in our full-force engagement during International Student Orientation events in Manning Clark Center Foyer and Union Court. Our reps have taken the effort to talk to new students, introducing them about ANUSA and ISD and how they can benefit from being more involved.

# <u>Devising ways to promote integration among international and domestic students.</u>

During summer we have also come out with plans to help further ANUSA's cause for the international students. Like in orientation week, we have pledged to align our objectives to be consistent with ANUSA. So this year we plan to increase the number of ISD-ANUSA cross-collaboration events.

A few events that are currently in discussion are

- Harmony Day, which is a celebration of the indigenous culture in Australia which we would like to inform the international students about
- Sports Carnival, an international sporting event open to every student
- International Ball, a ball that is aimed at promoting cultural harmony.

That being said, we are not just promoting more international students involvement through events. We have committed to encourage more international students to attend Student Representative Council (SRC) meetings if there is any. The measure is to make more international students be aware about the issues in debate, and to emphasize on the importance of knowing these issues so that should their voices need to be heard, at least they have a base to form an argument on. ISD will send two reps for that purpose and we hope that such gradual measures will slowly reduce the general apathy of international students towards policy issues.

# Reference J

# **Disabilities Officer Report**

Chris Karas

The beginning of the year has seen some fantastic results of the disabilities department on campus – with significant improvements in the overall situation for students with disabilities.

Over the last couple of month I have re-established and reinvigorated the relationship between ANUSA and the DSU. I have access to their mailing list, and regular contact with their members.

Ties have also been formed with the AS support group, who are doing some fantastic things for students with Asperger's on campus. ANU has accepted at least 10 new AS enrolments this year, and Paul's support group will form a vital part in my capacity to engage these students and ensure that they are having a fair and fun time at university

The disability brunch held during O-week was a huge success. We had nearly 20 members of the department sign up to be involved with the collective. The establishment of a functioning and professional collective has been my top priority in the past few weeks, and signs are looking positive that it will be formally established in the next few weeks.

There was a very unfortunate event that occurred during o week, however, which related to the radio show that the collective was meant to take part in, which was cut short by more than half. Currently the collective is seeking advice about how to proceed with this incident, but signs point to a letter of formal complaint to both ANUSA and Woroni Newspaper seeking formal apology.

Nothing more to report. 2012 looks like it will be the year for students with disabilities to finally show some strength!

## Reference J

# **General Representative Reports**

a) Kai Kamada-Laws

Last AGM was elected President of the Food Co-opHired 3 ANU students as new coordinators for the lunch service allowing us to expand lunch service. Helped organise joint trip for ANU Environment Collective, ReconciliACT and SEAN around Hunter Valley for CSG and coal mining. The move to the new venue was delayed over a week.

Lease conditions stipulated that while there was no rent to be paid, there would be strata fees totalling \$18 000 p.a. (much more than current profits) Move occurred, opening was meant to be on the  $7^{\rm th}$ , was delayed to the  $9^{\rm th}$  due to unfinished construction work.

Produced zine in conjunction with the Food Co-op and ANU Environment Collective offering recipes, discount on membership and purchase for ANU students and stories. Over 2000 copies were distributed in O'Week Showbags.

## 0-Week

Acoustic Soup: 60 people were expected, 200 attended, new soup had to be made on the spot, 4/5 bands made up of ANU students played.

Free Lunch: over 400 attended and all were served

Collective Clothes – Swap: around 40 people attended, four bags of leftover clothes were given to clothing bins

Will be working on:

- "Riots and referendum" forum with ReconciliACT and members of academic and local community.
- Cheap Living Guide for students with Tara
- "Women Talking Reconciliation" lecture series, hopefully with support from Indigenous Collective and Women's Collective
- Streamlining Vegie/Grain boxes for Halls
- Unilodge Vegie Garden access with Matt Wilkinson
- Opening of Café at Co-op with assistance from the Lonsdale Street Roasters
- School of Art students painting the co-op space
- Will get in contact with School of Curatorship to invite use of Co-op as a gallery space
- Developing links with groups and collectives so Co-op space is utilised for events
- Increasing volunteer numbers

# b) Sasha Silberstein

I've been in touch with Katrina from ANU Volunteers with respect to running Volunteer Week in week 8 or 9, being the ANUSA rep in putting it all together. Katrina has a pretty great schedule put together, but we're just waiting for the ANUSA budget to go through so we know how much funding there is to work with. I also plan on helping Women's Officer Renee on issues such as campus safety.

# c) Jeff Sun

- Helping regional and international students settling into ANU while providing social and academic support. Working with groups and programs such as ISD, SIGN mentors, ANU Regional Partnership Program. etc. to bring positive impacts on the regional and international students learning experience.
- Help out at the Second-hand bookshop.
- Work on bringing more bubblers around the ANU campus, make it more convenient for everyone to get a drink.
  - Plus helping out with other projects when needed:)

# d) AJ

2012 looks like it will start off with a resounding success after such a fantastic O-Week! As O Week Director, I really enjoyed working with Phoebe, Alex, Rashid and Cam, as well as everyone on the Exec and all of the volunteers to put together what I believe was the best O Week yet. Not only did we get fantastic turnout to almost all events (even with the weather!), they were also very well run with only a few hiccups that we're swiftly dealt with as they occurred. Ticket sales far exceeded expectations for both the bar tour and the Friday night party, which was partly due to the new online ticketing system, but also the hard work of Alice, Tara, Dallas and others on the ticket desk throughout the week.

We trialled a number of new events this year, many of which proved very popular, including Slab of the Century and the Video Games Night. Others, such as Karaoke and Tai Chi did not experience the best turn out, however timing and competition with other well-established events such as Burgmann Toga were key factors.

This year I am hoping to draw upon the lessons I have learnt over summer through joining the social committee and other initiatives, with a high focus on student engagement and accessibility of ANUSA. I am also keen to get the cheap living guide up and running now that O Week is over,

making student welfare and advocacy a priority.

All in all, a great week leading up to what promises to be a great year!

e) Michael Pettersson

This year I'm hoping to get involved in some committees and working groups. I am also looking forward to cooking lots of free sausages in the universal lunch hour. I've been quite busy over the holidays so I've missed a lot of opportunities to get some hands on work done for ANUSA already, but now that uni is back I hope I can finally take advantage of those opportunities.

#### Reference K

## 2011 ANUSA Annual Survey

#### Ben McMullin

7 February 2012

# **The Survey**

The ANU Students' Association (ANUSA) conducted the 2011 ANUSA Annual Survey of Undergraduate Students during July and August 2011. A total of 930 responses were received, which is a 10% response rate. From the survey, ANU Statistical Services compiled a report, which will be summarised below with a list of Recommended Action Points following. A copy of the complete report is available on the ANUSA website (anusa.anu.edu.au).

# **Summary**

#### **Teaching and Learning**

Almost half of respondents reported they undertake over 20 hours of study per week.

Two-thirds of students agree that assessment should be anonymously marked, whilst 11% disagree with this.

# **Employment Situation and Income**

70% of students indicated hours of paid work per week. That is, 22% less than 8 hours, 22% between 8-13 hours, 14% between 14-20 hours and 9% more than 20 hours.

25% of respondents believe that their work has negatively impacted their studies (through reduced course load, withdrawal from a course, or failing a course)

Almost half of respondents report having difficulty in paying upfront costs associated with attending university.

#### **ANUSA**

94% of respondents reported that they are aware of ANUSA, more than three quarters of respondents reported that they know where the ANUSA offices are. Almost two-thirds of respondents believe that ANUSA does a good job reporting student interests.

# **On-Campus Accommodation**

90% of respondents who live or lived on campus rated living on campus as important to their university experience. For domestic students, that figure was 89%, for international students the figure was 92%.

93% of respondents agreed that halls and colleges have strong community atmospheres whereas only 51% of unilodge respondents agreed to this statement. (85% of all respondent groups rated the importance of a college community atmosphere highly)

# **Off-Campus Accommodation**

Less than half of respondents rated interactions with University Accommodation Services as good, very good or excellent, others rated it as poor or adequate (20% & 33%, respectively).

A quarter of students receive rental support from the government (through rent assistance).

30% receive parental rental support.

# **Actions arising from survey results**

Issues raised in survey	Recommended action	Who is responsible
1. 54% of respondents receive less than \$200 income per week      2. Students request more on-	Provide more information about available financial resources for students (centrelink, scholarships, bursaries, etc.)  Development of Pauline	Registrar, Student Services, ANUSA  Facilities and services
campus facilities (study, relaxation spaces, outdoor areas, parking)	Griffin Building as a student hub is in planning stage	division.
3. Students require more effective advertising of events.	Continued lobbying of the university for access to undergraduate mailing list. Promoting events through social media, facebook, youtube, twitter, etc.	ANUSA representatives
4. 21% of students were aware of the SSAF legislation. Almost half of students were in favour of the extra fee.	Increase of ANUSA engagement in the debate around possible legislation.	ANUSA
5. Respondents want a more visible, transparent, inclusive and involved association	Continue to grow our social networking capabilities and to start using a broader range of media through the ANU and the ether.	ANUSA
6. Students would like more social events and free food days.	Continue to make the events that the social officer has planned well advertised so that the number of events we support / organise are well attended so that people won't miss out on free food and fun	ANUSA

	times.	
7. Students spoke of getting an ANU swimming pool and more parking.	Lobby local government to allow a pool to be built in the ANU.	ANU Facilities and Services, ANUSA
8. Students want to see more environmental initiatives.	Continue to work with a broad range of institutions on initiatives and new projects to continue to make ANU more green.	ANU Green, EC,
9. Only a 10% response rate to the survey.	Continue to work with registrar to improve our newsletter circulation and keep people abreast of new surveys and questionnaires we send out	ANUSA, Registrar
10. In unilodge only half of residential respondents suggested that there was a strong collegiate community (compared to 87% at halls and colleges)	Continue to work with Residential Campus Communities and Unilodge to grow the sense of community inside unilodge. Various initiatives of making each and every resident feel great about unilodge.	Residential and Campus Communities, ANUSA, UniLodge, University Accommodation Services
11. Less than half of off campus respondents rated the University Accommodation Services product as good, very good or excellent. 53% rated it as poor or adequate.	Work with the UAS to improve the accessibility and transparency of the accommodation process and ways to improve relations with off-campus students.	UAS, ANUSA, Residential and Campus Communities
12. Only a quarter of respondents receive rental support from the government	Through NUS and other advocacy groups, lobby the government to continue to augment youth allowance regulations	ANUSA, NUS
13. Only 39% of respondents who challenged a grade rated the process as adequate.	Make the process more transparent and more readily accessed. A link from ISIS that is clear would aid this.	Academic Colleges
14. Students require higher printing quotas to be able to print out reading bricks.	a) Increase print quota allowance b)Allow for print quota transfer	DOI

If there are any further questions please feel free to contact Fleur Hawes, President, ANU Students Association or Ben McMullin, General Representative, ANU Students Association.