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MINUTES- STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2 2012

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012

5pm, ANUSA Boardroom

**Attendance List:**

Executive

Dallas Proctor– President of the Association  
Alice McAvoyn– Vice-President of the Association  
Tara Mulholland– General Secretary of the Association  
Phoebe Malcolm– Social Officer of the Association  
Tom Barrington-Smith – Education Officer of the Association

Department Officers

Stuart Ferrie – Queer\* Officer of the Association  
Raymond Tan– International Officer of the Association  
Becca Randall (Proxy)– Disabilities Officer of the Association  
Peta Olesen- Environment Officer of the Association  
Renee Jones- Women’s Officer of the Associati

Faculty Representatives

Yasmin Masri  
Roseanna Bricknell  
Alison French  
Justin Steele  
Morgan Wood  
Vaibhav Sagar  
Matthew Birtwistle

Ordinary Members:

Galvin Chia  
Thomas Watson  
Cam Wilson  
Nina Dalton  
Harry Wall

General Representatives

Charmaine Yong– General Representative  
Alex Clarke– General Representative  
Lillian Ward– General Representative  
Jeff Sun– General Representative  
Thomas Nock– General Representative  
Ryan Turner– General Representative  
Ben McMullin– General Representative  
Samantha Teong– General Representative  
Kai Kamada-Laws – General Representative  
Sasha Silberstein– General Representative  
Simone Proctor– General Representative  
Sung Ken Yang – General Representative

## Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting opened at 5:05pm

Apologies received from Christopher Karas, Jack Hobbs, Tom Brazier, Vaibhav Sagar, Matthew Birtwistle, Mel McLeod, Maea Lenei Buhre.

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 1 2012 be accepted.

**Moved:** Alice McAvoy

**Seconded:** Justin Steele

**Motion passed**

## Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising

### 3.1 Executive Reports

#### 3.1.1 Presidents' Report (D. Proctor) [Reference A]

- Alice McAvoy: a vote of thanks to all the faculty reps for their hard work on the Faculty Camps.
- Student space job is almost finalised
- Exciting news from the registrar- opt in system for the ANUSA mailing list has received 7500 respondents, we are only missing 1,500 undergraduate students.
- We will begin sending fortnightly HTML newsletters to all students on this list

*No Questions*

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

**Moved:** Justin Steele

**Seconded:** Roseanna Bricknell

**Motion: passed**

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

- Thomas Barrington-Smith: most of the stuff crossed over with stuff I was doing as education officer.

*No Questions*

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

**Moved:** Lilly Ward

**Seconded:** Phoebe Malcolm

**Motion passed.**

*Chair passed to Phoebe Malcolm*

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

- Dallas is the new ANUSA President and we are having a Treasurer election tonight
- All information on AGM, Budget and constitutional amendments on website and something about Gen reps projects

*No Questions*

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

**Moved:** Justin Steele

**Seconded:** Sasha Silberstein

**Motion passed**

*Chair returned to Tara Mulholland*

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

*No Questions*

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

**Moved:** Justin Steele

**Seconded:** Roseanna Bricknell

**Motion passed**

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

- Universal Lunch hour went well
- Education committee meeting

*Questions*

- **Galvin Chia:** What is going on with education committee?
  - **Thomas Barrington-Smith:** SSAF, we had a poster board which students wrote down where they would like to see the funding. We've also been working on the Fair Fares committee and Textbooks on HECS- about compulsory education costs.
- **Ryan Turner:** How is the campaign feeding into our negotiations about SSAF?
  - **Thomas Barrington-Smith:** In my role as Education Officer I made a response to the SSAF contracts that they have sent out to us. I've mostly been working to build up awareness and consensus about where it should be allocated.
- **Ryan Turner:** The Campus Crime Stoppers campaign is more about auxiliary course costs like compulsory field trips. The campaign isn't designed to put stuff on HECS specifically.
  - **Thomas Barrington-Smith:** Textbooks are the most tangible example it does cover lab coats, workshop costs and so on.

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

**Mover:** Justin Steele

**Seconded:** Roseanna Bricknell

**Motion passed**

### 3.1.5 Social Officer's Report (P. Malcolm) [Reference F]

- Take O-week as read because it is really long.
- Thank you to the O-week directors
- Try to get the position of O-week director and Bush-Week director constitutionalised
- Apologise to the disabilities department for what happened with Woroni Radio
- We have a \$1205.85 surplus from O-week

#### *Questions*

- **Ryan Turner:** Where is the O-week surplus being spent?
  - **Phoebe Malcolm:** It's going into the big pool of money.
  - **Dallas Proctor:** I think we'll spend the surplus on stuff that SSAF can't be spent on.

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

**Moved:** Morgan Wood

**Seconded:** Tom Barrington-Smith

**Motion passed**

## **3.2 Department Reports**

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

- The only thing to add is that we started a website [anuwomensdepartment.com](http://anuwomensdepartment.com)
- We are tailoring the NUS safety campaign to ANU

#### *Questions*

- **Lilly Ward:** Is the Canberra Rape Crisis training finalised?
  - **Renee Jones:** We are trying to get all Women's Officers trained and I would encourage ANUSA reps to get it done as well.
- **Roseanna Bricknell:** Approach the women's officers of the colleges.
- **Ryan Turner:** What happened to the safety on campus campaign?
  - **Renee Jones:** I wasn't on that working group. Alice has been trying to track down all of that.
  - **Alice McAvoy:** Leah and Raveena have got the files. Please contact them.

**MOTION:** That the Women's Department Report be accepted

**Mover:** Lilly Ward

**Seconded:** Justin Steele

**Motion passed**

### 3.2.3 Queer\* Department Report (S. Ferrie) [Reference H]

**MOTION:** That Stuart Ferrie's election to the position of Queer\* Officer be ratified by the SRC.

**Moved:** Justin Steele

**Seconded:** Ryan Turner

**Motion passed**

- The Mardi Gras universal lunch hour turned out well
- Pride Week is coming up

**MOTION:** That the Queer\* Department Report be accepted  
**Moved:** Justin Steele  
**Seconded:** Alice McAvoy  
**Motion Passed**

### 3.2.2 Environment Officers Report

**MOTION:** That Peta Olesen's election to the position of Environment Officer be ratified by the SRC.  
**Moved:** Kai Kamada Laws  
**Seconded:** Stuart Ferrie  
**Motion passed**

- We had over 100 sign ups in O-week
- We have great plans for the future, Bottle Free Campus modelled off the UC campaign. We plan to work with ANUSA and ANU Green.

#### *Questions*

- **Ryan Turner:** When the bottled water campaign was implemented at UC the Student's Association started selling 'bottled not water'. How are we going to stop this from happening?
  - **Peta Olesen:** we are lucky to have a model to work off but we are hoping to try and learn from the mistakes at UC.

**MOTION:** That the Environment Officer's Report be accepted  
**Moved:** Justin Steele  
**Seconded:** Lilly Ward  
**Motion: passed**

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

- I did not send a report – I apologise for that.
- We had a good O-Week
- Harmony Day Universal Lunch Hour – aimed at raising awareness, it was well attended.
- We're working on International Ball right now
- Counselling centre session – attended by ISD – spoke about how international students settled in.

#### *No Questions*

**MOTION:** That the International Students' Department Report be accepted.  
**Mover:** Tom Barrington Smith  
**Seconded:** Alexander Clarke  
**Motion passed**

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

- Taken as read
- Student Space accessibility report
- Collective reestablishment going well
- Want to do a debate about national disability insurance scheme

#### *No Questions*

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

**Moved:** Justin Steele  
**Seconded:** Tom Barrington Smith  
**Motion passed**  
**Abstentions:** Ryan Turner

3.2.6 Indigenous Students' Department (I. Morphy-Walsh) [Reference ]]  
*Isobel is not present*

### 3.3 Grants and Affiliations Committee Report

Phoebe: Take it as read

**MOTION:** That the Grants and Affiliations Report be accepted.  
**Moved:** Sasha Silberstein  
**Seconded:** Alice McAvoy  
**Motion passed**

### 3.4 General Representative Reports

**Alexander Clarke:** I tend to agree with AJ's report about an ANUSA crisis plan I found out about Fleur's resignation on facebook.

**Alice McAvoy:** There was some leeway in the wording of the document that Fleur received so we were only sure of Fleur's exclusion at the end of Tuesday. Fleur very strongly felt that she wanted you to hear it from her first.

## **Item 4: Elections**

### 4.1 Election of Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer

Returning Officer: Cam Wilson  
Deputy Returning Officer: Harry Wall

### 4.2 Election of ANUSA Treasurer

There were two nominations- Rashid Kazak and Thomas Watson.

*They both gave speeches and answered questions from the SRC.*

### 4.3 Election of Publications Officer

**Tara Mulholland:** Congratulations to Galvin Chia who was the only nomination for Publications Officer

**Galvin Chia:** I was Faculty Rep with Fleur, one of the ideas our ANUSA had was an email newsletter. Currently we have over 7500 email addresses, so this newsletter will be going out to students next term.

## Item 5: Discussion Items

### 5.1 Food Co-op Funding (Kai-Kamada Laws) [Reference L]

**Kai Kamada- Laws:** Food Co-op has expanded the lunch service this year. Last year was pretty successful, there was a real need to start catering to the lack of nutritious portable food on campus.

We had 4 people, we've hired 3 co-ordinators to do that, it has also increased the cost of outoperation

What I'm proposing is that ANUSA put some money towards the lunch service, we have a wash your own plate policy. There is high congestion. We do need to spend a lot of money on a new oven and a dishwasher.

Unless we do get more support we're not sure if we can keep running the lunch service and events.

#### *Questions*

- **Ben McMullin:** is this part of a long term strategic vision.
  - **Kai Kamada-Laws:** It would be a specific one off kind of thing,
- **Ryan Turner:** Why didn't this go through GAC?
  - Alice McAvoy: It's not a club or society, GAC has a special purpose fund.
- **Ryan Turner:** If you are successful, who will the funding go to?
  - **Kai Kamada-Laws:** the food co-op is a cooperative, we would be spending the money specifically on lunches.
- **Ryan Turner:** who has the say over how it's spent?
  - **Kai Kamada-Laws:** management committee made up of 7 people, we make decision as to how money is spent by consensus decision making. We do run on grants a lot of the time.
- **Ryan Turner:** In terms of paying volunteers do you have workers compensation insurance.
  - **Lilly Ward:** I think that they do as I'm an employee, this year there was a lot of health and safety regulations. Have to clarify with Deb and Brendan.
- **Ryan Turner:** what kind of entity are you?
  - **Kai Kamada-Laws:** An incorporated cooperative
- Alice McAvoy: Three requests- dishwasher and kitchen equipment, also the inclusion of wages. Are you relying on one off payments? Will the grant help the sustainability of the grant?
  - **Kai Kamada-Laws:**We think that the lunch service is self sufficient.
- **Dallas Proctor:** I'm wary about the idea of subsidising food. I would be more inclined to give a grant for a specific thing, to buy a dishwasher. It needs its own full budget that prices in all the extra costs.
- **Ryan Turner:** I think that we should make a recommendation but then put the funds through GAC.

**Motion:** That ANUSA supports Food Co-op \$4 lunches and will investigate further into the sustainability of it practices. We wish for GAC to acknowledge our support

**Moved:** Alice McAvoy

**Seconded:** Ben McMullin

**Motion passed**

## Item 6: Other Business

### 6.1 Welfare Fund

**Motion:** That the ANUSA welfare fund increase its maximum amount available from \$200 to \$500.

**Moved:** Tom Barrington-Smith

**Seconded:** Phoebe Malcolm

Motion passed

**Tom Barrington-Smith:** The current money isn't enough, \$500 will be a more appropriate amount. Fund is more accountable, it gets 15 approvals a year and each one of those was maxed out.

#### *Questions*

**Galvin Chia:** How big is the fund?

**Tom Barrington-Smith:** about \$30,000.

### 6.2 Returning Officer's Report

**Cameron Wilson:** Rashid Kazak was elected as treasurer

### 6.3 SSAF

**Dallas Proctor:** Tom drafted an incredibly comprehensive letter. The uni sent a contract, with lots of extensive reporting mechanisms that weren't relevant. Tom drafted this letter that addressed 18 of the 35 points in the letter. We took that to Liz Deane, she was quiet scared.

We're trying to push an alternative reading of the act. The VC is going to get a proper lawyer to decide what the act means. He has offered us a \$50,000 advance and we won't have to report on the SSAF criteria until later on.

#### *Questions*

- **Rashid Kazak:** What's the duration of the contract, it's 3 years but we have asked for it to be one. Are you concerned that they'll have to go through it all again?
  - **Tom Barrington-Smith:** This is the first year, we are quite keen to set a precedent.
- **Ryan Turner:** I don't understand why we would only want a one year contract.
  - **Dallas Proctor:** In the short term our concern was that those representation guidelines will be passed through parliament which stands to benefit us.
- **Ryan Turner:** In terms of the actual funding what efforts are occurring that the university will pull out of things that they are already funding. e.g ANU Commencement, ANU Medical Centre.
  - **Dallas Proctor:** at the moment we're focused on our own campaign as next year international students are paying.
- **Ryan Turner:** Is the oval maintenance coming from students?
  - **Dallas Proctor:** They've made a list of buildings, what's the total replacement costs, what's 2.9% of this.
  - **Phoebe Malcolm:** It's a reflection of what sport and rec wants
- **Rashid Kazak:** What is your money target?
  - **Alice McAvoy:** The biggest problem is the student finance committee, we need more people on the committee. Rather than the money. It's going to be



a 2 stage plan-

1. How we are going to report to the money
2. How it's going to work next year.

- **Galvin Chia:** What's the current student allocation? How does that square with the VC's comment that 100% of money would go to student groups?
  - **Dallas Proctor:** They have reneged on that but we've got more money than all the other bodies combined.
- **Ryan Turner:** There is an absence of long term investments in the budget, when it comes to negotiating the only thing we have is 8000 undergraduates.
  - **Dallas Proctor:** We need to start coming up with strategic priorities of projects to go into negotiations for next year. We need new ideas
  - **Thomas Barrington-Smith:** One of the ideas was ANUSA taking over administration of the art centre.
  - **Galvin Chia:** It ties in with the exec review and the need for a strategic plan
  - **Ryan Turner:** A strategic plan is really important, we suffer from the fact that we don't have a long term strategy.

#### 6.4 Housing Review

**Galvin Chia:** We went to all the Hall's and Colleges and asked them about pastoral care and funding. We also spoke about the inequities of the tariff hikes. The information collection was discussion based  
Shan and I did the editing and compiling, it's about 40 pages.

#### *Questions*

- **Renee Jones:** Was there any questions about sexual assault?
  - **Galvin Chia:** There wasn't one about sexual assault per se but there was some findings about the importance of the sexuality portfolio.
- **Renee Jones:** How many people attended?
  - **Galvin Chia:** Lowest was 4 at Davey Lodge, highest was at Warrumbul Lodge with 40.

#### 6.5 Academic Appeals

**Ryan Turner:** it's not acceptable that students can be excluded simply because they fail courses.

**Dallas Proctor:** This can be taken to Access and Equity Committee

#### **Item 7: Date of next meeting and close**

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April (Week 8) in the ANUSA Board Room at 6pm. Close of submission for agenda items will be close of business Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Meeting Closed 7:03pm

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT (ACTING)**

Alice McAvoy

**Vote of thanks**

I would like to send a vote of thanks on behalf of ANUSA to Fleur Hawes.

She has achieved so much for ANUSA already in just 3 months, and has left us in good stead to continue throughout this year.

Thanks to Fleur for her tremendous work on a large number of student issues. A really inspiring student advocate to work with, she will be missed at ANUSA.

**First Year Camps**

All of our first year camps have now happened and were a resounding success. Over 200 first years attended the camp. A range of social and informative activities were run. Feedback is being currently compiled and will be brought to CRC.

This is tribute to the hard work that has been done from October, throughout the summer break, etc. I want to thank the reps who ran the camps and congratulate them on a fantastic addition to the first year experience. I would

I will be meeting with Morgan Wood and Vaibhav Sagar (CECS Rep) to organise a similar event for first years on Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

At CRC, it was raised that the fac reps should also hold an outreach event for later year students. I would welcome suggestions for these events.

**Student Space**

Applications have now opened for the student space assistants. The job criteria will be modified slightly to include other ANUSA related tasks (helping with the website, designing posters, etc.).

Applications were delayed whilst we negotiated an exception to the current payment agreement with the NTEU. I can talk to the outcome of this final meeting, as it will be held after this report has been submitted.

**Provisional Timetable:**

Fri 2pm- NTEU Negotiations (this is the earliest they can do - contacted them on Tuesday)

Mon- We alter information accordingly and post it round

Tues 12pm- Applications close. Committee meets and shortlist the applicants

Tues 1pm- We send out offers to shortlisted applicants and ask for interview times

Tues/Wed- Interviews (these will need to be done by myself/Tom, Tara, Eleanor and an external party). All conflicts of interest will need to be disclosed.

Thurs- Contact successful applicants

As you know, we have been staffing the space up to this point. I would like to thank the following people who generously volunteered their time to keep the space open 9-5 Mon-Fri for the last three weeks:

Tom Brazier, Maea Buhre, Alex Clark, Dallas Proctor, Danni Day, Emma Eriksen, Stuart Ferrie, Fleur Hawes, Renee Jones, Chris Karas, Amanda Joyce, Phoebe Malcolm, Mel McLeod, Ben McMullin, Tara Mulholland, Peta Olesen, Sascha Silberstein, Justin Steele, Jeff Sun, Ryan Turner and Charmaine Yong.

## **Committees**

Division of Information

I have asked DOI to conduct an audit of the wireless in both Union Court and Brian Kenyon Student Space and to improve it as soon as possible.

Issues surrounding tutorial enrolment were also raised.

Printing quotas were discussed. I demanded a full costing to justify the increase. They are compiling this at present.

## **Appeals**

Am working on a number of student appeals:

- Honours
- Scholarships
- Exam failures
- Academic probation

Tom Barrington Smith has taken over my student appeal duties until the next President is elected.

## **Mental Health Committee**

This committee met two weeks ago, and consists of reps from various different student bodies. Our next meeting is at 10am this Friday. The mental health event will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> next term.

## **Universal Lunch Hour: International Womens' Day and Mardi Gras**

Congratulations to Renee Jones, Emily Criticos and Ben Purser for organising fantastic Universal Lunch Hours in the last fortnight. Despite the rain, the events received a lot of positive feedback which I would like to formally pass on.

Next week's universal lunch hour: Harmony Day.

## **SSAF**

I will speak to this during the SSAF item on the agenda.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (ACTING)**

Thomas Barrington-Smith

I have been acting vice-president in accordance with the constitution. I have been pretty busy with Education Officer's stuff. However have dealt with one appeal, and increased my workload, and everyone has been working a bit harder to try to help even the load and I would like to thank everyone for that.

## GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Tara Mulholland

### **Presidential Election**

When I found out about Fleur's resignation I met with Jan O'Connor the Head of the Governance in the Chancelry to discuss the process of electing a new ANUSA President. Constitutionally I had to call for nominations within two days and inform Alice that she was Acting President and Tom that he was Acting Vice President. The ACT Election Office was contacted to conduct the election, if the position is contested this will cost around \$2000. As the vacancy occurred before the first of June it means that a full election held in accordance with the ANUSA Constitution and Regulations had to take place. Bellow I have outlined the timeline of the election:

1. Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March Call for nomination signs were placed on the ANUSA doors, the Union Court notice board, the Union Notice Board and in the Faculty Offices of all colleges as well as at the Tjabal Centre and the Music and Art School. The forms were made available in the ANUSA office, on the ANUSA website and the ANU Website
2. Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March- Nominations could be submitted to the Chancelry
3. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March- Nominations close
4. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March-Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March- Voting occurs in the ANU Union Building

### **Election of Treasurer**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of March Dallas Proctor handed in his resignation from the position of ANUSA Treasurer. According to the constitution this meant that an election had to be held at an SRC within 7 academic days of the resignation. I amended the SRC Notice signs to include information of this election.

### **Election Reform**

I have held one election reform meeting and I feel like I have gained a lot of information from going through the by-election process for President. Jan O'Connor informed me that the Chancelry will not be involved in ANUSA elections this year, which will make our election regulations even more important. I will be holding another meeting next Tuesday at 4:00pm. I will also be holding consultations in Union Court and presenting the information at the AGM. Cam Wilson wrote a report about the election reform process that is going to be published in the next edition of Woroni. I am hoping to present the final reforms at the OGM next term.

### **Student Space Staff**

I have received a lot of interest in the student space position and I am looking forward to when it is up and running.

### **Reports**

Please send your reports to me on time so that everyone has enough time to read over them before the meeting. This ensures that we spend more time discussing issues rather than disseminating information.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Submitted by Dallas Proctor

Completed Tasks

- Signed contract for Student Space coffee machine. Will be cost neutral if coffee pods are paid for; at official ANUSA events it has been complimentary so far – each coffee costs us approx. \$1.10
- Financial reports currently being prepared for audit
- Delivered C+S training on managing finances; need to prepare template financial statements for presentation by C+S to GAC
- Went as a mentor to first year camp – was amazing (congrats to Mel, Matt, Schumann and Ali)

Key priorities

- Finalise O-Week budget
- Ensure audit process is compliant with law
- Prepare draft budget for AGM
- SSAF negotiations, report to students and long term plan
- Negotiation of utility contracts – cleaning, telecoms, gas, electricity
- ANUSA Venture Capital project with ANU Entrepreneurs to promote student enterprise on campus
- Getting proper access to financial information through MYOB

### EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Thomas Barrington-Smith

I'm very sorry to see the incredible Fleur depart us. Not only has she been extremely hard working and dedicated to students but she has made all of us want to work harder. She was absolutely invaluable and we will be working our absolute hardest to carry on the amazing work she has been doing. We cannot thank her enough.

#### **Universal Lunch Hour**

Universal Lunch Hour this week will be run by ANUSA and centre around a series of ongoing campaigns. Primarily will be the use of SSAF funds by the ANU and other universities. Merideth Hunter MLA will be coming to speak on this. SSAF will be discussed further below. Another issue raised is the National Student Concession Card, also discussed below and Caroline Le Couteur MLA will be coming to speak on this. Also raised is the new campaign concerning the ability of students' to place compulsory course costs, such as textbooks, excursions and arts materials. Local television and newspapers are expected and I will need volunteers to help with the BBQ and set up but also to help with all the campaigns which have different requirements.

SSAF will have a photo petition which we will need a photographer +1. We will also need someone to mind a board where students will write up how they want their SSAF money spent.

Fair Fares will have pre-written letters which students can sign, along with their postcode and we will send the letter to their local MP. Need people to sit and take details....easy!

Campus Crime Stoppers is in its early stages, but awareness is a large issue and we will need people to hand out flyers and inform. On Thursday a petition may be the most we can manage. But at some stage we will need to start collating examples of courses they do where the additional costs are, indeed, compulsory costs.

SSAF allocation is the single most important issue facing ANUSA this year and I urge everyone to come out and bring all your friends to support this. The more people there, the more coverage it will get, and the more pressure that will be put on the university.

Media releases were sent out today.

#### **SSAF 2 – the empire strikes back**

The ongoing saga of SSAF continues. The ANU's student organisations received a contract from the university for signing in exchange for funding. Out of 18 clauses we had about 26 objections to the conditions of the contract if this is any indication. I can't go into too much detail but basically it was completely "unsignable" and would have seriously undermined our independence and ability to perform our roles. We have sent a letter back from all the organisations in order to show a united front and have emphasised that we would prefer a simple memorandum of understanding, affirming our dedication to act responsibly. This has been the format for funding in the past and we cannot understand how this would now be insufficient.

#### **Education Committee**

Education Committee met last Wednesday and was well attended. SSAF was the primary discussion and planning for Universal Lunch Hour was the main order of the day.

In addition to this, some great ideas were thrown around about the Campus Crime Stoppers campaign and I will be talking to the ANU Co-op bookshop to talk about their support for this campaign. As for them it would drastically increase their sales as students would worry less about buying second hand or online and they would have a more concrete means of invoicing students each semester.

The next Education Committee meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March at 4pm.

### **Fair Fares Campaign**

This campaign will be raised at universal lunch hour with the abovementioned action. The Standing Council on Community, Housing and Disability services is set to convene this month to discuss the proposal but with every state actively against the idea, progress is not expected. The ACT and NT are the only non conditional supporters of the national student concession card.

### **Acting Vice-President**

Due to the events of last week, I have been the acting vice-president for the last 10 days or so. Fortunately, this has not impacted on my role as Education Officer, simply my studies. Details available in the addendum to the VP's report.....#Fleur2012 anyone???



## SOCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Phoebe Malcolm

### O-Week:

#### **Summer**

A lot of my summer was dedicated to O-Week. I worked closely with my O-Week Directors Rashid Kazak, Cam Wilson, Alex Bell-Rowe, and Amanda Neilson. I would like to thank all my lovely O-Week directors, our volunteers, as well as the ANUSA executive and staff, for all the hard work they put in.

*What went well:* Having a space we could base ourselves in, the ongoing support of the staff and the executive, as well as help from O-Week directors from years past really helped us make O-Week the best it can be. Starting to communicate with ANU Security early also played to our advantage, and helped make the development of events easy.

*Issues:* There were some early issues surrounding the time commitment of O-Week directors. Some were spending the majority of the week at ANUSA, whilst others were unavailable for the beginning of the holidays. This problem was exacerbated when I became ill with Chronic Appendicitis, which resulted in me having to spend 3 weeks in hospital. Though I tried to communicate the time I expected all O-Week directors to commit before the elections, future Social Officers may benefit from having the position constitutionalised.

#### **Week Long Events**

##### Chill-Out Area

The aim of this space was to create a permanent area where students could relax and enjoy the daytime festivities.

*What went well:* The space itself was very popular during the week. Offering free drinks, shisha and foosball also helped make it a space where students wanted to hangout. I would recommend that the space be developed for next year's O-Week.

*Issues:* Though the setup ran smoothly on the first few days, the last few days setup did not run as smoothly. I think this is because the two O-Week directors responsible for the setup were also expected to be on Woroni's radio every morning at 10am. I would recommend that future Social Officers don't schedule any directors onto the radio (they could be replaced by ANUSA executives).

#### **Monday**

##### Take-Off BBQ

*What went well:* the environment was fantastic, which I can only credit to Alex who did a great job at running this event. The photo-booth, henna-painting and RMC band were all great additions.

*Issues:* The hire-tables arrived late, which put us in a sticky situation with our sponsors. This was also an issue last year. Unfortunately there is not much that we can do about it. I am currently looking into asking for some compensation from the company for damages.

Another big issue we had on the Monday is that a number of clubs and societies were trying to set up in Union Court. This is a problem from an organisational perspective as

we had not cleared the stores with ANU Security. I would recommend that future years stress that clubs and societies can only setup a stall on Market Day. Though this may seem unfair, the O-Week committee simply does not have the resources or man power to coordinate ANUSA's 110 clubs and societies every day of the week. This is why we had a blanket rule that no clubs could setup.

#### Iron-Chef Competition

This event had a good turn out and went pretty well. Thanks to participants Fleur Hawes, Nakul Legha and Raymond Tan

*Issues:* None

#### Bollywood Dancing Lesson

This event had a lot of positive feedback, and was a great way to create a festival atmosphere in Union Court. Would recommend continuing it next year.

*Issues:* None

#### Trashy Tourist's Tiki Tour

*What went well:* Ticket sales and the structure of the event. It was a fun night and I think all guests had a great time.

*Issues:* The tour did not run as smoothly as hoped, with premature departures from Shooters as an O-week director led them out earlier than necessary. There were also some issues surrounding the same O-week director failing to lead the group from Hellenic to Mooseheads. This created a lot of confusion, with many of the participants going into the wrong floor on Mooseheads. This resulted in a loss of sponsorship money. I would recommend that in future there are more sober reps, particularly in regards to the person who has the whistle.

### **Tuesday**

#### Slab of the Century

Slab of the Century was an attempt to bring back an old competition to O-Week. It was a very popular event which generated a lot of interest.

*What went well:* It was a great event. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it produced a lot of attention. A big thank you to the executive here who stayed all night to judge the event.

*Issues:* We had an issue with an O-Week director drinking, and offering others, beer from the slab. The case that was drunk was left out of the slab as one of the bottles had broken. ANUSA was planning to pay to replace the one beer, but still gave the rest of the case away with the prize. I am not sure how this problem can be avoided in future years.

#### Video Games Night Competition

This event was part of my objective to offer non-alcoholic alternative night events. The night was well attended, and even ran overtime. I would recommend that a similar event be run again. Congratulations again to Alex who organised this event, and sponsorship with Mr Rental.

*Issues:* None

#### Snowsports Cosplay Party

*Issues:* This event had a very poor turnout, which can be attributed to lack of advertising by Snowsports. This is the fourth year that Snowsports has run this event but I am afraid that I have to recommend that next year they not be included.

## **Wednesday**

### Market Day

One of the biggest days of the week, I was very happy with how it ran. I would like to give a big thankyou to Cam Wilson for his amazing work.

*What went well:* Logistics. We had many compliments from stall holders on how smoothly the logistics ran.

*Issues:* There were some issues surrounding power, etc which had to be dealt with on the day. They were resolved in a timely fashion

### Yoga

*Issues:* This event was cancelled, as our yoga instructor did not turn up. In future I would recommend that Soul Power Yoga should not be contacted.

### Genderless Speed Dating

A fantastic event run by the Queer\* Collective. I would like to thank Penny and her team for all their hard work.

*Issues:* none

### Karaoke

We had a relatively small turnout to this event. The people who did come however, did have a great night. I think it is important to continue to offer these type of events so to cater to the greater ANU community.

*What worked well:* Most parts worked well. I think it was a nice event that was enjoyed.

*Issues:* none.

### Toga at Academy

We had a great turnout to the after-party and are very happy with its success.

*Issues:* none.

## **Thursday**

### Super Happy Fun Adventure Game Show

*What worked well:* The structure of the event was really great. I think everyone who competed had fun and it was enjoyable for the audience to watch.

*Issues:* Some of the halls and colleges who committed did not show up. In the interest in making this a university-wide event I feel that future years need to make sure that the halls and colleges commit.

### The Hamish Blake Oration

The Hamish Blake Oration saw the refectory filled with hundreds of fans (mainly women). The event was a huge success and Hamish was great.

*What worked well:* The structure of the whole evening. It was great to hold the Oration just before Mr. ANU. It meant we had a big crowd for both and created a fun environment.

*Issues:* We had some issues setting up the stage. In future we need to make sure that all O-Week directors assigned to the event help set-up the area so to avoid confusion and stress.

### Night of Naan

*What worked well:* EKTA's support during this event. We couldn't have done it without them.

*Issues:* There were some issues surrounding the cost of the food. I would suggest that in future we keep it grassroots. There is no reason why we couldn't have made the food ourselves. I feel that this was a failing on my behalf as I was not keeping a close enough eye on the O-Week director in charge of the event. I only discovered the cost of the food very close to the start of O-Week when it was too late to make other arrangements.

### Mr. ANU

A fantastic night that saw ANU's best male talent compete for the title Mr. ANU.

*What worked well:* Running the event after the Hamish Blake Oration as a fantastic idea. Will and Liv were also a great help. We wouldn't have been able to do it without them.

*Issues:* none.

### **Friday**

#### Tai Chi

A great event with a small turnout. Again, I would like to stress that these alternative events are given another shot next year as they help make a more embracing ANU community.

*Issues:* The event had to be moved inside due to the rain.

#### Full Moon Party

The big finale of the week, Full Moon Party was, for me, the best and worst night of O-Week. Despite the rain, we had a great turn out, the acts were great, everything ran pretty well.

*What worked well:* I would like to say a big thank you to the ANUSA exec, O-Week directors and volunteers for being such troopers in the rain. A special thanks also to Victor White who was a big asset on the security front. I think the new layout of the stage and the VIP area worked well and would recommend that they be used again in future years.

*Issues:* Besides the rain, our only serious issue was UniJam. They took over the green room. In addition, some of our security passes were stolen, which made us vulnerable to a security threat. In future I would recommend that all university bands be banned from the green room. There is no reason for them to be there.

### **Disabilities Collective and Woroni Radio**

On behalf of the O-Week organising committee I would like to offer a formal apology to Chris and the Disabilities Department. Though I only became aware of the incident in Week One, it is unacceptable that Chris and his team had to endure such disrespect.

### **Budget**

We made a profit during the week. I would like to thank Cam Wilson who was responsible for getting us the majority of the sponsors. For more information please see the final budget circulating during this SRC.

### **Clubs and Society's Training**

We have run three clubs and societies training modules this semester. In addition to this we ran a Clubs and Societies Networking Drinks.

The three training sessions were: Leadings a Student Organisation, Managing Meetings and Committees and Managing Budgets and Finances. All three ran very smoothly, with

attendees learning a lot about clubs and societies management. I would like to thank Tara, Dallas and Fleur for their help with the modules.

### **Social Events**

#### **Politics in the Pub**

Working with ANU Debating Society, ANUSA presented Politics in the Pub on Tuesday 28 February. Nick Xenophon and Sarah Hanson-Young spoke in what was a great evening.

#### **Clubs and Societies' Networking Drinks**

Briefly mentioned in the above section, Clubs and Societies Networking Drinks was an opportunity for leaders and clubs and societies to meet, and learn more about ANUSA and the services we offer. The night was a great success.

### **Social Committee**

The Social Committee has been established. We meet every Monday from 4pm. All welcome.

### **Universal Lunch Hour**

ANUSA has hosted a Universal Lunch Hour in week two and three. In week two Universal Lunch Hour had a Mardi Gras Theme. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Ben Purser and Emily Criticos in making the first Universal Lunch Hour a huge success.

Week Three Universal Lunch Hour was run by Renee, and the Women's Department, as part of International Women's Day. The lunch was another success despite the rain. I would like to thank Renee, and the women's collective, for making week two Universal Lunch Hour a success.

## WOMEN'S OFFICER REPORT

Renee Jones

### **Universal Lunch Hour:**

On International Women's Day, the ANU Women's Collective ran a BBQ and free cupcake stand outside of the student space during Universal Lunch Hour. We ran out of most of the food we served up, but managed to collect close to 300 signatures for the NUS Safety campaign.

### **Collective Campaign: Semester One:**

The Women's Collective has decided that it's focus for semester one will be on the NUS Safety campaign and using that to lobby the university to implement as many recommendations from the safer universities blueprint as possible.

### **Deputy Women's Officer:**

Beth Ritchie has been elected as the Deputy Women's Officer. You can contact her on 0468537527.

### **Lip fundraiser:**

The collective will be running a fundraiser for feminist magazine Lip mag. A date has not been selected as of yet, but the event will hopefully take place just before the Easter break. The event will entail food, music and poetry readings. Deputy Officer Beth Ritchie will be coordinating the event.

### **CRCC training:**

I am currently organising for Beth and myself to receive training from the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre, to increase our capabilities and skills for post sexual assault response. If anyone from ANUSA would like to join us for training please let me know as soon as possible. The date is unconfirmed, but will most likely occur on a Wednesday morning.

### **Collective Book Club:**

The collective are launching the 'Collective Book Club' this year. The first session is on 'Wetlands' by Charlotte Roche and will be taking place on April 5th from 6pm in the Rapunzel Room.

### **Increased office hours:**

For semester one I have committed to four office hours per week, rather than my constitutionally required one office hour. I am available on Tuesdays from 12-2pm in the Rapunzel Room and Thursdays from 12-2pm in the ANUSA offices. Most who utilise these hours arrange to meet me elsewhere as they do not feel comfortable in either ANUSA or the Rapunzel Room.

## QUEER\* OFFICER'S REPORT

Stuart Ferrie

### **New Officers**

I, Stuart Ferrie, was elected Queer Officer unopposed at the Queer Department meeting in week 1 and Natalie Kalachov was elected Deputy Queer Officer unopposed at the meeting in week 3. This makes me officer number five in 12 months in the Department. I do hope that we don't have as much leadership instability as we did last year.

### **Events**

In the past couple of weeks, we've run one Queery, which was quite successful on "Queers on the Internet". The smaller events have been a little mixed. Queer Coffee was fairly well attended, but Queer Beers was very poorly attended, possibly due to a mixture of an inconvenient time and poor publicity, but we'll see how these smaller, more regular events pan out in the coming weeks. We hope to see more people attend our next events and there are a number in the works for the coming weeks.

### **Ally**

Ally has had yet another hiccup with the session scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> of March being cancelled due to lack of interest only a few days before. This was after we'd been informed that the session was already booked out. This is incredibly frustrating for us as we'd been blatantly misinformed. The next session in May will hopefully run and it'd be great if Ally could finally happen.

### **Mardi Gras**

Mardi Gras turned out very well despite the fairly appalling weather. Congratulations to Emily and Ben, the Sexuality reps from B&G, for running the event.

### **Pride Week**

We've already begun discussions of Pride Week and have decided to hold it week 2 of semester 2 to keep momentum up from Bush Week. Queer Ball will be held during this time and planning has already begun.

## DISABILITES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Christopher Karas

### 1. Student Space Accessibility Report

Last year a report was commissioned by ANUSA and the DSU to evaluate accessibility issues in the Student Space. I read through this report and made a number of recommendations directly to Fleur regarding which of these options should take priority for ANUSA to fund. The full report is available to anyone who requests it, but I have included my key recommendations below:

- Recommend improved lighting options for the entrance.
- Recommend introducing a “Clutter policy” to control the use of the rear as a dumping ground for clubs and societies. If this space is to be used as storage, bins/cupboards etc should be provided to keep it neat and unintimidating.
- Recommend purchasing/sourcing of chairs for people seeking info at the desk that have appropriate backs and arm rests as well as no casters to ensure that they are not going to slip around.
- Recommend establishing guidelines for the postering area that are clearly posted on the board. Ie, large fonts, requirement that posters are dated to ensure removal of outdated posters, size restrictions (A3?). Consider lowering the board, or providing a lower board.
- Ensure emergency exit plan is available at wheelchair and smaller persons level.
- Recommend looking at installing an electronic door mechanism on the main entrance door.

This gives us a general idea of what we should be looking at to improve the student space for students with disabilities. Please remember that this is not a complete copy of my report and is intended only to give ANUSA representatives notice about potential plans. Any reps that want to get on board to help me get this improvement strategy off the ground would be welcome.

### 2. Progress for the re-establishment of the collective

The disabilities collective has been established and the first meeting will be held next week during Universal Lunch Hour. At this meeting we hope to approve the constitution, discuss naming and to decide the philosophy to be adopted by the collective.

Other agenda items include discussing our stance on the National Disability Insurance Scheme that is gathering momentum in Federal Parliament, and discussions about future events to be run by the collective. I will also retrospectively be seeking reimbursement for funds spent for our O-Week Breakfast.



3. Expenditure since last SRC

Dormant account fee since at least March 2011: \$24 (at a rate of \$2 per month).  
No expenditure to report

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### GRANTS & AFFILIATIONS REPORT

#### **Affiliated Clubs as of 08/03/2012**

New Zealand Students Society  
Computer Science Students Association  
AFEC  
Music Society  
French Collective  
Jewish Students Society  
ILS  
Hong Kong Students' Society  
FOCUS  
Fenner School Society  
Satyros  
Korean Students Society  
FUSE  
uniVibes  
United Middle East Society  
UN Students' Society  
AIESEC  
ANU Wargaming Society  
Street Performance Academy  
Science Society  
Spanish Club  
MSO  
Il Bacio Italiano  
Robogals  
Classic Students' Society  
ANU PC Gaming Society  
EKTA  
League of Godlessness  
Singapore Students' Association  
Chinese Debating Society  
Finance Society  
ANU Catholic Society

### **Grants as of 8/3**

*ANU Hong Kong Students Society* applied for \$763 for a welcome event - approved to the value of \$700.

*ANU Street Performance Academy* applied for \$140 for Welcome Social – approved for \$140.

*Street Theatre Academy* - \$100 granted for three juggling workshops (to cover the cost of buying juggling balls).

*Singapore Student's Association* - \$300 granted for welcome reception for 150 people.

*Jewish Students' Society* applied for \$157 for Welcome Event - approved for \$157.

*Queer\* Department* applied for \$2000 for library – approved for \$1000.

*League of Godlessness* requested \$180 for pizza and movie night and \$500 to fly in a speaker. Granted \$150 and \$500 respectively.

*Computer Science Student's Association* request \$81 for Installfest and \$135 for Welcome Event. Granted both \$81 and \$135.

### **GAC Minutes – 15/03/12**

**Present: Phoebe Malcolm and Nick Barry**

#### **ANUSA Boardroom**

Meeting with Economic Geology Students regarding funding for African field trip.

*Granted \$200 per person out of the Special Purpose Fund, \$3800 in total.*

*Spanish Club* requested \$100 for Trivia Night that was attended by 25 people. \$100 granted.

*Chinese Debating Society* requested \$469 for inter-college debating competition. Funding denied on basis that budget was insufficient.

*ANU UN Society* requested \$47.85 for Model UN event. \$47.85 granted.

*ANU Union for Jewish Students* made a number of applications. Emailed requesting a meeting for next week and only processing 2 applications at a time so to ensure all receipts are received. Applies for \$27.85 for batteries and \$28.90 for Market Day food. Granted \$28 due to the GAC up to 50% funding rule.

#### **The following clubs were affiliated:**

Overseas Christian Fellowship Canberra

SCUNA

Seed Project

Taiwanese Student Association

Psychology Society

IR Society

Total GAC funding spent: \$75.85

Total GAC funding remaining: \$168, 827.20

Total Special Purpose funding spent: \$3800

Total Special Purpose Funding remaining: \$35 200

## GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Amanda Joyce Neilson

Over the past few weeks I have witnessed significant changes, events and new initiatives that I believe will have a great effect upon ANUSA for the remainder of this year. Below is my summary of the time since the last SRC.

1. I commenced working with Alice, Lily, Stuart and others on Mental Health issues that are faced by ANU students, with a number of great ideas already on the table. I look forward to exploring these further with the mental health committee.
2. I have also begun to look into the possibility of moving ANUSA's elections online in 2012. I have contacted Zid from Woroni with a series of questions as to the positive and negative attributes of online elections as experienced by the current and previous Woroni editors, and expect a report back within a week or so.
3. I initially expressed interest in working with the Social Committee, and helped out with preliminary preparation for the Friday afternoon Jazz n Jugs at the ANU Art School, however due to academic commitments I have decided to withdraw from a key role in that committee, and am limiting myself to volunteering when necessary.

Finally, and as we are all aware, Fleur is no longer ANUSA President. I was notified of Fleur's resignation on Wednesday afternoon by way of a friend who had seen the Woroni article on Facebook. Shortly afterwards, I received the SRC email from Fleur, notifying us that she had resigned on Monday afternoon.

Unfortunately, the timing of these events suggested that the email had been sent out as a cursory measure in the aftermath of Woroni's article. I was astounded that a large number of the general student body knew of Fleur's resignation before many members of ANUSA. To an outsider this looks extremely unprofessional, which in light of the important issues we are dealing with this year is an image that ANUSA cannot afford to portray.

As a result of this, I would highly recommend a review of ANUSA crisis action plans if they exist (or perhaps a working group to write said plans if they don't), and if appropriate, the circumstances leading up to, and following, Fleur's resignation. This is to ensure that if anything like this happens again in the future, ANUSA is seen to handle such problems with a high degree of professionalism.

**APPLICATION FOR FUNDING: AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Kai Kamada-Laws

**Requested by: The Food Co-op**

The Food Co-op is an ANUSA affiliated not-for-profit, volunteer-run, community store specialising in natural, organic and wholefood items. The Food Co-op is the longest running food co-operative in Australia; formed in the 1970s by the ANU Nutrition Society. We sell bulk purchased, locally sourced, and unpackaged goods at a discount price to volunteers. We also run Lunches at the Food Co-op, skills-shares and workshops, and provide a space for events like Acoustic Soup, exhibitions and fundraisers.

**Project: Lunch at the Food Co-op**

Lunch at the Food Co-op is a student initiative started in March 2011 aimed at improving health and wellbeing through the provision of affordable, nutritious and environmentally responsible meals, and the creation of a community space for volunteering, socialising and gaining new skills.

Throughout the running of this service, it has been made clear that Lunches are addressing a serious lack of affordable and nutritious food options on campus. In 2011, Lunches would sell out, often with high numbers of patrons having to be turned away soon after service began. High interest and little capacity to expand the service have resulted in this trend continuing in 2012.

**Proposed assistance: \$5000 Expansion Support Fund**

This will pay for:

The purchase of a commercial dishwasher

Lunches currently run on a Wash-Your-Own-Plate policy. This severely restricts the efficiency of the service as we are unable to cope with the high numbers of patrons coming through for lunches and the amount of clean-up this results in afterwards. A commercial dishwasher is required to reduce volunteer workload, reduce kitchen congestion and safety hazards, and improve the capacity of the Food Co-op to cater for high numbers of patrons.

The purchase of essential kitchen equipment

Much of the essential kitchen utensils available to the Food Co-op (knives, graters, etc) are of a poor quality, barely functional, or simply broken. This results in longer preparation times, increased risk of injury to volunteers and those involved in food preparation, and more difficulty in preparing meals.

Wages for Lunch co-ordinators

This year, we have decided to hire three student-coordinators to run the lunch service. This is because it was found to be unsustainable to coordinate the lunches as volunteers, and to recognise that coordinating lunches is a substantial responsibility taking up a lot of energy and time. Coordinators are paid \$20/hr for 8 hours of work per lunch and this money comes out of lunch profits. While Lunches have been self-funded, and financially independent, the expansion of the lunch service has taken a lot of time to coordinate and a lot of Co-op resources to successfully manage.

It is proposed that if there is money remaining after the purchase of a commercial dishwasher, and essential kitchenware, it be put towards the wages for Lunch co-ordinators.

### **Relevance to students**

A survey was conducted at the end of 2011. It found that the main reasons students were attending the lunch service were its affordability, health, community and lack of alternative food options on campus. This highlights issues of equity, access to health and community, and the definite need for this service for student wellbeing.

Students are given many opportunities to engage with the lunch service. We have been given feedback stating that through engaging with the lunch service, students have developed their cooking skills, and have, importantly, increased students familiarity with food; developing confidence in their ability to maintain their nutrition, despite financial limitations. It has also been an important service for socialisation and engaging with a wider community. With support, we will be able to put resources and time into developing Lunches further with cooking lessons, recipe guides and more student-oriented services.

### **Transparency:**

If successful in this request, the Food Co-op will provide ANUSA with receipts for purchases, and payment of lunch coordinators. We will provide additional documentation on request.