



AGENDA – EXTRA ANUSA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 2023

Monday, 31 July 2023

6:15pm, Zoom and Graneek Room

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

Phoenix gave the Acknowledgement of country.

1.2 Apologies

Item 2: Passing the previous meetings minutes

2.1 SRC3

Mover: Ben

Seconder: Luke

Motion passes

2.2 SRC4

Mover: Luke

Secunder: Ben

Motion passes

Item 3: Executive Reports

3.1 The executive will provide full reports on their activities at SRC5.

Phoenix allows questions for the executive if anyone has any, none are asked.

Mover: Grace

Secunder: Ben

Passed.

Item 4: Department Officer Reports

4.1 The department officers will provide full reports on their activities at SRC5.

Phoenix allows questions for the executive if anyone has any, none are asked.

Mover: Luke

Secunder: Ben

Motion passes

Item 5: Elections

Motion 5.1 - Election to fill the casual vacancy for Welfare Officer

If you are interested in running for the position of Welfare Officer, please fill out the nomination form: <https://forms.gle/vY52x4kQx451ThxUA>

5.1.1 Election of Returning Officer

5.1.2 Close of Nominations

5.1.3 Election of the Welfare Officer

Procedural from Ben to elect returning officer for both elections. Motion passes.

Vote for Ben to be returning officer, motion passes.

Motion for deputy RO from Mira, motion passes.

Chair is passed to Ben.

BY: Closing nominations for Welfare Officer in 1 minute. The nomination form is on FB event. The way this works is we hear from each candidate, each has three minutes. After each candidate has spoken, we'll go to questions and cycle through an order. Then will send a form to the SRC on slack. This form will have U-numbers on it, but I won't look at them and Mira will guarantee that. The exception is if there are more U-numbers than members.

Isha: If you're not in the meeting can you still vote?

BY: Cannot vote unless present in room or on zoom

Three nominations: Sarah Strange, Brandon Lee and Luke Harrison

Luke speaks: 4th year studying IR and Arts. Similar vision for welfare to when they ran in 2022. Role is an activist one. Welfare Officer needs to understand the services ANUSA provides to effectively coordinate campaigns. The executive has a responsibility to coordinate actions. Begun building vision while being interim: Solidarity w students and staff in the strike, work with the Ed Officer on EWAG which has already started, organising against AUKUS, and continuing the work of HAC. Experience of Dep-Ed officer in 2021 and 2022 has given them experience to effectively organise. Campaigns related to drug law reform. Senior Resident review, working with women's officer and president, continuing the work that has begun. I was an SR last year, good experience for this work.

Brandon speaks: He/him pronouns. Really fortunate to receive support of the SRC to finish work. As gen rep so far, keen interest in student welfare issues. Working with other SRC members happy to keep focus on issues. Transport voucher problem, fully supportive of NUS and ANUSA led campaigns on housing and student debt. Autonomous department work to protect marginalized communities, of which I am a member of. Attended all but one meeting, ethical sponsorship campaigns. Current crisis in student support. Anti-trans, BIPOC research, remote learning, aukus etc. Most importantly, fortunate to work on mental health and incident reporting procedures to take action about seriously unacceptable situations that students appear on. Centralize accommodation reporting, continue activism and welfare pressure. Will make sure any issue around student welfare gets the support of the SRC.

Sarah speaks: These two people have already been elected to SRC, I have been around ANUSA for four years, probity, CCE, DSA. I'm a fighter, I've been fighting against AUKUS, fighting for disability inclusion, HAC even when others left, and fighting in the welfare portfolio. I fully believe in activism and advocacy just as Luke said to create change. I'm a leftist, a socialist, a greens party member, and a Christian. What I would do as WO would be continue the work of existing campaigns. In future, the portfolio could be bettered both in an activist and service provision basis. We could do more outreach in our local community to fight issues that are important to people here in Canberra and on campus. Supporting students as workers, the biggest employer of students is the University, that's why I supported the strike. Other industries such as the hospitality or food service industry, holding events to spread info in this area.

Disability is also a neglected area. I'm keen to help with the work done by Maddi and Mira this year.

To questions:

Bea: Who holds power at the university:

Brandon: Management

Sarah: Very abstract. We do go around chanting 'whose uni? Our uni!' because we hold power in many ways, but management holds power over teaching agenda and use of facilities. It's important to realise that management has power, but number 1 we should be teaching students that they have power. The campaign is winnable, but we don't know that.

Luke: I agree with Sarah, we have the power when united. Divided, the university does, so students and staff need to work together on these issues. Our struggles are related, together we have the most power. Already, this combined effort has won things for staff and students.

Phi: Hoping to hand over the convening of HAC to welfare, the collective sets the direction. What direction would you be looking to take?

Sarah: I fully believe HAC is an area where we can engage the local community, that would make the campaign stronger. On political direction I agree with Brandon that housing supply is an area that needs more focus, both public and private but I would like to fight for public housing and mobilise students there.

Luke: My initial thoughts are about accommodation on campus. New tariffs are super high, like an 8% increase across campus. Can talk to students and engage them in conjunction with SR stuff. More broadly in ACT, I know the Greens are looking to put in a Bill about rent caps which can throw us into a new direction for SRC.

Brandon: I agree with both Luke and Sarah, participating in HAC I agree with the direction of fighting the government and the ANU on these issues. I'd like to work on a space where we can work on these issues, working on systems that allow us to fight and make change in policy.

No more questions.

Goes to vote via link on Slack.

Ben declares Luke Harrison Welfare Officer after first round of preferences.

Motion 5.2 - Probity Officer elections

Two nominations as Probity Officer:

Suzie Wang, who has not provided a statement but is keen to assist and has not declared any conflicts on interests.

SRC votes to accept Suzie as a probity officer.

Second is Thomas Burnett. 4th year Maths student and probity officer in 2021 and 2022. Declared mathsoc 2021-present and ANUSA probity 2021-2022 as conflicts.

SRC votes to accept Thomas as a probity officer.

Item 6: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice

Motion 6.1 - August 1st Briefing

Preamble:

Content warning for sexual assault and sexual harassment (SASH) and institutional betrayal.

For the sixth consecutive year, we ask ANU students to come together on August 1st to demand better from the ANU. Students have fought for a safe campus, free from sexual violence for generations. Student activists have been fighting for accountability and justice for survivors at ANU since its earliest days. Woroni archives record student activists condemning rape culture and myths, calling for University action to make campus safer, and campaigning for accountability for perpetrators.

In many ways, the ANU has made a great deal of progress since 2017. In other ways, we've seen little change. From months of consultation with students, it appears that the major areas in which we are yet to see significant change at ANU are in **information availability** and **trust** in services and resources, which go hand-in-hand with one another.

The ANU needs to be prioritising student safety in all decision making, not just in the areas that immediately and directly affect safety, nor just on the specific demands that we make. Students know best what this needs to look like. We are the ones who have lived in the residential halls, we are the ones who have sought help or decided not to, we are the ones who have counselled our friends through some of the biggest challenges of their lives. The improvements and commitments that we seek are based on this experience, and if the ANU really wants to pursue meaningful change, this experience cannot be disregarded.

This year, the campaign is called Hear, See, Follow Our Lead. We call on the ANU to Hear students, survivors, leaders, advocates, SRs, and all of us. We call on the ANU to See the work

that we do for each other. Finally, we call on the ANU to Follow our Lead, and to trust us when we advocate for change.

The Women's Department has released a program with further information that can be accessed here: [August 1st Program](#).

Motion:

ANUSA endorses the August 1st campaign, including:

1. The SRC will attend the August 1st protest, or will submit apologise to the General Secretary if they are unable
2. ANUSA endorses and commits to sharing and disseminating the August 1st Program.
3. ANUSA condemns the ANU for its resistance to August 1st campaigns and refusal to follow through on the demands made by students since 2017, and for not making SASH prevention and student safety a greater priority.

Mover: Phoebe Denham

Seconder: Luke Harrison

Phoebe (mover): I've written a speech, so bear with me. As you know, this is an annual campaign to mark the Change the Course report release. Content warning for SASH and violence on our campus. The statistics we saw with NSSS last year was as bad as back in 2017. While SASH is taken seriously more than transphobia or racism, we still need to turn up tomorrow and show the ANU cannot get complacent. Student safety and sexual violence on campus should be the priority, need to listen to students and have genuine consultation. Just this year, we have the lockout laws and SR changes that show a lack of understanding. As SRC, we need to show up for student leaders. Moving to have compulsory attendance, which is not reasonable for everybody. If you won't be there, give Phi your apologies but no reasons to explain yourself. Meant to bring report, but basically we took a different approach. Aimed at students, not staff, so more empowering and good for campaign this year and in the long run. Shout outs to committee Selena, Maya and Phoebe, Ben for writing and brainstorming, Paria and Luke will be talking tomorrow, lots of people have been invaluable to talk to and get the word out about the event. Look forward to seeing many of you there.

Luke (seconder): Can't say anymore, Phoebe did well. I'd encourage everyone to show up. I've gone every year since 2021, so empowering.

Charlotte (for): Just want to say August 1st is a protest everyone should go to, exists outside of ANUSA spaces and held in high regard. Seen Phoebe work really hard on this over the past few months, when any members of the SRC put in this hard work we need to support them.

Phoebe waives their right of reply.

Motion put to a vote. Motion passes.

Motion 6.2 - ANUSA endorses the Access for All campaign

Preamble:

The DSA's Access for All campaign has been developed in the lead-up to the release of the Disability Royal Commission. It consists of 6 demands including one to scrap in-person only exams. Full details can be found on the DSA Facebook page.

We note that ANUSA has already published the petition on in-person exams, which is why this is not included in the motion.

Link to sign the petition:

<https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/scrap-in-person-exams-access-for-all>

Motion:

ANUSA endorses the DSA's Access for All campaign, and agrees to the following:

1. ANUSA will repost the DSA's original campaign information post from Thursday 20th July
2. ANUSA SRC members are encouraged to sign the petition against in-person only exams
3. ANUSA is a co-signatory to the open letter the DSA will send to ANU in Week 3

Mover: Mira Robson

Seconder: Ben Yates

Procedural moved by Mira to have chair read out a statement written by Maddi McCarthy.
Motion passes.

Statement: Over the last month, I have been working to develop the Access for All campaign to push ANU to start to show commitment to the safety and inclusion of disabled students on campus. Originally, I wasn't going to ask for official ANUSA endorsement, however as some of you may have seen, the campaign has recently started to face some surprising and upsettingly ableist pushback from the wider student community. I am therefore asking for the SRC's support in the face of this pushback, as I do believe that this campaign is vital to the ongoing safety of disabled students on campus. I would strongly encourage everyone here to sign and share the petition, and show up to the ongoing actions that will be coming in future weeks. If the campaign has raised any questions, please contact me on email or Facebook and I am more than happy to chat about it.

Ben (second): To say what Charlotte said, seen Maddi work hard on campaign, to draw on what Sarah said, this is an eminently winnable campaign. So immediate to students' need, front of mind to all students. We shouldn't discount our easy wins. Sarah has put a lot of work into this matter, exploring in-person exams etc. Well thought out and a great campaign. Recommend it.

Sarah (for): Want to talk a bit about the campaign stuff. I fully support the A4A campaign. We have main things around transparency and accountability for the ANU's ability to cater to disability. ANU gave itself a 79. ANU doesn't know how it is performing. Part of this campaign is telling ANU how it is doing. Some governance stuff here, which is kinda good. Uni had to be FOIed to work out how it performed. Thinking about this because people don't know about this stuff. This is really important and big.

Mira (RoR): Adding onto Sarah, we have to do a lot of digging to find out what is going on. We don't receive a good handover. DAC is a bunch of mumbo jumbo, items marked complete that definitely aren't. High discrepancy AND thing is voluntary. No requirement to do it every two years. My vibe is once they reach a satisfactory rating they will stop.

Motion goes to a vote. Motion passes.

Item 7: Other Business

No

Item 8: Meeting Close

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council is scheduled to be on Wednesday, 16 August at location TBC.

Meeting closed at 7pm.

Expected Close of Meeting: 8:00pm

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