
MINUTES: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

Tuesday 10th May 2011

Union Court Amphitheatre

Leah Ginnivan – President of the Association
Brody Warren – Vice-President of the Association
Shaun Wykes – General Secretary of the Association
Victor White – Treasurer of the Association
Hannah Purdy – Education Officer of the Association
Christian Dent – Education Officer of the Association

Gus Little – Sexuality Officer of the Association
Kate McMurtrie – Women’s Officer of the Association
Angeline Tan – International Officer of the Association
Steph Smythe – Disabilities Officer of the Association

Maneka Sivanathan – General Representative
Josh Wiseman – General Representative
Emily Bennett – General Representative
Ridah Hassan – General Representative
Shan Verne Liew – General Representative
Elaine Li – General Representative
Nuwan D’Alwis – General Representative
Jamie Bryce – General Representative
Emily Criticos – General Representative
Maea Lenei Buhre – General Representative
Callum Brindley – General Representative

Simon Ngo – College of Business and Economics Representative
Kit Wong – College of Business and Economics Representative
Talha Baseer – College of Engineering and Computer Science Representative
Nithya Mohan – College of Engineering and Computer Science Representative
Marie Ngiam – College of Asia and Pacific Representative
Ipshita Mondal – College of Asia and Pacific Representative
Fleur Hawes – College of Arts & Social Sciences Representative
Galvin Chia – College of Arts & Social Sciences Representative
Jarrod Hulme-Jones – College of Science Representative
Mei-Godfrey Yik – College of Law Representative
Nakul Legha – College of Law Representative

Ordinary Members:

Katrina Porada
Tom Galvin
Yolanda Forsyth
Amanda Neilson
Alex Clark
Lorenzo White
Anton Cu Unjieng
Lynda Watts
Roseanna Bricknell
Hannah Wood
Stuart Ferrie
Chrissy Cutler
Emma Eriksen
Bethan Mooney
Tom Jenkins
Sian Waterhouse
Sebastian Willis
Milli McCormick
Angus Minns
Harry Aitken
Angus Cameron
Jason Andrews
Rachel Poole
Sascha Downing
Hugo Wilesmith
George Ober
Joel Dennerley

Renee Jones
Colin Ash
Ben McMullin
Liv Crowley
Justin Steele
Alice McAvoy
Mim Rizvi
Elwin Chia
Josh Constable
Aidan Johnson
Tom Stayner
Amie Myher
Nicholas Elmitt
Hsei Di Law
David Heness
Andy Crowys
Rachel Fisher
Philippa Clark
Tabitha Hart
Bojana Kos
Bethan Mooney
Celia Boyle
Danielle Stonestreet
Tully Fletcher
Elizabeth Sheaffe
Laura Gartry
Madeleine Willis

Cameron M. Knott
Penelope Rumble
Dallas Proctor
Cameron Bestwick
Steph Cameron
Simon Thompson
James Langlands
Georgia Ginnivan
Danni Day
Emily Bissakar
Laura Sheeney
Camille G-B
Ken Maddess
Scott Bolton
Aleks Sladojevic
Steph Smythe
A Verney
Michael Hiscox
Cam Wilson
Elouise Fowler
Sailil Dubey
Sohan Piyatunge
Matt Keeley
Evan Packard
Georgina Vallance
Andres Sarnari
Lisa Judge

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting opened at 12.14pm.

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Apologies

Apologies received from Abby D'Cruz, Skye Webb and Sarah Jane Collum.

1.3 Explanation of Standing Orders

Standing orders explained.

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising

MOTION: That the minutes from the first Ordinary General Meeting of 2011 be accepted.

Moved: Shaun Wykes

Seconded: Leah Ginnivan

Motion passed.

Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising

3.1 Presentation of the Budget (V. White)

MOTION: That the Meeting approves the budget of the Association.

Moved: Leah Ginnivan

Seconded: Brody Warren

Motion passed.

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

Leah spoke about housing, solar panels, student space, Woroni, office outlay, Music and Arts libraries, Student Complaint policy, Incorporation and National policies on base funding and youth allowance.

No questions.

MOTION: That the President's report be accepted

Moved: Brody Warren

Seconded: Hannah Purdy

Motion passed..

3.3 Treasurer's report (V. White) [Reference B]

- **Victor White:** Hoping to get all of the Student Services and Amenities fee to be put towards Student groups.
 - Collectives need to have their ABNs to have their money transferred to them.

MOTION: That we postpone the presentation of the Audit until the next OGM.

Moved: Hannah Purdy.

Seconded: Nakul Legha

Motion passed.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Shaun Wykes

Seconded: Hannah Purdy

Motion passed.

Item 4: Elections

4.1 Election of Bush Week Directors for 2011

Congratulations to Mat Keely and Adam Da Cruz who put in nominations and have been successfully elected as Bush Week Directors 2011.

Item 5: Items for Resolution

5.1 ANUSA Incorporation

1) The General Meeting accepts the proposed Constitution for the Incorporation of the Association.

2) The General Meeting approves the Executive to undertake such procedures as are necessary to incorporate the Australian National University Students' Association under ACT law.

3) The Association will continue to operate under the current Constitution until the Incorporation of the Association has been approved by the ACT Office of Regulatory Services, at which time, the current Constitution will become null and void.

Moved: Brody Warren (3 minutes)

Seconded: Shaun Wykes (2 minutes)

Procedural Motion: That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to take questions.

Moved: Shaun Wykes

Seconded: Brody Warren

Motion passed.

If a question had already been asked it was not accepted, questions limited to 20 seconds, be questions not statements.

Speaking list:

- Callum Brindley
- Anton Cu Unjieng
- Leah Ginnivan
- Ridah Hassan
- Christian Dent
- Elizabeth Sheaffe
- Hugo Wilesmith

Right of reply: Brody Warren (2 minutes)

Vote:

For: 74

Against: 6

Motion passed.

Procedural Motion: That we move directly to Item 5.4

Moved: Callum Brindley

Seconded: Riddah Hassan.

Motion passed.

5.4 Motion to Oppose Amalgamation of Arts and Music Libraries

1) That ANUSA opposes the amalgamation of the Arts and Music Libraries and calls on the Vice Chancellor to issue a public statement by Friday 13 May 2011 that these libraries will not be folded into one another.

2) That ANUSA supports building a campaign of rallies and occupations to oppose the amalgamation of these libraries if the Vice Chancellor does not issue the above public statement.

3) That ANUSA promptly communicates the above passed motions to the Vice Chancellor in writing and to Members by email, Facebook and its website by Wednesday 11 May 2011.

Moved: Anton Cu Unjieng

Seconded: Fleur Hawes

Amendment: That subsection (2) be removed entirely.

Moved: Elizabeth Sheaffe.

Seconded: Kate McMurtrie.

- Elizabeth Sheaffe
- Ridah Hassan
- Gus Cameron
- Leah Ginnivan
- Brody Warren
- Anton Cu Unijeng
- Gus Cameron
- Renee Moretti Jones

Elizabeth Sheaffe (clarification): Does not have a problem with student rallies per se.

Procedural Motion: Standing Orders be suspended so that Leah can speak

Moved: Shaun Wykes

Seconded: Brody Warren

Motion passed.

- George Ober
- Galvin Chia
- Callum Brindley
- Renee Moretti Jones

Amendment passed.

Motion passed (Abstentions: Simon Thompson and Cam Knott.)

5.2 Workers on Campus

ANUSA stands in solidarity with the unionized workers of the ANU community. It particularly notes the outstanding work done by 'United Voice' in ensuring those who clean our campus receive a fair and living wage.

Send this motion and letter of congratulations to the Secretary of the Union.

Moved: Lisa Judge

Seconded: Callum Brindley.

Motion passed.

5.3 Student Housing

ANUSA supports the development and maintenance of affordable, safe and collegiate student housing on campus. This includes support for adequate and suitable pastoral care, ensuring the complete safety and security of students and the maintenance of adequate social and academic facilities in these residences.

Moved: Leah Ginnivan

Seconded: Shaun Wykes

Speakers List:

- Callum Brindley
- Fleur Hawes
- Shan Verne Liew

Right of reply exercised by Leah Ginnivan.

Motion passed.

5.5 Collective's Funds

~~With half the year over the ANUSA collectives are now being hindered by lack of funds. The ANUSA ordinary meeting requests that the Treasurer immediately transfer the funds to the ANUSA collectives as stipulated by the constitution to allow the collectives to continue to campaign autonomously for their members. Ordinary members of the Students Association reaffirm their outright support for the ANUSA collectives and encourage more support from the ANUSA treasurer.~~

~~Moved Isaac Wright~~

~~Seconded Frank Gafa~~

Item 6: Discussion Items

~~6.1 Organization of Critical Students (Nicholas Elmitt)~~

Item 7: Other Business

~~7.1 Organization of Critical Students (Nicholas Elmitt)~~

~~**Moved:** Nic Elmitt~~

~~**Seconded:** Angus Cameron~~

~~Speakers~~

- ~~• Brody Warren~~
- ~~• Emma Eriksen (named)~~

~~**Motion failed.**~~

Item 8: Date of Next Meeting and Close

The next Ordinary General Meeting will be held in Term 3 of 2011 at a time to be scheduled by the General Secretary.

Meeting closed at 1:35pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Leah Ginnivan

It's been a busy year for ANUSA with the culmination and implementation of a few long-term projects for the Association. We have also been involved in a number of inquiries and have representatives on twenty university committees. The state of the Association is strong but over the next year we'll need to start planning seriously for our future, particularly when/if the Student Services and Amenities Fee is introduced.

Completed Projects

The solar panel array is nearing completion and is expected to be totally done in the next few weeks. Credit to all who have been involved in it over the last few years! Similarly, the **Brian Kenyon Student Space**, named for the much-loved Brian's Bus driver, is up and running. We have three staff who work there on a part-time basis and are responsible for curating the art, supervising the space and are now also dealing with some of the Grants and Affiliations work for clubs and societies. We want to make sure we're making the most of the space so we might see about demand for altered opening hours etc. Student groups can use the space for free. We are also very keen to turn it into a coffee/cake lounge during exam time, so people can come in late at night for a study break while the libraries are open. Please forward other suggestions for use of the space to ANUSA.

Incorporation

Brody and Shaun have been working hard on the Constitution and getting it ready for incorporation. More will be explained in the meeting proper. ANUSA is of the view that incorporation is both necessary, important and extremely overdue- so three cheers if we end up getting it done today!

Housing issues

Hopefully 2011 is the last year the ANU will have to resort to temporary accommodation. This year, an oversupply of rooms in Lyneham and UniGardens has been extraordinarily costly for the ANU. Over the year ANUSA reps (big shout out to the amazing Shan Liew!) have been working with the RAs and SRs of these temporary colleges. We are concerned about plans to 'sell off' the remaining beds at UniGardens which would mean students would have to share rooms. While this was part of the contract, we want to make sure people don't have to move during in exam time and are given plenty of opportunity to share with people they know and get along with.

The contracts for SA4 are currently being negotiated and ANUSA is working to make sure they provide for better pastoral and academic support. We have been unsatisfied with aspects of UniLodge's operation in the past and have raised this many times with the ANU.

Progress on the co-op has been slow, but we are hopeful about opportunities with community housing providers in Canberra. There is a major review of tertiary student accommodation happening in the ACT. Both ANUSA and the Co-Op will be making suggestions stressing the need for more affordable rental accommodation in the inner north.

Offices

We've been making an effort to get the offices in good shape so they can be used by more people. Woroni moved out last week and we're going to move the Treasurer, Social Officer, General Secretary and Education Officer into that office. Their current office will be used as a second meeting room/ space for collective meetings/ place where General and Faculty Representatives can plot the next batch of wins for students!

Woroni

The student newspaper, *Woroni*, is finally properly independent! This has been a project many years in the making. *Woroni* is free to report on whatever it wants and the trustees of ANUSA (or ANUSA Inc) will have no business censoring it. Elections for the other four editors will be probably around Bush Week this year (well away from ANUSA elections, as it should be)

School of Music and Art Libraries

There was a lot of confusion around the proposed merger of the Music and Arts School libraries. After getting little response from the heads of school and chief librarian, ANUSA and Art and Music School reps went to meet with the new VC, Professor Ian Young. Professor Young today gave us a formal proposal that students were asked to write a response to. We're working on this at the moment and will respond to the VC by late May. Student concerns about the merger include: restricted access to scores and prints, a lack of study space, Full credit to the music and arts school students involved in this as well as to the ANUSA Arts Fac Reps, Fleur Hawes and Galvin Chia.

Faculty reps

A motion was passed giving faculty reps a small budget to help with promotion and events. Several reps are running information sessions about the new major/minor changes. Fac reps have been doing a lot of work on the various education committees this year getting majors and minors up to speed- snaps to Nithiya, Talha, Jarrod, Abby, Fleur, Galvin, Ippy, Marie, Nakul, Mei, Simon and Kit!

Gen Reps/ Portfolios

Christian (education officer) and Hannah (social officer) have been working with General Representatives on developing Gen Rep portfolios. This has been partly successful but needs continued work to make sure Gen Reps have just the right amount to do.

ANUSA Neighbourhood Day

A fun side project in the works. ANUSA reps are going to organise a day of volunteering in the local Inner North community. The ANU has indicated it will fund this project and we're now doing up a budget and making contact with local not-for-profits and community groups who could use extra help. The project is aimed at building connections with the Inner North community and also for new students to meet people. A pilot is planned for mid semester 2 and if successful will be held in semester 1 next year sometime after O week.

Safety on Campus

A small working party of ANUSA reps and other concerned campus citizens has been working on planning a campaign around issues of sexual harassment and assault on campus. The focus is on prevention through education. After a lot of work on identifying the main issues we'll now be working on a physical marketing campaign, a web presence, and the introduction of campus student safety people (catchy name TBA) who will be able to be a safe and sober presence at events.

Concession Card

For many years, ANUSA and other student organisations have been advocating for a national student concession card – we also think this must include International students. There is some movement on this with the ACT community services minister, Joy Burch, taking it to the next national meeting of her ilk.

Complaint review

Reviewing the Policy for Student Complaint Resolution has been one of the big issues for ANUSA this year.

At this stage our main concerns are

- policy is vague and unhelpful on matters that might be sensitive or timely
- students concerned about the DoS role
- a focus on informal problem solving needs to be kept while ensuring serious matters are dealt with appropriately
- the policy ostensibly deals with issues of harassment and assault but makes no reference to these issues.

I have asked widely for feedback on this policy and invite any and all suggestions/comments.

In addition to the policy review we are proposing a webpage that has clear directions on the policy as well as examples and links to the relevant people's emails. We'll also get it so it's the first thing that comes up when you search for relevant terms on the ANU website.

Strategic Plan

The ANU is currently making its strategic plan until 2020. The VC will soon be coming to explain it to student reps and we'll be giving our input on a range of student issues. After the consultations, the VC will write a discussion draft to be circulated for comment.

Ally Program

ANU used to have an Ally program, set up to provide a network of safe contact people for LGBTIQ students and staff. The program was a success but in recent years had no co-ordinator and so wound up. There have been moves (strongly encouraged by ANUSA) to reinstate the program. Gus Little, the Sexuality Officer, has been involved in this great initiative.

Exchange Program

The poor quality of the official ANU Exchange program has been a problem for some years now. The ANU has not had a dedicated senior-level person with the International portfolio. We strongly believe that a PVC International would assist in the program. Co-ordinating the exchange program through the colleges (and not, as is currently the case, through the Registrar) would also assist hugely in making exchanges worthwhile and relevant.

Graduations

We suggested that graduations have a student speaker, something that has been suggested by many in the past. Wrote a proposal, got VC approval, voila, student speakers at this years' graduations.

Government Policy-other

The Education officer and Education committee have been involved in action and submissions to the Base Funding Review and the current review on student income support.

Other

I have been involved in helping set up a student-led forum for the 50th anniversary of Australia-Korea diplomatic relationship. I'm also assisting a student in setting up an informal group for students with Asperger's syndrome.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Victor White

Budget

Please see budget attached (Appendix XX) for this section. There is nothing exemplary to report in the last period. Spending is ahead on the Legal Officer and this line item will go over budget. This is due to the increased salary meaning that the Legal Officer fees are now subject to GST. As stated previously there was a very healthy profit recorded in O-Week and the association is in a strong situation financially.

Student Amenities Fee

I am currently in discussions with the Treasurer of PARSA and the CEO of ANU Sport and Recreation about preparing a joint memorandum about how we would like the Student Amenities Fee divided up. We want to present a united front to the University when they are making decisions based on how to split the money.

Audit

Unfortunately, though I was promised the completed Audit by the end of April, this has not happened and I have been advised by Adrian Bray that they audit will be completed by the end of May. I apologise for this and request that we postpone the presentation of 2010 audit to OGM 2.

Collectives

After my discussions with the auditor we should be withholding payments made to bodies that do not have an ABN where they are not an individual. Whilst the Collectives are part of ANUSA, they are autonomous and the Treasurer does not (and should not) have the power to tell them how to spend your money. When Collectives invoice ANUSA with the ABN it allows us to keep proper and transparent records as well as ensuring that Collectives have the financial autonomy to spend their money.

- Having an ABN (as well as your own constitution) ensures autonomy by giving them control over their own affairs. Depending on what your constitution stipulates you may have to disclose your spending to your collectives and getting an ABN will not affect this. They will **not** have to report expenditure to the ATO, as all organisations with a yearly spend of less than 6,000 dollars are automatically tax-exempt. This means they will not have to do BAS statements.
- **Getting an ABN will not remove Collectives from ANUSA.** It would not distance ANUSA from the collectives either. It is simply an recognition that they enjoy

financial autonomy from ANUSA. To remove Collectives from ANUSA would require significant amendments to the ANUSA Constitution.

- If Collective's receive any income from any other organisation, person or business other than ANUSA they must **legally** have an ABN. It is not enough to use our ABN, as ANUSA does not effectively have control of these funds.
- We already require that all clubs and societies registered with us have an ABN. Even though they have a separate ABN they fall under our insurance policy. Obviously Collectives have a very different role than clubs and societies in the ANUSA framework, however, it is an example of groups that do fall under ANUSA's framework.