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AGENDA – ANUSA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (OGM) 1 2023

Wednesday, 8 March 2023

6:15pm, Zoom (with in-person option in the Graneek Room)

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Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting open 6:19pm

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Apologies

1.3 Chair outlines standing orders for the meeting (please also see the following: <https://anusa.com.au/pageassets/about/meetings/ANUSA-Standing-Orders-Guide.pdf>)

Copies of standing orders on desk, or in constitution online.

Chair outlines procedural.

Item 2: Passing the previous meetings minutes

2.1 [OGM3 2022](#)

Motion passes.

2.2 [SGM2 2022](#)

Motion passes.

Item 3: Reports

3.1 Treasurer's report (K. Ha) [Reference A]

Treasurer is constitutionally required to give a report at every meeting.

Taking report mostly as read.

Subscriptions line is unusually high and BKSS consumables looks okay.

Financial controller is looking at BKSS expenditures ahead.

Spending

Students assistance.

What I want to point out is O-week. Consolidating. O-week expenditure and will update it very soon. Both The Party and O-week are in-budget.

Thanks given to Charlotte and O-week officers staying within budget without compromising event quality.

Can check every profit and loss statement on the website. Easy way for students to check finances.

Q: Kyle: Regarding SSAF allocation - is that half of what we should expect?

A: 40% of SSAF funding, about online for previous years. Quite unclear atm about total for this year.

Ben clarifies question, with 40% of 33% of SSAF pool. Expecting smidge under 70% of pool by end of year.

Moved: Ben

Secunder: Grace

Motion passes.

Item 4: Motions on notice

Procedural to consider motions 4.15, 5.1 upfront by Yerin.

Motion passes.

Motion 4.1: ANUSA Budget

Preamble:

The budgets for 2023 have two versions as ANUSA still has uncertainty about the amount of the funding that we will get for 2023. The higher capacity budget allows us to provide sufficient extension of services for postgraduates. Like 2022, it will be likely to redistribute some budget line items throughout the year. Also, once the budget for Night Café is confirmed and changed, it is likely to change the budget line in the next general meetings.

Motion:

ANUSA approves the 2023 higher capacity budget if ANUSA's anticipated funding meets or exceeds \$3.5 million in 2023.

ANUSA approves the 2023 lower capacity budget if ANUSA's anticipated funding is less than \$3.5 million in 2023.

Mover: Katrina Ha

Secunder:

Amendment: To increase NUS funding in the higher capacity and and the lower capacity budget.

Moved by: Chris Morris

Chris (for): Current funding to NUS is a small \$1/student/year. As a union we should be prioritising activism.

There's a lot of grounds for this.

Really good campaigns being run by socialist officer-bearers at the NUS. Get a room, working with NUS and media attention is really good. Commonwealth bank and RBA protests got lots of media attention and that's really good for the campaign.

The NDA is another one that's going on next week. It's being spearheaded by socialists. Building off the momentum of SS4C.

Why am I mentioning all this? The NUS needs more money to pull off campaigns like this. It's ridiculous that the night cafe is being given 25x more money than the NUS.

Least we can do is give a lot more money to the NUS. It's a political question about what ANUSA stands for

Yerin (for): This has been a past debate in SRCs and I'm glad we agree to not pull funding from the student union. The comparison to the amount of money put on the night cafe.. More time and energy to potentially running a business than putting funds towards a body fighting for students. Currently all this kerfuffle of how much money we're putting towards things is emblematic of the lack of money going towards student unions.

Kat (against): Want to point out that night cafe funding is not from SSAF. Speak to motion: We moved from 45 to 175000 but had to decrease funding due to ... Union is important, can agree. We can't even fund student assistance grants with our SSAF. Why should we increase NUS funding

Carter (for): Reason bunch of people come to ANUSA is because life in Australia under capitalism is shit. Housing is unbelievably unaffordable, the overall budget is a proposal for fighting against that, very little against NUS and Edcom.

We should take what we were given rather than trying to fight against the root cause

The reason is everything is going right-wing because not enough left-wing action. Campaigns fighting outside RBA, etc, making it a point of shame points towards distance that would fight against student poverty, a fighting attitude that needs more money. 40,000 and 20,000 are a tiny proportion of the budget. Money where mouth is. More money to student activism.

Ben (against): Agree we can't fix problems through service provision. Reason I oppose this amendment is that funding the NUS won't build... we need to fight. Today we have a motion to housing action collective.

I would find it hard to oppose putting more money towards things like Housing Action Collective or EAG.

Ultimately if we double funding under either budget ultimately we dilute the effect of where we use our money. Think Get a Room is great, and housing action is important to bring a campaign to campus.

I do agree that the NUS officers are doing a great job, but putting money towards the NUS dilutes the resources and efforts we want to put towards ANUSA.

Ashlyn (for): I love unionism, student unionism, the only way we can get a better outcome for all students is to come together nationally, and the only way to do this is the NUS.

Those office bearers are either not paid or paid little. It would be an easy fix for us to give them more money. We've been paying non-full fees for too long. It's time to pay in full.

Aveline (for): Want to speak about what Ben's proposing. The counterposition is to keep funding and increase service provision. I think that it's important to look at the history of what the NUS can win and what it can't. On the level of 2014 where the ANU ran a campaign against the Abbott government against ... fee deregulation.

On an ANU basis, it doesn't matter how much money we throw to a campaign, we don't have the organisational capacity on a national level to fight the government.

They're gonna do the higher education accords and cut stuff. We have to take a stand not just at ANU But at the national level. In a way that's planned out and coordinated across the country. We could find activism at anu campus but we ... need to fund activism at a national level as well.

Beatrice (against): I agree with Ben in that I don't believe the NUS is the way to revive a culture of student activism, we need to be rebuilding on a campus by campus culture and giving more money to glorified activists isn't the way to do that. Even if they are socialists, it doesn't mean they'll change everything. Looking at sydney, the national day moved from the ...date.. To the 3rd. This resulted in it competing with the school strikes. What national day is that if it's not even held on the same day?

The 2014 protests against fee deregulations were supported by protests at the grass roots level.

Protesting culture at the time is the NUS is a really backwards approach to activism.

Harry (for): I disagree with a lot of the arguments being made. The fact that the previous speaker wanted to go back to a model of individualised campaigns ... I agree with some of the previous salt speakers that we need to go back to the national level. We need to fund NUS office bearers. I know for a fact that people in the ACT are getting behind the NDA. Also in victoria. I really disagree with the proposed theory of change. Disagree with the theory of change put forward, isolationist retreat against the federal government.

Mickey (against): Not against unions, against putting more money to NUS, not against NUS as there can still be a communication level, but there does need to be more effort into building movements on campus. None of the students are interested, no one cares. Need to change that.

Laura (for): I think another point of what the NUS provides is - last year they released a report on student poverty. Reports form the basis of an informed argument. We do not have the resources as an individual union to do these large-scale reports to take to these individual campaigns

Charlotte (against): Want to say it's all good for us to say I love unionism, this is not an anti-union against motion. Many people have alluded to it as a cultural issue and splashing cash is not going to go towards that.

We have no proof that this additional money will go towards paying stipends.

Ashlyn (Point of clarification): The bar tab did not come from the NUS budget, it came from NatCon ticket sales.

Charlotte (continuing): The fact we needed to pay for a PDF is ridiculous. Completely a cultural issue, and extra 10k won't change that.

Procedural to allow Carter to speak again. Procedural passes.

Carter (for): Factual things re; NDA. it was not moved, it was long-standing that it was on the 17th. It is sectarian to bring up bald-faced lies as an argument about a national union.

Mickey: the question of not being anti union and building grassroots. Only exclusively Salt and NLS putting leaflets and posters out for NDA. If we're serious about grassroots activism, we should be supporting the existing campaign.

Charlotte: Culture is being defended by SAIt but NUS culture is actually broken. Treating it as a body where you put money in and get protests out is anti union. Are you on the side of more student activism or are you against it?

Skye (against): I want to echo that it is not anti-union as we are a union and so is the NUS. This is a motion of transferring 20k from one union to another, so it is a question of how it will be used.

Left-wing office bearers do have the ability to conduct genuinely good campaigns, but I'm not convinced this is where the money will go

Glad the NUS report was brought up, as it was one of the few things the full-time, fully paid welfare officer did last year.

I don't think you can look at the NUS and all its budget lines and say that it genuinely puts its money towards activism. They put their money towards team building campaigns. I trust my money to ANUSA who do actual activist campaigns

Wren (for): I think the same thing could be said about ANUSA team-building 35k vs 10k for activism, continually activism has been put against.

We're not going to campaign that the SSAF shouldn't go to ANUSA. In order to have a union you have to pay union dues.

We're affiliated with the NUS, so we should pay dues according to the number of students. We pay less than other unions. Anti-union argument to pay less dues. If we want to go in a serious way, go along and make a political argument with NUS and bring it back to the campaign.

Local and national activism feed off each other. The get a room campaign started local in sydney and became national.

Clarification - Ben: About the team-building, all of that has come from attending NUS presidents conference and the conferences

Procedural to close speaking list. Procedural passes.

Procedural to allow Yerin and Harry to speak again. Procedural passes.

Yerin (for): Let me clarify: The argument against increasing spending is that the NUS isn't worth our money. That is an anti-union argument. The NUS is a living body that requires political direction to be fought inside of it. Truth is that socialists within NUS have been pushing them further left in recent years. When your actual argument is treating it as an investment property, that is discrediting.

You can talk about the NDA and how bad its been or whatever, but realistically locally it has just been SAlt and occasionally the enviro officer and the people talking haven't put any time in.

Harry (for): I was going to say similar stuff. You'r presenting a scab argument. You need to fight the political argument within the union. Don't think 'how can it help us'. Secondly, the NUS helps students all across the country. Some unis have right-wing unions, and the NUS can help students at those unis who otherwise would not have an activist presence.

Aveline (for): I think this counterposition of local activism to funding NUS so it can fund anything is crap. We should fund activism on a local basis, but we need to fund it on the national level as well. It doesn't matter what the NUS calls if ANUSA doesn't participate. The only people building the NDA are socialists and NLS. Throwing a little bit of money to the NUS and having people turn up here is a ridiculous thought. We need to take up activism here. I call on all who argued against this to take up some real activism on campus.

Chris (Right of reply): First of all I think some of the arguments that there is any sort of counterposition of activism happening on local level vs national level is ridiculous. The oneness is on us to carry out activism at the local level. Give extra money to the fucking NUS, we have some pretty good coverage in the campaign of the NUS - Get a Room and NUS. The best thing we can do now is to get active on campus and support these campaigns

Sarah: Point of order: Movers of motions can't get right of reply.

Voting occurs: amendment fails.

Voting on budget itself:

Katrina:

There are two versions. The first is if we get 30% like last year. However, if we get funding for subsuming postgraduate services, we will get 70%, so the second option is for this case

We have to pass both budgets. To point out line items, but yeah that's it.

Secunder: Grace.

Grace waives right to speak.

Sarah: Question: In OGM3 ANUSA passed an upper capacity budget for SA grants for 475,000, now it reads \$150,000. We also voted to double funding to departments, so understand budget constraints.

I want to ask what pressures necessitated the drastic cut - cut into thirds?

Katrina: Departments and collectives are doubled is not exactly true. Previously department stipends were under salaries, now under departments and collectives.

Student assistance grants were based on last year and 2021, but there were much higher amounts of grants being accessed during covid.

Motion put to vote. Motion passes.

Chair to Charlotte.

Procedural from Ben to move motions 4.2-4.9, 4.12, 4.13 en bloc.

Procedural voted on. Procedural passes.

Maddi seconds motions.

Phi: Series of constitutional amendments. 4.3 college name changes - severely outdated, and change from CECS to CECC. Definition of teaching day previously did not make sense. Originally many voting numbers were out of 6, but they now should be out of 7. Section two. Bush week was originally called 'bus week' Motion 4.7, changing scope of SRC. Can't vote on matters for higher education, which we do all the time. Originally done so CRC can vote. More legal advice needed on motion 4.8. 4.9 to remove ANU union. It doesn't exist anymore.

Maddi: Speaking to 4.2, which the definition of disability does not align with what we have on our website. The difference between the medical model and social model exists. No consensus which one is better, I want it to align with what we have on our website and not what A&I has on their site.

We don't like to be coupled with A&I.

Ashlyn (question): There's already a definition for teaching day in the constitution. Are we replacing the teaching day or teaching period?

Phi: I've messed up. Can't make edits to constitutional changes. Will rescind motion and bring it to AGM.

4.4 rescinded.

Sarah (for): Just to briefly explain, so 4.12 we already wrote a big section of electoral regulations which covers withdrawals.

4.13 has really onerous notice requirements that apply to ANUSA. It adds extra notices for online, just specific notices on the ANUSA office door, which nobody in this room uses.

Aveline (for): Just want to speak about 4.7. Pretty nuts that it was still in there. As a student union, we should be fighting against the uni. We should be using it to fight fossil fuel investment, and cuts. It speaks to being a union and fighting against union bosses. It's positive that we have been fighting but we should do more of it.

Motions put to vote. Motions pass.

Motion 4.2: ANUSA Constitutional changes regarding the DSA

Preamble:

The ANUSA Constitution defines disability inappropriately, relying on Access and Inclusion as an authority from which to draw information. A&I defines disability using the medical model, which is not the model that the DSA draws our definition from. We would like to change the ANUSA constitution so that the definition aligns with what we use and publish on our website for continuity, and to decouple us from A&I.

Motion:

Amend the Definition of Disability to read “Disability is defined by ANUSA using the social model of disability, and includes physical disability, mental illness, dyslexia, being neurodivergent (e.g. Autism/ADHD), chronic pain, chronic illness, autoimmune disorders (e.g. lupus, alopecia), food allergies and more.”

Mover: Maddi McCarthy

Seconder: Mira Robson

Motion 4.3: College name changes

Motion:

1. Replace section 2(1)(d), which currently reads “The ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science;”, with

(d) The ANU College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics;

2. Replace section 2(1)(f), which currently reads “The ANU College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences; and” with

(f) The ANU College of Science; and

3. Replace section 2(1)(g), which currently reads “The ANU College of Medicine, Biology and Environment.” with

(g) The ANU College of Health & Medicine.

4. Replace section 14(1)(d)

(b) two (2) Representatives from each College elected in accordance with the Election Regulations,

except in respect of the ANU College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences and the ANU

College of Medicine, Biology and Environment which together shall be considered one electorate

for the purposes of the election and from which two (2) Representatives shall be elected in total.

with

(d) two (2) Representatives from each College elected in accordance with the Election Regulations, except in respect of the ANU College of Science and the ANU College of Medicine & Health which

together shall be considered one electorate for the purposes of the election and from which two (2) Representatives shall be elected in total.

5. Replace section 15(2)(b)

(b) two (2) College Representatives from each College elected in accordance with the Election Regulations, except in respect of the ANU College of Physical Sciences and the ANU College of Medicine, Biology and Environment which together shall be considered one electorate for the purposes of the election and from which two (2) Representatives shall be elected in total;

with

(b) two (2) College Representatives from each College elected in accordance with the Election Regulations, except in respect of the ANU College of Science and the ANU College of Health & Medicine which together shall be considered one electorate for the purposes of the election and from which two (2) Representatives shall be elected in total;

Moved: Phoenix O'Neill

Seconded: Ben Yates

Motion 4.4: Definition of Teaching Day

Motion:

Rescinded.

Motion 4.5: Executive votes out of 7

Preamble:

When the Constitution stipulates a threshold for executive decisions, it still refers to six executive members rather than seven. An interpretation from the 2022 General Secretary Ben Yates ruled that the threshold for matters that call for 5/6 to agree was 6/7 - this motion brings the constitution in line with this.

Motion:

1. Replace section 3(2)(a), which currently reads “by an at least 5/6 majority decision of the Executive carried at a meeting of the Executive; or” with

(a) by an at least 6/7 majority decision of the Executive carried at a meeting of the Executive; or

2. Replace section 10(3), which currently reads “For the Executive to direct a member of the Executive to execute their duties in a particular fashion, at least a 5/6 majority decision of the Executive is required.” with

(3) For the Executive to direct a member of the Executive to execute their duties in a particular fashion, at least a 6/7 majority decision of the Executive is required.

Moved: Phoenix O’Neill

Seconded: Ben Yates

Motion 4.6: Fixing numbering, phrasing, and grammar mistakes in the constitution

Motion:

1. *Rescinded.*

2. Replace section 10(12)(a), which currently reads “supervise the Orientation Week and Busk Week activities of the Association;” with

(a) supervise the Orientation Week and Bush Week activities of the Association;

Replace section 21(10)(e), which currently reads “a new Financial Review Committee is elected at the first OGM meeting of the second Teaching Period of each Academic Year.” with

(e) a new Financial Review Committee is elected at the first General Meeting of the second Teaching Period of each Academic Year.

4. Amend the final line of the table of contents, which currently reads “SCHEDULE 1 TO THE CONSTITUTIONF” to read

“SCHEDULE 1 TO THE CONSTITUTION”

Motion 4.7: Changing the scope of SRC

Motion:

Replace section 14(3)(a), which currently reads

pass resolutions that determine the Policy of the Association, except for Policy relating to matters of higher education within the ANU or its constituent Colleges, subject to section 13(4) and 13(5) (“General Meetings”);

with

(a) pass resolutions that determine the Policy of the Association subject to section 13(4) and 13(5) (“General Meetings”);

Moved: Phoenix O’Neill

Seconded: Ben Yates

Motion 4.8: Conflicts of interest

Rescinded.

Motion 4.9: Removing ANU Union from the Constitution

Motion:

Remove “**Union** means the Australian National University Union.” from section 2(1).

Moved: Phoenix O’Neill

Seconded: Ben Yates

Motion 4.10: Spending Cap Review

Preamble:

At OGM3 2022, the General Secretary was directed to review spending caps for elections in the Governance and Election Reform Working Group, ‘including specifically looking into spending caps that apply to photography and graphic design, as separate categories, while ensuring student artists are not

insufficiently remunerated'. The Working Group met on Friday the 24th of February. The Working Group considered the consultation that the General Secretary did with available 2022 ticket conveners, findings on spending from the 2022 Probity report and discussed potential models for spending caps.

In the end, the Working Group found that there was not a need for a new model to be proposed. It was discussed that the current cap allows for equitable compensation of student artists and that the current cap was not creating significant financial inequity in elections campaigns.

Motion:

ANUSA accepts the findings of the Governance and Election Reform Working Group on spending caps.

Moved: Phoenix O'Neill

Seconded: Ben Yates

Phi: last year was directed to look at spending caps in elections, specifically photography and graphic design spending which were excluded. Obligated to present any models made by the working group to OGM1.

I did a consultation with each one of the ticket conveners from last year's election. A majority of them said that graphic design and photography being excluded from the spending cap does not make a big difference to their campaign.

Did not have a single response from conveners wanting to change this and more concerns about remunerating artists properly.

When I brought these responses to the working group, the group overwhelmingly agreed. Thus we are putting that the spending caps should not change.

Ben waives his right to speak.

Lara: Two concerns: taken to a single governance working group, one last week was cancelled, others did not proceed last year.

Azraa: expressed concern about financial inequities, and tickets' abilities to pay for large graphic design campaigns. We would like this to be brought to more consultation before it is finalised.

Phi (Point of clarification): Motion just accepts finding - we're not obliged to accept, can vote on AGM and have restrictions apply to this election.

Lara: Will there be more governance reform working groups?

Phi: Yes, now that I know that there are more concerns which haven't been addressed

Paria: Was at the working group, if this was reincluded in cost the cost cap would increase and having the money spent on other stuff, increasing the cost cap. Keeping it separate is a best-case scenario.

Sarah (for): I wanted to state that last year there was a lot of transparency with campaign funding. You can find all the details in the agenda of SRC 7 last year.

Phi (right of reply): any spending made not in the spending cap can still be included in those reports.

Motion put to vote. Motion passes.

Motion 4.11: Housing Action Now – ANUSA to form a student housing action group

Preamble:

Australia is currently facing a severe rental crisis. Conditions for students are particularly dire – the ANU has sold the revenue from their student accommodations to a private investment firm, which is now driving up tariffs year on year. The ACT population is increasing while housing stock remains stagnant, leading to record high rents and record low vacancy rates.

The Australian National University has a responsibility to support the welfare and wellbeing of its students, including providing adequate housing options. Furthermore, the ACT Government and Federal Government have a responsibility to address the rental crisis and ensure that all residents, including students, have access to affordable and secure housing. Housing is a human right and should not be controlled by private interests looking to turn a profit. Urgent action is required at all levels of government to address the need for affordable housing.

Actions:

- ANUSA will establish a student housing action collective to address the rental crisis and advocate for better housing conditions for students and the broader Canberra community.
- The collective will organize a student housing forum, which will be a place to platform students' experiences and grievances about housing, to discuss the rental crisis, and build a movement for affordable housing.

- ANUSA will call on the ACT Government and Federal Government to take urgent action to address the rental crisis in Canberra, including introducing measures to increase the supply of public housing, control the price of rent, and protect renters' rights.

Moved: Kai Dreyfus-Ballesi

Seconded: Phoenix O'Neill

Kai: I'll speak slowly so my fellow minuter isn't overwhelmed and doesn't need to speed type away too much. We're forming a housing action group, this is because the cost of living crisis is in full swing and it has a particularly dire impact on students who don't have the extra capacity to work on top of their studies, we're seeing huge jumps in rent, record 10% jump in rents in Australia - unheard of. Basically this group is to call for action from ANU, federal and territory governments to take housing action for students and the population more broadly.

Phi: See facebook, lots of updates.

Friday 3-5pm we'll be having a meeting to set demands

Next friday after that we plan to do a poster run (quietly the day before before open day)

Friday after that (week 5) we'll be organising a housing forum for students to talk about their experiences. Want to reiterate the importance of housing action happening now, ANU and government isn't willing to commit to housing. This is a really important matter for us to mobilise around.

Sarah (for): wanted to give numbers for ACT. 10 years ago the Labor government supported by greens was in, there was 10,200 public housing units in ACT, now there's over 200 less units despite massive population growth - over 100,000. Want to commend the motion on its wordings, and its focus on the ACT government. Appreciate the specific demand of increasing housing. If I turn up, I will push for the supply of public housing to be increased to be a key demand.

For: Strongly agree with that. Look at what the Labor government is doing and responsibility for bosses' wages, [missed] fucking over students. The supposedly progressive Labor-Greens government have been knocking down houses across Northbourne. Part of that is going to be explicitly fighting campaigns around housing.

Cater: agree it is positive to have action on cost of living crisis, especially as Sarah revealed. Appalling More money to developers with no guarantee it will help the housing crisis.

We're seeing that student housing is in crisis. This is positive and it is good to see protests making it to the big time. Like when Cherish got arrested and was able to speak about that in the press. It's a dire point

of student poverty even as they try to look left-wing and radical. Trying to rent a room on Centrelink in Canberra is impossible.

Amendment to add ANUSA and the housing collective support the NUS' Get a Room Campaign, from Yerin, taken as friendly.

Yerin (for): In relation to how the housing crisis has been covered. I think the Get A Room campaign has been really positive. There has been a lot of coverage of it in the left-wing media. This is great in light of the upcoming state election. The voice of students and radical, left wing students, is good. Points the blame at government and landlords for this crisis. Very positive and supportive for more action at ANU and Canberra.

Aveline (for): It's negative working with David Pocock on this stuff. He said he was anti-strike. Shame! Voting for the IR bill, making some pretty fucked changes.

Kai (right of reply): Thanks so much for the support. As lots have recognised, this is important and it is a crucial time for this issue, and there are related campaigns in Canberra, like missing middle, and national like get a room, push govt to address this and the ANU to address it as they have a duty of care. We need to pick our battles, but also acknowledge how the reshall tariffs. Please come along this Friday at 3pm and join the housing action collective Facebook.

Motion voted on. Motion passes.

Procedural for 5 min break. Motion passes.

Motion 4.12

Repeal electoral regulation 2.3.9 as it is contradictory with and duplicative of the newer section 2.12

Moved: Sarah Strange

Seconded:

Motion 4.13

Preamble:

This removes all requirements in the Electoral Regulations to put anything on the ANUSA door. This won't remove the slightly more useful physical notice requirements where they exist. Also it will add a digital notice requirement for the actual list of candidates to be posted. Also, SRC/CRC/OGM/Education Committee meetings will keep having to have notice on the ANUSA door until someone can amend the Constitution at a future meeting and that all gets approved by the ANU Council, so keep your printers running.

Motion:

Repeal Electoral Regulation 2.2.4(a) and 2.2.4(d) and renumber the remaining subsections.

Amend Electoral Regulation 2.3.10 to state 'As soon as practicable after nominations close, the Returning Officer or their nominee shall post a list of nominated candidates for all positions on the ANUSA website and shall send this list via email to all students and post to any other relevant social media pages considered necessary.'

Amend Electoral Regulation 4.6.2 by removing the text 'on the Association door, and'.}

Moved: Sarah Strange

Motion 4.14

Preamble:

In 2020, You! for ANUSA reused their facebook page from 2019 while running for the election, and was allowed to do so by the Probity Officers/RO (disclosure: I was one of these officers). In 2021, a couple of other tickets tried to do the same thing but were blocked by the RO on the advice of different Probity Officers. The theory was that building a following for a ticket's facebook page at a certain election then reusing it at the next election counts as illegal campaigning before the election period because the

followers of the facebook page roll over. But this ruling would logically apply equally to people's personal facebook pages, which obviously have a following predating the election period, as well as other organisations' facebook pages. Taking this ruling to its logical conclusion, people could only campaign with new facebook pages created during the campaigning period. Of course, the ruling was only applied to facebook pages named after tickets specifically, which isn't really consistent with any text in the Regulations or common sense. This motion reverses the 2021 ruling and allows tickets to re-use their facebook pages year to year, without campaigning using those pages before the campaigning period.

Motion:

Add a new subsection 3.2.12D to the Electoral Regulations which states 'For the purposes of Regulation 3.2.12, campaigning outside the Campaign Period does not include posting social media content inside the Campaign Period using a social media page created before the Campaign Period

Moved: Sarah Strange

Seconded: Wren Somerville

Back at Quorum and restart meeting at 7:55pm. Chair back to Phi.

Sarah: I'm not speaking for the whole 2022 probity team, just myself. This is a small motion. It will not have an outsized impact on elections. The current state of things prohibits something that I see no reason to prohibit.

That's the reason I move the motion. Thanks to the people I've spoken to, there have been possible first argument against this: splits between groups between years. My response is that there are already regulations about how can use what name and branding. This motion doesn't add or detract from who can use a specific name or branding.

Political argument - not trying to say it is out of nowhere - against factions that are stable year after year after year.

My response: those tickets have already been using their branding, and their names. They have already been presenting themselves as successors.

My other response is that it is not putting a thumb on specific factions, it takes thumbs off all factions, a deregulatory democratic move. We're taking a deregulator, independent stance.

The current interpretation is logically incoherent and unsustainable.

Wren: Agree with arguments put forward by Sarah. Good to build up political reputation amongst students, does exist in informal sense in halls. Power in Community ticket and ongoing thing with indies

and some of NLS tickets have pre existing networks, having a base of students who support your policies is good. It will make it even more democratic.

Ben (against): I think I would voice lots of the concerns Sarah spoke to. Three key concerns. First is naming and branding rules. I think I disagree that those are sufficient where there is a contest in a year, incapable of contests interyear.e

There is zero guidance in the rules. In the extent that there are rules, it would require the RO to make calls on really vague points like who has a greater right to specific branding.

Second issue is around what would happen if the ticket page were reused under different branding without permission of all previous members of the ticket. Probity does not have rules around this atm, is it a misrepresentation to reuse the following that page has in a subsequent election.

Procedural for Ben to have one more minute to speak passes.

Ben: continuing, political argument to decrease barriers rather than increase barriers.

One of the unique characteristics of this union is that we have a strong culture of independents getting elected. This does not exist in other universities due to entrench power. Think we should go against barriers to entry. If this is voted down I will bring an amendment to election regs to change this if it is voted down.

Carter: Functionally it has been the same people running as independents each year, reusing page is something that other unis allow. THis change would help tickets who don't have access to the large social networks available in halls.

Ben: Point of clarification - not to have clarifications around independents who call themselves, its people who run alone like Kai.

Kai (against): Hello everyone. I think that this change would severely disadvantage people running as single independent;. Refute argument this is about halls and friendship networks. I lived in a hall for a year, I know no one from that time. I don't think I was elected based on my reputation in the hall. It's important to come from not an existing faction and join this union and hold the factions to account. We lose diversity if people legislate against.

Grace (against): Really firmly against, antidemocratic and barrier to entry. It encourages the same factions running every year. Elections should be even more contested.

Brings up so many problems year to year - what that even means, hall argument is silly, but elections are popularity tests and relationships are made in many different ways. Pro-establishment and against idea of new candidates and voices heard. Repeat of same kinds of people and ideas. I really encourage for people to vote this down.

Procedural: Ben to speak again for only 30 seconds. Procedural passes

Ben: I want to make clear that this isn't a 'faction bad' thing.

SAlt haven't contested this union until 5 or six unions ago, Labor left hadn't either.

Barriers to entry also apply to organised groupings

Procedural: Kai to speak for a minute. Passes.

Kai: Possible I misunderstand the change but the possibility for a ticket to use facebook page throughout year and have activities on group and then change it back later on and ambiguity around the actions taken earlier in year considered campaigning, outside of timeline.

Yerin: A facebook page isn't an entrenched system of power.

I don't think student union contests should be a popularity contest. People voting regularly for the same political basis is pretty important. Not taking / adding restrictions, more democratic way to run elections.

This is a more democratic and transparent way of running the elections.

Procedural to vote after Sarah's right of reply.

Sarah (right of reply): Two parts: 1) the governance objections have been that the rules of who can use what name are deeply incoherent. This incoherence already exists and won't change with this motion. It is a separate issue.

I don't mind if the motion is voted down for the political reason. This isn't going to entrench SALt or the liberal party - liberal reused the page and they didn't get any votes. Nobody will vote for them. We're talking about 50 followers, three likes for facebook pages. It's not going to stop fantastic independents from succeeding in elections.

It's going to equalise the playing field. Salt and young libs has a facebook page that they build throughout the year. They use those pages to endorse their campaigns.

This is going to remove strange and non textual restrictions from rules. Political impact will be there, but can be easily managed.

Motion voted on. Motion passes.

Motion 4.15: Overturn the suspension of Deaglan Godwin and Maddie Clark! The right to protest is a core part of freedom of speech!

Preamble

In a significant crack down on campus activism, the University of Sydney has suspended two student activists: Deaglan Godwin and Maddie Clark. They have been suspended as a consequence of participating in a protest against Malcolm Turnbull on campus last August. The protest aimed to highlight how Turnbull was no friend of students, how his actions and policies as Prime Minister were deplorable, and how his sizeable wealth is an insult to students doing it tough amidst the rising cost of living.

The suspension handed to both Deaglan and Maddie represents a real attack on the freedom of speech of activists, as well as on the democratic right to protest. These two rights are not counterposed- the right to protest is a core part of freedom of speech. Politicians and businessmen like Malcolm Turnbull have a vast array of avenues to air their opinions and views- ordinary students and workers have precious few. Collective protests, even if they are loud, are a key method for students putting forward their views and grievances with the way society is being run. Yet the university has signalled that if students dare exercise this right, then they are susceptible to disciplinary punishment. During their misconduct process, both were prevented from speaking publicly about the allegations or process, and were given no presumption of innocence. Not only the outcome, but the process itself, is aimed to intimidate and silence left-wing student activists.

This decision is consistent with other attempts by the university to discipline activism. Maddie herself received a suspended suspension for protesting an anti-abortion stall on campus. This means she is now suspended for the entire year. Previous SRC office bearers have been suspended for organising counter-protests to far-right figures speaking on campus. Last year, the university launched misconduct allegations against students and staff disrupting zoom classes as part of the NTEU industrial campaign. These actions add up to a consistent silencing of left-wing views and activism, in order to protect those views which uphold the unequal status quo, in both the university and broader society.

The suspension of two socialist activists should be of concern to every left-wing person and activist. It is meant as a warning signal to others. We can, however, resist this attack on the freedom of speech of activists. Historically, student unions have been at the forefront of such campaigns. We need to actively oppose this attack in order to prevent the university further eroding our rights and freedoms.

Motion:

Platform

1. ANUSA condemns the decision of the University of Sydney to suspend Deaglan Godwin and Maddie Clark, and penalise others, for protesting Malcolm Turnbull last year.

2. ANUSA calls for the immediate overturning of this decision.
3. ANUSA defends the freedom of speech of activists and considers the right to protest a fundamental aspect of that.

Action

1. ANUSA councillors and office bearers will sign onto and share the open letter calling for the repeal of the suspensions against Deaglan and Maddie.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-DsN12sFQft2SnmXUCOzL8I7UbPiPjGGY-34zX-7MdgsitA/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0nclc6Hutgk1iSarL_Sir6G91isWvHT6nFyPyEDx8dWrSv74TN0Q9Nqe8
2. ANUSA will campaign against this decision and calls on other unions, organisations and individuals to do the same.

Moved: Carter

Seconded: Louie

Carter: People may have seen the situation at USYD. Gives outline of situation, protesting against Malcolm Turnbull hanging out on campus. Both Declan and Maddie have been suspended for this, on the grounds of blocking freedom of speech. Maddie has been suspended for an extra year for [attacking?] anti-abortion stall. Landmark ruling by uSYD to consider protest as an infringement of free speech is concerning.

Talked about left-wing support and politics.

Stand behind the activists who stand behind these things.

Louie: Agree, echo respectability politics in particular. No way we're infringing on the rights of a former Prime Minister, principled to vote this up and unprincipled to vote it down.

No speakers against the motion.

Ben (for): Agreed. Want to add disturbing fact is conditions of confidentiality against Maddie et al, university stripped them of their right to freedom of speech. Ironic, but also concerning as students can't speak out about it. Finding out from ANU whether this could happen on campus.

Yerin (for): Also concerning, ejection of members of Socialist Alternative from Honi Soit, purely on the basis of relations to Socialist Alternative. Balance or red bait students for being socialist plays into the mood of censorship on behalf of the university. Students being repressed, responsibility on behalf of students to act.

Carter (RoR): Agree with Yerin, bit of a meme to hate on SAlt, exactly the sort of environment uni management can use to attack socialists. Declan and Maddie are too loud or outrageous apparently [missed rest of discussion]. Redbaiting can lead to a more favourable environment for uni management to attack students.

Motion put to vote.

Motion passes.

Item 5: Other Business

Motion 5.1: Protest against far right transphobe ‘Posie Parker’

Far right online personality Kellie-Jay Keen aka ‘Posie Parker’ is organising a demonstration against trans rights at Parliament House, with the rallying cry “let women speak.”

Keen has featured on radio and television interviews with far-right groups such as the Proud Boys; the far-right Hungarian politician, Holocaust denier, and Islamophobe Hans Lysglimt Johansen; Canadian white-supremacist Jean-François Gariép; and been endorsed by American right-wing talk show host Tucker Carlson. She actively campaigns against transgender people having their gender recognised by the state, against drag performances, and against trans people using public bathrooms aligning with their gender. She compared schools letting trans kids use the correct bathroom to social engineering and called trans people and their supporters a “cult”.

Keen is touring Australia and New Zealand whipping up transphobia and bigotry. The tour attempts to build a right-wing movement around her transphobic politics, stating “that women are adult human females—not a costume, not a feeling or a drug to be dependent on”. The tour also states that it will unite people across “the political spectrum, ethnic backgrounds, socio-economic backgrounds” in an attempt to build a bridge between the far right, conservative Christians, and TERFS.

To fight against Keen spreading her far right, transphobic ideology, the NUS LGBTI office has called counter demonstrations against every stop of her speaking tour. Our leg in Canberra is the last, and the counterprotest will be 12pm on Thursday March 23 at Parliament House. The protest aims to expose the links between Keen and the far right, to challenge the narrative that she is just a concerned feminist, and to show supporters of her views that LGBTI people and their supporters won’t back down without a fight. The Facebook event can be found here: <https://fb.me/e/4aGlpsPdi>.

As an organisation that exists to defend students' rights, ANUSA should be part of the fight against transphobia and support the rights of trans students on and off campus.

Action:

ANUSA opposes the Australian and New Zealand tour of far right and transphobic UK personality Kellie-Jay Keen.

ANUSA supports the protest on March 23 against Kellie-Jay Keen's transphobic protest in Canberra.

ANUSA will share the event for the protest on the ANUSA Facebook page with a short message about the importance of attending.

ANUSA commits up to \$250 for printing leaflets and posters for the protest, and paid Facebook advertising for the protest.

Moved: Carter Chryse

Seconded: Jehan Jayawickrama

Carter (for): People who went to IWD protest may have heard, transphobe is doing a speaking tour in a 'standing for women' tour. Reprehensible. Posie Parker will be arriving in Canberra on parliament house lawn on [date] and have a counterprotest.

We should not let all the far right people rock up and have a great time. We can not let the far-right and transphobes.

Gonna have a counterprotest called by equal love and supported by NUS queer department to meet Kelly Keen on the lawn and let it be kn own ordinary people do not support transphobia.

Jehan: I think it's important that the ANU know that against transphobia

No speakers against.

Mickey: Important as transphobia is on campus, we've seen it in an increase of stickers. need to take a stand.

We really need to make an active stand and show that we will fight against transphobes

Chris: It's super crucial we out-mobiliste these far-right freaks, which is the most effective way to shut them down and demoralise their campaigns, opposing bigotry.

Having it at parliament house is a big opportunity and in the coming days and weeks w

Until the event need to do as much as possible to promote it. Don't want an embarrassingly small contingent

Aveline: I want to emphasis how things like this with Posie come in with all this

Crap about Toilets and Sports is not the extent of this. These spaces are used to cohere the general far right. Transphobes, homophobes, holocaust deniers.

All of the fuckers like Andrew Tate, and far right parties in the UK - That's what coheres all of this

Need to oppose these far right fuckers, it's not the people like concerned mum and dads

Friendly amendment by Mira to change LGBT to LGBTQIA+.

Wren: Want to talk a bit about Posie Parker. Classifying women's safety and the idea that they're a danger to women is something to be dismissive of. Transphobia as an idea that people will prey on women and children in bathrooms.

It's very important that we're totally dismissive of it. The guise of safety can be used to promote right wing ideas in society.

It's important to recognise to not cede ground on any of these ideas. The reality is that trans people do not represent a threat to women, it's the far right.

It's the people who are for the overturning of roe v wade who are the real transphobes.

Cater: (RoR) Info session about who she is on Friday, about what is so reprehensible about her far right politics.

If you liked what Aveline said you can hear more about it this friday

Motion passes.

Additional motion:

Motion 5.2

At the end of the AGM, ANUSA takes a solidarity photo in support of Maddie and Deaglan, and posts from its facebook page with a link to the petition

Mover: Yerin

Secunder: Wren

Yerin: We already agreed that we support the rights of protesters.

Wren: Showing solidarity

Motion put to a vote. Motion passes.

Item 6: Meeting Close

Expected Close of Meeting: 7:30pm

Released: 6 March 2022 by Phoenix O'Neill

The next general meeting of ANUSA is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 3 May at 6.15pm, location TBC.

Reference A

Treasurer Report OGM 1

Katrina Ha

Executive Summary

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1. Expenditure Report

Please find the attached ANUSA's profit and loss statement starting from 1st December. This statement shows a summary of ANUSA expenditure as of 3rd March. There is nothing much different from the SRC 1 report, but now the report reflects the invoice of SSAF first instalment, even though we have not received the amount yet. If you have any questions about these line items or about the statement in general, feel free to ask.

Profit & Loss

The Australian National University Students' Association Incorporated

1 December 2022 to 3 March 2023

3 Mar 23

Income

SSAF Allocation \$746,823.60

Total Income \$746,823.60

Gross Profit \$746,823.60

Less Operating Expenses

Accounting/Bookkeeping - Xero \$482.72

Auditing \$27.27

Bus expenses \$530.21

Departments & Collectives	\$58,181.82
Education Committee	\$2,450.00
Fees & Subscriptions	\$29,320.07
Leadership and Professional Development	\$10,240.46
Meeting Expenses	\$34.91
Parenting Room	\$1,394.68
Printer	\$309.15
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	\$1,066.89
Student Engagement	\$649.57
Utilities	\$921.78
Bank Fees	
Bank Fees with GST	\$58.65

Bank Fees without GST	\$254.66
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Total Bank Fees	\$313.31
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BKSS

BKSS - Asset purchases	\$125.45
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BKSS Food/Consumables	\$7,105.04
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BKSS Non-food	\$925.82
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Total BKSS	\$8,156.31
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Consultancy

Legal Expenses	\$3,530.42
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Total Consultancy	\$3,530.42
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Equipment

Equipment Expense	\$240.00
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Total Equipment	\$240.00
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Marketing & Communications

Marketing & Communications - Diary	\$4,690.00
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Marketing & Communications - Software Subs	\$199.00
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Total Marketing & Communications	\$4,889.00
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Other Employee Expenses

Other Employee Expense	\$7,376.64
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Staff Amenities	\$875.06
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Total Other Employee Expenses	\$8,251.70
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O-Week

O-Week Events	\$82,006.98
O-Week Food purchases	\$71.51
O-Week Merchandise	\$5,327.18
Total O-Week	\$87,405.67

Salary and Wages

Department - Stipends	\$34,903.96
Department - Superannuation	\$3,664.94
Salaries and Wages	\$231,288.27
Salaries and Wages - ANUSA Exec	\$53,977.12
Salaries and Wages - BKSS	\$8,065.30

Salaries and Wages - Event Coordinators	\$13,107.84
Superannuation Expense	\$38,015.60
Superannuation Expense - ANUSA Exec	\$5,667.51
Superannuation Expense - BKSS	\$887.17
Superannuation Expense - Event Coordinators	\$1,438.24
Total Salary and Wages	\$391,015.95

Student Assistance Team Grants

Student Assistance Team Grants	\$15,837.27
Total Student Assistance Team Grants	\$15,837.27

Student Assistance Team Purchases

SAT Purchases - Student Meals & Others	\$1,429.64
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Total Student Assistance Team Purchases	\$1,429.64
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Total Operating Expenses	\$626,678.80
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Operating Profit	\$120,144.80
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Non-operating Income

Interest Income	\$3,919.76
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Miscellaneous (Sundry) Income	\$652.25
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O-Week Income	\$45,599.98
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Ticket/Event Sales - O Week	\$22,034.10
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Total Non-operating Income	\$72,206.09
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Non-operating Expenses

Non SSAF

Events Non-SSAF \$5,009.27

Total Non SSAF \$5,009.27

Total Non-operating Expenses \$5,009.27

Net Profit \$187,341.62

2. SSAF

Some additional SSAF decisions regarding the extension postgraduate services are currently ongoing. Currently, the most certain thing is that we are getting \$746,823.60 for our first instalment and we are waiting for the transfer. There will be many changes as there are ongoing negotiations, so if it is confirmed, I'll include new decisions for the next report or so.

3. Financial Accessibility

One of my policies is making an easier way to access ANUSA's profit and loss statements. Previously, students only can check the profit and loss statements only through SRC minutes or

can only check the annual financial reports on the website. Now, students can check all the profit and loss statements reported to the meetings on the website:

<https://anusa.com.au/about/financialreportsandssaf/> Always happy to answer any questions, or you can visit our officer to check our financial statements in person!

4. ANUSA Audit

ANUSA sent all the required documents to the external auditor and now wait for the audited financial report from them. We might get back before the end of march, and after that we will pass it in the AGM.

5. 2023 Budgets

You can check the new budgets for 2023. Similar with the provisional budgets that we passed in the last OGM (OGM3 2022), there are two versions of the budgets: \$3.5 million version (ideal version) and \$2.3 million (non-ideal version). As I keep mentioning from the last SRC, there is uncertainty in SSAF funding for 2023. Thus, we are passing the two versions of budgets.

6. O-week/The Party

We are still in the progress of reconciling all the O-week expenditure, and it will be updated very soon. The thing I want to emphasise here is that our total profit/loss for both O-week and The Party is within the budget. Huge thanks to Charlotte and Mias (O-week Coordinators) to wind up all the expenditures!

7. Vending Machine Updates

We've met ANU Commercial Services to discuss about the possible vendors for our branded vending machine. Now, we narrowed the candidates to two vending machine providers, and I will update once it is confirmed and process to the next step!

8. Timesheet

From 1/12/2022 to 18/02/2023, I've worked 186.25 hours. This excludes ANUSA Christmas shutdown. I have taken 4 days of sick leave and 3 days of annual leave. I've worked an average of 14.3 hours a week. For the detailed breakdown, please email me at sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au.

Reference B

ANUSA 2023 Higher Capacity Budget	
Operating Expenses	
Accounting and Bookkeeping (Xero)	\$3,000.00
ANUSA Committee Projects	\$500.00
Auditing	\$15,000.00
Bank Fees	\$2,000.00
BKSS Consumables	\$85,000.00
BKSS Non-Consumables	\$5,000.00
Bus Expenses	\$7,000.00
Bush Week	\$32,000.00
Clubs Funding & Council	\$165,000.00
Clubs Training & Events	\$10,000.00
College Representatives	\$3,000.00
Consultancy & Legal Expenses	\$70,000.00

Departments & Collectives	\$362,000.00
Education Committee	\$12,000.00
Elections	\$5,000.00
Equipment	\$5,500.00
Fees & Subscriptions	\$39,000.00
General Representative Projects	\$4,000.00
IT Support & Equipment	\$15,000.00
Leadership & Professional Development	\$35,000.00
Marketing & Communications	\$12,500.00
Meeting Expenses	\$3,000.00
NUS	\$20,000.00
O-Week	\$55,000.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$20,000.00
Printer	\$8,500.00
Parent Room	\$5,000.00
Replacement & Maintenance	\$3,000.00

Salaries and Wages/Workers' Compensation Insurance	\$2,082,297.21
Student Extracurricular Enrichment Fund	\$100,000.00
Shut up and write program	\$60,000.00
Skill Up	\$20,000.00
Social Portfolio	\$20,000.00
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	\$7,000.00
Student Assistance Grants	\$150,000.00
Student Assistance Purchases	\$50,000.00
Student Engagement	\$40,000.00
Telephone	\$800.00
Utilities	\$13,000.00
ANUSA Business Expenses (Night Cafe)	\$268,720.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$3,812,817.21
Total Operating Expenses Without Night Cafe	\$3,545,097.21
ANUSA 2023 Lower Capacity Budget	

Operating Expenses	
Accounting and Bookkeeping	\$1,500.00
ANUSA Committee Projects	\$500.00
Auditing	\$12,000.00
Bank Fees	\$2,000.00
BKSS Consumables	\$69,000.00
BKSS Non-Consumables	\$5,000.00
Bus Expenses	\$7,000.00
Bush Week	\$23,000.00
Clubs Funding & Council	\$155,000.00
Clubs Training & Events	\$10,000.00
College Representatives	\$2,000.00
Consultancy & Legal Expenses	\$30,000.00
Departments & Collectives	\$304,250.00
Education Committee	\$6,000.00
Elections	\$200.00
Equipment	\$5,500.00
Fees & Subscriptions	\$35,000.00
General Representative Projects	\$2,000.00
IT Support & Equipment	\$7,500.00
Leadership & Professional Development	\$20,000.00
Marketing & Communications	\$7,500.00
Meeting Expenses	\$2,000.00
NUS	\$10,000.00

O-Week	\$50,000.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$12,000.00
Printer	\$5,500.00
Replacement & Maintenance	\$3,000.00
Salaries and Wages/Workers' Compensation Insurance	\$1,424,246.17
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	\$4,000.00
Student Assistance Grants	\$60,000.00
Student Assistance Purchases	\$20,000.00
Student Engagement	\$15,000.00
Telephone	\$400.00
Utilities	\$13,000.00
ANUSA Business Expenses (Night Cafe)	\$268,720.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$2,592,816.17
Total Operating Expenses Without Night Cafe	\$2,324,096.17