



## MINUTES

### Ordinary General Meeting

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013  
12:30pm, ANU Bar

#### Attendance List:

##### Executive

Aleks Sladojevic- President  
Tasman Vaughan– Vice-President  
Sophia Stanley– General Secretary  
Shan Verne Liew– Treasurer  
Amy MacKinnon– Education Officer

##### Departments

Louise Stockton – Disabilities Officer  
Taufiq Suraidi – International Officer

##### General Representatives

Eric Chan  
Vincci Lee  
Michael Harrison  
Shane Paderanga  
Jess Bolton  
Lucy McFarlene  
Milly Cooper  
Sam Duncan  
Mark Jehne

##### College Representatives

Laura Wey - Science  
Zaiga Thomann - Science  
Caroline Skinner- CECS  
Andrew Welch - CECS  
Ruohan Zhao - CASS  
Charlie Carroll – CBE  
Jennifer Darmody - CBE

## Ordinary Members

Nick Barry	Benjamin Schnltz
Annika Humphries	Thilink J.
Connor Drum	Wei Jiat Sim
Thomas Nock	Richard K.
Joshua Orchard	Tom Scott
Bianca Hennessy	James Koral
Jack Gracie	Rebecca Sullivan
Michael Pettersson	Adam Hutter – Konos
Hashendra Wijesinha	Stuart Ferrie
Karohina Kotte	Muhummad Dayal
Niredita Shankar	Sanjay Roop Essimi
Jenny Ching	Woo Uni Chung
Malcolm Baylis	Lachlan Main
Perna Bhargara	Nick Beecher
Mirian S.	Zoe Anderson
Alhad Patijo	George Martin
Charlotte Baday	Sharon Tran
Karan Dhamija	Rajiv T.
Emma Roberts	Lachlan Deakin
Sony N.	Zach M.
Ho Guo Cheng	Brent O’Toole
Myles Holcombe	Ali John
Iqra Abedin	Ben Greenwood
Judy Zhao	Satoni Sward
Lachlan McDermontt	Owen Forbes
Andrew C.	Georgia Plummer
Ramya Raghavan	Anirudh Devanathan
Perna Bhargava	Robert Fern
Ray Yoshida	Catlin Delbridge
Karina Curry-Hyde	Ellen Trevanion
Clementine Picknick	Jessica Kendall
Ella Masri	Alex Worthington
Seth Robinson	

Yiking Zhang  
Shih Han Treng  
C. N. Stone  
Bas van de Weeff  
Hannah Wood  
John Casey  
Josh Bolitho  
Tess Kluckon  
Bianca Hennessy  
Louise Klec  
Janahan V.

## Item 1: Meeting Officially Opens and Apologies

**Meeting Opened: 12:35pm**

### 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The General Secretary acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

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

### 1.2 Apologies

No apologies were received.

### 1.3 Explanation of Standing Orders

The General Secretary gave an explanation of Standing Order covering required topics.

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

**MOTION:** That the minutes from the Ordinary General Meeting 2 be accepted

Moved: Annika Humphries

Seconded: Laura Wey

**Motion: Passed**

## Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising

### 3.1 President's Report (Sladojevic) [Reference A]

**No Questions.**

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

Moved: Amy Mackinnon

Seconded: Louise Stockton

**Motion: Passed**

### 3.2 Vice President's Report (Liew) [Reference B]

**MOTION:** That the Vice Presidents Report be accepted

Moved: Nick Barry

Seconded: Annika Humphries

**Motion: Passed**

### 3.3 Financial Review Committee (FRC) Report (Cheng and Robert) [Handout 2]

**No Questions.**

The FRC can be contacted on contact on: [sa.frc@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.frc@anu.edu.au)

A huge thanks to Cheng and Robert for all their work on this report.

### 3.4 Elections Returning Officer's Report (Sladojevic) [Handout 1]

**No Questions.**

### 3.5 ANUSA Bus Report (Vaughan) [Reference C]

## Item 4: Elections

### 4.1 Nomination of Returning Officer

Returning Officer: Mark Jehne

Deputy Returning Officer: Louise Stockton

### 4.2 O-Week Directors

Nominees:

- Milly Cooper
- Tom Nock
- Myles Holcombe
- Iqra Abedin

ANUSA O-Week Directors 2014 were elected unopposed.

### 4.3 Grants and Affiliation Committee

Nominees:

- Ramya Raghavan
- Ali John
- Abid Rahman
- Josh Orchard
- Kevin Cai
- Hashendra Wijesinha
- Stuart Ferrie
- Prerna Bhargava

The elected 2013 ANUSA Grants and Affiliation Committee are:

- Ramya Raghavan
- Prerna Bhargava
- Josh Orchard

## Item 5: Items for Resolution

### 4.1 Ordinary Motions [Reference C]

**Motion:** That ANUSA note that:

1. To limit global warming to 2 degrees celsius, the maximum permissible amount of warming agreed to in the Copenhagen Accord, 80% of fossil fuel reserves must remain in the ground.
2. Following the student campaign by Fossil Free ANU, it has emerged that ANU holds at least \$80 million in companies with a major stake in the extraction, transportation and/or combustion of fossil fuels.
3. For the ANU's actions to be consistent with its rhetoric and its world-leading research and campus sustainability practices, it must ensure its investment portfolio is free of fossil fuel companies; and
4. This is an opportunity for the ANU to take the lead by becoming the first Australian university to have a "fossil free" investment portfolio.

That ANUSA calls on the ANU to:

1. Freeze all new investments in companies with a major stake in the extraction, transportation and/or combustion of fossil fuels;
2. Develop a plan to divest current holdings in these companies over the next five years;
3. Execute this plan in a manner that is open and transparent to the university and wider community.

**Quorum lost** at 1.21pm – 32

**Regained** 1.26pm – 40

**Moved:** Ray Yoshida

**Seconded:** Emma Roberts

**Abstentions:** Aleks Sladojevic

**MOTION: PASSED**

**Motion:** To formally congratulate the 2013 ANUSA Team for all their hard work

Moved: Annika Humphries

Seconded: Bianca Hennessy

**MOTION: PASSED**

### **Item 5: Date of Next Meeting and Close**

The next Ordinary General Meeting will be scheduled for Term 1 2014 by the ANUSA 2014 General Secretary.

**Meeting Closed: 1.30 pm**

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Aleks Sladojevic

#### ANUSA Survey

On 2 September, the ANUSA survey went out to 5,000 students via email and the survey link went live on the ANUSA website. The survey has been scheduled to close on 4 October. At last count (19 September) there had been 477 respondents to the survey. The aim is to get at least 1,000 by the survey's close. The survey has focussed on the services, campaigns, and other initiatives that have been run by ANUSA this year. Questions were also asked around SSAF allocations.

#### ANUSA Elections – Introducing the 2014 ANUSA Team

ANUSA's 2013 Elections were held from 12 to 15 August. I would like to congratulate all the elected representatives, in particular, the 2013 / 14 Executive: Cam Wilson, Annika Humphreys, Nick Barry, Ellen Trevanion, Laura Wey and Lachlan McDermot. We wish you well for the coming year and we look forward to seeing the new initiatives and projects you have planned.

#### ANU Budget

##### Background

On 5 June, a Budget Forum was held for undergraduate students to provide an opportunity for suggestions to be made on how the ANU should go about tightening its budget. Suggestions were also being received via email submission, and ANUSA promoted both these opportunities to students.

##### 2014 Preliminary Budget

The 2014 preliminary budget has been released, and it shows the proposed allocation of funds across the University, taking account of the University's budget cuts and the reduction in the rate of Government funding. To access the draft budget, please see: <http://budgetsolutions.anu.edu.au/budget-situation/preliminary-2014-budget/>

The numbers are said to reflect: 'the budget solutions package; the funding cuts and the cost of the voluntary early retirement program, as well as projected increases in

income through growth in student numbers, increases in international fees and changes to parking.'

Area	2014 budget	Difference from 2013 projection	Cost of salary increases
CAP	50,226,168	-686,178	-1,439,824
CASS	55,659,300	-859,865	-1,462,273
CBE	42,864,968	1,318,513	-955,893
CECS	25,025,940	547,907	-509,281
COL	22,790,017	-77,288	-624,426
CPMS	67,367,102	37,217	-1,477,767
CMBE	83,829,365	-1,041,348	-1,707,756
JAG			-419,189
<b>All Colleges</b>	<b>347,762,860</b>	<b>-761,042</b>	<b>-8,596,409</b>
Central administration areas	118,046,545	-3,692,513	-3,037,598
<b>University wide total</b>	<b>465,809,405</b>	<b>-4,453,556</b>	<b>-11,634,006</b>

Two budget forums were held on 6 and 17 September.

For more information on the proposed budget changes, please see the Formal Change Proposal, available at: [http://budgetsolutions.anu.edu.au/files/2013/07/Change-Proposal\\_Budget-Challenges\\_FINAL.pdf](http://budgetsolutions.anu.edu.au/files/2013/07/Change-Proposal_Budget-Challenges_FINAL.pdf)

The University is also still receiving suggestions and feedback via email to [budgetsolutions@anu.edu.au](mailto:budgetsolutions@anu.edu.au)

## Staffing and the ANUSA Office

### ANUSA / PARSA Joint Staffing Committee

ANUSA and PARSA have established a Joint Staffing Committee to meet *at least* every two months in order to discuss issues, concerns and management of our three joint staff.

## ANU Committees and Meetings

### Mental Health Working Group

The last meeting was held on 13 September. Progress is continuing at a steady pace. The *ANU Mental Health Strategy* is currently being further developed and edited. We are assessing communication strategies within the University and we are also in the process of drawing up a report around the MHWG's findings and



recommendations. This report will be presented to the next University Education Committee on 1 November.

Areas of work being undertaken by the MHWG include:

- Examining student use of online support groups and social media
- An audit of student spaces on campus
- Looking at staff and student networks on campus
- Examining the viability of getting a Headspace on campus
- Developing working outcomes for the next 12 months which will be presented to University Education Committee

### University Education Committee

The next UEC meeting is scheduled for 1 November.

### Education Standards and Quality Committee

The last ESQC meeting was held on 2 September. Items discussed included:

- **Developing a uniform Academic Integrity and Misconduct Policy**
  - Proposal – To incorporate the Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure and the Discipline Rules in order to create the combined Academic and Misconduct Rules.
  - Rationale – There are currently two sets of mechanisms for dealing with student breaches of academic integrity as well as student misconduct – the Student Academic Policy and Procedure and Discipline Rules within each of the Colleges. There is currently no authoritative way to determine which of the rules are to apply in a particular context. This is particularly problematic for students in a double degree, whereby one process may be applied in one discipline area, and another process applied in the other. This proposal aims to create a uniform framework that brings together the processes and penalties within one uniform framework.
- **Assessment hurdles**
  - Definition – An assessment task that tests competency or skills or knowledge that is fundamental to passing the course, or is required by a discipline-specific or other accreditation policy
  - Developing a policy on how assessment hurdles can be used in a course

### Student Experience Committee

The next SEC meeting is scheduled for 18 October.

### Wattle Reference Group

The last WRG meeting was held on 5 September. Two important discussions that took place, including:

- Updating Wattle to accommodate implementation of new assessment policy which requires assessments to be submitted online (unless they can't be, or if there are strong pedagogical grounds for them to be submitted in hard format)
- The communication strategy for Turn-It-In implementation

### University Research Committee

The next Research Committee meeting is scheduled for 25 October.

## Advocacy

### Internships Roundtable

On 25 September, Professor Baker (Pro-Vice Chancellor, Student Experience) hosted a Roundtable on Student Internships at the ANU. Internships have been identified by the University as an area requiring considerable improvement. The Roundtable discussion was very useful in identifying some of our internship strengths, as well as areas we can do better (e.g. communicating internship opportunities to students). One of the proposals currently being considered is a Vice Chancellor's Internship course that would be available to *all* undergraduate students.

### CASS Review Committee

A student forum was held on 28 August to discuss issues around tutorials in CASS. The forum was attended by Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington, CASS Dean, Professor Toni Makkai, and approximately 50 students.

Submissions to the Review Committee closed on 30 August. There were a total of 24 student submissions: 23 from students and 1 from the ANU Students' Association. Four of the 23 submissions were from postgraduate students. The Review Committee released a report 27 September. The report was based on submissions from staff, students, and the CASS Executive, as well as the Terms of Reference.

The four recommendations made in the report are outlined below.

### Recommendations

#### Recommendation 1

The panel recommends that the CASS executive seek the advice of staff and students on how a reduced regulatory burden might be achieved for its education activities without compromising legal requirements.

#### Recommendation 2

The panel recommends that the CASS Education Committee seek the advice of staff and students on how trends in education innovation might be most effectively identified, discussed and evaluated in the College.

#### Recommendation 3

The panel recommends that the CASS executive work with schools and students to develop an education plan that outlines projected learning spaces needs, mechanisms for supporting, communicating and monitoring innovations across all CASS schools, opportunities for staff development and recognition in education innovations and targets and timeframes for measuring achievements.

#### Recommendation 4

Acknowledging that difficulties related to communications are common in large organisations, the panel recommends that the CASS Dean and CASS executive take urgent steps to review and renew communication within the College. The review should incorporate the advice of staff and students and be evaluated after a period of no more than twelve months and results reported to the College and to the Vice Chancellor.

#### **CASS Review Committee Terms of Reference**

- Alignment of the proposal with University education strategy, Group of Eight and national trends in humanities and social science delivery, and University academic quality assurance practices, as expressed in rules, policies and procedures;
- Sound academic and corporate governance of the proposal, as demonstrated through documentary evidence showing consultation and approval through existing CASS governance structures, clear project management and clear and persuasive evidence base, consideration of risks, and consultation where needed with other parts of the University;
- Robust corporate strategy for the initiative, as demonstrated through evidence of resources planning, including physical and virtual infrastructure needed;
- Effective communication of the project, as demonstrated through evidence showing consideration of impact and consultation with key stakeholders; and
- Sound management of human resources for the project, as demonstrated through evidence of planning for staff development, including any changes needed in recruitment, retention and promotion activities.

#### **Submission on the Review of the Division of Residences and Campus Communities**

ANUSA made a submission to DRCC Review Committee. On 23 September I met with the DRCC Review Committee in order to discuss our submission and other

concerns / suggestions we had. Our submission made the following 13 recommendations:

**Recommendation 1:** That the University consider the expansion of Griffin Hall to other locations on campus, as well as providing additional resources and opportunities to Griffin Hall students.

**Recommendation 2:** That, in light of the low membership numbers for the Fenner Associates program, the University re-examine the viability and projected benefits of expanding the virtual halls program to other residential halls and colleges.

**Recommendation 3:** That the lack of expediency in the bursary process be improved. For example, an emergency bursary application should have an answer within three business days. Semester application rounds should have an answer within one week, and payment the following week, at the latest.

**Recommendation 4:** That international *undergraduate* students be provided the opportunity to access the University's bursary program, and that international students (including exchange students) be allowed the opportunity and eligibility to apply for an emergency bursary.

**Recommendation 5:** That the bursary program be restructured as an 'as needs' process, whereby evaluations of bursary applications can be made within a few business days of the application having been received.

**Recommendation 6:** That, in light of ANUSA's considerable experience with the bursary program, as well as the Association's new structure (incorporating the Student Assistance Unit), the management of the bursary program be transferred to the Association.

**Recommendation 7:** That the University develop a comprehensive policy regarding the application of Negative Service Indicators, including the reasons where an NSI is applicable, the consequences, and the procedures by which staff should operate.

**Recommendation 8:** That all staff able to apply or request an NSI be trained in the aforementioned NSI policy (recommendation 7), and that they be kept accountable for the application of these on student records.

**Recommendation 9:** That the University ensures that the NSI is not used to prevent students from enrolling in a subsequent semester of study.

**Recommendation 10:** That a networking session between the ANU Students' Association Executive and Student Assistance Unit, PARSA Executive and Student Welfare Advisor, and DRCC, be held in order to help establish better links between the units and better collaboration in the future.

**Recommendation 11:** That DRCC undertake a review of its website and available information to students to ensure that there is more transparency regarding the Division's roles and responsibilities.

**Recommendation 12:** That the University's Student Services (i.e. Student Exchange) be provided with the capacity to receive applications for ANU residences and bursaries.

**Recommendation 13:** That the viability and effectiveness of DRCC's current location on Brian Lewis Crescent be evaluated by the University.

### Feedback on the Dean of Students Review Report

A report from the review of the Dean of Students role, written by Professor Michele Flemming, was released on 4 September (see: <http://about.anu.edu.au/strategy-reviews/administration>). A positive outcome of the review was the recommendation that the DoS position continue in its current form (i.e. as an academic mentor who is separate from other divisions of the University). Notwithstanding, ANUSA expressed strong reservations with two of the recommendations in the report. The executive summary of our feedback to the report is extracted below:

*The ANU Students' Association (ANUSA) would like to thank the University for the opportunity to participate and provide feedback in the Dean of Students (DoS) review. In response to the report that was released by Professor Michele Flemming, ANUSA would like to raise strong reservations with regard to recommendations 3 and 9.*

*Recommendation 3 is that the DoS role be reduced from a 1.0 FTE position to a 0.5 FTE position. ANUSA contends that this recommendation is poorly justified in the report, and that, if adopted, it would have significant undesirable effects on students and the University. ANUSA recommends that the DoS role remain, as it currently is, a 1.0 FTE position.*

*Recommendation 9 suggests the University consider the administrative support of the DoS role being shared with another area the University, such as the Registrar (Student Services). ANUSA is very concerned about this recommendation as the independence and impartiality of the DoS role would be compromised by shared administrative arrangements, particularly if the triaging function for the DoS office was being conducted by another area of the University. ANUSA recommends that the administrative support of the DoS role should work closely and collaboratively with other areas of the University, however, it should remain independent.*

### ANUSA Mental Health Committee

#### Suicide Prevention Day



On 29 August, ANUSA undertook a joint suicide prevention awareness-raising campaign with the Centre for Mental Health and Research (CMHR). The day coincided with the ANUSA Student Assistance launch. Students were provided with over 300 yellow helium balloons on which to write messages on for their peers.

### **ANUSA Mental Health Day**

ANUSA's Mental Health Day was scheduled to take place on 26 September, however, due to bad weather on the day, the decision was made to reschedule the event to 2 October. Plans for the day include:

- Launching the **ANUSA Mental Health Guide** (online)
- ANUSA volunteers talking to students and handing out flyers
- Over 11 stalls, including CMHR, the Counselling Centre, and ANU Sport
- An alpaca petting zoo
- Make-your-own show bags
- Live music, and
- Free food.

If you are interested in following the Committee's work and initiatives, or getting involved, please join the Facebook page (link below) and come along to one of the meetings. See: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/498050273589867/>.

### **Study Abroad Forum**

On 12 September, the University hosted a Study Abroad forum in order to gauge student feedback on ways it can improve the study abroad experience, including the administrative aspects of the process. This is an area that was identified as requiring considerable improvement in ANUSA's submission to the University highlighting problems in student administrative processes.

### **Academic Probation Survey**

We have drafted a preliminary report for the Academic Probation survey. Unfortunately, several responses had to be discounted as students were either ineligible to complete the survey or did not fully complete it. We had a total of 66 valid responses. This is not ideal as the survey was conducted as a census (i.e. not targeted as a sample). Nevertheless, we will be presenting the results of the survey to University Education Committee in November.

## **Student Assistance**

### **Student Assistance Unit Launch**

The SA Unit Launch was held on 29 August and it was an incredible success. Many thanks to the ANUSA staff who helped plan for and who also participated on the day. Student consultations in the SA Unit have been steady this semester, and a notable increase from last semester. We have been advertising in Woroni and online with the aim of spreading awareness of the services we have available to students at ANUSA.

## Social

### Clubs and Societies Night

The ANUSA Social Officer has been busy organising the 2013 ANUSA Clubs and Societies night – a night to recognise the many achievements and hard work that students put into their clubs and societies. The night is scheduled to take place on 19 October at Hotel Realm. For more information on the event, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/671293619547789/?fref=ts>. To nominate your club and / or society for an award, please go to: <http://www.anusa.com.au/clubs-societies-awards/>

## Other

### Politics in the Pub

ANUSA hosted a Politics in the Pub event on 27 August at ANU Bar. The event was well attended by students and there was discussion and debate around a range of political issues. Politicians who attended the event included Senator Kate Lundy, Andrew Leigh MP and Julie Melrose. Liberal candidates were invited, however, unfortunately none were able to attend.

### 2013 Student Barometer Survey

On 24 September, I attended a presentation on the 2013 results for the International Student Barometer and Domestic Student Barometer surveys. In both surveys, the ANU recorded low response rates of around 15%, much lower than the average Australian, GO8 and global response rates.

Overall, the surveys suggested the following:

- A generally positive result for the university
- A need to work on orientation / arrival
- Room for improvement in performance feedback, assessment criteria, and course organisation
- A greater need for expectation management around accommodation and costs of living

- A greater need for career planning, academic and service functions to be aligned to the employment market
- A move to internationalisation that engages domestic students
- A need to better define the 'ANU Student Experience'

Worth noting is the positive performance that was recorded for clubs and societies, social activities, and social facilities in both surveys.

### 2014 SSAF Negotiations

The 2014 SSAF negotiations have commenced. The first meeting was held on 11 September and the second meeting is scheduled for 6 November. The newly elected Executive are currently putting together their draft 2014 budget as part of the SSAF negotiation process.

### Student Space Accessibility – Refurbishment

Work on getting the Brian Kenyon Student Space refurbished in order to make it more accessible is still underway. Work is scheduled to take place in the first part of the summer break. Please refer to the Vice President's report for more information.

### The Last Lecture

At the time of writing, voting for best lecturer to deliver The Last Lecture address was taking place (polls close 2 October). It was pleasing to see the large number of lecturers who had been nominated by students. The Last Lecture will be taking place on 31 October in The Great Hall, University House. All ANU students are encouraged to attend. For more information, please see:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/695313430494316/?fref=ts>

### Tjabal Centre Constitutional Recognition Event

On 24 October, the Tjabal Centre, ANUSA and PARSA will be hosting a Constitutional Recognition event in Union Court. More information will be available on the ANUSA Facebook page and website.

### Free Breakfasts

ANUSA's Free Breakfast Program will be continuing for the remainder of this semester. Breakfast foods are being made freely available to students in Student Space every weekday morning from 8 to 10am. The number of students taking advantage of this program has been steadily increasing.

### Yoga Program

ANUSA's Gold Coin Yoga Program, which runs one morning each week, has been a great success with an average turn out of 30 students each week. Students pay a



gold coin donation, which goes to Beyond Blue. Feedback has been very positive and this initiative will be continuing for the remainder of this semester.

## Abbreviations

BA	Bachelor of Arts
CASS	College of Arts and Social Sciences
CMHR	Centre for Mental Health and Research
DoS	Dean of Students
DSB	Domestic Student Barometer
DRCC	Division of Residences and Campus Communities
ESQC	Education Standards and Quality Committee
F&S	Facilities and Services
ISB	International Student Barometer
MHC	ANUSA Mental Health Committee
MHWG	Mental Health Working Group
OGM	Ordinary General Meeting
PARSA	Postgraduate and Research Students' Association
SA	Student Assistance
SEC	Student Experience Committee
SRC	Student Representative Council
UEC	University Education Committee
WRG	Wattle Reference Group

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### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tasman Vaughan

Its hard to believe we are almost at the end of this busy year. I have been completing my general staff, student space and office management duties, as well as assisting several students with academic appeals. Below are some of the key activities I have been undertaking.

#### Student space refurbishment

During the holidays I organised for the floors in the student space to be resealed in order to preserve them for the future. The cost was approximately \$2600.

We have also have plans drawn up to retrofit the student space to increase accessibility for students with disabilities. The front door will be retrofitted to allow wheelchairs to access the space. The kitchen will be expanded to include another sink, boiling water tap and bench, which is designed to be accessible for people in wheelchairs. This will also increase amenity in the space for all students and assist the student space managers with keeping the space clean. The estimated cost of this project is \$20,000.

#### Unisafe committee

The Unisafe committee continues to meet and discuss safety on campus issues. Unfortunately I could not attend the last meeting but Zaiga Thomman, ANUSA Science Rep attended. The committee is currently looking at a number of issues including lighting on campus, and a new safety app for students to use on campus. The app would connect with Security and allow students to connect and be tracked by security in the event of an emergency. It also has the ability to be used by College SRs and RAs when on duty at their colleges.

#### Campus planning committees

Of most concern to students in this committee is the planning of another Laurus Wing accommodation facility. After being approved by Campus Planning and Development committee, as well as University Council, the project has now been scrapped. The funding for this project was linked to the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) funding. This funding stipulates that all rooms must have a kitchen and bathroom within them. The University has decided that requirements for this type of accommodation has been filled on campus. The funding that the University committed will hopefully be reallocated to building a different version of the Laurus Wing that provides cheaper, Burton and Garran Hall style accommodation. Whilst this move was a little disappointing due to the hard

work that has gone into the planning process, I think it is a positive decision as the new building will provide the type of accommodation that undergraduates prefer, and most importantly can afford.

## Access and Equity Committee (UAEC)

This committee sat recently and the biggest win that I lobbied for was to secure more unisex bathroom facilities. Many students have lobbied for this for quite sometime and finally UAEC has moved to formally request that Facilities and Services ensure that all new buildings, and all major refurbishments include unisex bathroom facilities within them. A move was also made to ensure that inclusive language is used within this University, including on forms. Gender will now only be included on forms when necessary, and an option to not specify gender will be included when gender is needed. UAEC 4 made some big moves to support our trans and intersex students. About time!

## Programs and courses working group

The new study@, now called programs and courses has been launched to some success. The new platform is much better than it used to be. There have been some hiccups but these are being fixed and the second stage of development will begin soon. If you find any problems with the new platform, please email [programsandcourses@anu.edu.au](mailto:programsandcourses@anu.edu.au) and they will try and fix them up. Also, the search function is 'elastic' and will improve as more people use it. This has been a huge project and I want to publicly thank the university team who worked on it for involving students at every step of the way. This is a good example of how student engagement can be used to get good outcomes for new initiatives at the university.

## Flexible double degree working group

The new flexible double degrees will be rolled out from next year. This new system is groundbreaking in Australia and will allow students to select almost any combination of degrees/majors at the university. New students, as well as early year students will be able to enrol so go and see a course advisor if you are interested in changing to a flexible double.

## Handover has begun!

So a new ANUSA team has been elected and will start 1 December. Good luck to them, they have a huge year ahead of them. We have already started working closely with the new executive. They have some great ideas and will be consulting students over the coming weeks to feed your great ideas into their planning. I meet with the new VP, Annika Humphreys every week to thrash out the duties of the role and other idiosyncrasies of the role. Annika is doing a great job and its been a pleasure working with her. If you have any ideas for next year, send me an email and ill forward it too her.

We are also currently working on the annual report which should be available around exam time.

## Mental health guide

Amy McKinnon, our Education Officer has worked so hard all year to get this guide off the ground. Working in conjunction with our fantastic Comms officer, Jen, it is now available on our website and looking incredible. Check it out. Its got some great info on how to balance study and life and your mental health.

## Thank you

Finally, a big thankyou to everyone who has worked so hard to make our Association the best it can be and to make the student experience at ANU incredible. It's been a great year and I'm very proud of all the work we have done. To the Exec, couldn't have done it without you. To Aleks specifically, thanks for all your support and hard work, its been an inspiration to observe and be a part of.

**ANUSA BUS REPORT**  
Tasman Vaughan

## Background information

### The bus in 2013 and current usage

A number of factors have created the situation that the ANUSA bus, initially bought for use by the Association, collectives, clubs and societies and other student groups has not been available for use by any groups other than ANUSA.

1. A driver accreditation process was not formalised when the bus was bought.
2. A usage or hire policy was not completed when ANUSA's previous Legal Officer resigned, despite several months to complete it.
3. It was not clear whether the bus was covered by appropriate insurance.
4. It took several months for ANUSA to hire another legal officer. Therefore a further legal work on the bus documentation could not be completed.
5. The bus was vandalised on two separate instances, rendering the bus not roadworthy.
6. The 2013 ANUSA executive had reservations about the ability for untrained drivers to operate the bus safely following several close calls and a minor, but very expensive, car park collision.
7. The ANUSA executive proposed and passed a motion to sell the bus in SRC.

### 2013 Bus Costs

<b>Expected costs</b>	
Petrol	\$473.91
Insurance	\$1000 (approx.) confirmed at OGM
Registration	\$1000 (approx.) confirmed at OGM
Servicing fees	\$600 (approx.) confirmed at OGM
Parking	\$258.00
<b>Unexpected costs</b>	
Vandalised windscreen	\$315.00
Vandalised side mirror	\$400.00
Damage to other car	\$1444.75
<b>Total</b>	

As you can see, the bus is a useful but expensive piece of equipment for the Association to own and operate.

### *Recommendation one:*

If the Association retains the bus, funds for unexpected bus costs should be included in the budget.

## **Option 1**

### **Keep bus. Implement driver accreditation program.**

This option would require all drivers of the bus to be accredited to drive the bus by undertaking a daylong training program with an accredited driver training provider. Only these drivers would be allowed to drive the bus and would have to sign a Bus Usage policy before driving the bus. The usage policy would outline driver responsibilities and restrictions (ie. no alcohol/drugs consumed prior to driving the vehicle). Groups wishing to use the bus would either have to have one of their members undergo accreditation, possibly at the expense of the Grants and Affiliations Committee (GAC) fund. Otherwise student groups would have to compensate affiliated drivers for their time, whether through negotiation, monetary compensation or through funds obtained through GAC.

In order for this to happen the following actions need to be taken.

1. The legal officer needs to notify the insurance company of the intended use of the bus by formal letter to ensure that our insurance is appropriate.
2. The legal officer must create a usage policy.
3. An appropriate driver accreditation program must be sourced.
4. Student drivers must be trained.
5. Appropriate processes for affiliated Clubs and Societies to obtain funding for the use of the bus must be created.

Action 1, 2 and 3 have been initiated to ensure that if this option is chosen it can proceed quickly. In regards to action 3, a quote for an appropriate training program has been sourced. The cost for a one day program for four drivers is \$1100.

## **Option 2**

### **Trade in bus for smaller vehicle.**

Following consultation with students on possible alternatives to the bus, the option of trading in the current bus for a vehicle more similar to a standard car was suggested. The benefits of this would be that the vehicle would be more to the vehicles that drivers usually drive. The vehicle would also be easier to park. The

negatives would be that the vehicle would not be able to carry as many passengers as the bus.

Whilst it was quite difficult to source estimates for trade in value for our bus, Pickles Auctions estimated that we would be able to trade in the current bus to the value of \$22,000. This is a loss of \$11,000 for the Association. Quotes for various people mover-type vehicles ranged from \$25,000 - \$55,000, representing a possible further outlay for the Association of \$3,000 - \$33,000.

### Option 3

#### Sell bus. No further action.

ANUSA purchased the bus for \$33,000 in 2012. The Association could now hope to sell the bus for between \$22,000 and \$25,000. This represents a loss for the Association of between \$8,000 and \$11,000.

In this case, alternative transport options for Clubs and Societies would have to be explored.

### Option 4

#### Defer decision to next ANUSA executive.

#### *Recommendation two:*

In light of the negative reaction of students in response to ANUSA's decision to sell the bus, I recommend that Option 1, to keep the bus and implement a driver accreditation program be adopted. The Association is now in a position where the appropriate legal advice and insurance can be organised. The bus parking is also in the process of being relocated to a more secure space in the hope that this will reduce vandalism of the bus. I also recommend that the bus be fitted with parking sensors in order to assist students with parking the large vehicle. Before bus usage begins again, a process must be designed in order to ensure that the bus is regularly maintained and serviced.

Report completed by Tasman Vaughan, ANUSA Vice President 2013

## ORDINARY MOTIONS

That ANUSA note that:

1. To limit global warming to 2 degrees celsius, the maximum permissible amount of warming agreed to in the Copenhagen Accord, 80% of fossil fuel reserves must remain in the ground.
2. Following the student campaign by Fossil Free ANU, it has emerged that ANU holds at least \$80 million in companies with a major stake in the extraction, transportation and/or combustion of fossil fuels.
3. For the ANU's actions to be consistent with its rhetoric and its world-leading research and campus sustainability practices, it must ensure its investment portfolio is free of fossil fuel companies; and
4. This is an opportunity for the ANU to take the lead by becoming the first Australian university to have a "fossil free" investment portfolio.

That ANUSA calls on the ANU to:

5. Freeze all new investments in companies with a major stake in the extraction, transportation and/or combustion of fossil fuels;
6. Develop a plan to divest current holdings in these companies over the next five years;
7. Execute this plan in a manner that is open and transparent to the university and wider community.

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