



MINUTES - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 3 2015

Tuesday 28th April 2015

7:00pm, ANUSA Boardroom

Item 1: Meeting Opens

- Opened at 7:08PM
- Acknowledgement of country by Patrick Cordwell
- Apologies: Lilly Hannock, Alex Norris, Gabbi Imperial

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Motion: That the Minutes of the March SRC be accepted.

Moved: Jack Gaudie

Seconded: Albert Patajo

Absentions: Ana Stuart, Kat Reed, Sophia Woo

Status: Carried.

Item 3: Executive Reports

3.1 President's report (B. Gill)

Report tabled. Taken as read. Gill highlighted that:

- Feedback surveys for SRC and CRC will no longer confidential,
 - Representatives will still be able to raise sensitive issues individually with Executive members
- Focus group on mature aged students and young parents is being set up (because ANUSA does not at present cater for this group particularly well)
 - Please get in touch at sa.president@anu.edu.au if you have any questions
- SSAF Agreement
 - Progress is being made with the major sticking point continuing to be the roll over of funds unspent at the end of the year
 - Student organisations will be asked to give a midyear budget update to help manage funds and ensure that they are spent on time
- The audit is on track, finalized statements ready for AGM
- ANUSA membership gap
 - Non-award students are currently not covered under constitution and therefore struggle to access ANUSA services (such as Welfare officers)
 - Investigate changing the constitution
- ANUSA/PARSA will begin co-funding fitness/cooking classes next week
 - Details on the website
 - Yoga and BodyPump will be at ANU Sport
 - Cooking classes will run out of the BKSS
- HR Consultancy: we need an HR Framework, will be appointing a consultant

Motion that the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: James Waugh

Seconded: Ebony Hoiberg

Status: Carried.

3.2 Vice President's Report (J. Waugh)

Report tabled. Taken as read. Waugh highlighted that:

- Murray's agreement has been finalised and signed.
- Alcohol and Drugs Roundtable was productive, with members highlighting a gap with management at ANU Halls and Colleges

Motion: that the Vice President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Jacob Ingram

Seconded: Ben Gill

Status: Carried.

3.3 Education Officer's Report (J. Webb)

- Ed Talks
 - Ed Talk last week on Safety and Wellbeing on Campus was booked out and well attended
 - Great discussions raised (focusing on online harassment and mental health issues)
 - Next Ed Talk on 20 May, 9am with Dean of Students and Richard Baker
- Education Committee meeting this Thursday – free pizza!
 - Next NDA May 20
 - Continuing message of no cuts and no deregulation
 - Looking to run campaigns this semester, including lectures and online content – collaborating with Officers
 - Hoping that the campaign will be re-invigorated after the May Budget
- Planning a Crafternoon in the next few weeks to build up rally signs

Motion: that the Education Officer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Jack Gaudie

Seconded: Jed Buchanan

Status: Carried.

Procedural Motion 1: Reports interjected to move a procedural motion accepted by the Committee.

Motion: That the Chair pass to Vice President, James Waugh, to allow General Secretary, Megan Lane, to make her report, after which Chair will be returned to Miss Lane.

Status: Accepted.

3.4 General Secretary's Report

Report tabled. Taken as read. Lane highlighted that:

- AGM date has been set: May 21, 2015 at 12:30 in Union Court, venue is weather dependent
 - If the weather is unsuitable for Union Court, we plan to hold the AGM in MCC
 - It will be safer, warmer and able to be recorded.
- Flagged that the next SRC may be moved to Tuesday 26 May
- Meeting attendance
 - This is outlined in detail in report, attached to the agenda with reference material
 - 'De-jargon-ified' from the Constitution

- Lane detailed SRC and CRC meeting attendance requirements and took questions to clarify

Motion: that the General Secretary's Report be accepted.

Moved: Jack Gaudie

Seconded: Jacob Ingram

Status: Carried.

Chair returned to Megan Lane as per Procedural Motion 1.

3.5. Social Officer's Report (J. Gaudie)

Report tabled. Taken as read.

- GAC
 - Approved \$26,000 on last week
 - Cleared the backlog (GAClog)
 - Looking to expand GAC committee to include 8 new undergraduate representatives, to stop future backlogs
- Upcoming 'Week' Directors
 - Successful applicants for Bush Week have been appointed and informed
 - Sex and Consent Week Directors appointed
 - To be held Week 4, Term 3
- SEEF
 - Meeting postponed because Richard Baker was unable to attend
 - New meeting date means that Gaudie cannot attend. Please contact sa.social@anu.edu.au if you would like to go in his place
- ANUSA Eurovision Party
 - Plans are underway. Please contact Gaudie if you are interested in helping out
- Budget Night party
 - May 12, 2015
 - Should be in the BKSS. Details will follow online.
- BKSS
 - Organizing a program with BKSS managers to encourage people to come by during the evenings

3.6. Treasurer's Report

- Apologies for not sending report through on time to allow for circulation
- Murray's Bus Deal
 - Student tickets for \$28 to Sydney
- Women in Leadership
 - Planning a lecture series
- Staffing changes
 - Looking for a new finance officer, but we have an interim stand-in while the recruitment process is gone through

Item 4: Department Officer Reports

4.1 Indigenous Department Report (B. Collard)

- Hosting a women's night in conjunction with the Tjabal Centre
- NAIDOC Week
 - Indigenous Department would like to host NAIDOC Week this year
 - Want to engage more local students and postgraduate students

- The central planning will be done autonomously, but help would be welcome later on
- Week 2, Term 3
 - These dates are outside the national NAIDOC Week dates, but they occur during the ANU break
- No financial statement from Collard. To be circulated via email and accepted there.

Motion: that the Indigenous Department Report be accepted (subject the to acceptance of the financial statement via email).

Moved: Emily Campbell

Seconded: Jack Gaudie

Status: Carried

Procedural Motion 2: Reports interjected to move a procedural motion accepted by the Committee.

Motion: To amend the agenda to allow the Women's Officer to present last in Item 4.

Moved: Em Roberts

Seconded: Jack Gaudie

Status: Carried.

4.3. Queer* Department Report (K. Reed)

Report tabled. Reed highlighted that

- Looking to host IDAHOC during the week on 18 May
 - Currently planning is autonomous but please contact Kat Reed if you are interested and do not meet requirement
- Hosted Queer* 101 at B&G
 - Attendance: 70 people
- Hosted Trans 101 at Burgmann College in collaboration with Burgmann Queer* Officer
 - Attendance: 90 people
- ANU Halls/Colleges
 - Looking to increase outreach into residences
 - Still looking at transition policy for ANU
 - Once finished will take to Access & Inclusion for implementation hopefully by end of 2015
- Self Defence Classes (non-autonomous event)
 - \$5/head
 - Limited to 20 people
- Queer* Collaborations Conference
 - Student run (this year ANU);
 - Applied to SSEF for funding for students to attend

Motion: that the Environment Department Report be accepted.

Moved: Ebony Hoiberg

Seconded: Linda Ma

Status: Carried.

4.4 International Students' Department (A. Zhang)

- Recent events
 - Networking BBQ
 - 'Racism Is...' campaign

- Was only planned for one week but it has been so successful that it may be extended
 - Designs and support have come from NUS
- AGM
 - To be held next week
- Information Packs
 - To be sent to new students starting Semester 2
 - Please get in touch if you have any inclusions/ideas
- Budget
 - Revenue approx.. \$14,457
 - Expenditure approx. \$12,881
- Website
 - Cost in excess of \$1,000
 - A new website was commissioned. \$1000 is linked to domain registration and design.
 - The new website is accessible for students in China and other countries where internet can be difficult to access

Motion: that the International Students report be accepted.

Moved: Em Roberts

Seconded: Linda Ma

Status: Carried

4.5 Disabilities Department Report (A. Stuart)

Report tabled. Taken as read. Stuart wished to highlight that:

- Volunteer's Session moved from tomorrow to Friday

Motion: That the Disabilities Department Report be accepted.

Moved: James Waugh

Seconded: Jack Gaudie

Status: Carried.

4.6. Environment Department Report (E. Merrick)

Report tabled. Taken as read. Merrick highlighted that:

- NDA for Fossil Fuel Divestment
 - Last week
 - Delivered petition to Ian Young who said he would deliver it to Council
- Hosting solidarity actions with the Tent Embassy
- Hosted a retreat with Sydney University Enviro Collective to help foster closer working relationship

Motion: that the Environment Report be accepted.

Moved: James Waugh

Seconded: Jack Gaudie

Status: Carried

Procedural Motion 3: Reports interjected to move a procedural motion accepted by the Committee.

Motion: To amend the agenda to move the Women's Report to General Business.

Moved: James Waugh

Seconded: Jack Gaudie

Status: Carried.

Item 5: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice

5.1. NUS Presentation and Accreditation (T. Nock)

- Context: Presentation was borne out of a motion in SRC 1 to invite NUS National Office Bearers to address SRC on their activities to help facilitate a discussion around re-affiliation.
- There followed three presentations from
 - Rose Steele (NUS National President)
 - Achievements of NUS include lowering the age of independence, original defeat of deregulation, extension of rent assistance, led campaign against VSU, HECS reduced, reintroduction of student amenities fees
 - NUS represents students to State Governments and to Federal Governments as the peak student representation body
 - Tom Nock (NUS National General Secretary and ANUSA member)
 - NUS does not have individual student members, it has student organisations that are its members
 - Used to operate under Universal Student Unionism
 - At this time, student unions around the country were well funded and a powerful voice for students
 - VSU was introduced and many student organisations folded because their funding either decreased or their referent universities withheld SSAF funding
 - Hannah Smith (NUS National Education Officer)
 - Updated SRC on the progress of the national campaign against University Fee Deregulation
 - Primarily done through large scale actions (such as NDAs and lobbying elected officials and MPs)
 - These three office bearers held a Question and Answer session from SRC representatives
- There then followed short presentations from Megan Lane and Jock Webb as delegates from the 2014 NUS National Conference
 - Jock Webb (ANUSA Education Officer and 2014 NUS Delegate – proxy)
 - Aligned with the National Independents faction at NUS
 - National office bearers need to seriously consider how they hold themselves on the conference floors, how they are run, security etc.
 - I personally see a huge amount of value in NUS.
 - It's value should be measured in political lobbying power, not just the amount of posters or materials we receive.
 - It would be ineffective to remove our contribution, if one of the major issues that students have is the defunding of departments due to a lack of funds.
 - In terms of broad student movement, they have the power to be a voice for the students in a broad sense and with more resources, this can be done more effectively.

Procedural Motion 4: Reports interjected to move a procedural motion accepted by the Committee.

Motion: That the Chair pass to Vice President, James Waugh, to allow Megan Lane, to make her report, after which Chair will be returned to Miss Lane.

Status: Accepted.

- Megan Lane (ANUSA General Secretary, 2014 NUS Delegate, 2015 NUS ACT Women's Officer)
 - Aligned with Student Unity faction at NUS Conference
 - She did not experience harassment and at no time during NUS felt uncomfortable or unsafe.
 - Some heckling is to be expected at a large student conference with a dynamic floor and contentious debate.
 - No organisation is perfect and NUS is no exception.
 - Whether or not you agree with the funding/defunding of office bearers, you must agree that without adequate financing, NUS cannot afford to fund positions it has no money for
 - On this issue, the more money NUS has, the better they can represent us and other minorities.
 - Lane refuted suggestions that she had not conducted herself appropriately on conference floor or that her membership of SU was linked to misconduct
 - On her role as the ACT Women's officer, Lane noted that while State Women's Officers were highly useful in states with many campuses and student organisations, in the ACT where there are only two affiliated campuses (ANU and UC), the role was less necessary but she was prepared to help the ANUSA Women's Officer engage more with her national counterpart.
- Both Webb and Lane answered questions about their roles as delegates and office bearers.

Procedural Motion 5: Reports interjected to move a procedural motion accepted by the Committee.

Motion: To suspend the Student Representative Council for five minutes to allow Representatives to take a break after 2.5 hours of debate and presentations.

Status: Carried.

Meeting recommenced at 9:36PM. Standing orders resumed.

5.2. Philanthropy and ANUSA (E. Hoiberg) [Reference J]

5.3. First Aid and Mental Health Courses (B. Gill)

5.4. Handover (B. Gill)

5.5. SSAF Update (B. Gill)

5.6. Disputes Committee (A. Patajo)

5.7. ANUSA and the Media (K. Reed)

Item 6: Other Business

Item 7: Date of Next Meeting and Close

The next meeting of the Student Representative College is scheduled to be on Tuesday the 5th of April at 7:00pm in the ANUSA Board Room.

Meeting 7:00pm

Expected Close of Meeting: 8.30pm

Released: 28th March 2015 Megan Lane