



OGM 1 AGENDA

Thursday 6:15pm 23 April 2020

Zoom (online)

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Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Apologies

1.3 Chair outlines standing orders for the meeting

Item 2: Passing last meeting's minutes

Motion to pass the minutes from SGM 2 2019.

Item 3: Reports

3.1 Treasurer's Report (M. Wang) [Reference A]

Item 4: Financial Review Committee elections

Item 5: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice

Motion 5.1

ANUSA approves the 2020 Budget [Reference B].

Mover: Maddy Wang

Secunder:

Motion 5.2

1. The SRC empowers the General Secretary to create an Electoral Reform Working Group.
2. The working group will be open to all undergraduate students and ANUSA staff.

3. The working group will present its recommended amendments to the Election Regulations at a General Meeting before nominations for the 2020 ANUSA General Elections open.

Mover: Taylor Heslington

Secunder: Jacob Ellis

Motion 5.3

Preamble

The current electoral method for ANUSA College Representatives almost entirely results in split-ticket results during a competitive election. This means that rather than compete with the other ticket, candidates running together compete among themselves. Given that these roles require strong cooperation between both partners and gives little opportunity for ideological differences that proportional systems allow for, the system needs to change.

The current amendment proposes a system that only allows voters to vote for tickets rather than candidates. This system puts an emphasis on the teamwork between two candidates over the individual qualities of the candidates, matching the work needed for the role. It means candidates can only run as a slate of two, barring individual candidates. But it also means that the ticket that wins a majority of votes will be awarded both positions, rather than relying on a supermajority.

The strengths of the new system are that it strongly incentivises not just college representatives to work together, but also allow for more productive debate over policy between the two tickets. It also means popularity of an individual candidate won't be deciding, requiring the candidates to campaign as a pair. The motion also addresses current issues with the casual vacancy system. More detail on the electoral system and the casual vacancy process is included in the Explanatory Note.

Explanatory Note

The current electoral system for ANUSA College Representatives is based on a form of 'Open List Proportional Representation' (OLPR) system. This allows voters to rank candidates from any ticket in the order they choose. Because two positions need to be filled, the quota to be elected is approximately 33.4% of all votes. Unlike most systems, ANUSA's version of the OLPR also allows for tickets to either determine the order of the candidates on the ballot or randomise the order for each voter. The outcome of this is that most electoral results for college representatives are split-ticket, as a ticket only needs approximately 33.4% of the vote to elect a candidate, but approximately 66.7% to elect both. This outcome is like that of the ACT's election of Federal Senators.

The amendment proposes ANUSA adopts is a General Ticket voting system with a Single Transferable Vote. This amends the electoral regulations so that College Representatives must run together under a ticket, and that voters can only vote tickets rather than individual candidates in College Representative tickets. It bars individual candidates from running. Otherwise, it operates similarly to the election of executive members, where a majority of 50%+1 is needed – and in the case of multiple candidates the one with the least votes is eliminated and their preferences spread until a majority is reach. Effectively, tickets replace candidates in college representative elections.

Other electoral systems that could be used while giving voters agency fall into similar problems of the current system, in that a candidate can still win with a small plurality. While they could work better in some circumstances, the extremes are worse, undermining the reason for the reform. They are also far more complex and would require broader amendments to the electoral regulations along

with a separate ballot counting process. Preferential block voting, which was used by the Australian Senate until 1948, was considered as an alternative, but ultimately too complex to implement.

The motion also includes three clauses to update the process in which a casual vacancy for college representatives are filled. The current system has led to delays over vacancies over several years and the current provisions bring it similarly in line with how General Representatives vacancies are filled while also fixing many of the errors that have prevented previous vacancies from being filled.

Clause 1, 4, 5, 9 all change the wording of the regulation to accommodate group ticket voting for election of College Representatives.

Clause 2 ensures that you can only run with another college representative on a ticket.

Clause 3 establishes the group ticket voting procedures on the ballot.

Clause 6, 7, and 8 update the requirements of filling casual vacancies of College Representatives to be similarly in line with General Representatives.

Clause 6 updates the current provision of filling a vacancy by allowing the President to do it outside of teaching periods and a requirement for it to be filled as soon as possible.

Clause 7 allows the President, with consultation with the remaining representative, or the CRC if there are no representatives, to appoint an interim-College Representative that will act until the vacancy is filled or elected through a College Representative Council Meeting. This provision is like that of the General Representatives.

Clause 8, similar to Clause 8, draws upon the replacement method for a General Representative, allowing a College Representative to be elected at a College Representative Council meeting if the vacancy is not filled in time.

Motion

1. Amend 2.3.7 of the electoral regulations from:

“No nomination of a candidate for election to a position may be accepted where:
(a) the candidate is verified as endorsed by a registered ticket under section 2.3.3; and
(b) there are more candidates for election to that position verified as endorsed by that registered ticket than there are vacancies to be filled.”

to the following:

“No nomination of a candidate for election to a position may be accepted if:
(a) the candidate is verified as endorsed by a registered ticket under section 2.3.3; and
(b) there are more candidates for election to that position verified as endorsed by that registered ticket than there are vacancies to be filled; or”

2. Insert 2.3.7 (c) and (d) into the electoral regulations, as follows:

“(c) in the case of a nomination for the position of College Representative of a College, if the number of nominations of a registered ticket for College Representative for that College is not exactly two; or

(d) if a nomination for the position of College Representative is not endorsed by a registered ticket.”

3. **Amend 2.4.5 from :**

2.4.5 The ballot for the election of General Representatives to the SRC:

- (a) must group candidates according to the ticket or party to which they are aligned, and group together all "Group Unspecified" candidates in a single group titled "Not Grouped";
- (b) must display these groups in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer or their nominee;
- (c) must list the registered ticket name at the top of each group endorsed by each registered ticket
- (d) must list candidates within these groups:
 - (i) in the order requested by that group, if that request is received in writing by the Returning Officer or their nominee before the date of the drawing of lots; or
 - (ii) if no order is requested, in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer or their nominee in accordance with section 2.4.3; and
- (e) must display the group entitled "Not Grouped" to the right of the groups endorsed by each registered ticket; and
- (f) must list candidates within the group entitled "Not Grouped" in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer or their nominee in accordance with section 2.4.3.

to the following:

2.4.5 The ballot for the election of General Representatives or College Representatives to the SRC:

- (a) must group candidates according to the ticket to which they belong, and, in the case of candidates running for General Representative, group together all "Group Unspecified" candidates in a single group titled "Not Grouped";
- (b) must display these groups in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer or their nominee;
- (c) must list the registered ticket name at the top of each group endorsed by each registered ticket
- (d) must list candidates within these groups:
 - (i) in the order requested by that group, if that request is received in writing by the Returning Officer or their nominee before the date of the drawing of lots; or
 - (ii) if no order is requested, in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer or their nominee in accordance with section 2.4.3; and
- (e) in the case the ballot for General Representative, must display the group entitled "Not Grouped" to the right of the groups endorsed by each registered ticket; and
- (f) in the case of the ballot for General Representative must list candidates within the group entitled "Not Grouped" in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer or their nominee in accordance with section 2.4.3.

4. **Amend 2.6.1 of the electoral regulations from:**

“When casting a ballot, the voter must indicate the order of their preference by placing the numeral 1 against the name of the candidate of their first choice, 2 against the name of the candidate of their second choice, 3 against the name of the candidate of their third choice and so on, in an unbroken sequence of numbers against the names of candidates.”

to the following:

- (a) Except in the case of a ballot for election of College Representatives, when casting a ballot, the voter must indicate the order of their preference by placing the numeral 1 against the name of the candidate of their first choice, 2 against the name of the candidate of their second choice, 3 against the name of the candidate of their third choice and so on, in an unbroken sequence of numbers against the names of candidates.
- (b) In the case of a ballot for election of College Representatives, when casting a ballot, the voter must indicate the order of their preference by placing the numeral 1 against the name of the ticket of their first choice, 2 against the name of the ticket of their second choice, 3 against the name of the ticket of their third choice and so on, in an unbroken sequence of numbers against the names of the tickets.

5. Amend 2.6.2 of the electoral regulations from:

“A ballot will not be valid if:

- (a) the voter has not indicated their preferences for at least 1 candidate;
- (b) the voter has indicated their first preference for 2 or more candidates; or
- (c) in the opinion of the Returning Officer or their nominee, the ballot has been modified or in any other way manipulated after it was cast.”

to the following:

“(a) Other than for a ballot for the position of College Representative, a ballot will not be valid if:

- (i) the voter has not indicated their preferences for at least 1 candidate;
- (ii) the voter has indicated their first preference for 2 or more candidates; or
- (iii) in the opinion of the Returning Officer or their nominee, the ballot has been modified or in any other way manipulated after it was cast.”

“(b) In the case of a ballot for the position of College Representatives, a ballot will not be valid if:

- (i) the voter has not indicated their preferences for at least 1 ticket;
- (ii) the voter has indicated their first preference for 2 or more tickets; or
- (iii) in the opinion of the Returning Officer or their nominee, the ballot has been modified or in any other way manipulated after it was cast.”

6. Amend 4.5.1 of the electoral regulations from:

“If a vacancy occurs in a position of College Representative, the President, after consulting with the CRC, must nominate an ordinary member of the Association enrolled in the relevant College to fill the vacancy.”

to the following:

“If a vacancy occurs in a position of College Representative, the President, after consulting with the CRC in person or in writing, must nominate an ordinary member of the Association enrolled in the relevant College to fill the vacancy as soon as practicably possible.”

7. Insert 4.5.2 into the electoral regulations, which reads:

“The President may, upon consultation in person or in writing with the relevant College Representative or, if unavailable, the CRC, co-opt an ordinary member of the Association enrolled in the relevant College to be an interim College Representative until the next College Representative Council Meeting of the Association or until the vacancy is filled in accordance to 4.5.1.”

8. Insert 4.5.3 into the electoral regulations, which reads:

“If the vacancy in position of College Representative is not filled before the next College Representative Council Meeting of the Association, then:
(a) whoever convenes the next College Representative Council Meeting of the Association in accordance with this Constitution must include on the agenda a call for nominations to fill the vacancy; and
(b) at that College Representative Council meeting any ordinary member of the Association enrolled in the relevant College may nominate to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Regulations.”

9. Amend Schedule A of the electoral regulations by adding 1 (4):

(4) In the case of a ballot for the election of College Representatives, a vote for a ticket shall be interpreted as a preferential vote for the candidates running for that ticket in the order of tickets selected by the voter and then in the order of the candidates for each ticket, in the order they appear on the ballot.

Mover: Dominic Harvey-Taylor

Seconder:

Item 6: Other Business

6.1

This OGM opposes all use of Proctorio at ANU, and endorses the following statement from the No Proctorio campaign meeting on April 20th:

'We are against any use of Proctorio, for the following reasons:

1. Use of Proctorio is an incursion on the rights of students, as it films and records us in our homes, analyses our facial, eye and body movements to determine if we are "suspicious", monitors our typing, takes command of aspects of our computers, and requires that our homes and personal computers become subject to the scrutiny of the exam invigilator.

2. Use of Proctorio poses risks to students, we're made to install something which collects very personal information (such as footage of us). Given ANU's history of data breaches, scenarios where the information is being held by ANU or by a third party both risk students' information. We do not want to give access to our computers to Proctorio, it's unreasonable to expect we risk compromising our computers' security in this way.
3. Use of Proctorio is even more unfair to some students - any student without reliable internet or the required hardware, students with disabilities, students with families or sharehouses, will all be disadvantaged by the invasive online proctoring done by Proctorio.

We condemn the failure of ANU to seriously engage with the concerns students have raised regarding accessibility and inclusion. We also reject the "solution" proposed by ANU that students without access to necessary hardware simply apply for emergency financial grants in order to purchase it.

We demand that the university cease any plans for the use of Proctorio, or any similarly invasive method, and instead provide options for students such as open book exams, new assessments, cancellation of exams, etc, all of which should only be adopted with the agreement of the students set to sit these exams.

No university workers should be disadvantaged in this. Some alternate assessment methods will require more work, and the staff members involved should be paid for any extra time required, and if necessary extra staff be retained to assist. Universities Australia have flagged 21,000 job losses in the sector, and severe cuts to conditions. We stand with the workers at ANU against job losses or reductions in conditions. ANU should not use online proctoring to disadvantage staff, and transition to alternative methods should not require that existing staff do unpaid work or be overworked.'

Mover: Grace Hill

Secunder:

Item 7: Meeting Close

Expected close of meeting: 8:00pm

Reference A

TREASURER'S REPORT

Madeline Wang

Summary

A is for Audit

B is for Budget

C is for Current Financial Position

D is for (Term) Deposit

E is for Empty

F is for Financial Review Committee

Audit Statement

The ANUSA Financial Audit statements for 2019 will be available on the ANUSA website by the 7th of May. This covers ANUSA as well as all the Departments and Collectives. I hope to be able to present a more digestible version of this report after it has been published.

Budget

See the associated motion for the 2020 Budget.

Current Financial Position

We are currently \$450,806.41 in “profit” as of the year to date. This arises largely from the \$250,000 of funding from the University for COVID-19 relief. We are still owed our 3rd SSAF instalment from the University as well as the amount for COVID-19 relief, so while these numbers look optimistic, the reality is that we are currently operating quite close to financial capacity from our existing funds.

Term Deposit

As of the 28th of March, our 7 month term deposit with MEBank matured. This amount is typically referred to as the ANUSA reserves funding, and arises from SSAF and other surpluses accumulated over years. \$1,977,290.00 was invested at a rate of 2% p.a, resulting in a return of an additional \$23,077.41. We are currently considering options for our financial reserves, with \$2,000,000 put into a term deposit for 6 months at 1.8% p.a being currently the most favourable option. This would allow for fluid cash in case of an emergency arising, but also guarantee a higher rate of return.

Empty

This is purely so I kept my (frankly amazing) naming structure. There is no news.

Financial Review Committee

As the new FRC members will be elected at this OGM, welcome! I look forward to working with you over the next few months. As this year's FRC will be examining ANUSA's compliance in 2019, please do not hesitate to ask me for assistance.

Reference B

ITEMS	2020 ANUSA SSAF AMOUNT	ADDITIONAL REVENUE
ACCOUNTING & BOOKKEEPING	1,020	
AICD TRAINING	-	
ANUSA COMMITTEE PROJECTS	5,000	
AUDITING	18,000	
BANK FEES	2,000	
BKSS CONSUMABLES	22,500	
BKSS NON- CONSUMABLES	11,000	
BUS EXPENSES	7,000	
BUSH WEEK	20,000	
CLEANING	13,000	
CLUBS FUNDING & COUNCIL	150,000	
CLUBS TRAINING & EVENTS	-	
COLLEGE CAMPS	1,500	
COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES	5,000	
CONSULTANCY & LEGAL EXPENSES	25,000	
CRCC	45,000	
DEPARTMENTS & COLLECTIVES	110,000	
EDUCATION COMMITTEE	7,500	
EDUCATION SERIES	-	
ELECTIONS	300	
EQUIPMENT	6,000	
FEES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,500	
GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS	3,000	
IT SUPPORT & EQUIPMENT	4,500	
LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	29,000	
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS	17,000	
MEETING EXPENSES	867	
MSL	37,675	

NUS	10,000	
O WEEK	100,000	133,643.99
OTHER EMPLOYEE EXPENSES	13,500	
PRINTER	7,000	
REPLACEMENTS & MAINTENANCE	2,000	
SALARIES AND WAGES/WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE	1,183,000	
SKILL UP	-	
STATIONERY/GENERAL SUPPLIES/POSTAGE	5,000	
STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS	40,060	500,000
STUDENT ASSISTANCE PURCHASES	14,500	(COVID-19 FUNDING FROM ANU)
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT	17,800	
TELEPHONE	400	
TRAINING	10,000	
UNIVERSAL LUNCH HOUR	7,500	
UTILITIES	5,500	
TOTAL	1,961,622	633,643.99

There has been a few changes to the ANUSA 2020 Budget. The largest being the addition of \$500,000 shared between the Student Assistance Grants and Student Assistance Purchases line items to accommodate for increased demand from those line items in light of the COVID-19 situation. ANUSA has also internally redistributed amounts from different line items to adjust to this increased demand. These amounts are detracted from the following line items:

Committee Projects: \$2000
College Camps: \$2000
Leadership/PD: \$6000
Meeting Expenses: \$633
Student Engagement: \$1927

In total, \$12560 has been internally reallocated to Student Assistance Grants.