



MINUTES - ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 2 2011

Wednesday 31st August 2011

Union Court Amphitheatre

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

Penny Rumble– Queer* Officer of the Association
Kate McMurtrie – Women’s Officer Officer of the Association
Isobel Morphy Walsh – Indigenous Officer of the Association
Angeline Tan – International Officer of the Association
Steph Smythe – Disabilities Officer of the Association

Maneka Sivanathan – General Representative
Thomas Barrington-Smith – General Representative
Emily Bennett – General Representative
Ridah Hassan – General Representative
Shan Verne Liew – General Representative
Elaine Li– General Representative
Jamie Bryce– General Representative
Emily Criticos – General Representative
Maea Lenei Buhre – General Representative
Sarah Jane Collum – General Representative
Skye Webb – General Representative

Simon Ngo – College of Business and Economics Representative
Talha Baseer – College of Engineering and Computer Science Representative
Nithyia Mohan– College of Engineering and Computer Science Representative
Fleur Hawes – College of Arts & Social Sciences Representative
Galvin Chia – College of Arts & Social Sciences Representative
Abby D’Cruz – College of Science Representative
Mei-Godfrey Yik – College of Law Representative

Ordinary Members:

Amanda Joyce Neilson
Sharon Kaur
Joanne Chee
Lily Dempster
Cameron M Knott
Colin Asen
Tijana Ilie
Michael Pettersson
Lucy Stevenson
Alice McAvoy
Robert Wiblin
Tara Mulholland
Danni Day
Nish Rego
William Mudford

Belinda Miller
Roisin Lafferty
Prue Weisener
Daniel Fox
Andrew Joyce
Issac Wright
Courtney Sloane
Jess Millen
Cam Wilson
Ryan Turner
Richard Keys
Daniel Payten
Uma Patel
Alex Bell Rowe
Sam Wall

Ben Koval
Lynn Li Teo
Francesca Lee
Nicholas Vandaless
Lachlan McDernott
Lyndsay Dean
Jess Hull
Victoria Perin
Nicola Moore
Simon Thompson
Sam Vancea
Madeleine Brodie
Laura Parsons

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

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

I have received apologies from Marie Ngiam.

1.3 Explanation of Standing Orders

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising

MOTION: That the minutes from the Annual General Meeting 2011 be accepted.

Moved: Shaun Wykes

Seconded: Leah Ginnivan

Motion passed

Abstentions: 1 (Issac Wright)

MOTION: That the minutes from the Special General Meeting 1 2011 be accepted.

Moved: Shaun Wykes

Seconded: Hannah Purdy

Motion passed

Abstentions: 1 (Issac Wright)

Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising

3.1 Student Representative Council (SRC) Report (L. Ginnivan) [Reference A]

- SSAF likely to pass
- Cleaning contract – spoke to Union Rep – ANU is really onboard for the conditions they wanted

Questions

- **Issac Wright:** How are the gen rep projects?
 - **Leah:** Gen reps had a meeting this week

MOTION: That the Student Representative Council report be accepted.

Moved: Ben Koval

Seconded: Uma Patel

Motion passed.

3.2 College Representative Council (CRC) Report (B. Warren) [Reference B]

- Mostly as read
- Music and Art school libraries – VC is making own investigations – plans on hold until a case can be put that is sustainable
- Science Society has been given a new space in Hancock West Building
- Welcomed the new CBE rep – Gabi Dutton
- Feedback from assessments – don't seem to have enough time to adequately go through the feedback - hard to standardized

Questions

- **Issac Wright:** What role has Brody had in the “No to a Merger” campaign?
 - **Brody:** That has mostly been the work of Fleur and Galvin
- **Ryan Turner:** Why is Year in Asia a postgrad course? What does this have to do with student income support?
 - **Brody:** This decision was made in College Education Committee – OS Help for current students is currently being investigated – meeting with Andrew Walker

MOTION: That the College Representative Council report be accepted.

Moved: Victor White

Seconded: Galvin Chia

Motion passed.

Item 4: Items for Resolution

4.1 Student Accommodation Review

That ANUSA formally conducts a review of student accommodation at ANU, and makes recommendations for ANUSA and the ANU

The review will include

- issues of access and affordability for students in all years at ANU, including current scholarships and bursaries
- services provided at residences
- what new housing developments would best meet student needs

The working group will consult with students through a variety of means including

- online
- at a housing roundtable in Term 4
- with Residents' Committees at existing residences
- using the public survey data from ANUSA and the residences survey

The group will also look at options off-campus.

The review should be finished by the end of the year, with a discussion draft presented at the next OGM.

Moved: Leah Ginnivan

- Want to have a guide to work from in the future
- Happy to take suggestions for other things to add to the review

Seconded: Shan Verne Liew

- This is an important review

Questions

- **Issac:** Who will head up the review?
 - **Leah:** Probably me, anyone interested –would be good to give executive members charge

Speakers list

- **Fleur:** Absolutely imperative
- **Issac:** Consultation through international students, serious conversation on accommodation crisis, look at affordability
- **Christian:** Leah is the best person across the issues

Motion went to vote.

Motion passed.

4.2 ANUSA Communications Officer

That ANUSA engages in a consultative process for the need for a Communications Officer as well as the current structure, roles, responsibilities, stipend and functioning of the Executive. Any discussion as to the function of a communications officer cannot occur without a discussion of the function of the Executive. This will include at least three consultation sessions, over the period of not less than five weeks, to be held at different times and locations by current ANUSA representatives.

It has been brought to the Association's attention that a disconnect exists between the greater student body and ANUSA. Broadly, information regarding ANUSA's role, activities and achievements, as well as opportunities for students to contribute towards the Association, is lacking. Conversely, representatives and the executive acknowledge that balancing their portfolios with adequate student engagement is difficult.

1. As discussed at Joint Representative Council 2 (May 31st) and Student Representative Council (August 3rd), a potential solution to this position would be the introduction of a Communications Officer to the Association's *executive*. An executive position is necessary to secure the adequate dedication, time commitment, access and understanding of the policy-making process. An executive Communications Officer would be the best way to communicate ANUSA's workings towards the student body.
2. Scope – internal role:
 - a) To ensure that the policies and actions of the Association adequately take into account student engagement and the cultivation of (regular) ANUSA-student interaction
 - b) To ensure that events, policies and opportunities are adequately conveyed to the student body.
3. Scope – external role:
 - a) To build awareness of ANUSA and its activities in the student body – answering the question “*what is ANUSA?*”.
 - b) To build a sense of community and engagement – to answer the question “*what can ANUSA do for me/what can I do for ANUSA?*”.

Representatives of the Association will report on the status of these consultations at the next SRC and OGM. If the consultation demonstrates the need for such a role, a proposal will be brought to the last OGM of the year.

Moved: Galvin Chia

- Trying to create a new culture with an engaging ANUSA – trying to broadly create a more political student culture, one that is more willing to be engaged and put their teeth into student issues – some student don't have the opportunity to get involved in ANUSA

Seconded: Leah Ginnivan

- Really supportive of it – agree there are problems with reaching out to students

Questions

- **Ben Koval:** Did you read Scott Walker and Alice McBurney's report? It said we should move away from BBQs and ANUSA meetings?
 - **Leah:** Social events are very important – but we'll be looking at all aspects
- **Ben Koval:** Why does it have to be an exec member?
 - **Galvin:** To ensure dedication.
- **Courtney Sloane:** Would they have the media relationship role?
 - **Leah:** President has main responsibility for that
- **Maea Lenei Buhre:** Consultation process – what is a rough outline?

- **Galvin:** Difficult to get a broad cross section of opinions – target those people that tend to be involved anyway
- **Ben Koval:** Wouldn't that fail the outreach if just to engaged students?
 - **Galvin:** They are average students – haven't jumped barrier into ANUSA
- **Ben Koval:** Thought of reforming current executive positions? Why is the imperative on new executive?
 - **Leah:** Rationale behind it is that they would be meeting weekly, creating it as an "executive position" makes you accountable to students, information flow is easier on exec
- **Mei Godfrey-Yik:** How do we have a way to assess if they have done their role?
 - **Galvin:** Got a document typed up – ideas and proposals –subject to review every year – key performance indicators
- **Courtney:** Seems counter intuitive to have drop in sessions? Alice and Scott did a lot of leg work.
 - Leah: Yes. With the survey, there is a lot of information about ANUSA

AMENDMENT ONE: That the last two sentences in point one be removed.

- **Moved:** Issac Wright
 - Does not need to be an executive position
 - Role would be to communicate the policy
 - In favour of communications officer – consultation should decide if on the executive
- **Seconded:** Ben Koval
 - There is a need for a Comms Officer – but doesn't need to be on the executive
 - Need to look at structure
 - See where we can find reform

No questions

Speakers

- **Victor White:** Most obvious place to put on the executive – need suggestions

Vote on amendment:

For: 16

Against: 20

Abstentions: 4

Amendment failed.

AMENDMENT 2: That the first sentence read: "That ANUSA engages in a consultative process for the need for a Communications Officer as well as the current structure, roles, responsibilities, stipend and functioning of the Executive. Any discussion as to the function of a communications officer cannot occur without a discussion of the function of the Executive"

Moved: Ryan Turner

- Important to look at ANUSA office bearers
- Look how they function at other campuses
- Develop an executive that can develop for students

Seconded: Issac Wright

No questions

Speakers:

- **Victor White:** Don't totally disagree, would expand the scope of the review
- **Ben Koval:** Want to reform culture which will have long term effect on ANUSA –look at Department heads and how they will be affected – holistic review
- **Leah Ginnivan:** Agree with issue – look at specific issue of communication – identifying issue about communication

Vote on the amendment

For: 7

Against: 18

Abstentions: 8 (Galvin)

Amendment passed

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the motion go to a vote.

Moved: Victor White

Seconded: Christian Dent

Procedural motion passed

No right of reply from Galvin.

VOTE

For: 40

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion passed.

4.3 National Concession Card

That ANUSA supports the implementation of a National Student Concession Card. ANUSA recognizes the difficulties that many ANU students face when traveling inter-state, often to go home and visit their family. ANUSA is disappointed that the issue wasn't discussed at the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on Friday 19th August, despite it previously being on the Agenda. ANUSA calls on the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), to discuss this at their next meeting as a matter of urgency.

ANUSA recognizes the efforts of the ACT government to put this issue on the national agenda, in particular the efforts of Joy Burch MLA and John Hargreaves MLA.

This motion is to be sent to all State/Territory:

-Transport Ministers

-Education Ministers

-Premiers

Moved: Christian Dent

- Hopefully the issues will get on track soon – there is an online petition which will go onto the website – this motion is to show that ANUSA supports the national concession card

Questions

- **Ryan Turner:** Not on COAG – was that raised with Joy Burch?
 - **Christian Dent:** October 21 is the next COAG – Burch is keen to get it on the agenda

Friendly amendment added:

“This motion is to be sent to all State/Territory:

- Transport Ministers
- Education Ministers
- Premiers”

Seconded: Brody Warren

Speaking rights waived

Speakers

- **Ridah Hassan:** This is a campaign most ordinary students can get behind – chance to get behind instead of cuddling up to the university
- **Ryan Turner:** Christian does convene education committee meetings – had petition during Bush Week – if you want to engage you could get engaged in Ed Con
- **Leah Ginnivan:** Got about 700 signatures during Bush Week – there is a place for student support

Right of reply (Christian): Will put links on website – not intending to cuddle up to University

Motion passed.

Item 5: Other Business

5.1 Presentation of the Audit (V. White)

- There are copies of audit and budget available – will go up on website
- Capital has increased by a thousand dollars
- Gave grants at final OGM of last year – no investment in the working capital

MOTION: That the Presentation of the Audit be accepted.

Moved: Ben Koval

Seconded: Fleur Hawes

For: 33

Against: 0

Abstentions: 6 (Issac Wright, Courtney Sloane)

5.2. Collectives and SSAF

MOTION: That the executive consult with the collectives before submitting its proposed breakdown of the SSAF.

Moved: Penny Rumble

- Takes a lot of money to make money strong
- Most effective

Seconder: Issac Wright

Reserved

Speakers

- **Victor White:** Totally agree –will send it through this afternoon
- **Isobel Morphy-Walsh:** Important that collective officers are consulted – one of the greatest areas of engagement is in collectives – vital that those who are doing things are consulted – make sure they are consulted
- **Issac Wright:** Massive growth in collectives – not seeing growth in budgets – money is not sufficient – important to set precedent in place to make sure they are consulted – ultimately through having a pool of funds
 - **Point of Clarification (V. White):** Current SSAF does not state how the money will be split up – just to a committee – if approved then looking at how they will be divided then collectives will also be consulted

For: 38

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Item 6: Date of Next Meeting and Close

The next Ordinary General Meeting will be held in Term 4.

Meeting closed at 1:36pm.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL REPORT

Leah Ginnivan

Last SRC was on Wednesday August 3rd. Condensed are the highlights for your pleasure.

Indigenous events on campus

We decided that anyone organising events with Indigenous content or themes that are sponsored by ANUSA should consult with the Indigenous Officer and department. Several groups have run events in recent years that didn't do this, despite requests from the Indigenous Dept, so we hope this will be a positive step.

NUS Education Conference

Christian, the Education Officer, went to the NUS national education conference and wrote an excellent report. For a copy you can email him at sa.education@anu.edu.au
A host of new bureaucratic monsters are being born or revised at the moment- the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA), MyUniversity website (like MySchool but, you know, university), and the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) will all rank/audit universities. An important issue for ANU students, and ANUSA next year especially, will be how the ANU manages deregulation of student numbers. At the moment the ANU is committed to slow growth (around 2-3% a year) which is preferable, but we also have issues with housing and infrastructure that need to be considered.

Appointment of the ANUSA Public Officer

Under our incorporated constitution, this is now our Office Administrator, Eleanor, who is best placed to fulfil the role.

The Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) legislation

ANUSA VP Brody Warren, Ed Officer Christian Dent and myself went on a lobbying adventure in the holidays to the offices of Andrew Leigh and Gai Brodtman. We were asking for changes to the current SSAF which would include student representation as an allowable spend, guarantee some funding to student orgs and to consult with democratically elected student representatives regarding specific uses of proceeds from the fee.

The VC at ANU has already agreed to give all the money to student orgs- great news. This week the exec has been working on a final draft, in consultation with other student bodies, of how we would divide the money.

Gen Rep Projects

Gen reps are meeting regularly outside of SRC to work on projects. Some current projects include parking, looking at ANUSA representation of ANU College students, and

Housing policy document

We plan on creating an ANUSA Housing Policy that is comprehensive and built on the back of the various surveys that have been done this year. The document would contain a definition of affordable, an analysis of student demand, an evaluation of what's on offer and directions we would like to see housing at ANU go in the future. I'm writing an issues paper now and some gen reps and myself are planning on holding roundtables/consultations with students to work on it. Hopefully we can present this at the last OGM.

I think this would help a lot in our battles with the ANU on housing and am excited to work on it.

Clean Start Campaign

I'm doing my own investigations into this at the moment, and meeting Lyndall from Clean Start on August 25th.

Neighbourhood Day

Great success! We had around 90 students out doing good in the community so that was really exciting. We plan to grow it in future years to include more people and partner orgs. Thanks to ANU Volunteers for being the best!

SA4

I have just (as in today) received an updated copy of the contracts for SA4 and have not yet had time to read it. Student consultation on this issue has been haphazard at best.

An issue has also come up with the Food Co-Op who apparently have to pay 700 times their current rent in the new SA4- obviously this is egregious and I've been speaking to co-op and uni about it.

Student Safety

The Safety working group who met last semester came up with the idea of having an awesome website with information about sexual harassment, using the complaints policy, and a list of contacts. I'm working on this with Kate McMurtrie and the Residential and Campus Communities div at the moment.

I would like to see a position within the Residential and Campus Communities which is responsible for positive cultural change within the ANU- eg the ALLY Network, anti-discrimination and support for LGBTIQ students as well as diversity issues generally. Working with Luce and Penny Rumble, Queer* officer.

Survey

We closed our survey with 971 respondents- which we are definitely happy with. Thanks everyone who completed it, it is a super-helpful tool for any current and future ANUSA reps. Results will be made public on our fancy new website soon!

Bush Week

Goddess of fun, Hannah Purdy, ran an incredibly great Bush Week and we recorded a modest profit of \$1500. W4S!

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL REPORT

Brody Warren

1. Executive reports

The reports presented by executive members were not substantively different from the ones presented at SRC (and should be covered in the SRC report). The main addition relevant to CRC was that we had a brief discussion around the procedures for giving Academic Advice around the University. We are compiling student complaints from across the Colleges and will be producing a submission for University Education Committee.

2. College Reports

CASS

The main plus was that the VC has said that he does not believe that “the case for a merger has been adequately made.” He has requested that more information be obtained before the process continues. CASS/CAP collaboration is still causing headaches, Galvin and Fleur meeting with the Head of Politics soon to iron out some of the issues.

• CAP

Planning on attending introductory lectures to introduce to new students

There has been an issue with year in Asia funding, now it is a postgraduate course so students are being denied OS-HELP. Marie and Ippy are currently in the process of sorting this out with Deans. Asia Pacific Week happened in the holidays – it was a great collaboration between CAP Admin and Students. 100 delegates from over 40 different Universities around the world, hopefully it can continue in future years!

• CBE

Currently working with AFEC, trying to see how to improve development of students within CBE. There have also been quite a few problems recently with lectures, in terms of recordings and lecturers not being understood. Simon has scheduled several meetings to discuss specifics but also the on-going issues, with potential frameworks to help future College Reps. CBE also has the highest response rate on SELT surveys – woohoo!

• CECS

CECS has generally been very responsive this year. SELT forms are compulsory for each course, will compare what they say about labs and see if that is reflective in SELT forms. Circulation of the faculty rep email address has been very successful – students are actually using it!

• CoS

A few things to update in Science. Peer assisted learning introduced this year – to Chemistry and Biology and the Fenner School. Second and third year students assist 1st years, have had very good feedback, aiming to introduce that across the college. The Science Society has been given a new place in the new Hancock West Building. The Society itself is being hampered by getting responses out of various heads, will be a very smooth slope to introductory event - the funding and space have been given. Fun Fact: Science Education Committee meeting – discussion was whether it should HD be 80 or 90%.

• CoL

LLB Renewal Process focus is on assessment and feedback. It was officially decided that ‘feedback’ was the crucial issue, in terms of kinds of feedback as well as transparency. In other news, student wellbeing will now be a standard agenda for College Education Committees, with Director of Student Wellbeing, Kath Hall giving reports. This is a very positive step, but we’ll wait for some tangible results. The College’s official response to LSR will be released once it has received the results of the International law review. New website for law also on its way!

3. Other Business

CRC welcomed new CBE Rep Gabrielle Dutton – which is obviously very exciting!

There was also some discussion around Class Rep Policies in each College. The general consensus was that they are very helpful to have, in Law LSS largely fills the gap, but CBE could do with some help, possibly

AFEC? Generally, as in CECS, it is important to circulate the emails of both college reps and class reps (if applicable) – DOI can help us there!

There have also been a lot of problems with timeframes of feedback for assessments. The idea of standardizing a timeframe across Colleges was discussed, with the resolution being that it would be too difficult to implement. A good alternative could be to impose a restriction that feedback must be given at least a week before the final assessment for that subject.