

***The ANUSA General Secretary, Ben Yates, gives notice of the following proposed amendments to the ANUSA Constitution to be moved at the ANUSA Ordinary General Meeting on 5 October 2022 at 6:15PM.***

*Amendments for the purpose of including postgraduate students within the membership of ANUSA and related purposes.*

Add to section 2: "Postgraduate Student means a student active in a postgraduate program as defined by the University." and "Student means an Undergraduate Student or Postgraduate Student."

Delete 'undergraduate' from section 4(1)(a) and 4(1)(c).

Amend section 5 to read:

5. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Association has one class of membership, being ordinary membership.
2. An ordinary member of the Association is any person who is a Student in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at ANU.
3. A person, with immediate effect, may terminate their membership in the Association by writing to the General Secretary of the Association specifically stating that they do not wish to be a member of the Association.

Amend section 9(9)(a) to read 'cease to be a Student'.

Amend 'an undergraduate Student' in section 9(10)(a) with 'a student'.

Amend s 10(8)(k) to read 'liaise with the University Council student members on issues relevant to students'.

Remove the word 'undergraduate' from section 10(9)(a) and (b).

Amend section 12 to:

## 12. UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBER

1. The University Council Members are the two persons elected according to the Election Regulations, provided they are consistent with the requirements of the University's enabling Act, and any relevant statutes of the University.
2. The University Council Members must:
  1. attend meetings of the University Council; and
  2. comply with the University's enabling Act and any statutes of the University as they apply to members of the University Council.
3. The General Secretary must invite the University Council Members to attend meetings of the SRC.
4. A University Council Member is neither a Representative of the Association, nor an Officer of the Association for the purposes of the Constitution and Regulations.
5. A University Council Member may not be removed from their position otherwise than in accordance with the University's enabling Act, any relevant statutes of the University.
6. One University Council Member shall be elected by Undergraduate Students as provided in the Election Regulations.
7. One University Council Member shall be elected by Postgraduate Students as provided in the Election Regulations.

Amend section 18 to:

## 18. PARENTS AND CARERS COMMITTEE

1. There is to be a Parents and Carers Committee to promote community among students who are parents or carers and to raise awareness and facilitate action and discussion on the issues facing these students.
2. Membership of the committee is to be open, unless otherwise provided for in a regulation or policy made under this Constitution or by resolution of the Parents and Carers Committee.
3. The Welfare Officer must, unless the Parents and Carers' Committee provides otherwise:
  1. manage the administrative affairs of the Parent and Carers Committee;
  2. convene a meeting of the Committee at least twice in every Teaching Period;
  3. convene the Committee within seven (7) Teaching Days of being presented with a petition signed by five (5) members of the Association; and
  4. provide notice for convening the Committee of no less than three (3) Teaching Days. Notice should be posted on the front door of the Association offices, on the website of the Association.
4. Subject to the Constitution, the Regulations and Policies of the Association, policy proposals of the Committee must be determined by meetings of the Committee, at which all members of the Committee may vote.
5. The Welfare Officer is bound to present these policy proposals to the Executive or the next meeting of the SRC, whichever is first, which may then choose to ratify or reject the proposed policy.

Add a new section 19(3)(c) and renumber accordingly: “seek to recruit to active participation in the Education Committee students who are undertaking undergraduate or postgraduate course work degrees, students who are undertaking an honours program, and candidates who are undertaking higher degree research;”.

Add a new section 19(5) and renumber accordingly: “The Education Committee may establish sub-committees to specifically address issues of concern to undergraduate coursework students, postgraduate coursework students and higher degree research candidates, respectively.”

Add a new section 31:

### 31. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS 2022-23

#### **Entry into Effect**

1. The changes adopted to this Constitution at the October General Meeting of the Association (Ordinary General Meeting 2022, No. 3). (including this section) enter into effect on a date declared in writing by the General Secretary, after a vote of the Executive in favour of declaring the commencement of the provisions and after consultation with the SRC,
2. The date of commencement shall be after ratification of those amendments by ANU Council.

#### Ad Hoc Representatives

3. These provisions allow for the election of additional Representatives, who are Postgraduate Students, pending further reform of the ANUSA Constitution and the commencement on 1 December 2023 of the term of office of Representatives elected in 2023 at the annual ANUSA election.
4. Representatives elected under this provision holds office until 30 November following their election.
5. By Special Resolution a General Meeting may create Ad Hoc Representative roles.
6. The Special Resolution will:
  1. name the role(s);
  2. number how many members are to be appointed to the role(s);
  3. name any eligibility criteria for nomination, including that the person is a Postgraduate Student;
  4. give a description of the role(s).
7. An Ad Hoc Representative role created under this provision may not overlap with or have any of the same or similar functions as a unique Representative role already provided for in this Constitution.
8. An Ad Hoc Representative role created under this section 31 may be filled by a majority vote of a General Meeting.
9. The General Secretary must advertise for nominations for an Ad Hoc Representative Role at least 10 days before the General Meeting at which the election is to be held. The call for nominations must be advertised through:
  1. ANUSA’s social media;

2. The ANUSA Website; and,
  3. The front door of the Association.
10. For avoidance of doubt, a ballot to fill the Ad Hoc Representative role may take place at the same meeting as the special resolution creating that role. The General Secretary may advertise for nominations after giving notice of the proposed special resolution. The call for nominations must note that the election will not be held unless the special resolution passes.
11. This section 31 ceases to have effect immediately on 30 November 2023, and shall be deleted from this Constitution at that time.

Issued by Ben Yates  
ANUSA General Secretary  
14 September 2022