
MEETING MINUTES: STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 1 2011

Tuesday 8th March 2011

ANUSA Boardroom

Attendance List:

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 – Social Officer of the Association

Christian Dent – Education Officer of the Association

Kate McMurtrie – Women's Officer of the Association

Robin Shannon – Environment Officer of the Association

Gus Little – Sexuality Officer of the Association

Angeline Tan – International Officer of the Association

Maneka Sivanathan – General Representative

Josh Wiseman – General Representative

Emily Bennett – General Representative

Ridah Hassan – General Representative

Shan Verne Liew – General Representative

Skye Webb – General Representative

Elaine Li – General Representative

Nuwan D'Alwis – General Representative

Sarah Jane Collum – General Representative

Jamie Bryce – General Representative

Emily Criticos – General Representative

Maea Lenei Buhre – General Representative

Callum Brindley – General Representative

Elouise Fowler

Courtney Sloane

Isobel Morphy-Walsh

Meeting opened at 6.07pm

Item 1: Meeting Opens, Summary of Standing Orders and Apologies

- Apologies received from Thomas Barrington-Smith

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising

MOTION: That the minutes from SRC 7 2010 be accepted.

Proposed: Shaun Wykes

Seconded: Victor White

Motion Carried

Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising

3.1 Executive Reports

3.1.1 Presidents' Report (L. Ginnivan) [Reference A]

- Good to have everyone back
- Woroni is now fully incorporated and independent - \$25,000 passed at OGM is helping them set up
- Working on Student Safety currently
- Student Space now open – named after Brian (UniSafe Bus Driver) but he still needs to do a tour – have three staff in the Student Space working a full time equivalent (working 9-5, curate art, safe space for people) – will be having acoustic Monday night jams. Looking into charging for University functions.
- Over summer went to NUS President Summit as well as Malaysia and Singapore for International Student Pre-Departure Briefings.
- Also went to University Retreat – there will be another retreat in a month
- ANU has taken over lease of Lyneham Inn and UniGardens – we are trying to get info about what it is costing – there are currently 150 beds that can't be filled – Lyneham have a residents committee. Going to go UniGardens Wednesday Tim Tam night. There is currently a good SR ratio at the colleges. There have been internet access/lack of info/laundry issues. REX (next to Fenner) has 40 people. Fenner and Rex have a strong connection, as does UniGardens with Bruce.
- Housing affordability continues to be a concern
- Solar panels are going up and there will be a launch soon.

Questions

- **Elouise Fowler:** Where is the Unigardens laundry?
 - **Leah:** They are going to the Belconnen coin operated laundry, admin said it would cost too much to change washing machines at Unigardens to coin operated machines
- **Callum Brindley:** We did not get the amount requested for the budget, there have been rumours the new VC is not terribly friendly, what are we going to do to ensure students rights?
 - **Leah:** Ian Young is a bit of a question mark – Swinburne had some problems with the law – issues around paying people, criminal negligence, obliging by contacts – current president of Swinburne is supportive of Ian Young

MOTION: That the President's report be accepted.

Proposed: Hannah Purdy

Seconded: Brody Warren

Motion carried.

3.1.2 Vice-President's Report (B. Warren) [Reference B]

- O-Week was a huge success. Congratulations to the O-week Team and Purdy.
- Commencement went well. Will put together a handover for next year because there were some problems that could have been avoided.
- ANUSA Constitution: consultation tomorrow We are also taking written and email submissions until the OGM. In discussions with Don seeking independent legal advice.

- The website is currently horrendous so trying to make sense of what is there. It is all quite outdated. In talks with Bob Edwards from the Faculty of Computer Science to get students to do it at a minimum cost level. Hopefully this will make the website a better point of contact.
- Process of redesigning the logo is underway.
- Membership list: the Registrars Office is being a bit more helpful in this regard. We need a member list for incorporation and hopefully we will be able to use it for a mailing list.
- There are a few academic appeals ongoing.
- Harmony Day – ISD request they move it to Semester 2 with International Ball

No questions

MOTION: That the Vice-President’s report be accepted.

Proposed: Robin Shannon

Seconded: Victor White

Motion carried.

3.1.3 General Secretary’s Report (S. Wykes) [Reference C]

- Please get pictures and bios to Shaun as soon as possible for the website.
- Meetings were put on Wednesday and Tuesday because they seemed like the best days. Which day CRC and SRC fell on was just lucky.

MOTION: That the General Secretary’s report be accepted.

Proposed: Emily Criticos.

Seconded: Jamie Bryce.

Motion carried.

3.1.4 Treasurer’s Report (V. White)

- We got \$522,000 from the university which was \$15,000 short of what we asked for
 - Hoping to move a motion to get in a \$5000 deficit this year due to this
 - The university said that this is due to the GFC
- As the abolishment of VSU legislations stands the money will be given to the university but there is no obligation to give it to student groups, which is not a good situation.
- We will be campaigning so that the university has an obligation to give the money back to students
- We need more funding to continue to advocate for students
- O-Week was great. Will be trying to pass at the OGM that Matt Keely gets the title of O-Week Director.
 - Still waiting for \$20,000
 - Made a profit of \$5000
- ANU Radio progress: will start encouraging groups at ANU to get shows on community radio station 2xx. If someone wants to set one up then have a chat to Victor. Looking for ANU shows with different focuses so we can build a viable network before moving the radio station onto ANU campus.

No questions.

MOTION: That the Treasurer’s report be accepted.

Proposed: Gus Little

Seconded: Maea Lenei Buhre

Motion carried.

3.1.5 Social Officer’s Report (H. Purdy) [Reference E]

- Thanks to the previous social officer for building momentum for O-Week. It was massive and great.
- Leah and Brody did amazingly well with Commencement.
- Have had two Grants and Affiliation Committee sessions thus far.
- We want to make calendar for the website, which will hopefully expand to include clubs and societies BBQs, event etc. This will be up in the next week

- Feature weeks: Reconciliation Week, Harmony Week, Pride Week. Hoping to get smaller clubs and societies involved.
- Looking at starting a social committee if anyone is interested.

MOTION: That the Social Officer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Jamie Bryce

Seconded: Leah Ginnivan

Motion carried.

3.1.6 Education Officer's Report (C. Dent) [Reference F]

- Gen Rep Portfolios: had a meeting last week to get gen reps kicking off their different initiatives and getting an idea of what to do. There is no limit as to what needs to be done. Will get Gen Reps in contact with the relevant people.
- Youth Allowance: Emily Criticos has this as part of her portfolio. There are some documents making Youth Allowance simpler which we will put up on the website.
- Read stats in the report and let Christian know if you have any questions.
- Due to the Flood Relief some Higher Education initiatives were going to be scrapped but Wilke fought against it and they weren't scrapped.
- Will discuss the Tertiary Education Quality Standards at Education Committee. There have been a few issues.
- Student Services and Amenities Fee: this will be the NUS Campaign this year. There are currently not many limits on what university can do with the money. We want to ensure student money is spent on students. We are fortunate at ANU that the university give us money but other unis have not been as lucky.
- National Day of Action: trying to get support to help organizing it
- Take a look at Andrew Leigh's Big Ideas Competition

Questions

Callum Brindley: With the services fee, what money goes to whom at the moment? What are the restrictions? When will this issue be debated? **Christian:** This will be debated at Education Committee but we could also have a motion at an OGM. Students unions aren't currently on the list of what the universities need spend the money on but NUS believes this should be the case.

Victor: The Student Services Fee will be debated in June/July. Currently \$1-1.1 million goes to the Students Finances Committee, which consists of the Union, ANUSA, PARSA, ANUSRA and Woroni,

MOTION: That the Standing Orders be suspended so Callum Brindley can speak for one minute.

Proposed: Brody Warren.

Seconded: Victor White

Motion passed.

MOTION: That the Education Officer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Victor White

Seconded: Kate McMurtrie

Motion carried.

3.2 Department Reports

3.2.1 Women's Department Report (K. McMurtrie) [Reference G]

- Working on the Safe Space Policy.
- The Womens Collective has had a lot of discussion about safe space.
- This year is the 100th anniversary of National Womens Day.

Questions

- **Hannah Purdy:** Are the chalkboards being painted over in the Rapunzel Room? **Kate:** No. Quite a lot of money has been spent on the room in getting more personal touches and decorations.
- **Hannah Purdy:** How was the Pamela Doonen lecture? **Kate:** Great!
- **Skye Webb:** Will the audio be available for the Pamela Danoon lecture? **Kate:** If she finds it she will it up on the website and circulate.

MOTION: That the Women's Department report be accepted.

Proposed: Hannah Purdy

Seconded: Gus Little

Motion carried.

3.2.2 Sexuality Department Report (G. Little) [Reference H]

- The O-Week Market Day stall was a struggle with the rain however the mailing list was increased by several dozen people.
- Want to recognize Ben Koval for getting Sex Dept back on track.
- During O-Week had a champagne brunch, which ended up moving to the Student Space. About 40 people attended.
- Queery Discussion Forum: too many people for student space. Was run by Emma Eriksen & Danni Day.
- Plans to reinvigorate Jellybabies who will run Queer Coffee and Beers, Pride Week, Queer Ball and Safe Space Policy.
- We lost the Collective's Constitution so the collective is putting together a new Constitution.
- We would like to send a delegation to Queer Collaborations in Perth.
- We are publishing Queerelle which we have to submit for free.

Questions

- **Victor White:** Budget line items in GAC for special purpose for things such as Queerelle
- **Brody Warren:** Are you getting the sexdep emails? **Gus:** Yes, it is working.

MOTION: That the Sexuality Department report be accepted.

Proposed: Jamie Bryce.

Seconded: Maea Lenei Buhre

Motion carried.

3.2.3 Environment Department Report (R. Shannon) [Reference I]

- Had a stall at O-Week and Celebrate Sustainability Day. Talked to a lot of new people.
- O-Week: Wrote to Parliamentarians and the scrapped solar proposals were reinstated.
- Newcastle People Blockade of Coal Port: people can come along if they would like
- Clean Up Australia Day: Huge turn out mostly from halls and colleges.
- Will be campaigning around the carbon price

Questions

- **Leah Ginnivan:** What is the happening with the Canberra Loves 40% campaign this year?
Robin: Collective wanted to focus on campus sustainability but at the second meeting people were less interested in that aspect.
- **Leah Ginnivan:** Have you received the Green Steps report, should check it out.

MOTION: That the Environment Department report be accepted.

Proposed: Emily Bennett

Seconded: Kate McMurtrie

Motion carried.

3.2.4 International Students' Department Report (A. Tan) [Reference J]

With the leave of the meeting, the International Students' Department report was postponed until Angeline Tan arrived at the meeting.

3.2.5 Disabilities Department Report (S. Smythe) [Reference K]

Steph Smythe was not present and could not present her report.

3.3 General Representative Reports

3.3.1 Shan Verne Liew

- Have been working on the temporary accommodation
- In terms of creating a community, Lyneham Hall is going well and they have formed a tight group of people. There is just enough people so that no-one is left out. It is good that ANUSA is there having a presence.

Questions

- **Gus Little:** Why are people not amalgamating across the halls to have one full hall? **Leah:** It potentially be disruptive to move during semester.
- **Maneka:** Have they got higher preferences to move into colleges and halls? **Leah:** ANU admin is not sure if this is the situation. We will push to see what we can do.
- **Robin Shannon:** Will ANU look at putting down the prices? **Leah:** ANU is doing bargains with CIT and UC to get students in. It is currently \$162 a week +\$90 for food (breakfast and dinner) at Lyneham.
- **Leah:** could ANUSA organize good events on campus? **Shan:** This would be good.

MOTION: That the Gen Rep report be accepted.

Proposed: Victor White

Seconded: Jamie Bryce

Motion carried.

3.2.4 International Students' Department Report (A. Tan) [Reference J]

- At the ANU International Students Orientation Week ISD got 350 new people on the mailing list.
- The Department worked through the holidays to make a survival guide to Canberra.
- International Student Visa submissions – looking into it with Elaine Li and Christian Dent – will be ready by April 15 with a submission.
- International Ball will be held on 6 May

Questions

- **Isobel Morphy-Walsh:** Why is harmony day not in semester 1? **Brody:** We spoke on this earlier.

MOTION: That the International Department report be accepted.

Proposed: Kate McMurtrie

Seconded: Josh Wiseman

Motion carried.

Item 4: Items for Resolution

Motion: That the Student Representative Council ratify the Indigenous Collective's election of Isobel Murphy-Walsh as 2011 ANUSA Indigenous Officer.

Proposed: Shaun Wykes

Seconded: Leah Ginnivan

Motion passed.

- **Callum Brindley:** What was turn out to the last collective meeting? **Isobel:** There are 72 indigenous undergrad students at ANU and 9 or 10 students attended, which is good.
- **Leah Ginnivan:** Do you have a Deputy? **Isobel:** There are no other signatories on the account. Planning to find a deputy

Item 5: Items for Discussion

5.1 Meeting Times (S. Wykes)

- **Shaun:** Sent out draft meeting times to everyone. Chose Tuesdays and Wednesdays for meeting because college residents generally have meetings on Mondays and no-one would want to do Thursday and Friday nights.
 - Please contact Shaun if you have any problems.

5.2 Cleaning of the office (S. Wykes)

- **Shaun:** Will send out an e-mail if people are keen to help with a clean up off the office. This will include the office in which either the Welfare or Legal Officer will move into and the Department space.

5.3 Minutes (S. Wykes)

- **Shaun:** This year the plan is to have minutes, which will include a general discussion of the meetings. More than motions passed, and less than verbatim.

5.4 Student Complaints Policy (L. Ginnivan)

- **Leah:** Currently all complaints are dealt with under one policy. The chain of complaint goes up to the VC Students. We will be reviewing the policy this year. We are looking for people's input about how people they feel complaints are dealt with in the university. It is incredibly vague.
- **Skye:** Do these policies link to Burgmann and Johns as they are only affiliated with the university?
- **Leah:** The halls and colleges have their own process and students can go through the ANU chain if they are not happy.
- **Robin:** Is this a policy for both staff members and students?

Item 6: Notices of Motions

6.1 OGM/AGM Motion

That all Ordinary General Meetings and the Annual General Meeting of the Australian National University Students' Association in 2011 be held in Union Court, or be moved to the Refectory in the case of bad weather.

Moved: Ridah Hassan

Seconded: Callum Brindley

- **Callum:** OGMs need to be held in a more prominent place. *Engage* ran on platform of openness and more inclusive and this needs to be demonstrated.
- **Emily Criticos:** What about the sound?
- **Victor:** With a PA system this would not be too difficult. Could get a roving mic.
- **Christian:** This would be a good motion. The law theatre isn't much fun. The first OGM last year was next to the Refectory.
- **Leah:** What would Shaun do in this situation?
- **Callum:** Could have a roving mic, a mic at the table.
- **Ridah:** Union Court amphitheatre was designed for these types of meetings.
- **Kate:** Would be a logistical nightmare.
- **Ridah:** The thoroughfare could join the meeting.

AMENDMENT: To replace "be held in Union Court " with "be held in the area next to the Refectory"

Proposed: Christian Dent

Seconded: Josh Wiseman

Motion failed

Original motion passed.

6.2 Marriage Equality Motion

1. That the Australian National University Students' Association (ANUSA) hereby expresses support for the equal marriage campaign and the right of two people to marry regardless of their gender or sexuality.

2. The ANUSA will offer practical support to the campaign for marriage equality by advertising the upcoming rally called by Equal Love Canberra on March 12th on the ANUSA Facebook page, on the ANUSA website and by allowing a banner with the details of the rally to be displayed on the balcony of the ANUSA offices in the week prior to the rally.

Moved: Ridah Hassan

Seconded: Gus Little

- **Ridah:** Rally is coming up. Important that the Students Association supports this.
- **Gus Little:** As the Sexuality Officer it was brought to the Collective and as such would like to second and support the motion.
- **Emily C:** Is the fact that there is not a week left to the rally a problem?

Motion passed.

6.3 Refugee Motion

1. That the Australian National University Students' Association (ANUSA) supports the refugee rights' campaign. Specifically, ANUSA calls on the Australian Government to:

- a) end mandatory detention of people applying for political asylum and,
- b) process all asylum claims on the mainland.

2. That ANUSA will offer practical support to the refugee rights campaign by donating \$200 to the Canberra Refugee Action Committee.

3. That ANUSA advertises the upcoming rally called by the Canberra Refugee Action Committee on April 17th through the ANUSA facebook page and on the ANUSA website.

Moved: Ridah Hassan

Seconded: Callum Brindley

- **Ridah:** The Australian Government has an appalling record in the treatment of refugees. The Students Association should take a side on this debate. It is a real political issue. We should side with the refugees. We have a campaign in Canberra and a rally on April 17.
- **Leah:** There are grants available for ANU Clubs and Societies.
- **Victor:** Special Purpose Fund in GAC. There are 3 or 4 avenues through GAC to get this money. There is only a budget of \$500 for the SRC.
- **Kate McMurtrie:** As with the equal marriage motion, spoke to collective and they all voted on it and support it.

AMENDMENT: That paragraph two be deleted from the motion.

Moved: Hannah Purdy

Seconded: Brody Warren

- **Ridah:** The avenues of funding misses the point. The Association needs to take a side on this debate. This is not about squeezing money; it's about doing something practical.
- **Courtney:** Money not coming out of SRC is not an indication that ANUSA does not support this cause. GAC would be supporting SRC. It is important that GAC and does not discredit any ways of other groups accessing money.
- **Cal:** This should be a political discussion – SRC should be supporting.

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AMENDED MOTION PASSED

Item 7: Other Business

7.1 Youth Allowance Motion

MOTION: ANUSA recognises that the current system of youth allowance is inadequate, and that many students from low socio-economic background, particularly in rural areas are unable to attend university because they simply can't afford it. ANUSA calls on the federal government to reduce the age of independence to 18 and to make youth allowance universal but with stronger auditing measures. This will ensure that youth allowance payments are targeted for the needs of individual students, and that students don't get more or less than what they need.

Moved: Christian Dent

Seconded: Leah Ginnivan

- **Christian:** This policy was one on which the Engage ticket ran. The current situation is not good enough.
- **Purdy:** Is the age of independence 23 now?

Motion passed

7.2 TEQSA legislation Motion

ANUSA welcomes the public release for comment of the exposure draft of the TEQSA legislation. ANUSA is concerned about the lack of self-accreditation in the present Bill. Proper Self-accreditation would allow universities to retain their academic autonomy in relation to courses and degree content. Without such a provision, the ANU position as Australia's leading university could suffer, as it may find it more difficult to set itself apart from other universities, despite course and degree content being relatively unchanged.

Moved: Christian Dent

Seconded: Brody Warren

Motion passed.

7.3 Refugee Motion

That the motion 6.3 as originally placed on the agenda be put to the OGM 1 and that SRC expresses its support for the motion.

Moved: Callum Brindley

Seconded: Ridah Hassan

Callum: People said they supported the motion but people said SRC only has \$500 to spend. The OGM is the place to do it then. It will send a strong message.

Leah: Don't understand why we can't go to GAC? Funding is available.

Courtney: Money coming out of another line item – GAC money is ANUSA money – going through GAC will be ANUSA funding,

Robin: Passed a motion to hold AGM down there to be more inclusive to students but this is not a pleasant environment.

Leah: Motion was put at an OGM and SRC last year – OGM voted for, SRC voted against.

Emily Criticos: Very passionate about the issues but believe we should follow the right channels.

Motion failed.

7.4 Discussion: Gen Rep Reports

Item 8: Date of next meeting and close

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 5th April 2011, 6pm in the ANUSA Boardroom. Close of submission for agenda items will be close of business Friday 1st April 2011.

Meeting closed: 8.09 pm

Released: 24th March 2011

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Leah Ginnivan

Hello everyone! It's been a busy couple months and a lot has happened ANUSA-wise; I've tried to keep this report snappy but am happy to expand on anything at SRC/CRC.

Woroni

As of last week, Woroni is now finally properly independent of ANUSA! Win for students! They'll be moving out of the current office and into the portable out the back of Gods fairly soon and then in 2012 we negotiated space for them in SA4. It'll also have space for recording for radio and podcasts.

Safety on Campus

I've been working with a group of students and staff on issues of sexual harassment and assault on campus, particularly how these issues have been addressed in the residences. We'll be developing some kind of student-led campaign around this in the weeks to come. I've also raised the issue with a bit of a university working party (Luce Andrews, director of residential and campus communities,

Student Complaint Resolution Policy

The policy which covers ALL student complaints (appealing library fines to academic issues to complaints about other students etc) was meant to be reviewed two years ago but wasn't. I asked this be reviewed at last Education Committee and it is going to be – we want to have some recommendations together by mid-April. I'll be overseeing the student consultations but would love some help from gen reps!

Brian Kenyon Student Space

As most of you would know, our snazzy ANUSA student space is now up and running, Monday – Friday 9-5. It's going to be permanently staffed so we can show student artwork. We got permission to name it after Brian, the UniSafe bus driver. He still needs a tour though. An academic has offered to donate us a PA also.

We had over 60 applications for 3 positions in the student space. The three we chose- Jack, Renee and Maddie- are all super fantastic. We're thinking about possible longer-term projects for them to work on as well as the jobs curating and organizing events for the space.

We also want to turn it into a coffee house in exam period- staffed by ANUSA reps and serving tea, coffee, hot chocolate etc for people working late into the night!

NUS Conference

I spent a weekend in Sydney in January meeting presidents of other universities and hearing about NUS' plans for the year. Some interesting things are coming up, particularly the introduction of legislation re: the Student Services and Amenities Fee.

Singapore/Malaysia

I travelled to KL and Singapore in January for a week with ANU people to do pre-departure briefings for incoming international students. We got to meet with the Singaporean Students Association and the Malaysian Students Organisation, as well as our International officer Angeline Tan. It was interesting to hear about students' perspectives on Canberra and concerns about housing, visas etc.

Housing

ANU has rented the entire Lyneham Motor Inn, as well as Unigardens in Belconnen, 40 rooms at the Rex and the Carotel again. Lyneham is planning on electing a residents' committee soon. Shan and I have been out there a couple times and will keep visiting. Plan on going out to UniGardens soon (next week maybe on Wednesday- that's tim tam night). There have been ongoing problems with both Unigardens and Lyneham (internet, laundry, first aid kits etc). UAS has also had a lot of people quit, complicating things even further.

Warrumbul (unilodge no. 3) is now operational with 419 beds.

Co-op is progressing gradually- setting up meetings with Government and Facilities and Services is taking a long time.

New Vice-Chancellor

As you might have noticed, Ian Chubb retired last week and Ian Young is now the VC of ANU. I'll speak to this at SRC/CRC.

University Retreat

Universities are getting funded in a new way- via mission-based compacts that they need to show why they deserve and what they'll use it for. I went away to Wollongong for a couple days to talk about these changes with the university executive, deans, and heads of division. A lot of it focused on the ERA results that put ANU number 1 and developing a presentation for the mission-based compacts.

Solar Panels

The solar panels are going on! Should be done sometime in April. Stay tuned for a solar panel opening...

O-week

O week was awesome and we've had a lot of really good feedback. Thanks to everyone who helped out, but especially big snaps to Purdy and the co-ordinators! It was a lot of fun working with them over the summer. Commencement was also a big success thanks to Brody and the divine Andrew Denton.

Appeals

I've had a number of appeals from December to now- about academic matters, course credit, internships and recordings of lectures.

Committees

Significant portion of time in committee work – will show a list at SRC.

ANUSA Budget

Victor will provide a fuller account of this but we prepared a fairly we were told there was no new funding available for student organisations even though Woroni needed significantly new cash. I made representations about the importance of a funding increase to the chancellery and we got a one-off grant to fund the staffing increases we need (for the staff at Briens). In the end though we still received a fair bit less than we asked for.

The priorities for me in the next month are the complaints policy review and looking at the exchange program which hasn't been up to scratch (for many students) for years. It's likely we might get a Pro-Vice Chancellor (International) which would presumably help a lot as exchange has kind of fallen through the cracks. I'm also going to be on a panel looking for a new chief librarian (woo!).

If you have any questions, bring them to the meeting or email me.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brody Warren

O-Week

Leah's Report already touches on this but I too wanted to thank everyone for getting out and supporting ANUSA's 'Enter The Time Machine' O-Week this year. It was a fantastic week, and a huge congratulations must go to Purds, Danj, Olly, Adam and Matt – they worked extremely hard all summer long – and it was most certainly worth it. Thank you also to our hard-working volunteers – it was you guys that really made the whole thing possible – and made it awesome.

Commencement

This took up a significant portion of my time over the summer. I will be doing up a detailed handover of the event organisation procedures, (including invitations, advertising within the University, venue, catering, logistics, etc), so that the time consuming exercise of this year may be avoided in the future. All in all though, we would like to thank the members for their support, as it turned out to be a great event, with feedback being overwhelmingly positive. Ps: You can relive the magic via audio on the ANUSA site!

Incorporation

The incorporation saga continues. The Constitution has been proof-read since the last version was submitted to the final 2010 OGM, though no substantive changes made. It is currently up on the ANUSA website for perusal by members, and the proposed consultation session was placed on the ANUSA site, Facebook and student noticeboards last week and advertised in the most recent addition of Woroni. The Association encourages as much feedback as possible on the proposed document.

Independent legal advice is currently being sought, and it is hoped that this will be completed in time for OGM 1, so that it may be voted upon. If all goes to plan, the new constitution shall be put to the University Council for their May meeting, so as to be ready to implement for Semester 2 2011.

Website

The ANUSA site is, let's face it, pretty out-dated. I've been working over the break on clearing some of the junk off the site and adding a few clearer points of functionality, but by and large it needs an entire remodel. I am meeting with representatives from CECS this week to talk about harnessing the extraordinary web-design talent we have at the ANU to create a website made by students for students.

I've been conducting research into the systems used by other Students' Associations and Unions, and ways to generally update our site to better suit the needs of our members. Our aim is to have a website that students know about and want to visit regularly, a place where there is far more than just text. It is hoped that this new website will be fully functional by the semester two, to coincide with incorporation.

Logo Competition

We've had a few entries into our logo re-design competition (approximately half a dozen). Although we originally expected to have entries close at the end of February, it seems preferable to advertise more widely now that classes have resumed, to canvas more student interest, particularly within CECS and the School of Art (digital media/design). Prizes and incentives are yet to be decided, but the new logo also looks like it will be launched with the website, again to coincide with the Association's incorporation.

Mailing List

It has been an issue for quite some time that the Association does not have an effective way to contact all of its members at once, without using the somewhat irregular opportunities to advertise through the 'allstudent' emails sent from the Office of the Registrar. This time though, we will actually be required to keep these details on file to submit to the ACT Office of Regulatory Services once ANUSA incorporates. We have been in talks with Deputy Registrar, Mr Mark Erickson, who is assisting us in our investigation of an opt-in/opt-out system on ISIS to use in collating students' details for this purpose.

Meetings

DOI (Division of Information)

Aside from ANUSA's own concerns within the office (emails still not transferred, printing problems, etc), we have received a number of Complaints from students about the state of the wireless service at the ANU, as well as the crashes on ISIS when 2010 results were made available. This will be raised in our DOI meeting this week.

CPDC (Campus Planning and Development Committee)

Not a great lot to report, work continues on the Master Plan, with the public feedback period now completed. I am happy to answer any questions about specific aspects of the Committee.

EMPC (Environmental Management and Planning Committee)

A few students raised the issue of more water bubblers on campus, this issue is actually in the process of being resolved, with the first of the new bubblers expected to be in place by the end of the year.

ANU Greensteps Internship program has again been a success. ANUSA was one organisation that was 'environmentally audited' with recommendations being made to assist in reducing the Association's carbon footprint. The full report will hopefully be made available to members in the near future.

ANU Green will also be assisting us in the Grand Opening of our solar panels, which will probably be early next term, at which time a report on the first month of the solar panels' use will hopefully be presented.

Appeals

I have had a few appeals pop up over the summer, in particular one regarding special examinations which has been resolved, and one currently in progress which concerns course credit.

Harmony Day

After discussions with ISD, given the change in date of International Ball, Harmony Day 2011 at ANU has been rescheduled to second semester, most likely in August. The Department of Immigration is fine with us using a date that best suits our organisation.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Shaun Wykes

Constitution and Incorporation

Brody and I have been working and will continue to work to get ANUSA incorporated hopefully by the middle of the year. We are going off the Constitution that ANUSA2010 put together to avoid confusion for people wanting to be involved in the process. We are having a general consultation session on Wednesday 9th March from 11am til around 2pm where we will discuss specific issues but also take into account any problems people have with the draft document. We will then endeavor to have an amended draft to present to the first OGM for discussion. We will then undertake follow up consultation/changes as decided by the OGM and hope to pass the Constitution at the AGM so we can begin to undertake the task of Incorporation.

Resignations and Elections

I have received a resignation from Matt Davis (Indigenous Officer). The election of the Indigenous Officer by the Indigenous Department took place on Monday 1st March 2011. Their selection will be ratified at SRC 1.

Website

The process of revamping the website is underway. I am currently working on ensuring a greater range of information is available on the current website in the meantime. This includes ANUSA meeting minutes, Department meeting times, a Policy Register (see below), upcoming ANUSA events and bios and photos of the reps. We are hoping to create a whole new internet site for ANUSA before the end of the year and will work in consultation with whoever is interested in that process.

Policy Register

As passed at SRC 2 in 2010 I am going to start work on the policy register. This will basically be on the webpage and will include policy items passed at ANUSA meetings so as to keep accountability and to ensure that what is decided by ANUSA reps is being effectively and efficiently executed. I will try and backdate this policy register for at least 2009 and 2010.

Meeting Times

Meeting times were sent around to all representatives in early February. I chose Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for meetings because the past has shown the council meetings during the day continually clash with class. I chose not to have Monday's due to the number of reps that cross over with Interhall Committees, which take place on Mondays, and I also did not think that people would favour meetings on Thursday and Friday nights. The meeting times I sent out can be amended and although I will raise it as a discussion item at SRC1 please contact me separately if you would like to look at amending these times.

Open and accessibility of ANUSA

I have been looking into the potential of buying voting paddles for OGM/AGMs so that they can be held outside and the paddles can be a way of ensuring quorum is held and so that it is easier to count votes. I also have looked into an ANUSA A-frame blackboard for Union Court

Clean up of the office

The office post O-Week is always a mess and I am endeavoring to clean it up over the next couple of weeks so it is fully functional again. The Department Officers space has always been a ongoing concern and I am working so there is an operational desk for each officer and that the area is a nicer place to hang out and get work done.

E-mails

The Executive and the Faculty Representatives have had troubles/not been able to access their specialized emails and this is an ongoing problem between ANUSA and Division of Information (DOI). This will be resolved as quickly as possible to ensure reps can communicate with students about the different academic colleges.

SOCIAL OFFICER' REPORT

Hannah Purdy

Summary

This report will highlight my main activities since December 1 2010 – OWeek, GAC, and planning for the rest of the year. I am happy to go into more detail on any issue.

I have also ascertained that of all the Universities in Australia, ANU hosts the most events, the most hectic schedule, and basically the best OWeek the country (that last bit just me). Thankyou to all my predecessors for building up the expectations for such an amazing week. Also thankyou to everyone who helped out during the week. You made it both possible and bearable.

Past:

Summer

The months before OWeek were firstly spent trying to figure out how this epic event was going to develop. We then jumped into thousands of emails, phone calls, bargaining arrangements, creative brainstorming and cost saving ideas to develop this: (I will only outline the events we ran ourselves. There were of course many other things on the calendar but these were largely organised by other groups)

Monday

'50's fair and BBQ in Union Court.

What went well: Location at base of Union Court allowed for a fantastic environment, badminton nets rather than jumping castles, commercial stalls, giveaway and ANUSA stalls. Photo key rings, donut eating competition, decorations (including the Motorini scooters) and RMC Band.

Issues: Fat spill from the BBQ – was dealt with appropriately by ANUGreen and we learned how to avoid the spill for the remainder of the week – using a large piece of plastic as a group cover. Ticket sales should have been pushed harder at this event with more signs and shout outs. Balloons popped too quickly! We also had some problems with the show bags. We were unable to collect them until 2 or so hours after the required time – this messed us up quite abit as they had to be frantically packed and distributed.

Speed Dating

Hectic turnout, hopefully with some lovely happy endings.

Bar trek

An excellent event, largely because it's the first day of the week and people are yet to be tired out. Amazingly smooth. Volunteers were positioned inside each bar to push the trekkers out, and along the footpath to guide and direct, and even hold the hands of some way-ward gentlemen. Due to the ACT Governments new liquor laws we decided to structure the event, for the first time in its history, with one large group travelling between the venues rather than splitting into two groups and meeting at the final location. This worked exceptionally well. The venues were more alive (thus the bars were happy) and people didn't complain about their friendship groups being split up.

Issues: none.

Tuesday

This was the preparation day for the rest of the week. We held a fun and interactive Art attack during the day while selling Studio54 tickets to passers-by and making the final calls to confirm the rest of the activities of the week.

Mr ANU

Gallantly hosted by Leah Ginnivan, Ben Koval and Byron Fay, the event featured 8 contestants who smooth talked, awkwardly stumbled and flipped their undies in the air in an attempt to win VIP Warehouse tickets.

What went well: Chris Endry (last years winner) created a fantastic introductory video. Definitely the events highlight.

Issues: It was luck of the draw with the contestants/willingness to be involved and entertaining difficult to gauge on sign up! We should have avoided intermission to kept event more snappy.

Mystery bike ride

What went well: Despite earlier cancellation/fear of rain this event has an excellent turnout – approximately 50 people. Very simple to run, 1 leader and 1 volunteer at the rear of the pack is all that is required.

Issues: Need to promote more forcefully the necessity of wearing a helmet and the bike lights.

Wednesday

Market day

What went well: Despite the weather stalls were happy with the turn out and the response to their stall.

Issues: Need to be explicit about marquee hire arrangements for the corporate stalls. Get something with wheels to move chairs and tables to the stalls. Also, have the equipment delivered earlier.

Clean up – many stalls, disappointingly, left their rubbish and equipment at the stall sight. Likely to be a result of the weather and/or laziness, this was in breach of the booking contract. As it was difficult to ascertain where rubbish drifted from only the stalls that left their equipment were noted. They will not be having their deposit refunded.

Thursday

Champagne breakfast

Issues: The event was forced to change locations at last minute due to some sort of miscommunication between ANU security and another ANU department responsible for the area. I will be following this up to ensure that when function approvals are put through, everyone is aware of any follow up or continued action that may be required.

Amazing Race

This event was run and was certainly a successful addition to 2011 O-week. While a few people are necessary to brainstorm ideas, Amazing Race was a very simple event to run without incident using only a few volunteers. I would recommend this as a choice for future event planners purely on the basis of the incentives of prizes. Almost all the money from ticket sales can be directed to prizes which was a strong point of Amazing Race 2011. (1st \$300 meal at LaScala, 2nd \$100 at Tongue and Groove, 3rd movie tickets at limelight). If there had been a bit more promotions with the inclusion of these prizes we could have easily doubled attendance. Only 80 people ended up participating however I blame this on lack of promotion and bad weather 24 hours prior to the event.

What went well: Good length/timing, Enjoyable challenges (group games, boat race, questionnaire), Easy to set up. Cheap, non alcohol event. Easy to get approval

Issues: The event needed to be promoted more heavily. Challenges may also need to be more mentally difficult, ie puzzles, riddles, strategy.

Beach party markets

Due to the Unions obligations to it tenants we were unable to hold the markets on the side deck area of the bar. The event was low key, allowing for the businesses to develop a stronger connection to their clientele. All businesses were supplied with marquees – we were scarred from the consequences of the previous days rain...

Mario kart

One of the week's best events. Brought together many individuals who would not have otherwise been involved in the week. Participants paid \$5 to sign up to the knockout tournament. The event, with 40 paid competitors, ran smoothly. Prizes for the top three competitors were a studio54 ticket, case of beer and GOLDEN CONTROLLER.

ANUSA Office Warming

A chance to eat delicious pide (thankyou Leah/Shawn), the event was a great chance for lots of ANUSA people to catch up after summer. Although we were aiming to introduce students to the work of the association through this event, I feel as though this is a difficult feat to achieve in this kind of setting. The priority during OWeek should be to get ANUSAs name known with constant opportunity to talk to volunteers and representatives about the work of the organisations

Movie and Night Markets

A relaxing evening of popcorn, kransky, fairy floss and Austin Powers. A low-key yet well attended event which ran smoothly.

Friday

In a repeat of Wednesday, Barlens arrived early to collect their gear. Unhappy that we didn't have all the chairs together, they left prematurely. After location the chairs they drove back to collect them. It wasn't a big deal as they were two hours early!

Studio54:

What went well: Tickets were more expensive at the door so we made more money than if we had previously sold out. But really, it was excellent. We could not have done it without Rashid, last years event organiser. His motivation for helping us out was to ensure that the event continued from its inaugural year. I hope that such a fantastic event will be continued in the years.

Issues: Toilets were incorrectly placed – lack of communication led to entrance location change. Needed to keep two extra tables from Barlens. Four door people at the door turned into six – should have been more prepared for the influx of partygoers. No pass out signs as well as drink and food prices needed to be placed on the exterior fencing much earlier.

Monday

Commencement

I JI'd on this as an OWeek event. Brody did fantastically and I hope that next year we fill Canberra stadium to capacity!

Present/Future

Invoices/loose ends

Am currently finalising receipts and invoices from the week. We will be making a profit and hopefully I will be able to confirm the amount by next SRC

GAC

Last Monday evening I ran an information session for clubs and societies. They were able to learn about booking barbeques, planning events with ANU security and financial record keeping, with the *adminbandit* program. The company offered 10 free 6-month trials to clubs and societies. I had a lot of positive feedback about the event and if those trialling the program are happy with it I will be looking into the possibility of signing up for an ANUSA parent license. This is something that will benefit ANUSA affiliated groups for many years.

GAC started last week and will be held every week, Tuesdays 2 – 4pm. I have received an email from PARSA. According to the GAC regulations they are required to have a representative on the committee. This has not taken place in the last few years so it was exciting to hear from them.

Feature weeks

Have started to look into the feature weeks for this year. Initial thoughts are to run events for Reconciliation Week, Harmony Day and Pride Week. I do however want to focus on some more ANU focused 'topics' so will be contacting clubs and societies about this and possibly getting some ideas from faculty representatives.. ?

Social Committee?

Is anyone interested in helping to run events? Gen-rep portfolio perhaps?

EDUCATION OFFICER' REPORT

Christian Dent

Hi everyone and welcome back to what will hopefully be a fun and exciting year at ANUSA and ANU.

General Representative Portfolios

I had a meeting last Thursday with some of the general representatives to get them started on working on their portfolios. Thank you at all those who attended. Most gen reps have their portfolios sorted, and have a rough idea of what they will be doing and working on during the year. Some have already started work on their portfolios, which I believe they will elaborate on in the gen rep reports. Others I still need to follow up on, or meet with, to nut out the details of what they will be doing. So far portfolios include temporary housing, Unilodge, parking and transport, disabilities, youth allowance, international students and political activism. I strongly believe that this system will get general representatives more involved in ANUSA and will ensure ANUSA is a more effective organization by delegating some responsibilities that have traditionally been for executive members and officers to general representatives. If any general representatives have any questions about their portfolios, please come and talk to me.

Youth Allowance

Firstly a big thanks you to Emily Criticos, who will be working with me this year on Youth Allowance as part of her port folio. Over the holidays Emily found a few documents which clearly outlined the requirements to be eligible for youth allowance, as it can be quite confusing for most students. I'm hoping to get these up on the ANUSA website soon, so students can access them for relevant information.

Here is an update on the youth allowance figures:

- *The age of independence* has been reduced to 23 this year, and will be reduced to 22 next year
- *The start-up scholarships* will be paid at the full rate of \$1064 for each six month of study.
- *The Parental income test* threshold has been raised to approximately \$43,000 to align with the family tax benefit A threshold. This occurred in the middle of last year.
- *The Eligibility Criteria* for independent youth allowance requires students to work an average of 30 hours a week for at least 18 of the prior 24 months. This changed in the middle of last year.
- *Rural and Regional Students* are still able to access the old workforce participation independence rules (ie. (i.e. earn approximately \$19,500 in the 18 months subsequent to leaving school), if they satisfy the following criteria:
 - the student's family home is in a location categorised as Outer Regional Australia Remote Australia or Very Remote Australia in the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (AGSC); and
 - the student is required to live away from home to study; and
 - the student is undertaking full-time study; and
 - the student's combined parental income for the appropriate tax year is less than \$150,000 (indexed).

Source: Universities Australia

NOTE: National's Senator Fiona Nash introduced a Bill in federal parliament earlier this year to have inner-regional students to be eligible for youth allowance as per the old workforce participation criteria, however, this was blocked by the ALP and the Greens for what can only be described as political reasons. Whilst it would have been nice to see the bill passed, the debate missed the fundamental issue of the problems with youth allowance, and the passage of the bill would only have been a small change.

Whilst youth allowance is not one of the highlighted students issues this year (as it has been over the past few years), the system is still far from perfect, and it is still important that students continue to fight for fair youth allowance. ANUSA's position on Youth Allowance remains that the age of independence should be reduced to 18, and that youth allowance should be made universal.

Flood Relief

The Queensland floods have been absolutely devastating for Queensland and Australia as a whole. To fund the recovery effort the Federal Government has been required to cut spending in some areas of the budget. It was worrying when the Prime Minister Gillard initially announced plans to discontinue the Australian Teaching and Learning Council (ATLC) and the Capital Development Pool (CDP), as well as to cap the National Rental

Affordability Scheme. The ATLC ensures the quality of teaching and teaching staff at Australian Universities, whilst the CDP provides funding for university infrastructure-development projects which help improve both the quality of learning overall university experience for students and staff.

However, through negotiations with Independent MP Andrew Wilkie and with the Greens, the flood levy has enough votes to pass through both houses of parliament, without the need to scrap the ATLC and CDP and without capping the National Rental Affordability Scheme. It is pleasing to see that the government, minor parties and independents see Higher Education as a priority and that this is reflected in their policy.

Source: Universities Australia, Canberra Times

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Authority (TEQSA)

TEQSA is to be introduced next year as a national regulatory body for higher education, replacing the current state-based regulators which which operate unevenly. The minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations, Senator the Hon. Christopher Evans has released for public comment the exposure draft of the TEQSA legislation. Universities Australia has expressed concern about the lack of self-accreditation in the present Bill. Proper Self-accreditation would allow universities to retain their academic autonomy in relation to courses and degree content. Without such a provision, the ANU position as Australia's leading university could suffer, as it may find it more difficult to set itself apart from other universities, despite course and degree content being relatively unchanged. This should be an issue of concern for ANUSA.

Source: Universities Australia

Student Service and Amenities Fee

The student services and Amenities fee is the government's response to Voluntary Student Unionism, although is not a complete repeal of the VSU legislation. Under the proposed legislation, universities are allowed to charge students an annual fee of up to \$250 which can be deferred through a HECS style loan. This can be used to fund additional student services on campus including healthcare, sporting facilities and student clubs. However student representation (ie. ANUSA) is not able to be funded from the SSAF, nor are students required to be consulted on how their money is spent. NUS' position is that universities should spend at least 60% of the SSAF revenue of democratically elected student organizations, and that universities should consult with democratically elected student representatives on how the SSAF money is spent. At the ANU, we must remember that we are in a very fortunate position in that we already get a significant amount of money each year from the University.

Source: National Union of Students

NUS National Day of Action

I met with Alice Crawford, the NUS ACT education officer and NUS ANU delegate on Monday to discuss the NUS campaign on the student services and amenities fees. I will be reporting on this in the meeting as it occurred after reports were due.

Education Committee

Education Committee will be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 4pm, starting on the 15th of March. We will be discussing Higher Education issues as well as planning for the Student Services and Amenities Fees Campaign. Everyone is welcome to attend, and if you can't make it please let me know so I can inform you of what was discussed.

Andrew Leigh's 'Big Ideas Competition'

Andrew Leigh, the new federal member for the seat of Fraser, is running a 'Big Ideas Competition' and everyone at ANU aged 24 or under can enter. To submit, create and upload a video of up to three minutes in which you describe a policy problem and your innovative solution. Videos will be judged in an award ceremony at Parliament House by Annabel Crabb (ABC), Mark Davis (SMH) and Laura Tingle (AFR). Details are online at www.andrewleigh.com.

WOMEN'S OFFICER'S REPORT

Kate McMurtrie

O Week

Despite the weather we had approx. 100 new members signed during Market Day. The band that was organised had to be moved to the Uni Space due to bad weather and I would like to thank everyone who helped make that happen. First Womens Collective Meeting

The first meeting of the Collective was on the 22nd of February. Turn out was low, many people communicating it was not a good time to meet, so we have moved our meeting times permanently for Semester 1 2011 to Tuesdays at 5pm. This will not clash with SRC commitments. There was a lot of productive discussion in terms of the aims of the Collective this year, social events and activities and things the Collective wants to get involved in this year, including safe space policy and collaborative projects with external organizations.

Rapunzel Room

After much discussion about what approach to take on refurbishing the Rapunzel Room, it was cleaned and re furnished with the basic requirements during the lead up to O Week. Expenditure was in accordance with the agreed discussions at a figure approximating \$1000. Further personal touches to the room will continue in the future.

Events

The Womens Department has been involved in promoting a number of activities including local events for the 100th anniversary of International Womens Day on the 8th. There was an afternoon tea held during the meeting of the Collective to honour the occasion and members of the ANU Womens Department attended the forum held at Parliament House.

The Department has also been promoting the annual Pamela Denoon Lecture. This year the topic will be 'the Sleeping Dragon - The Unfinished Business of Abortion Reform'.

The Womens Department is also advocating people to get involved in social skating with the aims of making a team for Roller Derby. We are also planning a discussion group to meet outside of the Rapunzel Room to allow men to participate.

Training

During the week before O Week I participated, along with Fleur Hawes, in a training program with the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre. Whilst focused on secondary school training and prevention it was very educational and good for making contacts with women's organizations in the Canberra region.

Expenditure

The Womens Department has refurbished the Rapunzel Room. Expenditure for the room was \$100. Break down of expenses was as follows;

- Skip and Removal of Old Furniture - \$250
- Furniture and Delivery - \$700
- Paint and Decorations - \$100

We also paid \$250 for O Week Womens Department Activities which involves hiring a self defence instructor, hiring the Dojo Room at the ANU Gym and catering an afternoon tea.

Further, the White Ribbon expenditure for the campaign for last year has yet to be taken from the account. This will be done within the following week and was voted on last year (and does not form part of the budget for 2011). This figure was \$500.

Total Expenditure - \$1750

SEXUALITY OFFICER'S REPORT

Gus Little

2011 is sure to be a busy year for the ANU Sexuality Department. There has been much activity in the first weeks of term, and I, as Sexuality Officer, endeavour to continue this so that Sexuality Department members are provided with a wide variety of fulfilling opportunities for involvement.

During Orientation Week, despite the inclement weather, the Sexuality Department went ahead with the market day stall, where we distributed show bags with information about the department, LGBTIQ services available in Canberra and sexual health information. A number of new people joined the mailing list and requested access to the Queer Space. We also hosted the traditional Champagne Bruch, an opportunity to get new members involved in the Sexuality Collective while also being an outlet from non-department members to show their support. Sparkling wine, juice, pancakes and croissants were served, with around 40 people attending the event at the Brian Kenyon Student Space.

On Friday of Week 1, 2010 Sexuality Officer, Ben Koval with assistance from other department members, hosted 2011's first Queery Discussion forum. This was an outstanding success with the event having to be relocated due to the number of people in attendance. These fora, co-ordinated by Emma Eriksen are planned to continue throughout the year and are an excellent opportunity for LGBTIQ student to share their ideas and experiences.

At meetings the Sexuality Collective has discussed the reactivation of the Jelly Babies, the LGBTIQ social club. By operating the Jelly Babies as an independent club and society, there will be an increased ability to attract individuals with an interest in social activities rather than the representation/activism/welfare focus of the Sexuality Collective. Elections for Co-ordinator and reactivation of the existing bank account are currently underway. When formed, the Jellybabies Co-ordinator will facilitate events such as the Queer Ball in Pride Week, and the alternating weekly Women's/Gender-Inclusive Coffee which has resumed this year following great success in 2010.

Also covered was the drawing up of a Safer Spaces Policy to ensure the Queer Space is be non-threatening to all its users. At present a set of interim guidelines are in place, based on investigation of other sexuality departments' policies while there is ongoing consultation over final wording.

The Sexuality Collective has also resolved that the Sexuality Officer and Deputy Sexuality Officer are to set up a market day stand for at least two hours in the coming fortnight to improve the visibility and accessibility of the Sexuality Department.

We are aware of some fundraising challenges ahead, and are gathering ideas for potential sources of funds. This year, the national sexuality departments' conference, Queer Collaborations is to be held in Perth during the semester break. At last year's conference, the ANU Sexuality Collective committed to publishing the annual magazine for the conference, Querelle, in which LGBTIQ students from across Australia can express themselves while recording the experiences of Queer people at this point in time. The Querelle Subcommittee has been formed to edit, layout and publish the magazine. They have written the submission guidelines and begun planning. I am informed that submissions have begun to arrive. Due to the high costs of travelling to Perth and the publication of this magazine, we have begun Chocolate sales fundraising as an interim measure and this week Deputy Sexuality Officer, Danni Day, and I will begin grant applications and contacting potential donors. Seeking funds through advertising in Querelle is also under consideration.

Should any further information be required please do not hesitate to contact me.

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ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Robin Shannon

Since the beginning of 2011 the Environment collective has held two very successful stalls at O-Week Market Day and ANU Sustainability Say. In association with ANUSA and ANU green we helped to organise the BBQ at Sustainability day. At our O-week stall we raised awareness about the proposed cuts by federal labor of the solar flagships programme and encouraged people to write letters to federal independents asking them not to allow the programme to be scrapped. 42 different students wrote letters that we sent to the independents using department funds. A few days later the solar flagships programme was restored. That may have had something to do with Getup's efforts as well, but nevertheless we felt that this was a good start to the year.

We have held two meetings so far at which we have begun planning our activities for the year. We have three major ideas for (at least) the first semester. The first is a campaign based on campus sustainability, the second a project in collaboration with real food (a group started by ANU students) and the third a campaign related to the up coming carbon price. Both our meetings have been well attended with many new faces showing up.

Coming up (between the writing of this report and the SRC meeting) will be clean up australia day which we will be co-hosting with the halls and colleges green-reps and on the 12th of March the blockade of the Newcastle coal port.

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INTERNATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Angeline Tan

The department had 6 meetings this month.

1. ISD produced a handbook for new international students as a transition help. It outlines the main survival tips in Canberra and in ANU.
2. International Orientation week was a big success. We had a speed dating event and helped out for all International Orientation activities. We managed to get 300 people to be on the mailing list.
3. Amazing Race was organized in collaboration with ANUSA during orientation week.
4. The department is now actively organizing International Ball. We've swapped the format of our major events and the date of the International Ball has been set on the 6th May 2011. I request ANUSA representatives to attend the event and it will be great if anyone is interested to volunteer for the ball.
5. I am currently looking into the visa review submission alongside with Christian Dent, Education Officer, and Elaine Li.

DISABILITIES OFFICER'S REPORT

Stephanie Smythe

Status of Department

The department has been fairly quiet since the conclusion of last semester. Complaints and enquiries have taken up most of my available time with some coming from staff as well as students. This has led me to believe that the department and in particular the role of the officer is not understood across campus. There is still no access to any mailing list, which makes it very difficult to contact those students registered with DSC.

Items still outstanding

An enquiry was made last year into the status of the ramp leading to Manning Clarke and the fact that it is unsafe and has limited access. This matter was meant to be taken up with Facilities and Services, but to my knowledge and constant asking of the manager of DSC (Rebecca), has not been done so. Hopefully this matter will be resolved quickly and a firm answer given as to what is being done about it, if anything.

Matters for Resolution

Ongoing discussion with Rebecca will happen until a consensus has been reached with regards to having a department mailing list and what conditions will be attached to this. A clear understanding of the department needs to be developed in conjunction with DSU, dependent on cooperation, to ensure that students have the correct contact details and staff are aware of the channels they need to take in making their enquiries.