



SRC 1 Minute Template

Tuesday, 28 February 2017

Law Link Lecture Theatre

Appendix A: SRC 1 Agenda, including reports and other reference material

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting opens: 7.21PM

Apologies received from:

- Tanika Sibal
- Marcus Dahl
- Georgia Dee
- Jill Malloy

Acknowledgement of Country

- We acknowledge and celebrate the First Australians on whose traditional lands we meet, and pay our respect to the elders of the Ngunnawal people past and present

Item 2: Executive Reports

3.1 President's report (J. Connolly) (5mins)

- Welcome to SRC 1 and Welcome to 2017, and the opportunities it brings.
- Report taken largely as read, just a few things I want to highlight.
- Firstly, thank you to all those who participated in O-Week's program, pay special tribute to O-week directors, Jeevan Haikerwal and Elisa Lu, as well as Ryan Sandison and Philippa Russel Brown and to Social Officer Cameron Allan
- ANU Union; made decision to resign from ANU Union due to conflict of interest with role also in the Council, was also affecting day to day presidential duties; appointed Lewis Pope to be the ANUSA representative on ANU Union
- Regarding the consideration being given to exams on Sundays and Public Holidays, and 9pm class times; ANUSA and PARSA presidents petitioned the Academic Board and CEC and were successful so exams will not be timetabled then, and classes will finish at 6pm not at 9pm as considered; due to Barry Drive announcement
- Good to see ANU responding to our petition/input; after the decision was realised I wasn't on a golden chariot as ANU Gothic publicised, only because I didn't have one
- ACT Gov. drafting master plan for Haig Park, in conversations, workshop 12-1 March 11th ANUSA offices; safety issues and other proposals; discussing the plan at the meeting so that the Gov. is inclined to act on feedback/suggestions
- Argued for an ongoing committee panel, was successful, so will call for an ANUSA representative in the future once established

Questions

Q: Regarding Sunday exams proposal, the email sent out said that they were 'considering' it; was that as far as ANU had gone to committing?

R: In terms of them considering it, being couched at academic board as basically a decision; for context, it had been transmitted from University Executive to Academic Board 6, then transmitted to UEC 1, for transmission to then Academic Board 1, so by UEC 1 it was basically being phrased as 'this is a decision'.

Q: Communications strategy for the redevelopment; social media platforms, is there/will there be a forum for people to ask what is going on as there is a lot of confusion?

R: There is a communication platform; there will be a forum with architects and senior members of the University for students to ask questions/seek clarifications on the redevelopment; in the interim, please contact me at sa.president@anu.edu.au email so to ask for more forums, happy to look into it as sit across a number of working groups.

Q: How is the ANU going about contingency plans for lectures? JCOS is concerned and not in the know; seem to prefer the marquee tent idea, however concerned that they will need to share that with every other college- what is going on?

R: We have consistently advocated for better internal communications strategy; it has been non-existent up until this point. The o-week launch of 'Reunion' which is the beginning on internal CS. I have had preliminary meetings with the new member of staff, their role is to engage with internal stakeholders but they were only hired I believe only last week. I share the criticisms for lack of coms strategy, the university is trying to solve this with launch of Reunion.

Q: In the past two years, ANUSA has generally established ANUSA committees by general meeting or SRC; in your report, you address a Mature Aged Students Committee and a Safety on Campus Committee, do you think it's appropriate to establish or re-establish those committees without taking it to an SRC or a general meeting?

R: I refer to the Constitution, I accept the issue that you raise however there is nothing inside the Constitution regarding that. Regarding the timeframe of it, I saw O-week as an opportunity to engage with mature aged students with the committee where if I had left it there wouldn't be such an opportunity. I accept the criticism, but that was my reasoning behind that one. With the SOC Committee, it has been previously established and there was no formal decision in an SRC about its future, so for all intents and purposes it was more of ANUSA giving it another crack for lack of a better word as we had a past Women's Officer express interest in re-establishment of the committee. I am willing to seek retrospective ratification at SRC 2.

Q: To my understanding, ANU security picks people up when they're on campus or around UniLodge, so with the proposed leased building [on Barry Drive] would that be an extension of ANU? So, would people, for example, be able to be picked up by ANU security from there and go to say B&G?

R: I am unsure of the answer. I will take it on notice.

Q: The SLA cost of MSL of \$93, 712, is per annum or once off?

R: Once off.

Q: Could you outline the process for choosing the nominee to the Union Board?

R: I opened applications to the SRC, I received two expressions of interests and I sat down with both to explain the um, note two things their understanding of the union and why they

were interested in the position. When it came to formal applications, I only received one formal application and that formed my decision.

Q: Regarding MSL, I've seen no detailed information regarding it. Could you highlight why MSL was chosen/the benefits of it and the duration of the contract please?

The duration of the contract is 3 years. In terms of benefits, it basically brought all coms platforms into one, and so that allowed us, when accompanied with the data sharing agreement reached with university, allowed us to tailor our coms strategy to different groups of students. If we were seeking feedback from a college we'd be able to tailor that. It's about engaging better with membership (the student body). Why we wanted it to all come under one [platform] was due to several issues with the different hosts/features; so, our formal website host was Wordpress which constantly crashed; with clubs and societies on Augsync was not a lot of buy in from students, by consequence wasn't a good platform for clubs to engage with their membership as students were not on augsync; so was an ineffective tool.

Q: Could you elaborate on the conflict of interest between union board and council?

R: When union was established it was granted free lease over the building, with the capacity to rent out those spaces and earn revenue. This is no longer the financial model desired by the university as in the redevelopment they would like to be raising revenue for themselves from those commercial outlets. The conflict of interest arose in discussions about the future of the Union as I had official ties to the Council and official ties to the Union. For example, I had to remove myself from the tenancy selection panel for the ANU bar because the Union attended and I had official duties to the union, clearly, I was unfit to be on the panel. This also inhibited my duties of being the ANUSA president and I determined that it was more important for ANUSA to have representation on the University Council than on the ANU Union.

Q: Regarding the memorandum of understanding you're trying to establish with PARSAs, what areas would the MOU cover?

R: For some context for everyone the relationship between ANUSA and PARSAs hasn't always been flowering; it was important to put a structure in place that would regularise meetings between ANUSA and PARSAs presidents, formalise agreements regarding joint funding of events, also we deal with shared staff which is operational matter so won't go too much into that but that is also something that we thought would be good to formalise regarding our shared approach.

Q: There is one other member who is on both the University Council and ANU Union Board which is Brian, is he facing the same dilemma/decision as you?

R: Brian Schmitt? I would have no clue, I have not seen him at the Union meetings so that's news to me. The University does have a representative on the Board, so there are things being circulated that are sensitive so I can't discuss them however the University does have a representative but their decision is up to them. The ANUSA and PARSAs presidents came together and made the decision to step down.

Motion: that the President's report be accepted.

Moved: Tom Kesina

Seconded: Nick Sifnoitis

Status: Passed

3.2 Vice President's report (E. Kay) (5mins)

- Report taken as read, there is a lot of detail in there so please read it. I just want to speak to a few things.
- I want to formally pass thanks onto Cam and his O-Week team, the week was incredible! Also, I'd like to formally thank Ben Gill and Tom Kesina for their research into Education Access Plans last year, it has passed Student Experience Committee which is very exciting; and more broadly thank ANUSA for the work they've done.
- On last comment is that one of my mental health committee chairs has resigned, this has not been updated in my report, but there will be more information once I have met with the other chair Maddison Perkins.

Questions

Q: You mentioned in your report that the University is building a new building, have there been given guarantees that there will be an increased numbers of consultation rooms and increased level of access?

R: Yes, there is strong support for that.

Q: Regarding your membership on the Union Court Redevelopment Committee on Accommodation, has the university changed its strategy or plan since its public realise? I.e. once accommodation above the commercial district of 420 beds?

R: I have had no meetings yet, my first is in the next week or so. However, I haven't heard anything to the contrary; once I have more information, I am willing to pass it on once not confidential and known etc.

Q: You mentioned in your report that the Pro Vice Chancellor, Richard Baker, is seeking feedback on his KPI's on his student experience goals. What is the timeline on this?

R: I believe that the formal timeline has passed, so that is going to the UEC next; those KPIs will be in formation and will be shifting and moving with his goals for the university. There's exciting things happening in the university so have a look at that and let me know if you have any feedback as Richard is always looking for that.

Q: Regarding the results in your report showing the lack of specific roles for students and the lack of disability awareness in terms staff – what are steps we can take to highlight these issues in a timelier manner? What can we do as ANUSA to encourage change with(in) the university?

R: I probably want to think through my answer to this question so we should have a chat about it. The university works through its committee structure so they do need to work it through, and it's there to, I guess for a lack of a better word, 'weed out' ill quality material. Though the fact that they are willing to push it through the University Education Committee is a big deal; because we have an ANUSA representative on the committee, it means we can get James to 'star' it so it will be discussed and get that through which is really important. I do think that is something that should happen this year. I would love for it to be faster of course, however when working with the university you need to work at their speed. However, I'd love to keep brainstorming ideas with you on ways we could work outside of the committee structure to get things pushed through.

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

Moved: Harry Needham

Seconded: James Connolly

Status: Passed

3.3 Treasurer's report (H. Feng) (5mins)

- Report taken as read
- My/The vision is stability; making it a priority so that we can survive without SAF.
- Want to focus on long term involvement since we change every day, there is no official ongoing financial project to continue, so hoping to look into that
- Regarding short term developments, looking at what can we do in a year?
Regarding expanding number of sponsors/sponsorship, what can we do besides o and bush week?
- Extend congratulations to the O-week team and Cam!
- We broke the record for o-week sponsorship; last year 36, year before 22, now this year was more than 40- and it was the first time we've achieved sponsorship for FNP
- Reps to work with Harry for projects
- There is a person above me, the financial controller, who can answer questions unanswerable by myself, so if you have any questions please email
- Welcome any questions regarding expenditure that's not in the report, come into office or email and we can discuss
- Via email, English is not my first language so if you want the best response possible then try to make the questions as simple as possible
- Please provide constructive comments

Questions

Q: You mentioned that SSAF funding was unstable, and that you're future proofing ANUSA in case we lose it; what does that mean? Is there something we should be worried about?

R: I am a person who prepares for the worst and is quite cautious. There is no official record or history so I am just preparing for the worst possibility.

Q: Last year, the treasurer sought SRC endorsement for sponsorship deals. Will you continue seeking this endorsement?

R: Currently, the only major sponsorship we're looking at is with Uber and potentially QPay. I will seek that after further discussions and when there is a more concrete and formal proposal, however not when it's in the idea's phase.

Q: If something was to go through as SSAF funding was cut, what would happen? What percentage of our current budget would be cut?

R: We ([ANUSA]), rely heavily on SSAF for funding, around 80-90%. However, it has not been explored or researched yet of other alternatives for funding. It's hard for me to say what percentage of our budget will not be SSAF funding if we were to lower the percentage as much as possible; I am still working on it and will provide a figure as soon as possible.

Q: The University of Melbourne banned ComBank from their O-week as they were found to be investing in fossil fuels. Does the ANU have a policy regarding having ethical sponsors?

R: There isn't a formalised set of rules; I do understand what you're talking about and I will take it on notice.

Q: Can you elaborate on the new long term sponsors you are working towards? What would/will be allocated to them?

R: In previous years, the only sponsorship we've had is with Murrays where discounted tickets to students; ANUSA owns a percentage and gets a commission. The only other one is with QPay which provides a ticket platform for ANUSA events. My baseline for sponsorship is if it brings benefits to students. I am looking into Qpay regarding a second-

hand bookshop which ANUSA couldn't do. Essentially, sponsors need to be able to bring benefits to all students not just ANUSA.

Q: Just looking at financial data, I believe it says \$15300 is listed for expenditure on first year camps and under profit it lists \$16400. Did we turn a profit on first year camps?

R: (combined between Harry Feng, Jessy Wu, and James Connolly) There will be a profit turned over from FYC, however in the report the numbers have been mixed up so FYC did not cost \$15300. This will be fixed and uploaded.

Motion: that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Nick Yan

Seconded: Cameron Allan

Status: Passed

[The Chair passes to Cameron Allan to allow the General Secretary to give their report. Cam's nomination was not subject to dissent]

3.4 General Secretary's report (K. Reed) (5mins)

- Report taken as read
- Highlight large print versions of agenda and will soon be fully screen reader compatible, as well as Standing orders 101 is available
- If anyone has accessibility issues let me know
- Highlight with department elections; election regulations were updated, not entirely sure what communications there were with ANUSA and departments. So, 4 officers ran internally and not with ANUSA; so, we re-opened elections for those officers and the nominations have been called for, of course the same people were elected however this is to formalize the process within ANUSA. The respective collectives had intent for them to be their officers. The motion will be passed today to confirm these positions within ANUSA.

Questions

Q: Where can existing copies of ANUSA's Code of Conduct and Grievance Policies be found?

R: They can be found on the ANUSA website; the admin assistants have been trying to upload them onto the new website (MSL) from the old one (Wordpress), so will follow that up.

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

Moved: Fred Hanlin

Seconded: Felicity Brown

Status: Passed

[The Chair passes back Kat Reed. Kat's nomination was not subject to dissent]

3.5 Education Officer's report (J. Wu) (5mins)

- Education committee, meet 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every week at 5pm, second Wednesday of next month (March 8th) will be first meeting

- Representations Jessy makes on behalf of ANU students: representations to the media- over holiday space there has been advocacy in response to current events (Centrelink failures, handing down of penalty rates changes). It is difficult to seek approval for SRC as too lengthy of a process when we need to be releasing these representations as quickly as possible. So, I upload pre-ambles onto Slack and on Facebook as to allow as much time as possible before making representation formally. I typically take likes and emoji reacts as approval. I will note, all the releases are passed through the exec and staff; they are approved by James before they are made. I will try to pass major campaigns through SRC.
- I will act as Education Officer and look at issues/make representations through the lens of equity and access to education as seen with our campaigns and releases regarding Penalty Rates, Indigenous, and Centrelink campaigns.
- Flag about FYC, regarding thinking strategically about future of FYC. Typically, the Education Officer is tasked with running the camps as the role of EC is often quite small over the summer as university is not in session and big policy announcements don't happen over the break. However, this summer has demonstrated there is time to be an activist over the summer there must be someone dedicated for that role. The skillset associated with the running of education portfolio and making representations doesn't coincide with organizing FYC and constructing activities; I flag this as a recommendation for that to be given elsewhere.

Q: With respect to campaigns, will you be seeking retrospective approval of the SRC for all those positions?

R: Yes, I will, however I have not written up those motions but will do so for next SRC.

Q: Regarding your attitudes to NUS campaign with the national protest coming up on March 22nd, you mentioned it would be a topic to be discussed at the EC meeting. If so, how did it go? What was discussed?

R: I think what I would have meant to say was that it will be discussed at SRC, so there is a whole section to do with that coming up in this meeting. I have submitted my report which is an analysis of the campaign proposed by NUS, I think that we'll foster a lively discussion about our position. The first committee meeting is as I said on March 8th. I guess to speak to the question behind your question about endorsing campaigns, I believe I personally don't have a mandate to endorse or not endorse the campaigns especially since ANUSA last year voted at SRC not to accredit. So, as I said there will be further discussion tonight however I'll take that as my point of departure with working with the NUS.

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

Moved: Howard Maclean

Seconded: Felicity Brown

Status: Passed

3.6 Social Officer's report (C. Allan) (5mins)

- Take report as read, specifically sections 2,3,4; however, want to speak on a few things
- As Social Officer, O-week was exceptionally rewarding and incredibly exhausting and challenging; I learnt a lot about myself and pushed boundaries, however after this week I'm back on the train now!
- In my report, there was a large section dedicated to acknowledgements for O-week, it could not have happened without their support and dedication. I'd like to thank my O-week team Jeevan, Elisa, Pip and Ryan as well as Logistics Coordinator Bolwen

as they all delivered an incredible product and I am so proud. A big thanks to ANUSA executive for their incredible support even when things were going haywire. The real MVPs were the volunteers who put in hours and it wouldn't have been what it was without you.

- What I'm proud of about O-week: really good job of innovating and having a good vision, I hope you saw the vision with quantity and type of events, and trying to transform campus into a colorful place with ambience and pianos. I am proud of our relationship with functions on campus which will set us up well.
- What didn't go well (things slip through cracks with hectic week): look through the report for details but main things to flag; how the internals work for o-week and the policy it operates under. For example, regarding the bar for FNP, we wanted to outsource the bar which would be more efficient and save us some money. However due to lack of understanding, we didn't go about tendering process correctly and rather went with provider suggested by professional who did spilt milk- essentially, the policy was not followed which exposes ANUSA to risk so important to follow and know the policies.
- Second point to flag then is finalization of contracts; important that ANUSA has robust processes protecting itself legally, lack of understanding and nuance of policy meant we couldn't finalize major contracts before it was the event so being finalized this week however ideally its done before the event to reduce risk

Questions

Q: In your report section D 'Successes', it lists catering to all kinds of student interests and demographics; I was just wondering about the accessibility and what steps you took towards that?

R: I think that accessibility is really important and comes in all different forms. I had chats with Aji over the summer about where we are heading in event management with accessibility. The Disabilities Department created a disabilities guide for event management, which will be flagged at training events for the Clubs Council. With regards to catering, most events had accessible food options, and we tried our best to do offer a lot, yet there was a lot more traction than we were expecting so we then did not have enough resources to cater to everyone unfortunately. In terms of events, we made sure there were a lot of sober events for those who don't find drinking ones to be safe or enjoyable. We did this though offering a lot of events during the day and only had two non-sober events. We tried our utmost best to try and have events that had all accessibility and when there wasn't we would have events going at the same time that would compensate for lack of accessibility. If there are any areas that I missed, please let me know.

Q: With regards to the ANU EHub cost, on the report the figure is absent. Do you know what that cost was and if it was equally split amongst stakeholders?

R: Yes, so the cost was split between Woroni, PARSAs, ANU Sport, Student Experience and Career Development and ANUSA. We split it based on the events being run and each holder's capacity to provide funding; as well as perceived utility. So it was equally split between ANUSA, PARSAs, and Student Experience with around \$1500, ANU Sport was \$500 and Woroni was \$250.

Q: Congrats! I love the pianos; however, some pianos are still out there, what is the removal process for them?

R: The pianos were sold by auction, with their removal by the Monday after O-week; this deadline then being extended to that Friday. It's the responsibility of people who bought them to remove them and we gave them the details of the piano removalist we used. We have been in touch with the successful buyers and if their pianos were not removed by

tonight they forgo ownership. I will chat to you afterwards [(as questioner mentioned interest in buying a piano)].

Q: Regarding outsourcing the bar, was there more profit compared to last year?

R: So, for context last year ANUSA ran its own bar, however cannot make the comparison yet as the final profits and expenditure hasn't been finalised yet. Last year the profit was \$1000 however ended up being less after having to pay for the bar staff. Really, we just need to wait for the final numbers/results. I do suggest though that outsourcing the bar should continue as they employ good safe and RSA compatible procedures etc. as are a professional business in that area.

Q: Regarding the Union Court redevelopment, what sort of information will you put in the handover for o-week?

R: Handovers are really important; they can be good some years and terrible others, they do mean a lot. Including designing contracts for the O-week team, so they were not paid until the completion of the week. Regarding the re-developments, thankful for bush week so to test out using different spaces and even in o-week we tried to use Menzies Lawn which worked quite well. O-week will be difficult to plan next year however as I've said bush week will help give a better idea of handover. I will have a comprehensive social plan for semester two so the transition will be difficult.

Motion: that the Social Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Sammy Woodforde

Seconded: Rashna Farrukh

Status: Passed

Item 4: Department Officer Reports

4.1 Indigenous Department (M. Brinkely) (5mins)

- Acknowledge traditional custodians of the land, and extend invitation to all indigenous people in the room.
- Taken report as read.
- The Indigenous Woroni pull out in issue 1 went really well with around 6-8 Indigenous students contribute and a bit of a spiel about indigenous and Torres Strait Islander services around Canberra
- Today launching new indigenous department logo, it's on the department page on Facebook, show your support!
- Working on this year's plans, department hasn't had strong presence in the past but I have a strong team behind me so hoping to create that
- Coming up is welcome coffee, weaving circle, Naidoc Week (S2 W2), weekly meetings to discuss both autonomous and non-autonomous events for that week

Questions

Q: Regarding the campaign taken up by the NUS, what is the relationship between the two campaigns now, and how did you find working with NUS?

R: The ATSI Officer is my only contact; they are focusing on three campaigns one of which is focusing on mental health in indigenous communities which the department is seeking to do. Its early days so that's all that can be given.

Q: Will you accept my congratulations on the Woroni Indigenous Pull-out?

R: Yes .

Motion: that the Indigenous Department Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: James Connolly

Seconded: Cameron Allan

Status: Passed

4.2 Women's Department (H. Zeng) (5mins)

- Take report as read
- Clarification of service; WUD have a work phone, the number is on cards and on website; its purpose is not for emergencies, use it for urgent advice or assistant or referral of/to services – it is not a replacement for crisis services
- Services Women's Officer offers: advice, referral to other services and advocacy support (i.e. want to be backed up by someone who knows a lot about university policies etc. or unsure how to make change). We have elected two deputy officers Janine Wong (focusing on cultural, and different linguistically, and international women) and Freya Willis (focusing on campaigns, sexual assault advocacy); they both bring diversity of experiences in life and on campus
- Office hours, please come please tell people, this Thursday 10AM-12PM, however usually its Mondays 1-2pm and 3-4pm. Use/search the public page for consultation topics; this week it is annual budget and safe space policy, however you are welcome to discuss anything deprioritized if you need
- So, contact deputies about events and campaigns; anything regarding policy, strategy and consultation contact Holly
- Advocacy: report as read wanted to add yesterday End Rape on Campus Australia connecting the dots, understanding sexual assault in university communities. I recommend it for a read if you are interested in that; full of stories of support and those doing the supporting. I hope to push through those changes and adapting them to what ANU students need in upcoming months so if you interested or have feedback let me know
- O-week was great, however there was a lack of volunteers – we are looking into allowing non-memebers to volunteer for events and management things so email me to help coordinate that
- Women's Week in Week 3 'Power in Communities', recognizing their impact, ANU in Review researchers and carol willfurrah will be there

Questions

Q; Regarding FNP, how do you envision the relationship being preserved between the Social Officer and the Women's Officer?

R: There is important and good information in handovers in how to liaise and consult with each other. Going forward it is useful to have your [Cam] ear and have input on communication and safety strategies. The setting up of the connection and communication with volunteer briefing etc. is important so further knowing of safe space policy; yours was brilliant however not made aware of early enough.

Motion: that the Women's Department Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Aji Sana

Seconded: Eleanor Kay

Status: Passed

4.3 Queer* Department (G. Scott) (5mins)

- Report taken as read

Questions

Q: What contact has the NUS Queer officer had with you?

R: Received email about what they are doing and have got a phone number, emailed a few weeks ago but no response yet.

Motion: that the Queer* Department Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Julia Beard

Seconded: Fred Hanlin

Status: Passed

4.4 International Students' Department (W. Waldarto) (5mins)

- Taken report as read
- Four main events: (1) night noodle market (special mention involved by approaching C&S to enjoying, and set up stall and sell drinks and made some profit, good feedback from C&S and attendees and thanks to o-week directors and cam), (2) released an ISD guide (new guide during summer break covering a lot of topics), google ANU ISD guide; SECD centre helped a lot through production process so thanks, and thanks to student central to help send it out to students in emails, (3) had our bi-annual student evening co-hosted with PARSA welcoming +500 attendees and invited Richard Baker as guest speaker, and (4) ISWE and PARSA sponsorship, manage to save up quite a bit in terms of expenditure in comparison to past years
- ISD aiming to have great presence with opening weeks to establish presence on campus and identity so students are aware of ISD and their resources as well as of ANUSA's support for international students

Motion: that the International Students Department Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Marcus Dahl

Seconded: Holly Zhang

Status: Passed

4.5 Disabilities Department (A. Sana) (5mins)

- Take report as read
- Not in the report: thanks to the collective's decision for electing deputies, Shea (Awareness) and McKinley (Community) as well as Fiona as our secretary.
- Any questions you have for spoons space or events direct them that way and I can be CC to them, any advocacy, or students experiencing issues disability related get in touch with Aji
- Looking for secretary and noms are open, they remain open 4pm tomorrow open before 2nd collective meeting at 5pm
- Any personal issues that can be directed at Disabilities Department please let us know

- AP report in regard to being brought up highlighting issues that can be addressed with use of disability actions plan; results highlighting the need for disability action plan for the university and committees higher up in university.
- Spoon Week Week 8, April 24th, looking for volunteers and getting a Woroni pull-out, anyone keen with articles or to help out let them know.
- Helping to start a podcast, interested in helping out or joining let us know.

Motion: that the Disability Department Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: James Connolly

Seconded: Gabriel Scott

Status: Passed

4.6 Environment Department (G. Dee and L. Noble) (5mins)

- Take report a read
- Have two meetings, start campaign of use of recycling and use of buses
- Looking for a collaboration on all the environment groups on campus as it is confusing

Motion: that the Environment Department Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Aji Sana

Seconded: Winson Widarto

Status: Passed

4.6 Ethnocultural Department (R. Farrukh) (5mins)

- Take report as read
- Place emphasis on thanking those who made people who made o-week successful; cam, and her team of volunteers
- Ethnocultural week May 1st, fully autonomous edition of Woroni out as well

Questions

Q: Would you share this is a positive historic moment in the SRC being the first report of Ethnocultural department?

R: Yes!

Motion: that the Ethnocultural Department Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Sarah Rajakariar

Seconded: Felicity Brown

Status: Passed

Procedural Motion: that the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes to allow for a break.

Moved: Harry Needham

Seconded: Felicity Brown

Abstentions: Lewis Pope
Status: Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8.34pm

Meeting resumed at 8.46pm

Item 4: NUS Delegate Reports

Procedural Motion: That we vote on block at the end of this section of the meeting to accept each NUS Delegates' Report.

Moved: James Connolly
Seconded: Eleanor Kay
Status: Passed

4.1 Report by T. Kesina (5mins)

- 1 of 3 ANU observers NUS NC in December: NUS fights for fair, accessible and affordable education on a national level
- Nat Con was 4 days, main thing to understand about NUS its quite factional, things are determined between fractions; student unity, national labor students, socialist alternative, national independence
- Nat Con is like house of Reps question at times you get some passionate speakers, lot of grand standing, goathing; a lot of politics, and how the factions work means that policy will be known if passed or failed due to predetermined
- Sat with National Independents (broadly left) where humans discuss collectively and vote individuals
- I authored and spoke on disability
- My perspective on NUS: believe in collect action, been in ANUSA for three years (dep DO, Do, GR) and have participated in this debate a few times; accountability, good government and accessibility are essential for things to be successful but NUS is not good at this
- Has a full briefing available in my report and online
- Transparency and Governance: NUS is bigger than Nat Con, issues go well beyond Nat Con
- Failures: (1) important documentation is not made available (find cons and regulations and not much else), (2) the national exec has not uploaded minutes since last april

Procedural: to add 2mins speaking time

Proposed: Michael Turvey

Seconded: Harry Needham

Status: Passed

- (3) Audited financial statements that brought up briefly before putting to a vote
- (4) Returning officer was a member of student unity and got drunk with officers – supposed to be independent however was said to have tampered with proxy forms was removed after this but the fact that he was appointed is an issue

- (5) Matters of abuse has taken place, can note that physical confrontation was at minimal this year but verbal abuse and harassment is taken as a given is concerning – however promise made by office bearers to change this
 - Success is that a Grievance Officer was appointed this year
 - 2014 NUS cut payment for ATSI and disabilities officers, these groups were targeted so not good at representation, the money promised that it would be back to budget 2015: yet officers budget has gone from \$5000 to \$1200 so has got worse
 - Nat Con was better/less worse this year yet it was inaccessible, forced into cycle of exhaustion as debates ran typical from 2pm up to 1am
 - Bunch of stuff in my report regarding past and future action
 - Success: Office bearers are being more proactive
 - Conclusion: does a lot of shitty things accountability wise but should vote yes if we don't pay money until they've delivered
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4.2 Report by J. Connolly (5mins)

- I was former ed officer for NUS and so we go way back
 - National Independent Negotiator at NUS, so I was the negotiator with other factions for them; I joined because they're are progressive and take critical action
 - Policy: policy was really good, particular praise to Jill Molloy on welfare policies and tom on disabilities policies – ANU has great history, especially with Laura Campbell, contributing to NUS on these areas so great!
 - Education: HEP policy passed, small and regional officer to take as campaign
 - Improvements: (1) engagement of grievance officer was good, reminded about self-care, (2) conference move to different space in Geelong with larger area and so tension could be diffused, (3) twitter so those who weren't part of faction knew when stuff started
 - Disappointments: (1) Policy book not complete or done in time, (2) liberal speakers weren't allowed to speak, liberals are still people too so should be allowed to have their say fairly
 - (3) ATSO conversation was way too short owing to disruptions; recommendations to start earlier, and recommend that observers should sit separately due to if you separate them, there'd be less of tribalistic atmosphere
 - General feeling and summary; accreditation is a vote of SRC and it should be, NUS is important body, and has had considerable successes; it is flaw comparable analysis this nat con was a significant improvement and was the best one in years – I'll leave it to you to question the particulars of report
 - Student unionism has an important role to play and NUS is the only body that facilitates that
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4.3 Report by J. Malloy (5mins)

- Jill sends her apologies, James to read on her behalf
- Member of student unity, national welfare officer (office bearer from last nat con)
- Policies: wrote on topics of welfare, women, ethnocultural women; attest she did write a lot of policy such as welfare
- Highlight working relationship with other office bearers regardless of faction she has positive relationship
- Four positions: NLS, SU and IN

- Only observers that attended 2015 conference and said it's a significant improvement on past Nat Cons
 - Emphasize Nat Con is only one part; wants to highlight other things that happen such as your rights at work and home campaign, make your education free campaign, they do a lot of work in that space
 - Working with Nick Xenophon team lobbying about omnibus bill – a lot in that space welfare
 - Highlighted need for how to guide for NUS
 - BisCom is convoluted; what happens is for something to be discussed it needs to have support on the floor first so signatures before proposal, very convoluted needs to be improved
 - Speak on roughly 45 policies and turn them into campaigns which is great, do acknowledge that NAT con needs work however does a lot more
 - Silencing of speaker is not good but there is so much more to it than its failures
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4.4 Report by J. Wu (5mins)

- Report submitted late, circulated via email, Slack and on Facebook prior to the meeting
- Contains work of policy analysis working group which has broad overview of what NUS does, compares to NZ unions as has faced the cut of student unionism, looks at what NUS has done over the past 5 years which contains some great a substantial work to defeat issues such as deregulation and critically analyse
- Education officer, content of the report does not necessarily reflect my willingness to work with the NUS
- Dom and Nick did a lot of work for snap protests and are great activists
- My actions do not relate to my position on ANUSA exec
- Generally agree about the positives of a new space and introduction of Grievance Officer
- Three main things: Is it a critical space? Safe space? Held accountable by students?
- Policy discussions happened and there were opportunities to speak yet discussions were not intellectually robust; 98% of speeches didn't affect the ways in which voting occurred (e.g. little discussion about NUS education campaign with make education free again – a lot of debate whether equitable or not as a fee structure, disagreement amongst progressives but wasn't discussed robustly and there was actions going on behind closed doors creating a deal to give Ed officer to socialist alternative, there wasn't critical analysis of the issue
- Blind allegiance to unions such as STA (anti-gay marriage etc.), students aren't represented by them
- Safe space: can be abusive, I was followed around by SALT
- 78% no not accountable; president last year was renowned for not doing a good job, so much so the gensec tried to take legal actions – at natcon she wasn't apologetic she tried to abdicate responsibility called out ableism – so she is not held accountable
- Students have little ability to influence budget and how OBEs have entire autonomy, I have emailed to acquire minutes yet still have not heard back

Procedure: Add 1 minute speaking time.

Moved: Eleanor

Seconded: Tom

Status: Passed

Procedural Motions: That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent a Q&A session with the delegates for 10 minutes (until 9.38pm).

Motion: Howard MacLean
Seconded: Arjun
Status: Passed

Q&A Session (10mins)

Q: Tom, office bearers no longer receive income, how do you propose they should be paid, given this university, and others, are starting to disaffiliate?

R (Tom): The university started discrediting after that decision was made not before. In terms of how to make money is by dividing honoraria from the autonomous office bearers who still have them so could split there, happy to entertain cutting honorariums of the 4 NOB; there are several solutions, disappointing that none were explored.

Q: Regarding other countries' versions of NUS, do you think there is benefit to the American model, is there scope for multiple representative bodies in Australia?

R: Taken on notice.

Q: Proved competence is important for roles; do you think the most competent people in the room are elected to do the work?

R (James): It sometimes differs, my opinion is that NOB are quite competent, given that the current President has been a President on campus, Gen sec former campus president, education prominent in student advocacy movement for like ever; some factions need to be different in their processes for electing – for voting this year I'd say this year yes [they are competent].

R (Tom): So, does NatCon elevate or produce competence? People pre-selected by factions so they do have experience, more of a side effect than the purpose of it. Student unity had t-shirts with 'disappointment over talent' written on the back to address that there are situations where people come out of factions on top however not the most competent. For example, the women's office who was particularly competence was bullied out of running, last year's officer wrote a post and left after the first day. There is potential for some good people this year like pointing to disabilities, this year's officer has potential to do great things. Autonomous roles picked because of factions not experience.

R (Jessy): bearers face good structures that block out talent. Some of the factions' members wouldn't know how the party has decided to vote, they just know if paper has made to a certain table. At the conference, I defined and spoke in favour of our ANIP program, I was castigated by people in both factions who oppose unpaid internships; there are no robust discussions so drives away people who are interested in politics and policy.

Q: Jessy, elements of your report were a bit unfair. You criticised education campaign for using old statistics however you use 2009 statistics in your report? Do you see virtue in such a body of unionism and collective action?

Rephrase of Q: What was your point of making the criticism of education campaign this year? Do the positives outweigh the criticisms that you made [of NUS]?

R (Jessy): In my report, there is a long report made by working group, they are not politically aligned so methods may not be adequate. The analysis from statistics are fair. A national body of students outweighs harm in that it is a strong force behind the idea of it but it is contingent on whether they are willing to represent students on issues that matter to them. There are a lot of liberal students in our community yet a liberal woman trying to move something to aid pregnant women at university was heckled and not allowed to speak due to the fact she was liberal. We cannot rely people on being coincidentally competent – we need accountability methods to make sure NUS is strong.

Q: What is Biscom and clogging? Tom, hands on agenda is hard, how do factions find out what is going on?

R (Tom, James, Jessy): Biscom is a business committee group of elected people who decide agenda, they vote to discuss a topic and to discuss motions. Biscom have representation of multiple factions. The people at the table do not have power so they rely on a signature from someone higher up when they try and vote. The ‘headkicker’ signs off on it then it is debated, and vice versa if not. Regarding finding out what is going on, there is a policy book that was shared around and was accessible; this year it wasn’t a policy book as such more of a collection of google docs. The twitter would say ‘the conference floor will start at this time’. In terms of how to people know how to vote a certain way; at the head of the factions you have someone saying union up and the rest will vote yes, you vote on block. Delegates are given the opportunity on how to vote and discuss motions however that goes on behind closed doors pre-conference so their position on debate and vote are already determined.

Procedural: Motion to extend debate for 10mins

M: Emma Boyd

S: Matthew Faltilas

S: Passed

Q: Jessy, you complied your report with a policy analysis working group, why did they have input into NUS delegate report?

R (Jessy): It is intended to be an appendix, I didn’t just want to repeat Tom and James’ report so I tried to add something else of value. My report was commissioned by education officer to be a preview of natcon, obviously, everyone has unconscious biases, and the working group did not attend natcon.

Q: How frequently is the policy adopted at Nat Con acted on by the office bearers?

R (James): It depends on policies that are moved, since so many policies are moved, some policies are not actioned. You need to look at who is moving them; so for what Jill is doing look at what she moved, or education ones there was one big manifesto. A criticism is some policies don’t need to be passed they are just put on the platform, it elongates the platform unnecessarily.

R (Tom): I agree with James, there are constraints form human nature; smaller policies are just not implemented. You don’t get removed if you don’t implement all policies.

Q: Knowing that delegates are somewhat democratically elected, and how office bearers deviate in competency; in asserting you want them to be more competent, what’s the alternative to this [election process]?

R (James): Setting norms and expectations; last year the president failed to perform number of constitutional duties but didn’t resign so there were no censures or sanctioning by the NUS formally and she never owned up to it; there’s no polices in place for that. It’s not about competency its about making sure you do your job and making sure you commit.

R (Tom): It'd be less of an issue who factions elected if it was more formal, and if office bearer minutes are published. Without accountability, you get shit people who don't get removed. The people you get who are competent is just out of luck. With accountability, natcon taking questions from the floor is not enough. Regarding office bearer reports, some of them who did amazing things, no questions are ever asked for/of office bearers, it's just ignored at the NUS level. It needs to be constant as it's too late to question a year later.

Q: How did you know what policies were being discussed? Regarding the whiteboard, was it visible?

R (James): Yes, if you stood at front yes, if at the back or seated then no.

Q: Regarding the twitter account being updated, was it accurate?

R (Harry Needham): I was on the secretary; there was one false competing account that had more followers however the real account is still active so you could go back and see.

R (James): policies were being discussed was projected onto a screen, not consistent but mostly there, as an observer the twitter was good.

Q: Were there sections of the policy book that were not discussed? Last year the SRC was provided one with the policies that were and were not discussed? Can we get one of those this year?

R (James): There was a spreadsheet, this will be shared.

Q: Sitting as small 'a' independent? What are the benefits and negatives of sitting with a faction in terms of being able to represent ANUSA?

R (James): The virtue of sitting with a faction is that you're amongst people who have been there before have knowledge and you can flesh out your ideas and be prepared. It means that there is a support network there for you. I tried to provide support to small 'I' independents as they did struggle to expressing opinions. They can sit with them, they don't mind and they all have the same support,

R (Tom): The main reason for me was knowledge and protection. When signing up for accommodation you pick a faction, I chose National Independents. It's hard to navigate as a small 'I' independent. The bulk knowledge of how to do things and info was received from independents.

Procedural: Motion to extend suspension of standing orders by 5 minutes

Moved: Howard

Seconded: Michael

Status: Passed

Q: It seems like you mostly agree on NatCon being a shit and unsafe environment, and that there isn't a lot of short term consequences. What's your assessment in terms of machinery is already broken, and lots of students put in effort to contend and make change – is that a positive or worthwhile endeavour for students to put effort into? If it was directed elsewhere nationally for student representation, would that be better?

R (James): I disagree in part, there are plenty of criticisms though it is a place to engage in passionate debate, it's an opportunity for different activists to meet and debate and discuss with each other as well as campaigns they are running; in terms of pushing for change I will speak further to it, these efforts are important and it is important to strive for (incremental) change.

R (Tom): If there was someone here to agree with you most it would be me. Regarding national engagement long term, natcon is pointless for networking, education conference is more about skill sharing so is more beneficial; depending on how you are, it can give beneficial networking opportunities – more time into disabilities would be better but hard to take a punt at what would be more beneficial there.

R (Jessy): I'll save my response until next SRC discussing whether or not to give accreditation.

[The Chair resumes Standing Orders at 9.53pm]

Motion: that Tom Kesina's NUS Delegate report be accepted.

Moved: Julia Beard

Seconded: Howard MacLean

Status: Passed

Motion: that James' Connolly's NUS Delegate report be accepted.

Moved: Nick Yan

Seconded: Emma Boyd

Status: Passed

Motion: that Jillian's Malloy's NUS report be accepted.

Moved: Arjun

Seconded: Lewis pope

Status: Passed

Motion: that Jessy Wu's NUS Delegate report be accepted.

Moved: Felcity Brown

Seconded: Harry Feng

Status: Passed

Item 5: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice

[The Chair passes to Cameron Allan to allow Kat to give move the following motion. Cam's nomination was not subject to dissent]

Motion 1: That the SRC confirm the election of Gabriel Scott, Leila Noble & Georgia Dee to the position of Department Officer.

Moved: Kat Reed (3mins)

Seconded: James Connolly (2mins)

Friendly Amendment: Amendment to add Rashna Farrukh to the list of Officers to be confirmed by the SRC.

Motion: That the SRC confirm the election of Gabriel Scott, Rashna Farrukh, Leila Noble & Georgia Dee to the position of Department Officer.

- Kat (mover): This was flagged in report; confirming the election of Gabe, Leila, Georgia and Rashna. They have been elected within their own departments, this is just a way of acknowledging that they are the elected officers. SRC cannot vote against.
- James (seconded): Wave speaking rights.
- (Speaking to):

Motion: to close debate and move to a vote.

Moved: Tom Kesina

Seconded: James Connolly

Abstentions: 1

Status: Passed

Status:

[The Chair passes back Kat. Kat's nomination was not subject to dissent]

Item 6: Other Business

None.

Item 7: Meeting Close

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council is scheduled to be on Tuesday, 21st April 2016 at 6pm in the Law Link Theatre.

Meeting Close: **9.58PM**