

MINUTES - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 1 2013

26/02/2013 –Brian Kenyon Student Space

Attendance List:

Executive

Aleks Sladojevic- President

Tasman Vaughan– Vice-President

Sophia Stanley– General Secretary

Shan Verne Liew– Treasurer

Olivia Clark – Social Officer

Amy MacKinnon– Education Officer

Departments

Stuart Ferrie– Queer* Officer of the Association

Beth Ritchie– Women’s Officer of the Association

Taufiq Suraidi – International Officer of the Association

Brogan Goode – Indigenous Officer of the Association

Louise Stockton – Disabilities Officer of the Association

General Representatives

Eric Chan

Vincci Lee

Michael Harrison

Lucy McFarlane

Jess Bolton

Mark Rowe

Karan Savara

Stacey Little

Jedda Elliot

Mark Jehne

Shane Paderanga

Monique Langley-Freeman

College Representatives

Antonijia Kurbalija - COL

Kelly Kristofferson- COL

Charlie Carroll- CBE

Zaiga Thomman- Science

Laura Wey - Science

Caroline Skinner- CECS

Sanjay Govindan- CECS

Ruohan Zhao - CASS

Ashleigh Ralph - CAP

Nick Horton - CAP

Ordinary Members

Annika Humphreys

Galvin Chia

Tom Swann

Amy Zhang

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting opened at: 6:09

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, of elders past and present, on which this event takes place.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Casey White, Olivia Clark and Karan Savara.

1.3 Explanation of Standing Orders

Located in the Constitution on page 27 please take the time to read them.

1.3.1 Quorum

- This is the minimum number of people who are required for a meeting to formally exist- this is also why I need to know if you can or cannot attend a meeting ASAP as if it is looking like there is are not going to be enough people the meeting may have to be rescheduled.
- Meetings cannot begin until quorum is established.
- So please do not forget to sign in and out, and please note your attendance to be counted you have to be at a meeting for at least 1 hour.
- if quorum is loss before a close of meeting and is not regained within 5 minutes, then the meeting lapses and all business is stood over to the next meeting.

1.3.2 Agenda

- Must be followed in order in which it is set out, unless otherwise determined by a resolution of meeting.
- They will include reports.
- Report expectations are applied to everyone.
- You will receive emails you to your sa account with the date of the meeting and when your report is due
- I understand things happen in life, if you are not able to get it to me or if something is happening in your life just let me know.

1.3.3 Conduct at Meetings

- Speakers may only address the meeting when called on to do so by the chair
- During the meeting when someone is speaking ('the Speaker') they much me heard in silence – and can only be interrupted by the Chair
- There will be no toleration of interruptions to speakers, private conversations or name calling.

1.3.4 Proxies

- Proxies: (Council Members Unable to Attend Meetings)
- If you are not going to be able to attend a meeting you may want to give your voting rights to another ordinary member of the Association in this instance please read this section in the Standing Orders.

1.4 Motions and Amendments

- All business must be done by either motions or amendments
- If you want to contribute to a meeting – the best way to do so is through putting up a 'Motion'. Business of the meeting must be by way to motions and amendments – except when reports are being considered.
- Motions:
 - o Must be in writing (other than procedural motions)
 - o Must have a mover and seconder (the two signature members who want to put up this motion) and they both must be present at the meeting.
- Amendments:
 - o Must also be writing
 - o Must have a mover and seconder (the two signature members who want to put up this motion) and they both must be present at the meeting.

- Amendments must 'amend' something relevant to the current motion being discussed
- An amendment cannot contradict the original substance of the motion.
- Amendments are discussed and voted on one at a time
- When a motion/amendment is put forth, the mover and seconder have speaking rights. This means you have a chance to state why you are putting this up and why you think it should pass. If you want your speaking right can be waived if you do not wish to speak.
- If you change your mind – its ok! You can withdraw it. The mover of a motion/amendment can withdraw the motion at anytime before it is voted on. However someone else can take your spot if they wish
- Movers of a motion have a right of reply- they can speak again after the members have spoken. This happens after all others who want to speak on the motion have but before it is put to a vote. Movers of amendments do NOT get a right of reply.
- Even if you didn't put a motion forth you can still speak for or against while it is being discussed.
- Once the motion/Amendment is put to a vote no-one else can speak on it.

1.5 Procedural Motions

Procedural Motions are those that deal with a purely routine matter.

- The Gag "That the speaker no longer be heard", where you can interrupt the speaker
- Closure "That the question now be put"
- Adjournment of Debate "That the debate be adjourned"
- Adjournment of meeting "that this meeting be adjourned"
- Proceed to the next business "
- That the Question Lie on the Table

1.6 Time Limits

I will be getting someone to help out each week with keeping time

These limits apply to all speakers,

- Speakers delivering a report- 5 minutes
- Mover of a Motion- 3 minutes
- Right of Reply, all other speakers – 2 minutes
- Movers of and speakers to procedural motions- 1 min

1.7 Attendance

- In short and representative who is required to sit in on SRC, CRC, OGM, AGM and who fails to attend,
 - 3 meetings which are either General Meetings or council meetings for which they are included on Schedule A of the council membership
 - 4 meetings for which they are listed on Schedule B of the council membership
- If there is a serious issue why you are unable to attend a meeting, just let me know and if it is deemed serious enough it will not count towards your attendance

1.8 Apologies

- Need to be written- you need to email me but at least COB the day prior.

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising

MOTION: That the minutes from SRC 6 2012 be accepted.

Moved: Aleks Sladojevic

Seconded: Tasman Vaughan

Motion: Passed

Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising

3.1 Executive Reports

3.1.1 Presidents' Report (A.Sladojevic) [Reference A]

- *Taken as read*

- **Galvin Chia:** *In light of the of ANU music school cuts in 2012, do you see anything coming this year, what are the contingencies that ANUSA has planned?*
 - **Aleks Sladojevic:** There is a tax that has been put on courses with two or less students enrolled.
- **Galvin Chia:** *Do you see this as a good or bad thing?*
 - **Aleks Sladojevic:** From an administration perspective I can see why this is needed, however from a student perspective, the students who are enrolled in these courses are very a passionate students.
- **Will Mudford:** *What are you currently doing to address these threats?*
 - **Aleks Sladojevic:** Mobilizing students is important. However it is also important to keep conversations with the university open through frequent meetings. This includes meeting with Marnie every three to four weeks and Ian comes to every second.
- **Mark Rowe:** *What are your thoughts on allowing Canberra students coming to stay at the ANU?*
 - **Aleks Sladojevic:** There are both pros and cons. It is a question of capacity.
- **Galvin Chia:** *Discussion of NUS and its effectiveness? Current exec opinion?*
 - **Aleks Sladojevic:** From my experiences I have found it valuable meeting with other student representatives. I have learnt form them. It is good to contrast and it is an effective forum to deliberate in. They run education campaigns, important that we campaign with them and use them. I see value in still being affiliated with them especially in an elections year.
- **Will Mudford:** *Why was the Council Meeting held in Melbourne? Have seen observers?*
 - **Aleks Sladojevic:** There is always a council meeting that is held somewhere other than Canberra in the year.
 - (Note: The ANU website says that a maximum of 15 observers are allowed per meeting. <http://about.anu.edu.au/governance-structure/council/meetings>)

MOTION: That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Amy MacKinnon

Seconded: Antonija Kurbalija

Motion: Passed

3.1.2 Vice-President's Report (T.Vaughan) [Reference B]

- *Taking as read*
- *Commencement will not be happening this year*
- **Stuart Ferrie:** *Why have the First Year Camps not been as successful?*
 - **Tasman Vaughan:** We have many college student's who do not come on it, we do not have a history of the camps which means the camps are not as well known.
- **Shane Ferrie:** I believe that majority of first years did not know there was did not know that there was a camp.
 - **Tasman Vaughan:** Emails were send to all first years. Jackson our Communications Officer, has improved our advertising capabilities. We also had an information tent everyday in Week 1.
 - **Charlie Carroll:** Most first year lectures were spoken at.
- **Caroline Skinner:** compared to other universities we do not have a high percentage of first year, in CECS especially, this makes it even harder to get people on the camps as there just are not that many people.
- **William Mudford:** *We need to have a better ability to email all students?*
 - **Tasman Vaughan:** We are working hard to get access to all of the students emails, but the university does not actually have a list which makes it a long process.
- **William Mudford:** *What are you doing to make more affordable student housing?*
 - **Tasman Vaughan:** I'm constantly mentioning it in campus advisory committee. This has included pushing that part of Laurus Wing to be a Co –op as it seems like one of the last opportunities to get affordable housing on campus. Richard Baker, who is currently the Dean of Science will be taking up the position of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience) so will also be in contact with him.

MOTION: That the Vice-President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Michael Harrison

Seconded: Charlie Carroll

Motion Passed

3.1.3 Treasurer's Report (S. Verne Liew) [Reference D]

- Records inventory,
 - GAC hand book easy to read, three stages,
 - Idea of what I want to see for the rest of the year, accountability so people
- **Aleks Sladojevic:** *Why we are having a financial review?*
 - **Shan Verne-Liew:** So people know how their money is being spend
 - **Galvin Chia:** *A lot of these things seem to be of the theme of accountability and transparency? GenReps have usually been responsible for keeping the Exec responsible. How so we know if the Financial Review Committee will be a good way to promote accountability?*
 - **Shan Verne-Liew:** Problems with GenReps being responsible for this is that they are not given exposure, they do not have access to bank accounts or motivation to monitor the Exec. With the Financial Review Committee they can ask questions and see how the internal controls work and give input on how they play out in the future.
 - **Galvin Chia:** *Point of clarification. How do we make sure that the financial review committee does what it needs to do?*
 - **Shan Verne-Liew:** It depends on how you draft it. Need to establish duty statements. Also needs to be reviewed and reported at OGM.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Amy MacKinnon

Seconded: Kelly Kristofferson

Motion: Passed

Chair passed to Amy Mackinnon

3.1.4 General Secretary's Report (S. Stanley) [Reference C]

- *Taken as read*
 - Add a contents page to the constitution
 - Keen to facilitate all representatives to work on projects that they are all passionate about
 - Will finish off working on ANUSAs office policies
 - Yoga happening tomorrow morning – was a great success last well – 28 people came
- **Galvin Chia:** *It is difficult to know about when meetings are happening – what will you do to make this more accessible*
 - **Sophia Stanley:** Currently the meetings are promoted through the website and Social Media. To try and make meetings more accessible we are trying new approaches for example moving meeting to Brian Kenyon Student Space with the sign out the front in hope that students see what is going on and join in. The meetings also need to be made better so that people will want to attend them, eg through publishing the agenda early so people have time to read them and they can be taken as read so the meetings do not go for as long.
 - **William Mudford:** *will you be working with the ANU food co-op to promote their services and meals?*
 - **Aleks Sladojevic:** Send an email to Jackson the Communications Officer for anything you want promoted.

Amendment to report:

- *all members of the Association*
- to
- *all elected members of the Association*

MOTION: That the General Secretary's Report be accepted.

Moved: Caroline Skinner

Seconded: Michael Harrison

Motion: Passed

Chair returned to Sophia Stanley

3.1.5 Social Officer's Report (O.Clark) [Reference E]

- *Olivia was absent.*

3.1.6 Education Officer's Report (A. Mackinnon) [Reference F]

- *Taken as read*
 - 2013 is an election year so will be a big year for in terms of the education role.
 - Wednesday 6th of will be the first Education Committee meeting.
- **Aleks Sladojevic:** Who can sit on the education committee?
 - **Amy MacKinnon:** It will be available to everyone.
 - **William Mudford:** What do you foresee as some of the key issues in the coming year?
 - **Amy MacKinnon:** It will be easier to determine what they are once the election promises come out, but it will include increasing student contributions. waiting for election promises to come out,
 - **Aleks Sladojevic:** to add to that fee deregulation, online learning,
 - **William Mudford:** Will you elaborate as to how you intend to engage people?
 - **Amy MacKinnon:** education committee needs to meet up more often, more collaboration, very motivated students, budget, also through informing people as to why they should be enrolled to vote in Canberra.
 - **Galvin Chia:** What will ANUSA's position be as union political entity, how will the association position itself with the how to vote and the fact that it is an election year?
 - **Amy MacKinnon:** Will be presenting information, it is an education campaign, to inform people of the different candidates and what their stand is in regard to education.
 - **Galvin Chia:** Will ANUSA remain non-partisan even if it comes clear that some parties may work against students needs?
 - **Amy MacKinnon:** Again it is an information campaign. I will to the best of my ability not favour of a particular party.

MOTION: That ANUSA utilise Education Committee to work on a project opposing future budget cuts, as well as to expand student discussion on related university activities.

Moved: William Mudford

Seconded: Galvin Chia

Arguments For:

- **Amy MacKinnon:** In spirit I agree, however I feel it needs to be more specific and I do not want to impose things on a committee that has not met yet.
- **Galvin Chia:** We need to be proactive and on building on what ANUSA is already doing.
- **William Mudford:** to help students ETU as the staff reps on campus, directed to ANU stuff, connecting with other universities,

Arguments Against:

- **Aleks Sladojevic:** This seems like something for the Education Committee to determine.
- **Mark Rowe:** It is the right idea in spirit however is not appropriate to preempt something.
- **Beth Ritchie:** This this something for students to work on who are engaged in the project. Lets not impose things on the group.

Against: 8

For: 4

Abstention: 9

Abstention noted: Taufiq Suraidi

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

Moved: Michael Harrison

Seconded: Brogan Goode

Motion: Passed

3.2 Department Reports

3.2.1 Women's Department Report (Beth Ritchie) [Reference G]

- *Taken as read*
- Was a good O-week, highest turn out to meetings,
- Processed more than 200 people for access to the Rapunzel room and 500 people for email are now on the email list.

- **Aleks Sladojevic:** *With safety on campus, is it happening or do you need help from ANUSA?*
 - **Beth Ritchie:** not yet but will need help later

MOTION: That the Women's Department Report be accepted

Mover: Amy MacKinnon

Seconded: Caroline Skinner

Motion: Passed.

3.2.2 Environment Officers Report [Reference H]

- *Biggest campaign running at the moment is in regard to fossil fuels of the ANU,*
- *Everyone can get involved in that campaign*
- *Road trip, where coal effected communities were visited.*
- *SLC: Sustainable Learning Community, meeting Thursday next week*

- **Beth Ritchie:** *Have you ben elected as the Environment Officer?*
 - **William Mudford:** I have been approved; we are looking at someone becoming a more permanent member. Elections will be held soon.

MOTION: That the Environment Department Report be accepted.

Moved: Kelly Kristofferson

Seconded: Stuart Ferrie

Motion: Passed

3.2.3 Queer* Department Report (Stuart Ferrie) [Reference H]

- *Taken as read*

MOTION: That the Queer* Department Report be accepted.

Moved: Tasman Vaughan

Seconded: Kelly Kristofferson

Motion: Passed

3.2.4 International Students' Department Report (Taufiq Suraidi) [Reference I]

- Done a lot of restructuring within the department. There are four sub-departments,
- Thank you to Ruohan and Eric for the ISG.
- The Welcome Evening is on Friday. ,

MOTION: That the International Students' Department Report be accepted.

Mover: Mark Rowe

Seconded: Ruohan Zhao

Motion: Passed

3.2.5 Disabilities Department (Louise Stockton) [Reference K]

- Few complaints and disputes resolution – resolution is coming slower than would like – hopefully resolve before next lot of exams – few members of staff who have given bad advice – hopefully it gets sorted out
- Been spending some time about communication with the Disabilities Centre
- Intended the legal aid free law directory two hour seminar

- **William Mudford:** *What are you doing to get students informed about what services are available to them?*
 - **Louise Stockton:** I'm trying to meet as many people as possible so they feel comfortable to talk to me and ask for advice. I have already given 5 warm referrals, mostly to the Disabilities Centre.

MOTION: That the Disabilities Department Report be accepted.

Moved: William Mudford

Seconded: Aleks Sladojevic

Motion: Passed

3.2.6 Indigenous Students' Department (Brogan Goode) [Reference J]

- In the process of drafting a new Constitution,
 - It has been hard make progress, as quorum is hard to meet.
 - Events for the year include Indigenous games.
 - Working with Stacey on a NADOC event. However, NADOC week which falls during the break which means there will be less people around.
- **Aleks Sladojevic:** *Do you have the figures on how many Indigenous students we have?*
 - **Brogan Goode:** Will be getting that information soon, at the moment it is about 50, however it is not clear not sure who is post grad and under,

MOTION: That the Indigenous Students' Department Report be accepted

Moved: Louise Stockton

Seconded: Jedda Elliot

Motion: Passed

3.3 General Representative Reports

3.3.1 Jess Bolton [Reference M]

- *Taken as read*
- **Louise Stockton:** *What is the limit on the number of people who can go to yoga?*
 - **Jess Bolton:** There are 30 yoga mats but if people have their own our numbers can exceed that.
 - **Ruohan Zhao:** *What charity is it going to?*
 - **Jess Bolton:** It will be split between Beyond Blue and Body.

MOTION: That Jess Bolton's Report be accepted

Moved: Antonija Kurbalija

Seconded: Kelly Kristofferson

Motion: Passed

3.3.2 Stacey Little [Reference N]

- *Taken as read*

MOTION: That Stacey Little Report be accepted

Moved: Aleks Sladojevic

Seconded: Amy MacKinnon

Motion: Passed

3.3.3 Mark Rowe [Reference O]

- *Taken as read*

MOTION: That Mark Rowe Report be accepted

Moved: Taufiq Suraidi

Seconded: Louise Stockton

Motion: Passed

3.3.4 Shane Paderange [Reference P]

- One of my main plans is to help set up a Multicultural Day.
- To get more access to what all the clubs are doing.
- Aim is to help International Students with their transition to ANU. We have Clubs that are representing certain students but students do not know that they exist.

- **Taufiq Suraidi:** ISD has the Cultural Club contacts that can be shared instead of replicating the resources.
- **Aleks Sladojevic:** Work with the clubs and societies (especially the SSA) it do something like The Night Markets again.

MOTION: That Shane Paderange's Report be accepted

Moved: Louise Stockton

Seconded: Mark Rowe

Motion: Passed

3.3.5 Vincci Lee [Reference Q]

- *Taken as read*

- **Taufiq Suraidi:** Please continue to involve ISD

MOTION: That Vincci Lee Report be accepted

Moved: Antonija Kurbalija

Seconded: Ruohan Zhao

Motion: Passed.

3.3.6Jedda Elliot [Reference R]

- *Taken as read*

MOTION: That Jedda Elliot Report be accepted

Moved: Aleks Sladojevic

Seconded: Antonjia Kurbalija

Motion: Passed

3.3.7Eric Chan [Reference S]

- *Taken as read*

MOTION: To formally acknowledge Eric and the ISD in their work on the ISG.

Moved: Aleks Sladojevic

Seconded: Amy MacKinnon

- **Louise:** Thank you to Eric and everyone who helped amend the Disabilities Section.

MOTION: That Eric Chan Report be accepted

Moved: Ruohan Zhao

Seconded: Antonjia Kurbalija

Motion: Passed

Item 4: Items for Discussion

4.1 Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

- ASIT provides workshops for people who want to feel more comfortable in helping prevent the immediate risk of suicide.
- Please let Aleks know if you're interested.
- **Annika Humphries:** I am happy this to be a Student Space Project

4.2 Study At

- Study At will be discussed during the CRC on Thursday if any one is interested.

4.3 ANUSA Bus

- The policies need to be put in place as there is a liability surrounding the bus and students getting hurt.
- **Antonija Kurbalija:** What has it been used for to date?
 - **Aleks Sladojevic:** It has been used through out O-Week. It was anticipated that affiliated groups could use it for free.
- **Stuart Ferrie:** Is it insured and what does the insurance cover?
 - **Tasman Vaughan:** Insurance that we have covers anyone who has a full license. Excess is \$1000 and it is insured up to its value, the legal officer was working on a hiring policy and will continue once another officer is employed.
- **William Mudford:** why hasn't this been prioritized? It is a major asset.
 - **Tasman Vaughan:** We need out legal officer to clear any forms, a new legal officer is starting in 2-3 weeks. What emerged is that if we are hiring the bus out there is legislation for this, it is not a simple process. It is a huge liability to the association as there is a potential for students to be involved in accidents.

MOTION: That ANUSA note that:

1. The ANU as in the past invested in fossil fuels, likely still holds fossil investments and has not committed to stop investing in fossil fuels;
 2. In response to an FOI request, ANY revealed it has no documents from 2012 relating to environmental impacts of its investments;
 3. Climate stability requires leaving the majority of global fossil fuels reserves unburnt.
 4. Fossil Fuels extraction poses large and understudied risks to local health, water and ecosystems;
 5. Following students campaigns, ANU has at last fulfilled its promise to divest from Metgaso;
 6. Student campaigns for College fossil Investment now exist on more than 250 campuses in the US
- That ANUSA agree to:
7. Actively support ANU Student Campaigns for the ANU to agree to
 - a. Stop investing in Fossil Fuels
 - b. Divest from Fossil Fuels within five years.

Moved: William Mudford

- **Will:** This is about getting some extra help from ANUSA. It is also an opportunity to make ANU one of the leading Universities in helping with stopping climate change.

Seconded: Tom Swann

- **Tom Swann:** ANU has the potential to set a precedent in Australia.
- **Galvin Chia:** This is a good opportunity for students to mobilise. We need to put out full weight behind this.

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Abstention Noted: Taufiq Suraidi

Motion: Passed

Item 6: Date of next meeting and close

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council will be held on Tuesday 12th March 6pm in the ANUSA Boardroom.

Meeting close at: 9:04

Reference A

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Aleks Sladojevic

O-Week

O-Week was a great success and the culmination of a lot of hard work! In particular, I would like to acknowledge the hard work by Liv Clark (Social Officer) and the five O-Week Directors, Annika Humphries, Ivy Keane, Natt Nikolic, Alex Sallabank and Tara Peramatukorn. Thank you also to all the volunteers who helped out.

Highlights included: Artsfest, Market Day, Holi, La Tomatina, the launch of the International Students' Guide, and the Friday Night Concert.

ANU Council Meeting

Council Meeting was held in Melbourne last Friday (15 February). The Vice-Chancellor presented a progress report on *ANU by 2020* (<http://about.anu.edu.au/strategy-reviews/anu2020/>). Access and equity appears to be the main area we are not on track with to meet 2020 targets.

Other topics of discussion included: the Tuckwell Scholarship, the launching of ANU's first MOOC (massive open online course), associate degrees and diplomas (with regards to government funding), the latest Academic Board report, and the University's communications portfolio.

Committee Reports

ANUSA officially sits on 16 University Committees. The main committees are Academic Board, Education, Campus Planning and Development, Access and Equity, Student Experience, Engagement and Outreach, and Information Strategy.

University Education Committee and Academic Board

- Some interesting policy developments especially in terms of online learning (e.g. new Online Lead portfolio)
- Strong push from DVC-Academic to mandate lecture recordings (where feasible) and to implement greater access to quality online resources
- First MOOC (massive open online course), a course in Astronomy, was launched on 21 February; it will be taught by Professor Bran Schmidt
- Micro-load levy (tax) is being implemented on courses with two or less students enrolled in 2014; levy to be paid by the Colleges unless they can put a case forward against paying the levy
- Government has "capped" the number of students that can role in associate degrees and diplomas; consequences include negative impacts on ANU's low-SES indicators and more competition amongst students looking to do a language diploma
- ANUSA is placing "support for students on probation" on the agenda for the third Education Committee meeting this year; we will be conducting a survey as well as reviewing the relevant academic policies and procedures
- ANUSA provided a report on ANU's Future Researchers Framework which has been designed to guide the different levels of research inquiry taken throughout both undergraduate and postgraduate programs

Campus Planning and Development

- Still pushing for PARS A relocation into building 17a and office spaces for the Departments
- Some minor developments happening around campus (e.g. new lighting on Fellows Oval due to be installed soon)
- Tas has been working closely with Facilities and Services to highlight and remedy some of the issues that were raised last year, especially with regards to barbecue facilities

Student Experience

- First meeting on 28 February
- New PVC-Student Experience, Richard Baker, will commence on 8 April

Engagement and Outreach

- Yet to have its first meeting in 2013

Office Rearrangement

We've made a significant attempt to change the ANUSA office environment by moving to an open plan design. The aim has been to create a more collaborative and transparent environment, and to make sure that we're providing a consistent human interface with students. Significant changes include:

- Relocation of the second hand bookshop to Student Space
- Relocation of the Executive's office to the old second hand bookshop
- Relocation of the President's office to the old Welfare office
- Conversion of the old President and Vice-President offices to consultation rooms
- Open plan work station where the couch area used to be
- Conversion of the old legal office into a projects room

There is still a considerable amount of cleaning and organising that needs to be done around the ANUSA office before it is fully functional, however, so far the changes have been really positive.

Staffing

In late January our legal officer of 8 years, Don Malcolmson, resigned his position with the Association. In the interim, we have had to refer students to free legal advice providers in the ACT. On 31 of January, Shan, Tas, Sophia and myself attended a free law training session run by the ACT Legal Assistance Forum. It gave some valuable insight in how to deal with legal matters and avenues with whom we can provide warm referrals.

We have hired three new full-time staff:

- Jackson Gothe-Snape – Communications Officer
- Laurin Milsom – Student Assistance Officer
- Srjan Munankarmi – Bookkeeper (shared between ANUSA, PARSAs and Woroni)

Smartphone App

We've had a web app designed by an ANU Computer Science student, however we're holding off on the launch until we've got an app that is in line with what we initially envisioned, with a wider range of features.

Keep Cups Project

Thanks to some great work by Shan, ANUSA has launched a Keep Cups project in partnership with ANU Green. ANUSA is now selling Keep Cups in Student Space. There is a great variety of colours so students can mix and match.

NUS President's Summit

The NUS President's Summit was held in Sydney from 23 to 25 January. It was really insightful getting to meet representatives from Student unions and councils across the country. A lot of the discussion revolved around SSAF (the Student Services and Amenities Fee), including the SSAF Regulations, relationships with our respective universities, funding agreements, and the division of funding across various stakeholders. NUS also arranged a media panel and a higher education panel, which Chris Evans attended. This year's NUS President, Jade Tyrrell, has visited Canberra twice since the Summit.

Higher Education Conference

The University is sending me to the Universities Australia 2013 Higher Education Conference next week, from 27 February to 1 March. Online technology and the "digital economy" are likely to be the hot topics. Other points of discussion will include: Indigenous education, research policy, the changing role of academics, the tertiary sector, labour market planning, TEQSA (Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency), skills development, international students, and the student experience.

Strategic Planning Day

- Set a date for a strategic planning day in the next 2 to 3 weeks; proposed date is Saturday 9 March
- What outlook are we taking for the next 3 months? What are our priorities?
- How can we improve on our work over the past two and a half months?

Reference B

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tasman Vaughan

The first three months of our term have been very busy but incredibly rewarding. The main projects I have been working on have been hiring new staff, renovations, O Week, First Year Camps and attending various meetings. The President and I have also spent much of our time forming working relationships with key university figures, which I anticipate will assist us in successfully executing many of our projects this year.

New Staff

Expanding our staff numbers was a key campaign initiative. Some of the reasons for doing this was to expand the Association's institutional memory, to increase the service provision to students, to increase transparency of the organisation and to communicate with undergraduates more effectively. I wish to welcome Jackson Gothe-Snape, ANUSA's new Communications Officer and Laurin Milsom, our new Student Assistance Officer (Laurin is co-employed by PARSA (Postgraduate Student Association)). In the next week will be welcoming a new book keeper (co-employed by PARSA and ANUSM (Student Media/Woroni)). We will also be interviewing for a new Legal Officer in the next week due to Don Malcolmson's resignation. Laurin and Jackson have transitioned fantastically into our team and I am really looking forward to the great new work we can do with them.

Renovations

In anticipation of our new staff, we set about cleaning, repainting and refitting a section of the office for all staff. All staff will now work in an open plan area which I anticipate will create a more friendly, inclusive and cooperative working environment for our staff. The Office administrator has also moved out into this area, ensuring that our reception is now immediately visible to all who enter the ANUSA offices. The President is now located in the old Welfare Office and the rest of the Executive, including myself is located in the old reception/bookshop room. This leaves the old President and Vice President Offices as private but safe consulting rooms for all staff, particularly the Legal and Student Assistance Officers.

O Week

O Week was an incredible success. This was certainly due to the hard work that our Social Officer and her team of Directors put in over the summer. I generally supported this team over the summer and during the week, primarily focussing on food and beverage elements of the event. I would like to thank the team for their hard work. Unfortunately, I want to note my disappointment at the lack of commitment and involvement from many of the elected representatives. Despite the fact that you may not have been expressly asked to assist during the week I am surprised that many representatives did not presume that their assistance during the week was essential. I hope that a lack of commitment and involvement from representatives is not a feature of this coming year and that representatives become actively involved in the many events that we have planned.

First Year Camps

The majority of our College Representatives have worked incredibly hard organising the First Year Camps for 2013. The CBE and CECS/Science camps departed on Friday 22 Feb. Law/Arts Camp will depart on 1 March and CAP will depart 8 March. Despite the hard work, ticket sales have not been good and because of this some camps have been combined, whilst others have been downsized. Final budgets have not yet been completed due to the last minute changes but I anticipate that some camps will run at a loss. I will report on this at the next meeting when costs and budgets are finalised. Nevertheless, I believe that all attendees will have a great experience. Obviously future camps will have to be extensively reconceptualised.

Meetings

I have attended many meetings in the last few months but I particularly want to comment on my attendance at Campus Planning and Development Committee (CPDC). This meeting is tasked with providing advice for all projects and facilities in

the University. My main work in this Committee has been to promote the Student Housing Co-op as a suitable organisation for the new Laurus wing project, as well as generally providing the student perspective in the planning process of new facilities on campus.

I have also been a member of the Double-degree planning group which is tasked with the design and implementation of the new flexible double degree structure that the University is implementing from 2014. Essentially, this change will enable students to choose from a broader range of combined degrees at ANU.

The President and I have met frequently with the Registrar, Student Services, the Deputy VC-Academic, the VC, Facilities and Services, the incoming Pro VC-Student Experience and many other people. I am very keen to answer further questions on the issues covered in these meetings.

The coming year

Finally, I am really looking forward to having all of you back on campus and working together to implement the initiatives we all formed during our campaign period. Please keep creating and discussing new ideas for the year and identifying which projects you want to take on. This year is going to go so fast and we have to make the most of it. If you need anything this year please get in contact with me. Whilst I need you all to work really hard to achieve our goals, we also need to take care of each other and most importantly have a lot of fun.

Reference C

TREASURERS REPORT

Shan Verne-Liew

Completed Projects

GAC Review

- Consultation/survey of all Clubs/Societies; high response rate
- Review of survey data from Clubs: Major/minor event caps increased by \$1.00 per attending ANU student. Final Report available

GAC Handbook rewritten to be simpler

- o Half as long; consistency and repetition and practicality fixes
- o Flowcharts to illustrate the grants process; summary pages
- o Easier to read, retaining the same valuable knowledge
- o Three stages of consultation
 - GAC Review consultations
 - Prior/new GAC representatives consultation
 - Clubs & Societies consultation
- o Increased grants amount to be passed at next General Meeting, other provisions reflective of actual reality

Internal Controls

- Intro: Controls need to make things easier, more efficient, more transparent to stakeholders and ordinary students, more accountable
 - o Without reforms, you'd waiting for poo to hit the fan which is just stupid
- We are working with a professional accounting firm
- Reforms
 - o Fixed procedure for all transactions (more efficient, dependable)
 - o Accounts book system to prevent recipient fraud
 - o Reformed authorisation to spend
 - o Daily reconciliation of cash sales
 - o Two-to-authorise system for welfare grants
 - o Consistency between banking, accounting ledger and all forms
 - o Xero transition: all transactions can be inspected by ordinary members
 - o Elimination of all standard cheque procedures; complete transition to EFT (more accountable)

Students Space

- o Working with Tas and Sophia
- o Reform of Bookshop
- o Reform of all cash transactions: accountable and secure POS system
- o New equipment hire system – harder to lose equipment
- o Sustainable budget focused on maximising student benefit and giving Managers ownership over the Space

Other stuff

- SEEF setup; GAC Affiliations drive; Data collection for 2011 audited accounts; Bookkeeper, BKSS, Legal Officer and Comms recruitment with Aleks and Tas; budget planning; KeepCups; etc

Future/continuing projects

ANUSA Financial Review Committee

- Elected committee independent from ANUSA Executive
- Access to review transactions/compliance with controls, interview representatives, report and request information. Responsibility to report at each General Meeting
- Roadmap is for election at the first General Meeting

Live budget for the Students Space & streamlined bookshop; ANUSA Open Volunteers; further improving financial procedures;

Reference D

GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT

Sophia Stanley

Summer Progress

- Significant office rearrangements were made. In particular I was highly involved in the transfer of The Second-hand Bookshop to Brian Kenyon Student Space (BKSS), both by physically moving them and logging the books details onto the Website. Student Space staff are now in charge of the Second-Hand Book Shop.
- I have established a basic acronym list that is located on Dropbox. I know I found it hard to follow conversations during ANUSA meetings, as I did not know what the acronyms were. I hope this helps. Please email me any other suggestions of ANUSA and ANU related acronyms so I can add them to the document.
- General Representatives and College Representatives were send letters congratulating them for their election and outlining their Constitutional role.
- Helped with adjustments to the International Student Guide
- Tried to get sponsorship for the Student Space Breakfast Initiative, this will have to be an ongoing task as to date I have not been successful. I have currently contacted, Supabarn, Costco, Woolworths and Coles.
- Helped Amy with the Transition to University booklet by writing a section with insight to 'Getting By at UniLodge'.
- On the 31st January I along side Aleks, Shan and Tas attended Free Law Training. The session was insightful and the booklet they provided everyone with will enable us to refer students to a range of services available to them.

O-Week

- Assisted in the preparation, cooking and serving of food
- Assisted Shan selling Friday Night tickets
- Help set up each morning and back up in the evening for events including, Friday night, Holi, La Tomatina, Artsfest and Market Day
- Represented ANUSA at the School of Arts Orientation day
- Helped run events and back them up at the end.
- Helped put O-Week show bags together.

First Year Camps

- Organised Buses for camps
- Helped promote them, through being at the stall, and through posters
- Have been a point of contact for FacReps who have needed help or information about their camp.

Plans for the Year:

- Reform the constitution through the introduction of a contents page. The constitution also needs to be reformatted as currently it is in a format that makes it hard to edit.
- Concentrate on trying to keep all elected members of the Association engaged and involved through out the year.
- Continue working on and finishing ANUSA Office Policies for Staff and Representatives of ANUSA. The policy is in relation to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and discrimination
- Continue the Yoga program with ANU Sport. Thanks to the help of Jess Bolton the first Yoga class took place Wednesday 20th and was a huge success. We had 28 people attend. The yoga class is just a gold coin donation to Beyond Blue. The class it held in the Sports and Rec building.
- Continue the ANUSA Breakfast Initiative in BKSS
- I will be working closely with the BKSS staff along side Tas and Shan.

Reference E

EDUCATION REPORT

Amy MacKinnon

Introduction:

2013 is shaping up to be a very interesting year for those interested in higher education, there will be increased debate on the structure of higher education in Australia and the absence of substantial policy releases by both the Labor Party and Liberal Party regarding their stance on higher education for this election leaves a number of questions unanswered and will make for a very interesting lead up to the election. We are anticipating the announcement of the Liberal Party's Higher education Policy Platform at the Universities Australia Conference later this week.

The election will be very likely to dominate my work and the work of the Education Committee in the coming year and it is my intention to make the education committee a nonpartisan, organized and trustworthy source of information regarding policy changes and higher education issues.

Summer:

I spent most of this summer working on the ANUSA Mental Health and Wellbeing Guide, a booklet constructed in collaboration with the ANU Counselling Centre, The Academic Skills and Learning Centre and Beyond Blue. In Addition, a major part of my work has been dedicated to helping our social officer, Liv and our O-week Directors make O-week run smoothly, it has been all hands on deck for the last month however I think it was a huge success and all of the O-week team should be congratulated on their hard work and dedication.

Education Committee

This year the Education Committee will be meeting more regularly, meetings will occur every 3 weeks in the ANUSA boardroom. As the election draws nearer these meeting times will be changed to once a fortnight. Meetings will start on Wednesday the 6th of March 2013.

Enrol-to-vote

This year a major emphasis will be placed on encouraging students political participation. An ANUSA enroll to vote drive has already started and we are looking to install computers in student space where students can change their enrollment details or enroll from scratch. In conjunction with a number of youth organisations ANUSA has produced an ANUSA-branded enroll-to-vote iPad app and this will be utilized throughout the year.

National Day of Action

The National Day of Action will be taking place on March 27th and plans are already underway for ANUSA's event. At this stage plans include:

- An interactive exhibit
- An enrol-to-vote Drive
- A BBQ in Union Court
- A politics in the pub-style debate

These plans will be discussed at the first Education Committee meeting and I encourage anyone who would like to contribute to attend.

Mental Health Committee

As a part of our election platform the ANUSA 2013 executive (formerly The Common Thread) resolved to establish a Mental Health Committee, this committee will be meeting monthly with meeting dates to be advised. Everyone is welcome to participate, if you are interested please email sa.education@anu.edu.au with your name and your availability.

Mental Health Guide

The ANUSA Mental Health and Wellbeing Guide has reached the editing and graphic design stage, it is currently 80 pages long and needs some significant revision, this will be the first task of the ANUSA Mental Health Committee and we anticipate the guide being published before the first teaching break.

Alternative Course Guide

Due to an initial lack of student engagement the ANUSA Alternative Course Guide has become a year-long project. It will now be based online (instead of in its original print form requested by the DVC Academic) with mechanisms to students to submit feedback and reviews all year round and the ability to roll over from year to year with minimal effort from the sitting ANUSA – allowing for greater sustainability and longevity of the project. If you are interested in contributing to this project please contact me at sa.education@anu.edu.au.

NUS

I have met with both the NUS Education Officer (National) and the NUS President and am looking forward to working with them on a number of campaigns during the year.

Reference F

SOCIAL REPORT

Olivia Clark

What has been achieved

The summer was extremely successful, spent organising what we believe was a very successful O Week for nearly 10 000 undergraduate students. I was very lucky to have five O Week directors who were crucial in the organising of the week. Special mention goes to Annika Humphries who was around the whole summer and worked tirelessly on Market Day. I would also like to thank Ivy Keane, Natt Nikolik, Alex Sallabank and Tara Permatukorn for all their hard work.

The theme for O Week was Festival Week and we thus spent the summer organising 'festival' themed activities. By far the most successful was the Monday Night Pub Crawl which sold out twice over. We believe that this was very successful due to the extra 'add ons' including face painters, headresses that were handed out to the students and samba dancers at the final venue.

- Arts Fest, organised by Ms Nikolik, was a huge success and a very unique event.
- Market Day was again a huge success, thanks largely to Ms Humphries who put the whole day together.
- La Tomatina drew a huge crowd and was widely acclaimed to be a highlight of O Week. We hope to emulate this sort of event throughout the year.
- Finally, the Friday Night party was huge this year and brought new meaning to the idea of the Friday Night Party. All my thanks to Mr Rashid Kazak who was responsible for this event.
- I hope everyone had a great O Week. We loved organising it and want to use the success of it to propel us into a great 2013.

Plans for the Year

I have big plans for the year and intend to commit to the promises I made during the election. Some of these have already been put into place, such as free yoga and free breakfasts in the Student Space. This has been achieved due to the help and support of Sophia Stanley, our amazing general secretary who has been continually supportive of the Social Officer.

For the rest of the year, I would like to implement the following:

- a) skills classes in the Student Space, including cooking, sewing, first aid etc
- b) English conversation classes for international students
- c) tutoring sessions in a social context where higher achieving students can offer help to students who may need help
- d) more parties and social events. This will include continuing the end of term parties but also having mid term events on a smaller scale to encourage continuous social interaction.
- e) liaise more with clubs and societies to run joint events with them so that there are events across campus for all types of students.

I will of course endeavour to run GAC with efficiency and fairness and hope to make the social life on campus richer and more diverse. I welcome any advice or suggestions on how to make this year even more fun and jam packed with social activities.

Reference G

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Beth Ritchie

Summer Holiday Progress

- Cleaned and updated the Rapunzel Room; replacing fridge, cleaning carpets, restocking essentials, and removing unnecessary items.
- Confirmed support from relevant local agencies for campaigns and training throughout the year.
- Updated all resources and referral contacts for the space.

Plans for the Year

- First semester campaign raising awareness of what constitutes domestic and intimate partner violence, and ensuring women within the university have access to the appropriate services to assist with these relationships.
- Second semester campaign focusing on the election, including profiles of all relevant candidates and their positions and statements regarding women's issues, as well as possible panel events.
- Continue regular events throughout the year, including: Collective Book Club, Feminist Theory sessions, film screenings, self-defence classes, meditation classes and information sessions.
- Resuming the Safety on Campus Working Group and strengthening ties with ANU Security and UniSafe to ensure consistent and appropriate service delivery.

Expenditure

- Room maintenance and refurbishment: \$1085.72
- Events: \$51.51
- Promotional material and O Week resources: \$118.46

Reference H

ENVIROMENT COLLECTIVE REPORT

William Mudford

- 15 people came on our bicycle tour around campus and the lake.
- 22 People came to our woodfired pizza night at the SLC garden
- A successful first official meeting of the year was held on Tuesday evening where we did planning for the year ahead and welcomed new people.

Reference I

QUEER* DEPARTMENT REPORT

Stuart Ferrie

O-Week

This year was a successful year in terms of O-week with our events attracting quite a number of people. Gender-free speed dating got about 60 and champagne breakfast similar numbers. We had 53 people sign up to the mailing list on Market Day which is certainly the most in the last few years. Queery had about 20 people, which was pretty good considering the lack of advertising, however Queery does normally work best with a group of that kind of size.

Queer Space Relocation

In 2011, the Queer Space had major problems with sewerage not once, but twice, so we've been trying to get it moved since then. Only now have Facilities and Services been helpful and the proposed location has been in the Arts Centre above the Gods in the old ANU Green offices. I'm organising a time for more members of the Queer Collective to see it, however I'm hoping it'll all be sorted by the end of next week on the Queer Collective side, then we'll need to relocate, so we should hopefully be moved by the end of the Easter break. This however is also only a temporary measure until the works at the Pauline Griffin Building are finished, but that could take quite a few more years and the relocation is somewhat more urgent than that.

First Queer Collective Meeting

Cianne So Yun Jeong has been nominated to be Deputy Queer Officer and if there are no emergency nominations, Cianne will take the role. It was also proposed that we run another large scale social event on the scale of Queer Ball and the Champagne Breakfasts in term 2, as Pride Week, thus the Queer Ball, have been decided to be held in early term 4. Mardi Gras, which in previous years has been run solely by the Burton and Garran Sexuality Reps, appears likely to be run on more collaborative terms with the Queer Collective and we aim to coincide it with Pride Week.

Expenditure

Item	Date	Amount
Champagne for Breakfast	11/02/13	\$29.40
Plates and cups for breakfast	12/03/13	\$18.25
Snacks for Queery	16/02/13	\$41.59

Reference J

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DEPARTMENT (ISD) REPORT

Taufiq Suraidi

Summer Holiday Progress

- Joint effort with ANUSA to produce the International Students' Guide (ISG)
- Organised and planned the International Students Welcome Evening (ISWE)
 - o The event is this Friday (1st March 2013), 7.30pm at the ANU Commons. VIP: Dr Paul Compston, PVC Student Experience
 - o Personal Invites to ANUSA Execs and Department Heads has been distributed by Friday Week 1– those who have not collected please get them from Eleanor.
 - o All international students has been invited via email with the help of Laura-Anne Bull (Registrar) via ISS
- Re-structuring of ISD to better represent international students
 - o Committee now comprised of Publication Department, Liaison Department, Advocacy and Welfare Department and Events Department
- Creating the Human Rights Committee for International Students to advocate and promote the 4 principles put forward by Australia's Human Rights Committee in October 2012 (http://www.humanrights.gov.au/racial_discrimination/publications/international_students/international_students_principles.pdf)
 - o Still in the final stages of planning for this

Plans for the Year

- Leadership networking and development evenings with all National Clubs and Societies
- Consultation with international students (2 each Semester)
- Human Rights Student Report (1 report per semester)
- Valedictory dinner for outgoing Committees for the National Clubs and Societies – recognising contribution to international students life in ANU
- Student Integration Program

Expenses

- ISWE spending is at \$5470/- (\$4000 from 2012 reserves and \$1470 from Department's budget of \$10 000)

Reference L

INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Brogan Goode

Summer Holiday Progress:

- Drafting new constitution for The Indigenous department.
- Preparing finance and new positions within the department.

Plans for the Year:

- Indigenous Uni Games 2013
- Possible NAIDOC event.
- Awareness events for wider ANU community.

Expenditure

- Funding has yet to be accessed, this will change over the next week or so.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Jess Bolton

Summer Progress:

- I assisted Amy in formatting and designing elements of the Mental health and Well Being guide.
- Helped out with planning the ANUSA Alternative First Year Course Guide
- I helped to paint the ANUSA offices
- Worked alongside Sophia in organizing the Yoga Program.
 - o The program kicked off last Wednesday (20th feb) and we had a great response to it.
- I designed some posters for the Yoga program and sent it out to all the presidents of the Halls and Colleges to insure that we had participation in the program
- I also designed a poster for the Free Breakfast in the Student Space.
- During O-week;
 - o I assisted the team with the Tuesday Disabilities Department BBQ, and the BBQ for the Holi Festival
 - o On the Friday I helped Liv and the O-week team to erect fairy lights, move tents and set up the 'Secret Garden' decorations.
 - o I helped in giving out wristbands to people who pre-booked secret garden tickets on line.

Plans for the rest of the year:

- Maintain the Yoga Program for the remainder of the term. After this time, both ANUSA and ANU SRA will assess the program's popularity and hopefully make it a more permanent arrangement, which would continue for the rest of the year.
- Work alongside Amy and the Mental Health and Wellbeing Guide team to be sure the guide is printed and distributed to our best ability.
- Perhaps organize some mental health awareness events, or other fun charity events such as 'Biggest Morning Tea' etc.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Stacey Little

- **Headspace Project:** I have contacted Amy and Michael to discuss the project and am waiting on a response.
- **Mental Health Committee:** I contacted Aleks and Amy about the Mental Health Committee and Aleks gave me an idea of the aims of the project. Amy is working on setting it up and the first meeting will be in the next couple of weeks. I aim to spend the time between now and then brainstorming ideas for the project.
- **NAIDOC Week:** I met with Brogan to discuss his vision for the event. NAIDOC Week is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and should be a positive day/s.
 - PARSA have funding and are planning events. Brogan is emailing the President to ascertain what they are planning and how we can work with them.
 - Anne Martin (Director of the Tjabal Centre) mentioned she would like to meet with PARSA and Professor Mick Dodson to discuss plans as she does not want anything to be replicated.
 - NAIDOC Week is from the 7-14th of July, which is during university holidays. As such our event/s will be an *acknowledgement* of NAIDOC Week. Need to confirm the dates.
 - Brogan would like the acknowledgment to run over one day, on a market day.
 - Ideas:
 - ✧ Invite an Indigenous artist/s to create a mural or painting throughout the day. Possibly art classes for students to be involved in.
 - ✧ Invite someone (e.g. Professor Mick Dodson) to give a speech relating to the theme of NAIDOC Week 2013 - 'We value the visions: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963'.
 - ✧ Lunch provided.
 - ✧ Cultural experience such as dancing, music.
 - ✧ All to run in Union Court.
 - ✧ Each year there is a poster competition for NAIDOC Week. We would like to have copies of the winning posters and posters advertising our event displayed in the Student Space in the weeks leading up to the date.
 - Brogan and I plan to meet regularly to discuss and plan the project.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mark Rowe

So far being a Gen-Rep has been a really great experience. I really don't remember exactly why I put my hand up to run and harassed all my friends to vote against the all powerful Pink Tide but I totally don't regret it. It has been such a good way to meet people- of all walks of life whether it is people on the committee or just meeting literally hundreds of people who are buying tickets.

I obviously wish I could have done more so far but I've had the privilege of getting up to just some of the following things: 1. Experiencing an afternoon of sewing (though I never did learn how to sew) 2. Putting on a whole lot of stickers onto the International Students' Guides or something in a very sweat-shop kind of way. 3. Helping set up O-Week furniture with the Iron-Man that is Alex Sallabank 4. Selling many a ticket with Shan. 5. Help people collecting their tickets on the night of the Presets. 6. Burning my hand on the BBQ. 7. Having one long week wearing the same yellow-tomato stained T-shirt.

Things I'd like to achieve

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- I would above all just like to get involved in the little behind the scenes things that help the organization work.
- I'd be really keen and interested to get more involved in the Education and Advocacy side of things- particularly reforming the way that ANU does exchanges/ who we do them with/ how this is organized and all the administrative processes that one must overcome to even leave.

It's been a great first couple of weeks, I can't wait for the rest of the year.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Shane Paderanga

Plan for the Year: Multicultural Day Project

Goal: To encourage and facilitate smoother and better integration of the international community into the ANU community, and to raise awareness of the multitude of cultural societies at ANU.

Findings and problems:

Many international students have voiced how difficult it is for some of them to find a place for themselves at ANU. Although O-week and many activities at the start of the year have been set up to allow students to make friends and help their transition into uni life, many international students don't participate in such activities. Some reasons for this include:

1) Insufficient advertising > This was especially evident prior to this year's First Year Camps. Many first year students I spoke to didn't even know there was a first year camp for their faculty, even those who started uni in semester 2 of 2012.

2) International students have often said that they need a certain transition period, during which they get used to their surroundings, stop being homesick, try and open up to the fact that they're surrounded by strangers etc. Thus, events in O-week and other things such as first year camps may be slightly too much too soon for some of them, especially the more shy students. During this time, many of them prefer to stay alone and in their rooms, organising themselves and their new life. Thus, most of them don't attend O-week events such as market day which causes the next problem.

3) Many students, both domestic and international (but especially the latter) often don't even know about the existence of cultural societies that represent them and their culture. For example, I recently attended a Thai society welcoming party which mostly consisted of post-grads. After asking a lot of my Thai friends and neighbours why they didn't join, they simply said they never knew a Thai Society existed. I myself (a domestic student) have been looking for a Filipino Society at ANU, and have just recently been told of ANUFA.

4) Another problem that stems from the last one is that international students pay more attention to (and participate more in) events that their own societies host or participate in. Only a small portion of international students actually pay attention to ANUSA and its events, let alone participate in them. Thus, for Multicultural Day (or any cultural celebration) to be successful, it must be done with the cooperation and support of the societies.

Overview and progress so far:

- The plan is to have a uni-wide celebration of the different cultures surrounding us, called Multicultural Day.
- Can be possible through the organisation and coordination of the various cultural societies through ANUSA
- ASEAN society already have a similar idea in place but the plan is to make it bigger, encompassing more than just food and drinks
- I've spoken to ASEANS executives, including Gatra, their President, and they're all open to the idea of making it much bigger and including as many cultural societies as possible, maybe even all.
- I'm aware that there is a possible 'clash' with International Student's Department (ISD), due to similarities with my proposed project and ISDs Harmony Day.
- Spoken to Nitipong of ISD, asking for a chance to talk to the head of ISD to discuss combining the ideas of Multicultural Day and Harmony Day, for an even bigger event.
- Different societies and organisations have similar objectives in that they wish to facilitate an event like Multicultural Day, but due to each of them being separate and disconnected, a big event that involves all students will prove extremely difficult, unless coordination, cooperation and support are present.

Possible plans

- There are many ways the event could occur
- One option is to have it over a length of time, such as a week, perhaps dedicating certain days to certain regions around the world, such as Asia, Europe, etc. Other days could also be dedicated to other big activities.
- On the other hand, having it all in just one day is also another option as it may be more cost effective and makes the event feel bigger, as we don't have to spread everything out over a length of time.
- Food and drinks from the many different cultures could be served from different stalls representing different cultures.
- We could have a cultural show, where people can present a cultural performance, individually or in a group.
- To encourage participation in the cultural show, we could have a prize, which itself presents many different options.
- Certain cultural events from different parts of the world could be created into events on the day.

There are many more options available to successfully create a Multicultural Day, but the most important aspect is to achieve cooperation, support and coordination with ISD, the many societies and the university community as a whole.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Vincci Lee

1. Summer Holiday Progress
 - Facilities at exam centers
 - Made announcements at different clubs and societies Facebook page in the second semester 2011
 - Invited students to voice up the facilities they want to improve at various exam centers e.g. heaters at Sports Centre
 - International Students Aspect
 - Interhall International Representative Network
 - Contacted International Reps from Bruce Hall, Ursula
 - President of Griffin Hall shows interest in doing something with the off-campus international students
 - In progress reaching the reps from Johns and B&G
 - Meeting on budget
 - Had a meeting with Shan, Eric and various international students club and societies to discuss the budget and funds allocating to clubs and societies and international students including Latin American students' club, Hong Kong students' society, ANU ASEAN, iDiscount and ANU ASIAA
 - Meeting with the ISD President
 - Discuss the year plan for international students
 - Weekly Lunch date with Gen Rep
 - Suggested to Tas and approved
 - Engagement with the rest of the students in the university at the Brian Kenyon's student space every week regularly during lunchtime
 - Exact dates and final details will be announced in a week's time
 - O-week 2013
 - Helped out in the events of 14th – 15th February 2013
Including Women's Collective Valentines' Day Brunch, La Tomatina, barbeque, Friday Night Party
 - First-Year Camp
 - Put up posters at Bruce Hall and B&G
 - Made announcement at Bruce Hall
 - Answered general enquiries about ANUSA, Market Day and the GAC etc...
 - Attended the free yoga session on Wednesday (20th February 2013)
2. Plans for the Year
 - Regular Lunch Date at student space
 - Encourage the residents committee at Griffin/Fenner/Burgmann to take care of international students in their college e.g. setting up the position of International Representative
 - Set up the Interhall International Students Network/Platform
 - Improve the awareness and support to mental health issues at ANU

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Jedda Elliot

Summer Holiday Progress

- Editing of GAC Regulations/GAC Review Report – plain English
- Although volunteered to help: didn't hear anything back re Alternative Course Guide or Mental Health Guide – I assume effectively being handled by current volunteers

O-Week Progress

- O-Week Volunteer Thursday/Friday/Friday Night. Unfortunately could not be back at ANU before Wednesday afternoon – volunteered all free time after my return.
- BBQ, Secret Garden Party – would like to comment on the great work I saw both ANUSA and the O-Week Directors putting in – from my perspective everyone was working well together as a team.

Plans for the Year

- **Mental Health Guide:**
 - o Conducting interviews for Mental Health Guide if needed after receiving list from Amy Mackinnon?
- **Involvement in any other projects for which I am currently listed**
- **Possible Mental Health Initiative:**
 - o Was approached by a member of the student body and a member of the public about getting ANUSA's support/running a 'mental first-aid' course here at the ANU whilst on the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program. If possible I would like to see this supported as an important mental health initiative – or at least published in the guide.

Mental health first aid is the help provided to a person developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves (Kitchener & Jorm, 2002). Mental health first aid strategies are taught in training programs developed by Mental Health First Aid™ (MHFA) Australia, a national non-profit health promotion charity focused on training and research.

<https://www.mhfa.com.au/cms/>

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Eric Chan

ANUSA 2013 project: International Students' Guide 2013

- Contributors: Ernest Leung, Marian Lau, Ruohan Zhao, Winkei Lee, Shan Verne, Aleks Sladojevic
- Stickers helpers: Andaleeb, Mark R., Louise and friends, Sanjay, Charlie, Amy, Natt, Shan, Sophia, Tas, Kelly, Sharifah, Rama, Aleks, Ruohan, Annika
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Colleges and UniLodge	Date	Quantity
Bruce	6 Feb	50
O-Week	11Feb – 15 Feb	1,300
Johns	7 Feb	50
Colleges and UniLodge	4Feb – 8 Feb	1,246
B&G	7 Feb	100
ISD Welcoming Evening	1Mar	440
UniLodge	10 Feb	1,000
Bush-Week	n/a	1,200
Griffin	12 Feb	20
ANUSA Office & Students Space	whole year	>220
Ursula	9 Feb	26
Fenner	n/a	Hasn't replied
Burgmann	n/a	Hasn't replied

ANUSA 2013 Project: Academic Skills and Learning Centre English Course

- Email received from school/ANU College on 08 Feb 2013
- ANU College is running a credit base course this year – ESEN1101 (6 units)
- ESEN1101 is a course which is very similar to the course ASLC used to offer two years ago, it is an academic English learning program provides international students whose native language is not English
- Great to see this course is being run this year

ANUSA 2013 O-Week: volunteering

- Metallic chairs painting
- Showbags packing
- Mon – Fri: Tickets selling

- Sunburned

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Summer Holiday ANUSA:

- Assistance with the development of the ANUSA Smartphone app
- Painting offices

O-Week:

- O-Week volunteer each day in Union Court:
- handing out show bags/promoting events such as Bar Crawl and Secret Garden party,
- ANUSA stand selling tickets/promoting updating of enrollment details,
- food preparation/clean up,
- assistance at La Tomatina/Holi/SLAB,
- set up for Friday night party with lights/tables/tents
- cleaning out Student Space
- Stickers International Student Guide
- Packing Show bags
- Sold Friday night tickets/pushed ANUSA events (Market Day, Artsfest, Mr ANU, Holi, Friday night, Camps etc) at college

Future/Ongoing Activities:

- I have contacted Ruohan RE Housing Guide to see if she needs any assistance
- I had put my name down for the Mental Health Committee and to push for longer Health Centre opening hours. I will contact Amy/Aleks and Sophia/Aleks respectively in regards to this so as to be of assistance.
- I am a willing volunteer for whatever project needs people