

# AGENDA - ANUSA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 4 2022

Wednesday, 18 May 2022 6:15pm, Zoom and Graneek Room

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#### Motion 6.1

#### **Returning officer for the Annual Election**

Motion:

ANUSA appoints Roxanne Missingham as the Returning Officer for the annual election.

Mover: Christian Flynn

Seconder:

#### Motion 6.2

## Solidarity with UMSU

#### Preamble:

Students from the University of Melbourne Student Union passed a motion on Friday 29th April condemning the Israeli apartheid and its occupation and ongoing colonisation of Palestine and endorsing the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement.

The motion, initiated by the Union's People of Colour Department, was passed by the student council with a 10 to 6 majority.

The motion points out that "Many student unions and associations across Europe, North America, and Australia have formally endorsed Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions or some version of solidarity [and] it's long overdue for a clear and firm stance by University of Melbourne Student Union on these crimes."

In response, Melbourne University, a Liberal Party member and student, and several right-wing media outlets including The Australian, have falsely labelled the motion as antisemitic.

#### Motion:

- ANUSA stands on the side of the students from the University of Melbourne Student Union who passed the solidarity motion with Palestine
- ANUSA rejects the argument that criticism of Israel is antisemitic. The attempt by
  the Melbourne University admin, a Liberal Party member and right-wing media
  commentators to intimidate students into silence using this accusation is shameful.
  We stand in solidarity with students on the UMSU Students' Council and in the
  People of Colour Department against these slanderous accusations.
- ANUSA supports Palestinian resistance, including the international BDS campaign.
   Israel is an internationally recognised apartheid, settler-colonial state engaging in
   the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians. The Israeli government has committed
   innumerable war crimes, including the recent murder of Al Jazeera journalist
   Shireen Abu Akleh.
- ANUSA recognises that at a time when far right politics is growing around the world, using false accusations of antisemitism in order to discipline the left and misconstrue and justify Israel's apartheid regime is disingenuous and dangerous, aiming to weaken the political opposition to the growing far-right

#### Actions:

 ANUSA will make a Facebook post declaring our solidarity with these students and link the academic solidarity letter initiated by Melbourne University staff members (https://overland.org.au/2022/05/umsu-stands-with-palestine-an-academic-solidarity-statement/)

Mover: Grace King (ANUSA Welfare Officer) Seconder: Grace Hill (NUS National Executive)

#### Motion 6.3

## **Federal Election**

#### Preamble:

This federal election has been defined by how little is on offer for students, workers, and the oppressed. The Liberal and Labor parties have both campaigned on the basis of warmongering, scapegoating refugees, and serving corporate interests.

The ANUSA candidates debate illustrated this. In response to criticism about the soft approach taken to the politicians by ANUSA, several representatives from the ANUSA executive agreed that this cover for the ALP was the wrong approach, and that ANUSA should play a role of fighting for students' interests, which in this election means, at a minimum, being clear that Labor are not offering anything to students.

The meaningful action following this should include ANUSA publishing the following statement in full, to make it clear what the union thinks of the offering for students this election campaign.

#### Motion:

1. That ANUSA publishes the full text of the following statement on its facebook page, and in its newsletter, on Thursday 19th of May. Publishing the full text of the statement means a single post containing the full text of the statement in the main body of the post, it does not mean hiding the statement within a series of images, or providing a link to the statement for it to be read elsewhere.

"In the wake of ANUSA's Federal Candidates Debate, ANUSA condemns Labor, and notes the Labor Party offers nothing for students. ANUSA does not support a vote for either the Labor or Liberal parties, and condemns the Labor party for taking the vote of left-wing people for granted, while running one of the most right-wing election campaigns in recent memory. This election is being fought on the ground of which party can be the most competent economic manager on behalf of the rich, and the best at advancing Australian imperialism. Neither is worth student votes.

Labor has not committed to reverse the jobs ready graduate scheme or seriously increase funding for universities, as revealed at ANUSA's Federal Candidate debate. They have also not committed to restoring universal student unionism, or reversing Morrison's increases of fees, let alone reversing the HECS-HELP system and restoring free education. Labor has historically been responsible for some of the biggest funding cuts to higher education, including reforms by the Hawke government introducing fees for tertiary students and the largest single cut to higher education funding under the Gillard government. Not to mention the fact that Labor is committed to opening new coal mines, which will result in environmental destruction and increased disasters for students and workers everywhere, as well as Labor's contribution to the drive to large-scale imperialist war which threatens the lives of students and workers.

Policies of the Greens, including those on higher education such as ending student debt, are by far the best of the major parties. However, when they last held the balance of power under an increasingly right-wing minority Labor government, they continued to prop them up in order to demonstrate they were "respectable" and "responsible". No concessions around their policies of free higher education or getting dental care covered under Medicare eventuated. Students should have no illusions the outcome of this election will be any different.

ANUSA recognises the necessity of fighting for students' rights and conditions post-election, and will be ready to spring into action regardless of who is in government. We will be ready to respond to any attacks on higher education launched by the government, whichever party is in office. ANUSA recognises nobody is coming to save us, but us."

Mover: Nick Reich

Seconder:

## **Item 7: Other Business**

# **Item 8: Meeting Close**

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council is scheduled to be held in Semester 2, 2022 at a date and time TBC.

Expected Close of Meeting: 9:00pm

Released: 16 May 2022 by Ben Yates

# Reference A

[PRESIDENT]

# Reference B

[<mark>VICE-PRESIDENT</mark>]

# Reference C

[EDUCATION OFFICER]

# General Secretary's Report SRC Four Ben Yates

Hi all, I am Ben, I use he/him pronouns and I am your General Secretary. This year, my priority is shifting the governance and bureaucratic structures of ANUSA to best serve its activist and community welfare purposes. I want good governance *with a purpose*, not rules and regulations for the sake of rules and regulations.

Since SRC3, department election reform, clubs regulations, academic advocacy and governance reform work has taken up most of my time. The Annual General meeting was impressively well attended and was, on the whole, a very productive meeting. I am particularly proud of the department election reforms that I drafted that passed. A huge thank you to department officers for working with me to get those regulation changes into shape. Governance and Election Reform Working Group has met twice. Summary

- Department election reforms passed and departments have started the process of opting to have autonomous internal elections!
- The new Clubs Regulations passed huge shout out to Phi for amazing work being the engine behind getting this done. A huge thank you also to everyone else who provided feedback
- Governance and Election Reform Working Group has met twice

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# Things that have happened

# **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting happened. Not only did we get quorum but we exceeded it by about two times. It is so pleasing to see this level of interest in ANUSA's work and investment in the forums that hold us accountable as elected representatives. A special thank you to Ben Harms and Azraa for their work minuting what was an often quite chaotic meeting.

#### **Department Election Reform**

Between SRC 3 and 4, I spent considerable time working on the election regulation reforms to provide guaranteed, secure mechanisms for internal department elections. I am very grateful to all the department officers for providing feedback on the reforms and contributing to make them into a really positive change that will secure department autonomy and simplify the election process. This was the only significant rule change recommended by the Probity Report from last year and has been implemented now. One department has already exercised this provision which is great to see!

#### Club Reform

I assisted Phoenix with drafting provisions of the new Clubs Regulations, especially provisions around the new Clubs Committee. Phi did a genuinely incredible job of pulling this off in a tight timeframe while giving really genuine opportunities for consultation and discussion. I really want to thank everyone at the AGM and in the days leading up to it who productively engaged in good faith to make the regulations a document with genuine community support. The fact that the regulations passed almost unanimously in a well-attended meeting attests to the diligent consultation that Phi engaged in.

## **Routine Matters**

## **Governance and Election Reform Working Group**

The Governance and Election Reform Working Group (GERWG – catchy acronym, I know!) has met twice. Thanks to Ben Harms, Azraa, Paria and Hebe for attending. The first meeting considered primarily any election reform proposals. Besides the small change to remove photography and design from the election spending cap, the group did not feel that any other changes were required (aside from the previously drafted department election changes). There were a number of points that came out of the Probity Report and survey that should inform how the election is run this year, especially on the level of communications. These include:

- Communicating with members about the spending cap to ensure that members have confidence that elections are not 'bought'.
- Publicising information about timelines for the election widely and early.
- Publicising the less obvious impacts of rules in guidance to candidates (eg. The application of the campaign period rule to prohibiting reusing Facebook pages year on year).

From this point, GERWG will be focussing on ANUSA meetings. We had a very productive discussion at both meetings about making the balance between having productive and comfortable meetings and enabling the free discussion and democratic forum that is central to our mandate as a student union. Paria is leading this as part of her gen rep project to improve ANUSA meetings, especially for marginalised groups. My personal view is that punitive or restrictive solutions have only very limited use. I am much more interested in investigating tools we can *add* to our meetings like novel procedurals, new ways to interact with meetings, agenda setting techniques to move through routine matters faster and so forth. I encourage anyone interested in meeting reform to come to future GERWG meetings. We will convene again after exams and the meetings will be publicised on the ANUSA Facebook page.

#### Meetings

As ever, I welcome feedback on meetings. I will get started on the Semester 2 meeting plan soon so if you have thoughts, please let me know. As for Semester 1, I will provide the draft meeting plan to the SRC for feedback before I confirm it.

#### **Interpretations**

I have made a few minor interpretations and provided advice to a number of representatives. I'm happy to detail these on request where it is appropriate. I am recording formal interpretations in the interpretations register for future reference for the General Secretaries who follow me.

#### **Governance Assistance**

I have provided assistance to a number of groups/individuals including assisting with several department internal elections or casual vacancies, assisting with policy development and providing advice as to responsibilities.

# Reform

A number of less urgent reform projects have been on the backburner while my focus has been on election and clubs reform. However, this SRC I hope to bring an updated Procurement Policy (now with easy to use tables). I also hope to reactivate discussion about the Media Policy over Winter however this has some more complexities as it intersects with Enterprise Bargaining Agreement matters given it is also a staff policy. I don't anticipate this will cause any impediment or require any substantive change but it is a vitally important process to respect.

## **Academic Committees**

I sit on the Academic Quality Assurance Committee, University Research Committee, TEQSA Re-Accreditation Oversight Committee, ANU Undergraduate Curriculum Review Oversight Group and ANU Undergraduate Curriculum Review Critical Thinking Graduate Outcome Working Group. As usual, I will report in greater detail on academic committees in my verbal report at CRC and encourage interested members to attend or send me questions via email or Slack.

Briefly, at AQAC, I was very pleased to see some concrete changes be passed that will improve diversity in admissions. I spoke in support of these changes but emphasised that a commitment to diversity can't end at admission and must be followed up with genuine action to address the drivers of disadvantage among marginalised students.

<b>Project</b>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Status</u>
	Slack to foster collaboration.	In progress I consulted with the outgoing Gen-Sec on this. So far, I think this may be a solution looking for a problem, at least for this year's SRC.

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Accessibility at meetings	Increase accessibility of SRCs. Includes looking at how we can make agendas more digestible.	In progress Reached out to all departments about needs and wants for meetings. This work will mesh with the safer spaces policy work being pursued by Paria. This will be a matter that will be covered at the Governance and Election Reform Working Group.  Update: Considering a number of tools to improve meetings that will improve accessibility.
Training	Train reps in governance, legal dimensions to activism and working in uni decisionmaking.	In progress Partially completed at SRC induction. Will do more at SRC retreat day. Looking to create a guide to document some of the knowledge built in the referendum last year among other governance tools.
SRC Zero	Hold a meeting in late 2021 for reporting plans for 2022.	Complete Occurred in December
Team meetings	Hold meetings of the SRC outside of formal council meetings to foster collaboration and team building.	In progress Partially done at induction but more substantively will be done through gatherings for reps before SRC meetings next year as well as gen rep meetings fulfilling the policy introduced by Isha this year. UPDATE: will fulfill this at the SRC retreat day
General Meetings	Promote General Meetings as an activist tool and reform procedural elements to make them more suitable for this purpose.	Complete This occurred with the Too Little, Too Late SGM.
Polling students	Increase engagement with students in decisionmaking outside of election time through investigating the possibility of polls in the newsletter and at public engagements.	Not yet commenced I will discuss this with ANUSA's Communications Officer.
Disputes Committee Reform	Create Disputes Regulations to broaden the role of the Disputes Committee beyond a conflict resolution/arbitration panel into also being an advisory panel; generate a Disputes Register to record decisions of the Disputes Committee and clarifying procedural matters around the committee.	In progress I have started drafting the Regulations to provide a basis to go out and consult much more extensively. Met with Kevin Tanaya (chair of committee) and ANUSA Lawyer to discuss options.
Agenda prefaces and flagging	Introduce the opportunity for department officers to include a comment in the agenda before motions as well as flagging points such as whether the motion has the support of the officer/department or whether any consultation occurred.	Completed/On-going This option was provided in relation to a number of motions through the year.
Autonomy resources	Produce a resource, in consultation with the department officers, on autonomy. <u>Updated</u> : Meg produced a great document on how to write a motion this year. In many ways, this provides a great starting point. I will be looking to update this as well as integrating some more discussion on the normative question of why it is important to engage in good faith consultation with autonomous departments.	Not yet commenced See update point. Will commence work on this soon.

Department training	Offer training on governance with an orientation towards practical skills of how to achieve goals within the structures of ANUSA and how to make those structures work for the purposes of departments.	Completed / In progress/on-going Assisted in training led by Jaya to give governance training. Met with several department secretaries. Offered further support to all departments. I have provided ad hoc assistance to a number of departments including assisting with running elections.
Clubs governance review		Completed Phi and I worked closely to draft the changes that passed at the last OGM of 2021. Constitutional changes were presented at OGM 1 to make this possible. This task will be complete with the Clubs Regulations we anticipate passing at the AGM.  Update: completed at AGM
Policy review		Complete / In progress Much of this is taking place on an ad hoc basis however I have reviewed a number of policies. Necessarily, policy review should be a rolling process. The next step will be to overhaul and centralise many of our policies. Katchmirr's fantastic acknowledgement of Country motion from AGM will provide a good reason to take up this difficult task sooner.
Standing order/meeting reform	Scope of project TBD. Broadly, make meetings safer and more effective.	In Progress Looking forward to working with Paria on a Safer Spaces policy. Standing Order and general meeting reform is on the agenda of the Governance and Election Reform Working Group.

## Timesheet

I have worked 526.5 hours since 1 December 2021; on average 23 hours per week, excluding the Christmas shutdown. I have not taken any leave. Please feel free to send me an email if you would like a more detailed breakdown of hours.

Reference E

[<mark>TREASURER</mark>]

# Reference F [CLUBS OFFICER]

# **Welfare Officer Report**

# **Executive Summary**

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#### 1. Introduction

Hello! My name is Grace (she/her) and I am the 2022 Welfare Officer. My role involves fighting for material issues and bettering the material conditions of students.

I firmly believe that a student union should be community-led, grassroots and staunchly leftist. I am committed to proactive practicing this. I am in a paid position which gives me capacity to collaborate on student issues and help however is needed. That is fundamentally different from acting paternalistically, from an ill-informed or ignorant standpoint or without thorough collaboration and consensus. I am always available to chat about anything through sa.welfareofficer@anu.edu.au and am usually able to respond punctually.

This report will not be as lengthy as usual because it has only been three weeks since the previous SRC, but please email me with any questions or thoughts.

# 2. Student material support

Overall, there is a high level of need right now. The Student Assistance Officers do a wonderful job at supporting so many students. I highly encourage anyone that needs assistance to contact <a href="mailto:sa.assistance@anu.edu.au">sa.assistance@anu.edu.au</a>

#### 2a. Mutual aid

The mutual aid system is run out of the ANUSA foyer, next to the Brian Kenyon Student Space (BKSS). It is accessible to all students on weekdays 8am-8pm. You can give and take as much as you like, how often you like!

I am hoping to spend some time at the end of the semester reinvigorating it, especially as students move out of residential halls for the winter. I will detail this further in the 'upcoming section'

# 2b. Student grants and assistance

COVID-19 supplement grant:

The COVID-19 supplement grant has launched. It has a strong rate of usage so hopefully the communication about the grant has been effective. I have recently shared information about this grant with several non-ANU organisations that regularly interact with ANU students.

Skill Up:

I am in the process of organising the relaunch of Skill Up for Semester 2. Skill Up is an ANUSA program that pays for students to attend training and certification processes that may access a student in learning new skills, finding or changing jobs. It's been on hold because of COVID-19 but in 2019 and prior it was very popular and successful. Options will be advertised soon.

Further grant ideas and communication:

Working on how our grants and programs may be improved and better communicated to address the evolving and specific needs of students.

#### 2c. Individual student cases

I have responded to many individual student issues, referred them to appropriate support and services and advocated for them as needed.

## 3. Introduction to Abolition Reading Group

The first introduction to abolition reading group will be this Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30pm in the ANUSA boardroom. Everyone is invited to come! It is catered towards those wishing to learn more and discuss abolitionism, but with no previous knowledge or experience needed.

I am very excited about the event and encourage everyone to come! More details are available on the Facebook event. I plan on running these every 3-ish weeks for the rest of the year but will be open to changing the time and date if it isn't suitable for attendees.

#### 4. Less Stresstival

Less Stresstival will be held from Monday to Friday of week 12. It will primarily be run out of the Brian Kenyon Student Space (BKSS), which is open 8am-8pm. There will be free food and items to grab. There will also be jewellery making craft that will be out in the BKSS throughout the week for people to use as they wish.

## 5. ANU Student Diversity Working Group

Established at SRC 7 2021, the ANU Student Diversity Working Group aims to investigate the quantitative and qualitative experiences and issues faced by ANU students in equity groups. It is co-chaired by Sai Campbell and me.

The group is progressing well! The update can be seen in the report that was delivered in SRC 3.

# 6. External Committees

I am an ANUSA representative on several committees. Many of these have not met yet or not met again since SRC Three. I will provide an update on the one committee that has.

# 6a. Timetabling Committee

I am the ANUSA Executive member on the timetabling committee. I have attended several meetings and been in communication with other members of the committee. I think this is a valuable committee for ANUSA to be a part of and I think the student experience will be improved by the new system.

The new timetabling system will be ready and used by students for semester two, 2022. Note: This does not include winter courses, it starts with semester two courses.

Communication about the new timetabling system has been published for students to have a look at. Right now, the focus is on building awareness of its existence before its time for class selection.

# 7. Upcoming projects

The Introduction to Abolition reading group is this Friday! Please come along! The specifics are detailed in the 'introduction to abolition' section of this report.

I will be creating a spreadsheet and public group/page for the mutual aid system. If you have any ideas or feedback, let me know!

#### 8. Other

I am attending Organising for Power training once a week.

On Thursday 28/04 I attended an ACTCOSS event about election priorities.

I have spent time supporting members of the ANUSA SRC with various projects and being consulted with.

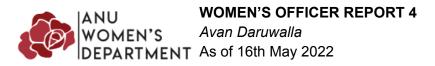
#### 9. Timesheet

From SRC Three on the 27/04 to Monday Week  $11\ 16/05$ , I have worked about 59.5 hours. This is an average of about 23.8 hours per working week. I have taken one day of sick leave since SRC Three.

#### 10. SRC Four Bestie Shoutout

Shoutout to Phi for their awesome work on Clubs reforms! They did a great job and created a final document that is a big improvement and that clubs are happy with.

# Reference H [INDIGENOUS OFFICER]



Content warning: this report will mention sexual assault and harassment, transphobia and abortion and reproductive rights in the advocacy section at the beginning.

The Women's Department exists and operates on the lands of the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land and we acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded and that this always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land. Further, we acknowledge the disproportionate violence and oppression experienced by Indigenous women and gender diverse people and the immeasurable contributions of Indigenous feminists to the protection and fight for our rights.

#### 1. Advocacy

#### a. Transphobia

In recent weeks it has been brought to our attention that there have been multiple incidents of transphobic and discriminatory graffiti on campus at the ANU. We condemn transphobia in all forms and stand against bigotry and in solidarity with all trans, intersex and gender diverse students and staff.

The vandalism has been removed and is being consistently monitored. If you see anything troubling in future please do not hesitate to reach out to the Queer or Women's Departments. We are deeply concerned that any member of our community has been subject to witnessing hateful, exclusionary and distressing materials. There is no place at our university for transphobia or gendered discrimination.

As always, the Women's Department stands with and is available to support all women and gender diverse people who find our services useful. We are here for you and will do whatever we can to support the rights of all students to exist safely and free of judgement on campus.

In upcoming weeks we will be organising a working group in collaboration with the Queer Department to set up some more long-term advocacy to address and counteract transphobia on campus.

# b. Reproductive Rights

The Women's Department stands in solidarity with all those speaking and protesting for basic reproductive rights and bodily autonomy. Any effort in any jurisdiction to undermine the bodily autonomy and judge the agency of those with uteruses to make decisions about their own bodies – must be condemned and prevented.

Systemic misogyny is manifest in the cyclical return to this debate, those who advocate for the overturning of legislation like Roe v Wade's precedent are not only anti-choice but also actively harmful to the progress of rhetoric that values and respects all women and non-binary people. Anti-choice propaganda is

oppressive and actively deprioritises the clearly vocalised needs of women and gender diverse people.

In so-called Australia we may face a similarly distressing and incensing threat to the bodily autonomy of women and non-binary people as well as the LGBTQIA+community (and particularly for those intersectionally oppressed) of the repackaging and reintroduction of the Religious Discrimination Bill. If this type of legislation is successfully introduced and passed, we will see a country in which legal allowance can be made for medical practitioners to deny reproductive rights, abortions and contraceptives. We must keep fighting because at this point, our rights have been reduced to political fodder to be manipulated at the will of a careless patriarchal system.

As always, the Women's Department supports every person's right to choose, personal autonomy of their own bodies and right to exist safely and free of judgement on campus. We stand with survivors, pro-choice advocates, and those who have faced oppression at the hands of those who seek to limit their freedom.

#### c. Anti-SASH Campaigns

Preliminary work in organising the upcoming August 1st Action is getting started. The action will take place on/around Monday Week 2 next semester.

## 2. Birth Control Subsidy Program

Since beginning the birth control subsidy on March 21st, we have spent approximately \$5,000 on subsidising contraception.

The program provides 50% subsidies to undergraduate students on prescriptions for oral contraceptive pills, contraceptive implants, contraceptive injections and IUD's. Students will have to show their undergraduate student ID in order to be eligible, supply will be limited to one pack per time.

#### 3. Events

The Department has been running a number of projects and events throughout Term 2. Keep an eye out for events on our Facebook page and in our Facebook groups! Thank you so much to all the committee and Department members who have gotten involved!

## 1. Feminist Consciousness Raising

The Women's Department is hosting bi-weekly Feminist Consciousness Raising circles (Tuesdays in even weeks at 5pm).

Last week's session focused on menstrual health, women's health, ableism and medical discrimination and was held in collaboration with the DSA. It was wonderful to see a bunch of new and familiar faces and have such a productive and thoughtful discussion facilitated by Ellen Carey.

The next session will be in Week 12 with a theme that is yet undecided but will be included in the upcoming event description. All women and gender diverse students are welcome to attend.

## 2. Bossy Launch and Stall

Bossy officially launched their 2021 Bossy Magazine - print edition, Memento Mori at an awesome event at amBUSH gallery. We are so proud of the team and so excited about the release of the magazine. Just over a hundred people attended from the community and the event included two incredible DJ's and readings of a number of the fantastic pieces in the magazine.

We also held a stall on Tuesday to sell ANU's intersectional feminist publication! The stall was held on Kambri Lawns and copies were just \$5.

#### 3. Bookclub

WD Collective member Isabella Harding has officially taken over the Women's Dept Bookclub and brought it back to life! The bookclub began with a viewing of the film Suffragettes. The next bookclub event called 'Books, Badgers and Bevs' will be held next week and the bookclub will be reading Chapter 8 of The Vindication of the Rights of Women by Mary Wollstonecraft. All collective members are welcome to attend, whether or not they have had time to read the materials. Join the bookclub facebook for me info!

#### 4. Collective Meetings

All dept members are welcome at collective meetings and they are a super fun and welcoming space to come and share thoughts and ideas! Keep an eye out for some exciting activism and planning sessions in upcoming meetings including a Digital Activism session prepared by Deputy Officer Elodie early next semester!

# 5. Collective Dinner

Next week we will be holding an end of semester collective dinner following our collective meeting. Keep an eye out for the event which will follow our week 12 collective meeting.

## 6. Open Mic Night

We will be holding an open mic style event with Bossy Magazine in week 12 for collective members to showcase their talents and incredible content produced through Bossy in particular. The event will be posted on our facebook soon so keep an eye out for that too!

# 4. Income and Expenditure

Income	Details	Amount	Total
Sales of Bossy Launch Tickets + Magazines (Funds reserved for Bossy)	Funds reserved for Bossy	\$536	\$536
		Total Income	\$536

Expenditure	Details	Amount	Total
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Consciousness Raising		Total Expenditure	\$188.29
Feminist	Snacks for 10/5	\$24	\$24
Collective Meeting	Snacks for 9/5	\$18.93	\$18.93
•	Flowers	\$35.90	\$35.90
Bossy Launch	Gifts for DJs	\$14	\$14
Collective Meeting	Snacks for 2/5	\$14.79	\$14.79
	Snacks	\$25.27	\$25.27
Henna Night	Henna	\$30.80	\$30.80
Collective Meeting & Feminist Consciousness Raising	Snacks for 26/4	\$24.60	\$24.60

### 5. Timesheet

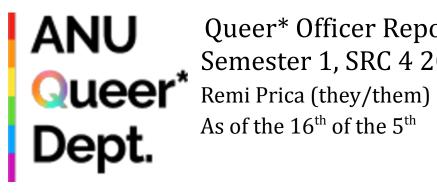
Since the last SRC, I have worked an approximate 50 hours. Most of these hours have been spent in meetings and on admin. A fair bit of this time has also been spent on emails and outreach.

## 6. Slay Queen of the Month

I think (hopefully!) everyone knows what it means to slay queen but for the purpose of this report I will clarify that a slay queen need not be a queen/woman matriarch.

\*Also worth acknowledging the origins of language like slay queen in AAVE and the fact that the same can be said of a tonne of gen z's colloquialisms.

This month's slay queen is Dr Hannah McGregor! Hannah is an Assistant Professor of Publishing at Simon Fraser University, on the traditional and unceded territories of the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam Nations. She has a podcast called Secret Feminist Agenda (which is now finished but has over 100 episodes to listen back to). It is such a lovely and thoughtful podcast looking at the 'insidious, nefarious, insurgent, and mundane ways we enact our feminism in our daily lives'. It is a pretty scholarly-vibes podcast but also not condescending or overly-academic and Hannah makes thinking about stuff fun - which is why she is slay queen of the month.



Queer\* Officer Report Semester 1, SRC 4 2022

#### **SUMMARY**

- 1. Projects
- 2. Events
- 3. Timesheet

# **Proiect**

Over the past 3 weeks many things have come up, a big one is the transphobic graffiti in chiefly bathrooms. We had it painted over but it keeps popping back up. Security and librarians are monitoring the bathrooms for when it does appear & women's and queer are getting together a collaborative working group to come up with better ways to deal with the issue and how to create a better understanding and awareness in the wider community. Something sweet is the librarians in chiefly have been seen wearing pride pins and lanyards in support of the Queer community.

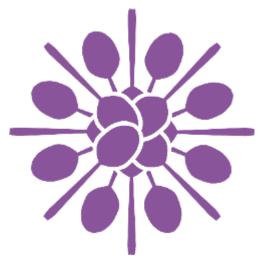
#### **Events**

- We had a collaborative event with LASA, the viewing of a queer film in the Spanish film festival at palace electric.
- We've been hosting events in the queer house such as board game nights and Eurovision events.
- The organisation of queer ball has started.
- ISD x Queer event in the works for sometime near the end of this semester, looking at doing a study break picnic
- A book club run by two trans Nonbinary people has also reached out to me, so possibility of collaboration with them in the future!

#### Timesheet

Hours done since last SRC 50.5, time sheet can be provided upon request

# Reference K [INTERNATIONAL OFFICER]



# Disabilities Officer Report SRC 4, Semester 1, 2022

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Anu Disabilities Student Association

Prepared 14/05/2022

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- 1. Executive Summary
- 2. Advocacy & Campaigning
- 3. Media & Community
- 4. Administration

# 1. Executive Summary

The DSA's social campaign for increased engagement has shown success, with the last meeting having the biggest turnout of the whole year! Casual coffees, study catchups, and crafternoons which we have run have all been successful. We have also engaged with student media. In addition, the Officer has attended meetings and talked with various parties on issues which affect members of the collective, as well as engaged in individual advocacy on behalf of students.

# 2. Advocacy & Campaigning

# Issue based Advocacy & Student Support

Students who contact the Officer with individual issues of ableism and discrimination can receive assistance. I have been in contact with various parties, including conveners, A&I, and other university staff members, and in order to address the individual concerns of students. The details of these interactions will remain unspecified for reasons of confidentiality.

If you ever have an issue like that, please don't hesitate to contact me at sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au, or any other means through which you are comfortable seeking contact.

# **Ableism Report Progress**

The ableism report is still in the information gathering stage. If you are interested in joining the working group, please contact the Officer at sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au, or the committee at anudsa.community@gmail.com.

We are collecting data on incidences of ableism experienced by ANU students, so we would highly encourage anyone who has experienced ableism in any form during their time at ANU to fill out this survey if you feel comfortable doing so. This can include anything from comments made by fellow students or staff members, physical accessibility issues, online accessibility issues from professors or courses and much more. If you're unsure that what you experienced is ableism, please fill out the survey anyway! All reports are completely anonymous.

#### https://forms.gle/JvPwhomvJ8p9ATn5A

If you want to talk about your experience in more detail, the DSA will also be conducting very informal interviews with students who feel comfortable doing so. Please fill out this expression of interest form if this sounds like something you would be comfortable participating in!

#### https://forms.gle/yyp9yp1VXf3N1dAN6

# 3. Media & Community

# Social Strategy Update

Running events in order to increase student engagement has been successful so far. We hope that future events will get even more engagement.

# Spoon week planning!

More planning has taken place for Spoon Week (which will be in week 8 of semester 2), including talking to potential panellists and event brainstorming. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact me at sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au.

# The Spoons Space

If you want Spoons Space access and do not yet have it, please fill in the form here: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSer0wMrnhQwxmAnbjZHp6wzjK8XOeEpDVmvVHRV0iClLy">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSer0wMrnhQwxmAnbjZHp6wzjK8XOeEpDVmvVHRV0iClLy</a> N5hw/viewform

# 4. Administration

#### Office Hours!

The current office hours are 1 - 5pm on Fridays. During this time, if you want to chat with the Officer in person, you can head to the Spoons Space. I am also available on Zoom at request.

## **Election Process**

The collective unanimously passed the improved election process which was passed at the AGM on 11/05. Minutes for this meeting are available on request.

#### **Financial**

We have spent money on various events over the past two weeks. One of the bank cards was hacked by an unknown party and made a fraudulent purchase. That bank card has been cancelled and the transaction reversed.

#### Spent from bank account

Casual Coffee	\$18.70
ADHD Community Events	\$25.50
Food (meetings)	\$32.85

# Owing

Casual Coffee	\$42.20
Food (meetings)	\$32.9

Total of spent and owing: \$152.15

# Timesheet

During the period between this SRC 3 and SRC 4, the Officer worked 38.05 hours. Most of this time was spent in meetings. A full breakdown of time spent is available on request.

# **Environment Collective Officer Report - SRC 4**

#### Freya Brown

Content warning: this report mentions racism under section 3a

#### Summary

- 1. Meetings
- 2. Campaigns
- 3. Collaborations
- 4. Upcoming events
- 5. Elections and stipend allocation
- 6. Expenditure
- 7. Timesheet

# 1. Meetings

We have had one collective meeting since the last SRC. We discussed and voted to make meeting time increase to two hours, to allow more time for political discussion. We will continue to meet fortnightly, on Tuesday evenings of even-numbered weeks.

#### 2. Campaigns

#### a. <u>Fossil Free</u>

The Fossil Free working group is going well. We are meeting weekly and developing a campaign timeline, broken into three phases. We met with the EMP project officer, which helped understanding where the Fossil Free demands would fit within the EMP. We are working on meeting with Below Zero to incorporate FF demands into the BZ plan. We have identified a lack of student awareness about the campaign, so have made social media content explaining the campaign and written content for the ANUSA website and student newsletters. We are organizing collaboration with SUN, more on this in section 3b.

#### 3. Collaborations

#### a. HUE training

We discussed the potential for the EC doing three HUE anti-racist training workshops. After communicating with HUE, this is estimated to cost \$6,300 so is subject to approval by the collective to change the budget. Unfortunately, there was some pushback from some EC members which prompted discussion about the usefulness of the training. I am working to ensure this training does get collective approval so it can go ahead. The pushback indicated it is most definitely needed.

#### b. 'Students Say NO to Scarborough'

The Sustainable Uni Network (SUN) has organized an open letter and petition for the campaign 'Students Say NO to Scarborough'. We are organising to meet with SUN organisers to collaborate on Fossil Free. In the ANU's last release of investments in 2016, \$4,415,777 was invested into Woodside Petroleum Limited. We signed the open letter collective and encourage students to sign the petition:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSel3puLwQMWyT5dkihKmRTKVPH74QbtN7HvsY-ijvn24lU6Nw/viewform

#### c. Other collaborations

The EC is also in communication with the Tomorrow Movement and Landcare ACT about future possibilities for collaboration.

#### 4. <u>Upcoming events</u>

- a. <u>PARSA presents: Canberra Candidates Climate Forum:</u> 5pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Robertson Lecture Theatre
- b. <u>Collective meeting:</u> 6-8pm Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at ANUSA Boardroom/Zoom
- c. <u>Tour de Carmichael:</u> Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, at the Adani coalmine
- d. Blockade Australia: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, in Sydney CBD
- e. Op shop ball: CANCELLED
- i. After some discussion, we have decided to cancel the op shop ball. This is mainly due a lack of interest/capacity to organize it. We also decided it was very resource, time, and energy intensive for a low impact. We are discussing where to reallocate its budget line.

#### 5. <u>Elections and stipend allocation</u>

The election for the two casual vacancies was held in the week 10 collective meeting. Rex Michelson was voted as General Secretary co-convener and Abhijeet Swami was voted as Outreach co-convener. Both Rex and Abhijeet were approved as new trustees on the bank card, and Elise was approved to be removed. The exec team redrafted the stipend allocation to reflect these changes, which was approved by the collective.

NEW STIPEND													
Name	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
Elise	438	438	339	339	NA	1554							
Freya	339	339	438	438	589	661	661	661	661	661	661	661	6770
Satara	116	116	116	116	268	116	116	116	116	116	116	116	1544
Mai	116	116	116	116	NA	464							
Angel	116	116	116	116	268	116	116	116	116	116	116	116	1544
Abhijeet	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	116	116	116	116	116	116	116	812
Rex	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	116	116	116	116	116	116	116	812
Total Stipend													13500
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#### 6. <u>Income and expenditure report</u>

Income	\$
Interest income	1.85
Total income	1.85
Expenses	
Bank fees	3.00
Exec planning day lunch	78.00
Fossil Free meeting snacks	17.00
Total expense	98.00

# 7. <u>Timesheet</u>

From April 26 to May 15, I have worked 47.5 hours. Most of this time has been spent on meetings, administration, Fossil Free and other campaign planning. For a more detailed breakdown of these hours, please email sa.environment@anu.edu.au



# ANU BIPOC<sup>[1]</sup> DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPORT

#### **CHANEL NGUYEN**

Student Representative Council 4
18 May 22

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#### **COMPLETED PROJECTS**

#### BIPOC Y2K Night:

The BIPOC Department hosted a successful autonomous social event at Sideway on the 15th of May. I want to congratulate all of my executive members as well as volunteers who have been working so hard into making sure this event was a big success. I am glad that we are able to host events and make a safe, social environment for all BIPOC students. Some of the decorations for the event will be reused in the gallery exhibition for our 'Safe Scenes' project in Semester 2.

## Fighting Bigotry and Racism: Leading Change in Social Sciences

The BIPOC Department will continue to do a series of academic panels in residential halls to facilitate a non-autonomous event for discussions about race and racism on campus. The first event on the 4th of May had a successful turn out and we will be taking student feedback into consideration when planning for the next panel event.

#### <u>Autonomous Alternatives:</u>

Autonomous Alternatives was first launched last year as many members of the BIPOC community, particularly those living on campus do not participate in going out or drinking for cultural and religious reasons, many BIPOC students stay in on a Thursday. Our Department hosted an autonomous event in Week 7 and 10, doing arts and crafts activities.

#### **Collective Meetings:**

Our department has had really interesting discussions with collective members via our weekly autonomous meetings. We have had very passionate students with activist backgrounds who have presented really good ideas for what campaigns or events to hold later in the year.

#### **PROJECTS UNDERWAY**

## **RACISM REPORT:**

The BIPOC Department Racism Report released last year was an incredibly impactful report that provided an insight into racism on campus and how the ANU can do better to support BIPOC students. Our department is committed to ensuring the safety and inclusion of all Bla(c)k, Indigenous and People of Colour students and will be following up on incidents to create a second Racism Report.

#### **BIPOC BALL:**

The BIPOC Department will be hosting a BIPOC Ball in Semester 2. More details about this event will be released shortly.

#### **BIPOC OPEN MIC:**

The BIPOC Department is planning to host an Open Mic event for Second Semester and will be encouraging all students to participate in performing dance, comedy, music as well as any other forms of entertainment for this event.

#### **BIPOC Safe Space Campaign:**

The ANU BIPOC Department will continue the initiative to have a physical, autonomous space on campus for all BIPOC identifying students. Prioritising an autonomous space for marginalised students is completely possible, as we have seen with other ANUSA-affiliated Departments such as the Women's Department and Queer Department. The space is intended to be used for collective meetings, organising, studying and to allow community discussions in a comfortable, safe setting.

# BIPOC Advocacy Campaign: 'Safe Scenes'

This year, as a part of our anti-racism campaign to consolidate our own BIPOC Safe Space, the BIPOC Dept at ANU is hosting an exhibition in second semester to showcase artworks, films, music, and any other creative productions made by BIPOC identifying students at ANU. The theme for this year's campaign and exhibition is: SAFE SCENES. The launch will be hosted at Ainslie and Gorman Art Centre in Braddon.

#### FINANCE REPORT: INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Expenses: 23 APR - 12 MAY

# **INCOME**

Purpose	Amount
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# **EXPENDITURE**

Purpose	Item Description	Amount
Events	Decorations Y2K	-\$ 64.06
•	Decorations Y2K	-\$ 19.90
	Decorations Y2K	-\$ 23.25
	Decorations Y2K	-\$ 66.10
	Flowers for Panel Speakers	-\$ 175
	Decorations Y2K	-\$ 75.50
	Decorations Y2K	-\$ 79.50

# **TIMESHEET**

Since last SRC, I have worked 30.5 hours. For a more detailed breakdown of my hours free to email me at sa.bipoc@anu.edu.au.

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{[1]}}$  BIPOC is an abbreviation for Bla(c)k, Indigenous, People of Colour