

Student Representative Council – Minutes

Tuesday 28th May 2013, 6pm, ANUSA Boardroom

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

Beth Ritchie– Women’s Officer
Taufiq Suraidi – International Officer
William Mudford – Environment Officer
Louise Stockton – Disabilities Officer
Stuart Ferrie – Queer* Officer

General Representatives

Eric Chan
Vincci Lee
Jess Bolton
Stacey Little
Shane Paderanga
Monique Langley-Freeman
Milly Cooper
Sam Duncan

College Representatives

Charlie Carroll- CBE
Caroline Skinner- CECS
Sanjay Govindan- CECS
Ruohan Zhao - CASS
Melanie McLeod – CASS

Ordinary Members

Annika Humphreys
Galvin Chia
Aslan Abdjalil

Summary:

- A second Probity Officer was elected unopposed.
- All reports presented were passed.
- Thank-you to Sanjay Govindan and Stuart Ferrie for their contribution and time to ANUSA.
- The motion to sell the ANUSA Bus was passed. Please note that since this motion, various concerns have been raised about the lost opportunities that might arise as a result of selling the ANUSA Bus, particularly for clubs and societies. There will be an ANUSA Bus Forum hold at 4pm, Tuesday 23rd July 2013 in Brian Kenyon Student Space (BKSS) located on the ground floor Building 17a Union Court. This forum is an opportunity for you to raise your views and ideas on the bus, and whether you think selling it is a good idea.

Item 1: Meeting Officially Opens and Apologies

Meeting Opens: 6:06pm

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The General Secretary acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies received from Mark Jehne, Lucy McFarlane, Michael Harrison, Laura Wey, Mark Rowe and Brogan Goode.

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising

MOTION: That the minutes from SRC 3 2013 be accepted.

Moved: Jess Bolton

Seconded: Charlie Carroll

Motion: Passed

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That Item 5.1 The ANUSA Bus be moved to after Item Two

Moved: Aleks Sladojevic

Seconded: Tasman Vaughan

Motion: Passed

Item 5: Items for Discussion

5.1 The ANUSA Bus (Tasman Vaughan)

MOTION: That the ANUSA Bus be sold.

Moved: Tasman Vaughan

Seconded: Annika Humphreys

For: 16

Against: 4

Abstention: 1

Motion: Passed

Items For:

- The bus is accident-prone and ANUSA incurs expenses every time there is an accident.
- ANU will not provide ANUSA with a secure spot to keep the bus. This has resulted in the bus being vandalised, which again is expensive.
- It is a hard vehicle to drive. Hiring it out regularly to different people will be a liability. The main fear is that there will be a fatal accident.
- There is more to lose than there is to gain.
- Other ways to providing a similar travel service should be examined. Therefore it does not mean that we are getting rid of the service, just the bus.

Items Against:

- The ANUSA Bus is a great resource that has not yet been utilised.
 - Great opportunity for the ANUSA, and could be a revenue stream.
 - ANUSA has already bought the bus and has invested in the capital.
 - ANUSA needs to establish a place to store the bus so it is safe.
 - ANUSA should establish alternative travel and transport services before selling the bus.
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Item 3: Elections

3.1 Election of Probity Officers

A Probity officer was elected last SRC however it has been raised that another person is necessary to help share the load of the role, as it is a lot of responsibility for one person.

Nominee: Matt McKay

Elected unopposed.

Item 4: Reports and Matters Arising

4.1 Executive Reports

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

William Mudford: Can you give an overview regarding what happened at the Council Meeting regarding fossil fuels?

Aleks Sladojevic: There was a proposal put forward for the establishment of a Socially Responsible Investment Committee. The motion did not go through in its current form. Instead, it was moved that the ANU Investment Advisory Committee was to develop socially responsible investment guidelines to be presented to Council at its next meeting. I made it clear that I thought it was still valuable having a separate committee to consider these issues.

Charlie Carroll: Can you tell us about 'The Last Lecture'?

Aleks Sladojevic: The Last Lecture began in 2004. Students can vote for their favorites lecture and that lecturer in turn gives a speech at the end of the year. It was not run last year however is in the process of being organised now.

Galvin Chia: The ANU App will have an ANUSA Tab how does that relate with the \$15 000 budget for the ANUSA App?

Aleks Sladojevic: The company who was in charge of making the ANUSA App doubled their fees doubled with out any notification. ANUSA is no longer working with that company, however still owns the right to the design. There is still \$10 000 left in the budget.

Shane Paderanga: Can ANUSA equipment be moved downstairs?

Aleks Sladojevic: There is no storage space downstairs in BKSS.

Lousie Stockton: Seems to be some space between Star Travel and Redi ATM.

Action Point: Find what other storage spaces are available for ANUSA to use.

MOTION: That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Charlie Carroll

Seconded: Tasman Vaughan

Motion: Passed

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

Stuart Ferrie: Would you consider making the Communications Officer an Executive Position?

Tasman Vaughan: It is a job that needs to have clear direction from the Executive. It is also a job that needs to be done consistently, even during busy exam and assessment times. There is also a lot to be gained by having someone with already established skills in and are comfortable with media management.

Shane Paderanga: Could the Communications Officer be opened up to GenReps to fulfill while ANUSA waits to fill the role.

Tasman Vaughan: GenReps who are interested are welcome to take turns running ANUSAs social media.

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

Moved: Ruohan Zhao

Seconded: Amy MacKinnon

Motion: Passed

4.1.3 Treasurer's Report (S. Verne Liew) [Reference C]

Louise Stockton: Is BKSS (Brain Kenyon Student Space) profitable?

Shan Verne Liew: Yes, but ANUSA tries not to make profit as it wants to provide students with extremely affordable products.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Charlie Carroll

Seconded: Stuart Ferrie

Motion: Passed

Chair passed to Amy MacKinnon

4.1.4 General Secretary's Report (S. Stanley) [Reference D]

Stuart Ferrie: Have you looked at moving ANUSA Elections online?

Sophia Stanley: It has been considered however not accepted as a method for ANUSA to use as it however it is much harder for probity officers to monitor election regulations. For example a ticket could easily have a party inviting all their friends and have a computer open encouraging people to vote at the same time, this would go against the election regulation that permits food from being used to entice votes.

Vincci Lee: Is there any possibility that the yoga time can be changed?

Sophia Stanley: We can look into paying the current instructor for more sessions, currently she is donating her fee to charity and ANU Sport and Rec is covering the cost.

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

Moved: Taufiq Suraidi

Seconded: Vincci Lee

Motion: Passed

Chair returned to Sophia Stanley

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

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

Moved: Aleks Sladojevic

Seconded: Charlie Carroll

Motion: Passed

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

MOTION: That the Education Officers Report be accepted.

Moved: Jess Bolton

Seconded: Will Mudford

Motion: Passed

4.2 Department Reports

4.2.1 International Students' Department Report (Taufiq Suraidi) [Handout 1]

- Thank you to ANUSA and Beth for support of our events
- ISD has a balance of \$4313.78 in our account.

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

Mover: Jess Bolton

Seconded: Aleks Sladojevic

Motion: Passed

4.2.3 Queer* Department Report (Stuart Ferrie)

- Have been continuing with:
 - o Queer coffee
 - o Queries
- Upcoming Events include:
 - o Queer Collaborations, which is an Australian Queer conference.

MOTION: To formally thank Stuart Ferrie for his work and commitment to the Queer Collective.

Moved: William Mudford

Seconded: Sophia Stanley

Motion: Passed

4.2.4 Women's Department Report (Beth Ritches) [Reference G]

MOTION: That the Women's Department Report be accepted

Mover: Vincci Lee

Seconded: Taufiq Suraidi

Motion: Passed

4.2.5 Environment Officers Report (William Mudford) [Reference H]

MOTION: That the Environment Department Report be accepted.

Moved: Louise Stockton

Seconded: Taufiq Suraidi

Motion: Passed

4.2.6 Disabilities Department (Louise Stockton) [Reference I]

MOTION: That the Disabilities Department Report be accepted.

Mover: Shane Paderanga

Seconded: Vincci Lee

Motion: Passed

4.3 General Representative Reports

4.3.1 Vincci Lee Report [Reference J]

MOTION: That Vincci Lee's Report be accepted.

Mover: Jess Bolton

Seconded: Tasman Vaughan

Motion: Passed

4.3.2 Eric Chan Report [Reference K]

MOTION: That Eric Chan's Report be accepted.

Mover: Taufiq Suraidi
Moved: Tasman Vaughan
Seconded: Louise Stockton

Motion: Passed

4.3.3 Mark Jehne Report [Reference L]

4.4 Committee Reports

4.4.1 Grants and Affiliations Committee Report (O.Clark) [Reference M]

MOTION: Grants and Affiliations Committee Report Be accepted.

Moved: Aleks Sladojevic

Seconded: Charlie Carroll

Motion: Passed

Item 6: Other Business

- Last SRC for first semester
- Please remember to attend AGM Thursday 30th May ANU Bar 1230pm, and send your apologies ASAP if you cannot make it
- Also next semester please note that SRC will remain at the same time Wednesday 6pm (will generally go for 2hrs) and CRC Tuesday 6pm (will go for 1.5 hours) - so try not to make tutorials at this time.
- Thank-you to Sanjay Govindan and Stuart Ferrie for their contribution and time to ANUSA.

Item 7: Date of next meeting and close

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council will be held in Term 3. Required Notice will be given.

Meeting Closed: 8:32 pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Aleks Sladojevic

Staffing

Legal Officer

We have made an offer to an individual and are currently negotiating their contract for the Legal Officer position. At this point in time, we are looking at having him start work on 15 July.

Communications' Officer

Unfortunately, our second round of interviews for the Communications Officer role was unsuccessful and we weren't able to fill the position. We will be in the process of advertising for a third round of interviews.

University Committees

Student Experience Committee – Mental Health Roundtable

The next Student Experience Committee (SEC) is scheduled for 25 July. In the meantime, I have been working on organising the Mental Health Roundtable, an idea I proposed at the last SEC meeting. The Roundtable is pencilled in to take place on 24 July. I am currently going about arranging background papers and stimulus material for the day.

UniSafe Committee

The next Unisafe Committee meeting is yet to be scheduled. I spoke to Luce Andrews (Chair of the Committee) on 21 May and he has indicated there will be another meet in the next few weeks.

Education Standards and Quality Committee

The ESQC meeting took place on 20 May. Some important points of discussion included:

- Introduction of a new Timetabling Policy and Procedure. One of the challenges that continues to exist with timetabling is that Colleges still undertake internal timetabling and are not required to submit this information to central timetabling. The Committee is looking to have this changed via a revision to the policy and procedure.

- Changes to the Admissions Policy of international students under 18. The changes allow greater flexibility for young, “gifted” student to attend the ANU and to not be limited by their age.
- Revisions of definitions in the Glossary for Student Policies and Procedures. New definitions have been provided for “incompatible course” and “feedback on assessment”.
- New assessment submission policy. Assessments are now to be submitted online unless it is “not technically possible” or it can be “justified on the basis of the teaching model” employed. Strong reservations have been expressed by the College of Law with regards to the new policy.

Campaigns and Advocacy

Report on What is ANUSA Week

The week beginning 29 April was “What is ANUSA” week. This campaign arose as an idea from the ANUSA Strategic Planning day on 17 March. The aim of the week was to have ANUSA representatives “on the ground” interacting with students, and acting as a source of information on the various things that ANUSA does. A schedule of events had been planned for the week including a Collectives Day on Monday, De-Stress Tuesday, Protest Wednesday and Clubs and Societies Thursday. We also organised a brunch, a 90s themed Student Space party, live music, and a barbeque. Bronwyn and Laurin (Student Assistance Officers) ran a Centrelink, tax and welfare advice session in Student Space, and two paralegals from the Youth Law Centre attended to provide legal advice to students.

While it would have been great to have had more ANUSA representatives on the ground during What is ANUSA Week, the week was ultimately a great success. Our events were well attended, we were able to reach out to students who knew little about ANUSA, and we created a fun and lively atmosphere for students to engage in. Since ANUSA Week, we have noticed an increase in the number of students coming in to see our Student Assistance Officers and I believe a large part of this is due to the “on the ground” campaigning we undertook during ANUSA Week.

Visit from SMUSA

In the week beginning 29 April, ANUSA was visited by a delegation of 23 student leaders from the Singaporean Management University Students’ Association (SMUSA). The delegation was in Canberra for three days and the visit provided a valuable and unique opportunity to share ideas and information between the associations. Student engagement

was a common point of discussion as both ANUSA and SMUSA identified it an area in which our associations have room to improve.

Fight for All Education Campaign - NTEU Rally

On 14 May, the NTEU held a rally against the Government's proposed cuts to tertiary funding. The campaign being run by the Union is called "Uni Cuts – Dumb Cuts". I presented a speech at the rally and it was great to see such a strong turn out from both staff and students.

On 22 May, the ANU announced a freezing of new recruitment of non-academic staff in order to deal with the \$51million budget cut over the next two years (<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/national/postgraduate-education/anu-freezes-nonacademic-hiring-20130521-2jzg1.html>). ANUSA will be working alongside the NTEU over the coming months in order to try minimise any harmful impacts of the budgetary announcements on staff and students at the ANU.

ANUSA Mental Health Committee

Various projects are underway in the Mental Health Committee including a student-made video, poster campaign, editing of the Mental Health Guide and planning for a Universal Lunch Hour in Semester 2. Please encourage any of your friends who are interested in student mental health issues to join the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/498050273589867/>) and come along to one of the fortnightly meetings.

Emeritus Panel

On 21 May, I sat on an ANU Emeritus Panel alongside MP Andrew Leigh and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Margaret Harding, in order to discuss the topic: "How should we view the Gonski cuts?". I talked about the main concerns facing students with regards to the efficiency dividends, changes to the start-up scholarships, removal of the 10% HECS discount and new caps to tax concessions for education expenses.

Student Assistance Unit

Following "What is ANUSA Week" we have noticed an increase in the number of students coming in to see our Student Assistance Officers. The low caseload had become a bit of a concern so it is great to see this turn around.

Bronwyn (Student Assistance Officer) has agreed to undertaking a Mental Health First Aid Training course which will provide her with the capacity to run seminars on Mental Health First Aid for students, including ANUSA representatives, as well as ANUSA staff.

Other

ANUSA AGM – Rescheduled

Unfortunately, due to the incorrect AGM date being advertised on the ANUSA website, the AGM had to be rescheduled. It is now taking place at **12.30pm on 30 May** in ANU Bar. It was ultimately human error that resulted in the rescheduling. We have apologised for the mistake and for any inconveniences that may have been caused as a result. I urge all ANUSA representatives to attend the AGM as it is the most important meeting the Association will have this year.

ANUSA Office

The changes to the office are nearly complete. In the July holidays, the Executive will be relocating the storage room (near the staffing area) to the old Executive office. The storage room will be converted into another workspace as it is a more welcoming and comfortable work environment than the old Executive office. If you are able to help with moving the old storage room, please contact me via email (sa.president@anu.edu.au).

SSAF Negotiations

Six months after they started, the SSAF negotiations for 2013 have been finalised. ANUSA has received a letter confirming the transfer of \$1.3m to the Association, which includes the \$143,000 “top slice” for accounting services shared across ANUSA, PARSAs and ANUSMs. We have invoiced the University for first 70% of our funding (as per the Funding Agreement) and we should be receiving these funds shortly. I would like to formally acknowledge the help I have received from our Treasurer over what has been a long but nevertheless fruitful negotiation process.

Surveys

I am currently in the process of revising and editing the first drafts of the Academic Probation and ANUSA surveys. The Academic Probation survey is likely to be run towards the end of the mid-year break and into second semester, and the ANUSA survey will run in early to mid-semester two.

ANU Enrolment Process

The University is currently undertaking a full review of the ANU enrolment process. There are currently four ways to enrol at the ANU and this often creates significant confusion and frustration amongst students. Some enrolment methods (e.g. lining up at Melville Hall) are out-dated and confusing. It would be valuable to get some student feedback, particularly from first and second years, on the existing enrolment processes. If any of the

representatives would like to submit feedback, please email Aleks at sa.president@anu.edu.au

The Last Lecture

The Last Lecture has been running at the ANU since 2004, however for a range of reasons the event was not held last year. In 2011, the Last Lecturer was Ben Wellings. This year, the event is going to take place in late October. Eleanor will be helping to organise the nomination and voting processes, and we will also organise the logistics of the event (in conjunction with the Dean of Students office). This is an important event in the ANU calendar as it recognises the great lecturers we have here at the University.

Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled to take place this Friday, 24 May. I will report on the meeting in SRC. The VC will be conducting an **undergraduate student forum** on the ANU's budget position at 3pm on 5 June in Manning Clark Theatre 1.

Smartphone App

A business case for phase 2 of the iANU app has been put to the University (Information Technology Services). An "ANUSA" tab has been proposed as part of this new phase of development. We are likely to be meeting with Blackboard representatives in late June or early July to run through our user requirements and how we would like to integrate ANUSA features into the iANU app.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tasman Vaughan

Staff

Unfortunately our second round of interviews for Communications Officer was unsuccessful. We will be launching the recruitment process again but will also be considering other options for this position. Having been in charge of media in the absence of this position, I still believe this position is essential for the operations of the Association.

I also interviewed the Legal Officer candidates and am looking forward to working with the candidate selected. The President will provide further updates on this.

Study@ Replacement Project

This project continues, with the Project Manager visiting CRC last week to gain feedback on the initial designs and lay-out of the new study@. I meet with the Project Reference group every fortnight to discuss the direction of the project and provide recommendations to the management group of the project. I have also been meeting at other times to assist in the layout of the project. I still have concerns about whether this project will meet its deadline of Open Day, but the project will certainly improve what is a very poor resource currently. Any feedback or comment about study@ would be welcomed.

Double Degree Working Group

This project continues. A student information session was held in student space and further information sessions about changing into the new double degree structure will be held next semester. The group is currently working on making enrolments more streamlined and easy for students by creating better online systems for accepting offers.

Division of Student Administration Working Group

This new group provides recommendations on how to implement the change management plans within the Division of Student Admin. The group will be meeting every fortnight to examine the business processes of student admin and provide advice and solutions for what is a pretty outdated system. I am really looking forward to improved outcomes for students. If anyone has any comment, or anecdotal evidence of bad processes or experiences in student admin I would like to hear it so I can provide this information to the group.

University Social Media Policy

Aleks and I met with the Director of Residential Communities to discuss how to improve the social media policy at ANU. This appears to be a very complex area and I will be doing further research over the holidays. If anyone is interested in this area and wants to assist please get in contact with me.

Meeting with CASS admin

Myself and the CASS reps met with CASS student admin. We discussed issues such as difficulties in getting appointments, and the different aspects of work that they do. It appears that they are severely understaffed and that some of their processes need improvement. I will be lobbying on these issues over the holidays to try and get some better academic advising outcomes for students. I would like to say that despite CASS's bad academic advising reputation, the staff in that uni do work incredibly hard and that the university needs to support them more extensively.

BA Review

The B. Arts is currently under review, and the Dean, Sub-Dean and other CASS people will be visiting the student space on Wed 29 (before our meeting) to outline possible changes and get student feedback. I should be able to say more about this in the meeting.

CASS, CAP and CECS reps

I have been attending these college's education committees with our college reps and would like to commend them on their work in these forums. For more information on these, please see the CRC reports.

Holidays

I am working on a few things over the holidays, including Bush Week, a proposal for inherent requirements reporting for degrees, equipment management, and other things mentioned in this report. If you want to help out please get in contact.

As always, if you need anything or want to chat, give me a call.

Best of luck with exams and have a nice holiday

TREASURERS REPORT

Shan Verne-Liew

Introduction to the new way reimbursements work!

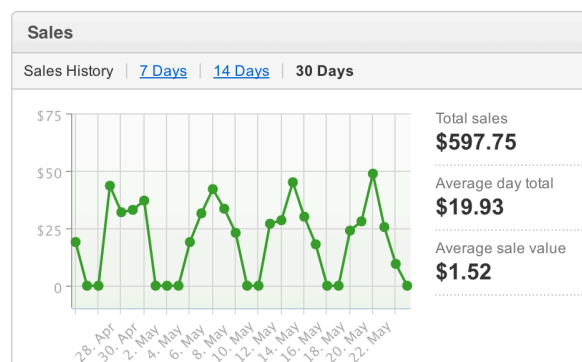
Clearer, safer, more efficient.

- Standard invoices and reimbursements
 - Budget Managers! Accountability for how our money is spent!
 - Traceable spending! Finding out whether *one* item has been paid
no longer takes 10 minutes
 - An end to inefficient, incomplete, form filling (empty spaces: gone).
 - An end to Treasurers, Presidents and the executive needing to spend *hours* each week running around to collect and fill out forms — time now spent winning for students (tray and regular rounds)
 - Treasurer and President more accurately held accountable for accidental negligence: auth signatures on the second page.
 - Easier for people to fill out — you now only have to write down your bank account once = that signed copy kept on record = more financially secure, with less effort
 - In combination, these consequences create financial accountability! 😊

Introduction to the new way the Students Space works!

🎵 *Money in the bank.* 🎵 *Money in the bank.* 🎵

- We no longer dump money in a bowl, and then send it to the bank when its full
- Sales are recorded, **live!** (see right)
BTW as you can see, the average on the right is distorted by the weekends and by Friday (average income is \$50/day)



- At the end of each day, we have our amazing bookkeeper, Srijan, who closes the cash box — allowing us to:
 - o 1) Bank that excess cash
 - o 2) Reconcile sales with cash

Seems ‘accountancy’, but the cash builds up to hundreds of dollars within a few days (which not a lot in ANUSA terms, but IMO is important in terms of being responsible).

(1) and (2) noted above allow us to be secure in knowing that

(a) the BKSS is running well, and it also

(b) relieves our wonderful Student Space Managers from the risk of potential liability in the event of missing money (they shouldn’t get blamed if something goes wrong!)

Introduction to the new way GAC Transaction Forms work!

Less items to fill out (i.e. faster), yet more accountable, more informative, also customised to GAC’s specifications

- Old form:

Poor compliance = not filled in on time = missing information

= confusion

- New form: information

Only contains fields to fill in that are *important*

= faster, yet more informative/accountable

Meeting Week (new)

GAC Grant Number

Type of Grant/amount, etc

- Now its super quick to trace through the bank whether a GAC grant has or has not been processed 😊

- BTW on a *completely unrelated* note, props to Dallas Proctor for, in 2012, setting up an online grant application system: I believe we are one of the **only** universities to have this for Clubs & Societies.

There is some other stuff, but they are less central to SA's core activity

Time since our last SRC — in summary

I have been really bogged down by exams, and (apart from What is ANUSA Week) have been unable, because of time pressures, to start any substantial new projects in the last four weeks — because of this, unfortunately, most of my time in the last three weeks has only been spent keeping the day-to-day treasurer side of the boat running.

2012 Audit

Our auditor, Adrian Bray, came in two weeks ago to conduct his audit for ANUSA's 2012 financial year (1 Dec 2011–30 Nov 2012). Some of his relevant opinions for 2012 were:

- Mostly, ANUSA has a relatively simple range of business operations
- Accounting and recordkeeping for payroll needs to improve dramatically
- Many potential improvements (I can talk more about this in Q&A time if you'd like)

Where is the SSAF?

What's wrong with the world? If I write something here it might change by Wednesday!
Update on the day

Super-super superannuation

We found out that there has been some underpayment of superannuation over the last few years, so we fixed that up — there had been a contractual misinterpretation, so we had our accountants recalculate the actual amount owing — rather than resort to our own Foundies skills — and we are proceeding on their determination. The budget will survive. I am keen to talk about the surrounding aspects at this meeting.

Time tracking fun fact: My ANUSA hours between 8 April — 25 May: 136 hours

Holiday projects!

Is anyone staying in Berra over the holidays? I'm looking for some people to join in on any of some holiday projects:

- ANUSA Clubs & Societies Equipment Hire revamp

- ANUSA Second Hand Bookshop transformation
- SEEF promotion page ('reporters'/interviewers needed)
- Liv and Anirudh's GAC Review
- Getting money for students

For projects like these, holidays tend to be one of the best times to put in place new things for how ANUSA operates that will help leave an impact last several years from now. Anyone keen over the holidays?

GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT

Sophia Stanley

Yoga

- Term 2 donations amounted to \$157. Donations were split between the two charities Bohdi and Beyond Blue.
- The number of students attending has decreased due to it being key assessment time and winter.
- Numbers will increase again at the start of Semester 2 especially after the exposure received from What is ANUSA? Week.

Elections

- Elections ACT is in the process of organising the elections for ANUSA 2014
- I will be working closely with them throughout the process

Health Centre

- As weekend health services are inadequate I have been talking to Laurin (Student Assistance) regarding what can be done to improve the services
- Will be meeting up with different college representatives and Belinda Fry the Health Centre Promotion Nurse next semester to discuss how the colleges can help their students access health centres on the weekend for example through college transport
- If anyone would also like to participate email me and I will give you meeting dates
- This is to coincide with lobby the Health Centre and ANU to extend the facilities opening hours to the weekend
- Also want to compile information on Canberra health centres to have on the ANUSA website and to distribute to Colleges. For example the GP Helpline, Nurse Clinic, CALMS and Healthcare Cards

AGM

- PLEASE ATTEND and if you cannot attend send me your apologies ASAP so I can gauge how many people are attending
- 12:30pm ANU Bar Thursday 30th May

GenRep Projects

- Yesterday I dedicated the day to being in the office in hope that the GenReps who wanted to could find a time to visit and discuss possible projects that they can work on.

I will send an email out to all the GenReps listing different projects- but remember you can create your own!

Administration

- Minutes and Agendas
- Advertising Bush Week Directors
- Organising training information for Probity Officers and Disputes Committee

SOCIAL OFFICER REPORT

Olivia Clark

We have decided to change the end of term party to an end of exam party. This is because we felt that attendance and interest would be low because of the timing. We are looking into partnering up with 2XX (the community radio station) and getting a local band to come.

The next big social event is Bush Week. We have 4 directors who have applied. We will start planning at the end of this week once they are elected at the AGM.

EDUCATION REPORT

Amy MacKinnon

Education Committee

Education committee coordinated the stop the cuts May Day rally that was attended by over 150 people. The rally was a success and received coverage from a number of media outlets including channel nine and the ABC. Aleks, Tas and Julie Melrose (PARSA President) met with Andrew Leigh after the meeting to discuss the funding cuts). We will be running an enrol to vote campaign early in term 3 and will be commencing work on our learning and teaching projects over the holidays we will also be forming a higher education policy group early next term.

The next meeting will be Wednesday the 29th of May on Wednesday from 6pm in the ANUSA boardroom

Mental Health Committee

Mental health committee has been meeting fortnightly for the duration of this term and has designed a campaign to be launched next semester to aim to destigmatise mental health issues on campus. The campaign will encompass a video, the launch of the mental health guide a photo petition and a universal lunch hour market day for service providers in the ACT.

The next meeting will be at 4pm on the 12th of June in the ANUSA student space

National Union of Students

I met with Jade Tyrell, president of the National Union of Students to discuss the upcoming election campaign and what we can do to put higher education on the agenda and advocate for the issues faced by ANU students. The upcoming campaign is looking promising and Further updates will follow.

WOMEN'S OFFICER REPORT

Beth Ritchie

CAMPAIGNS

'Not a Wife Beater'

Launch

- The launch was well attended, with approximately 70 guests in total, including members of ANUSA, ANU Chancelry, local politicians, and a White Ribbon ambassador.
- Some of the 'Not a Wife Beater' singlets were sold at the launch, which raised almost \$300 for the Domestic Violence Crisis Service.

Social Media aims

- Each album has been viewed by approx. 5000 individuals.
- The second phase of the online campaign will include various prominent figures in the shirts, which will help expand the campaign outside of the ANU.
- Yvette Berry MLA has expressed interest in taking the exhibition from the student space into the broader community.

Training

- Pending ongoing discussions, DVCS will continue to provide DV specific training to ANU residential halls and colleges.
- There will also be an examination of DV specific policies for residential colleges.

'The Pledge'

The Pledge is on track to run as the second semester campaign. I addressed the meeting of the Heads of residential Colleges, and there was a general consensus that the campaign would be run with their support and involvement. This will include a campus wide awareness campaign, culminating in an evening event- the specifics of which are TBA.

BUDGET

Exact expenditure of the Women's Dep budget for this period is yet to be determined, as SEEF subsidies for the campaigns are pending. The Department has been granted \$2500 from the SEEF Committee for the running of the DV campaign. It is expected that this will cover all related costs.

ENVIRONMENT'S OFFICER REPORT

William Mudford

Overview

The Divestments campaign – Fossil Free ANU – is gaining momentum leading up to Bill McKibbens “Do The Maths” tour, when Bill will come to the ANU to speak about building a movement to stop fossil fuel companies. A film screening last week which we coordinated with 350.org had 60 attendees, and we are getting interest from not just students but also staff. Notably, knowledge of the ANU divestment campaign was surprisingly widespread among the attendees of the *Beyond Coal and Gas* conference, especially among the members of rural communities in northwest NSW who are directly affected by the companies ANU invests in.

Skillshares have continued to run weekly and have been a great success. The last few skillshares have been on making a website and songwriting.

Events

- 16th May: *Do The Math* film screening
- 16th May: *Universal lunch hour*
- 18th-20th May: *Beyond Coal and Gas* conference
 - 3 generations of anti-coal and gas campaigners working on a national movement to stop coal and gas extraction in Australia.
- 5th June: Bill McKibben at ANU for *Do The Maths* tour
- 5th-9th July: *Students of Sustainability* conference in Launceston

Expenditure

<i>Item</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Subsidised tickets to <i>Beyond Coal and Gas</i> conference	18 th May	\$300 (for 5 tickets)
Food for film screening	16 th May	\$80
Materials for an EC banner	12 th May	\$50

Further information

Do The Maths tour - <http://maths.350.org/australia/>

DISABILITIES OFFICER REPORT

Louise Stockton

Department Day

From all reports, Department Day went well. There was sufficient interest in the stall and many signed up to show their interest in completing the Mental Health First Aid course. A big thanks to those from the department who managed the stall on the day and to those on ANUSA who helped out as well.

Mental Health First Aid

We sent 5 people to a two day Mental Health First Aid course a few weeks ago. I found it to be very valuable and I feel more confident about talking with people who may be developing poor mental health or experiencing a crisis. I would like to make more places available to students in second semester.

Organisation

The cupboard that we have more accessible, with light weight filing systems and shelves. It looks really pretty.

Department Day was great as a training day for Spoons. We are now more aware of how long it takes to order merchandise, how long it takes to rally people and some of the finer details that can often be overlooked.

Coffee Meet-Ups

It's a terrible name but it has had a good turnout. All who are interested are invited to come to Sizzle Café for a gathering in a safe and social environment. This is held weekly and is being trialled as non-autonomous.

Spoons

It's that time of year! We will be holding our first Spoons planning meeting on Wednesday at 5pm in the boardroom. If you have an interest in planning events, volunteering as for small tasks or your feeling a little bit curious, come along and say 'ello.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Vincci Lee

- Mental Health
 - Invited Ms Heather McLeod, the head of Counselling Centre, to attend one of our Mental Health Committee Meeting early May
 - The campaign day/universal lunch hour
 - Meeting the Counseling Centre with Aleks on 27 May 11am
 - On progress evaluating the services provided by Mental Health

- Interhall international representative network
 - Had meeting in mid-May
 - Poor turnout
 - Constructive conversation among reps and ISD
 - Meeting Luce Andrews with Aleks on 28 May 2pm
 - To introduce the network
 - Look for solution

- Received few complaints about the Medical Centre

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Eric Chan

BKSS Second Hand Bookshop Reform:

- Sorry I was a bit busy in the past few weeks, so did not spend a lot of time on it
- Currently looking into some e-commerce programs
- Investigating PrestaShop – probably the most suitable e-commerce program
- Need more time to work on it
- Since it has to be done before second semester, I have decided to reject an internship offer and stay in Canberra to work on it over the winter holiday
- Will directly report to Shan for any new discovery

HKSS Singing Contest

- Represented ANUSA to judge the competition on 24/5/2013
- Although I go to a lot of C/S events all the time, but this time was really cool to step in to C/S activities using ANUSA's name, since it was CommonThread policies that promise to engage more in C/S events and I think it doesn't just mean that just to go to their event and socialise, but also to do something in their events.
- Hoping to "engage" more in C/S events
- Super talented Vincci Lee got the first runner-up and won a branded speaker
- Also helped them to move back all the equipment after the event was finished on the same night

Other small stuffs:

- Social Committee meeting on yesterday
- Participate in the Mental Health Committee Campaign
- Volunteered to stay at Student Space helping Aiesec with their party on 10 May
- Attended ISD's New Logo unveiling ceremony
- Attended Women Collectives' Campaign's Exhibition Launch

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mark Jehne

Stop the Cuts Protest

- I attended the stop the cuts protest against the \$2.8 in federal government tertiary education budget cuts, and assisted with crowd management as we walked from ANU to Andrew Leigh's office.

What is ANUSA? Week

- I was involved in the What is ANUSA? Week by:
 - o by attending the yoga class on Wednesday morning;
 - o assisting in the set up of the What is ANUSA? week Thursday night party, helping serve drinks, and warming up the dancefloor.

Student Services Australia Conference

- I attended the Student Services Australia Conference, organised by the Association for Tertiary Education Management, as a representative of the ANU. Although I wasn't in the end required to sit on the panel, I did make contacts with some ANU student administration staff who are interested in some feedback for the future development of their student administration plan.

GAC REPORT

Olivia Clark

GAC has been going fairly smoothly. We had a blitz two weeks ago to get everything done because there was a huge pile up. I need to say a massive thank you to Anirudh and AJ who are instrumental in getting GAC done efficiently, especially Anriudh who is an exceptionally hard worker.

We have spent \$27 651 and given out 91 grants. There has been strong interest in GAC this year but I think the process is still flawed for a number of reasons:

1. the process is geared towards smaller grants which does not encourage clubs and societies to have bigger events which include more people. Small grants are ok, but a lot of administrative work goes into processing grants for small figures like \$40 which I think could be avoided
2. that said, holding big events can be prohibitively expensive because students are expected to pay for things like venue hire and then get reimbursed. This presupposes that students have large amounts of money in their bank account or have a credit card. I think this is a terrible process and I want to rethink this.
3. Currently, it is way too difficult for students and time consuming for students to get printing done by ANUSA. I have met with ANU Printing about setting up a partnership with them so that same day printing could be done.

I think C&S would be more likely to hold bigger events if they didn't feel like that they had to foot the cost and then get reimbursed. In the holidays I am looking to significantly re-work GAC to make it more accessible and fair. Shan has been helping me by working on a questionnaire that we will send out to clubs and societies to see what they think the problems are with it.

