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MINUTES - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 6 2011

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011 -ANUSA Boardroom

**Attendance List:**

Leah Ginnivan – President of the Association  
Brody Warren – Vice-President of the Association  
Shaun Wykes – General Secretary of the Association  
Victor White – Treasurer of the Association  
Hannah Purdy – Social Officer of the Association  
Christian Dent – Education Officer of the Association

Penny Rumble – Queer\* Officer of the Association  
Kate McMurtrie – Womens Officer of the Association  
Angeline Tan – International Officer of the Association  
Isobel Morphy-Walsh – Indigenous Officer of the Association  
Stephanie Smythe – Disabilities Officer of the Association

Elaine Yi Li- General Representative  
Emily Bennett – General Representative  
Jamie Bryce- General Representative  
Emily Criticos- General Representative  
Maneka Sivanathin – General Representative  
Maea Lenei Buhre – General Representative  
Callum Brindley- General Representative  
Thomas Barrington-Smith – General Representative  
Shan Verne Liew – General Representative  
Skye Webb – General Representative  
Dallas Proctor – General Representative  
Sarah Jane Collum – General Representative

Faculty Representatives

Abby D’Cruz  
Fleur Hawes  
Simon Ngo  
Galvin Chia  
Mei Godfry-Yik  
Nakul Legha  
Ipshita Mondal  
Talha Baseer  
Nithiya Mohan

Ordinary Members

Alice McAvoy  
Pheobe Malcolmson  
Alex Clark  
Samanantha Teong  
Charmaine Yong

Vaibhav Sagar  
Melaanie McLeod  
Chris Karas  
Tara Mulholland  
Justin Steele  
Tom Brazier

Ben McMullin  
Ali French  
Kai Kamada-Laws  
Lillian Ward  
Sung Kew Yang

## Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting opened at: 6:07pm.

Apologies received from Roseanna Bricknell, Gabi Dutton and Jarrod Hulme-Jones.

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.

## Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising

**MOTION:** That the minutes from SRC 5 2011 be accepted.

**Moved:** Shaun Wykes

**Seconded:** Leah Ginnivan

**Motion passed.**

## Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising

### 3.1 Executive Reports

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

- Same report from CRC last week
- Housing Review going well – haven't done Ursies – visited all the other halls and colleges
- SSAF passed last week – now all are going to be working with the incoming team – working to get proposal through the university
- Metgasco – ANU was the 12<sup>th</sup> largest holder in Metgasco – campaign trying to get ANU to divest of their holdings in Metgasco – ANU is going to divest from Metgasco
- Housing Coop – people moving in on Friday – Fridge raiser parties
  - **Emily Criticos:** Look to Fenner and B&G for free stuff

*No questions*

**MOTION:** That the President's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Abby D'Cruz

**Seconded:** Fleur Hawes

**Motion passed.**

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

- Arts Centre meeting with NUTS following on from last SRC – ANUSA might be able to take over management of the Arts Centre
- Last Lecture – Week 13 – Ben Welling to give the lecture – last Thursday of term from 5pm
- Website – started to redirect properly – feedback has been positive – over holidays will transfer the bookshop – C&S also a priority
- DOI – representative from the library had not much to say about the merger – print quota will now be linked to student cards – Moodle upgrade next year – to be done in Winter session – all semester 1 stuff will be left until after sups are done

*Questions*

- **Vaibhav Sagar:** Are they replacing Wattle?
  - **Brody Warren:** We are on Moodle 1.96 at the moment, going to Moodle 2.1 or Moodle 2.2 – not much will change from a student perspective – going to add a few more features

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

**Moved:** Vaibhav Sagar

**Seconded:** Fleur Hawes

**Motion passed.**

*Chair passed to Brody Warren*

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

- Returning officer for ISD from a series of (unfortunate) events – no nominations yet – not sure how the elections will be conducted, maybe online due to ISD slackness
- SGM was today – Motion 1 failed - the other three motions about reaffirming our support passed
- The only remaining meeting for the year is the OGM next week

*No questions*

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

**Moved:** Simon Ngo

**Seconded:** Tara Mulholland

**Motion passed.**

*Chair returned to Shaun Wykes*

### 3.1.4 Treasurer's Report (V. White) [Reference D]

- SSAF passed parliament last week – Governor General will pass it into law soon – students will be charged \$256 for full time and slightly less for part time students – as it reads 30% has to go to democratically elected bodies – ANUSA's stance is that it should *all* go to democratically elected student bodies – meeting with all other Treasurers in student groups next Tuesday
- 2 documents floating around the room – proposed budget for 2012 and budget for 2011
- 2011 budget: running at more or less expected expenditure – nothing to highlight except that we would have liked to spend more
- 2012 Budget: sat down and talked about it, increasing Department funding to \$5000 a year, each department could have \$5000 a year and the rest allocated on means basis, \$5000 is a good baseline
  - Clubs and societies budget going up significantly
  - GAC Regulations talked about at last SRC, more money for clubs and societies
  - Environmental Machine – just a proposed idea
  - NUS going up significantly
  - Student productions line item going up significantly
  - Capital outlay – what ANUSA has not been doing
  - Percentage differences between this year and next years budget
- SSAF is coming back next year – shouldn't assume it will be around in 5 years time – so should plan for the future

*Questions*

- **Penny Rumble:** What about honorarium for Department Officers?
  - **Victor White:** Could be done at Collective meetings, funds are there if that wants to be done
- **Leah Ginnivan:** Might want to increase the O-Week and Bush Week budget?

- **Victor White:** Went hugely over the bush week and o-week budget, doesn't have relevance
- **Hannah Purdy:** Budget is an approximation
- **Vaibhav Sagar:** What about faculty camps?
  - **Victor White:** Faculty camps line item – a lot of the money for the faculty camps is trying to be covered by the university
  - **Alice McAvoy (POC):** Will be revised, max is \$12,000
- **Pheobe Malcolmson:** O-Week market day income gone up?
  - **Victor White:** Hannah made \$30,000 this year, always looks like social officer makes a loss but they do not
- **Fleur Hawes:** Did we factor in fac rep budgets?
  - **Victor White:** In the student outreach line item, it's up to change
- **Dallas Proctor:** Is this the final budget?
  - **Victor White:** Would have to be approved at the first OGM of 2012 as well

**MOTION:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Mei Godfrey-Yik

**Seconded:** Vaibhav Sagar

**Motion passed.**

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

- Handbook has been finalized – waiting for OGM to incorporate them into the Regulations
- Diary – now working with PARSA to create a joint diary – been really helpful – given half of the information and next week we will be finalizing the sponsorship
- Started to talk to Pheobe about next year but amping that up

*Questions*

- **Fleur Hawes:** With the Regulations Handbook is the illegal activities line still in there?
  - **Hannah Purdy:** Yes, but the regs can override the handbook in any disputes

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

**Mover:** Abby D'Cruz

**Seconded:** Steph Smythe

**Motion passed.**

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

- Will be out tomorrow ramming up support for the National Concession Card (Oktoberfest Day) – between 11am and 1pm tomorrow

*Questions*

- **Hannah Purdy:** Is letter writing an extension of the petition?
  - **Christian Dent:** Initially got 600-700 in Union Court and were sent to NUS, letter is an extra initiative.
- **Mei Godfrey-Yik:** Do you have copies of the letter in hard copy?
  - **Christian Dent:** Can get that later

*No questions.*

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

**Moved:** Thomas Barrington-Smith

**Seconded:** Victor White

**Motion passed.**

### 3.2 Department Reports

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

- Happy to take report as read

##### *Questions*

- **Fleur Hawes:** How's the organization for NOWSA going?
  - **Kate McMurtrie:** Good, trying to get a coherent list together
- **Fleur:** What is the date?
  - **Kate:** Around July 15 2012, Collective wants to do a lot with the Gender Institute
- **Isobel Morphy-Walsh:** Why are you working only with UniLodge on Women's Officer?
  - **Kate:** They are setting up a new process of implementing a Women's Officer
  - **Fleur:** Wanted to make sure it wasn't just an admin person making the decision

**MOTION:** That the Women's Department Report be accepted

**Mover:** Vaibhav Sagar

**Seconded:** Alice McAvoy

Motion passed.

#### 3.2.2 Queer\* Department Report (P. Rumble) [Reference H]

- Problems with the space - Trying to get a space in Griffin Hall – F&S were not interested in contacting Penny about that – will be without a space for the next few months – they are doing so much plumbing around there
- Proposal raised last month
- Fleur told me that when the Working Group put up the proposal – they shot it down and it didn't go the meeting

##### *Questions*

- **Leah Ginnivan:** What did the committee say?
  - **Leah Ginnivan (POC):** Penny tabled a report on making ANU a gender diverse university, took on a positive reception, ANU is setting up a policy reference group for where ANU has to take policies to make it real – it was at that group that the reaction was received
  - **Fleur Hawes:** Discussed towards the end, shut down by Joan Beaumont who thinks there is too much misunderstanding around the terms, doesn't think we should use any terms that aren't in Federal legislation – talking about Gender policy and Liz Deane got swept up in Beaumont
  - **Penny:** Terms are used by other universities policies – got them checked by Wayne Morgan
  - **Mei Godfrey-Yi:** Simon Rice came to College of Law meeting and said it went through Access and Equity and he was personally really impressed
- **Kate McMurtrie:** Is the space a complete write off?
  - **Penny Rumble:** New fridge needed, lots of plumbing work, space will be useable
- **Galvin Chia:** Good to see Ally training sessions are back up – what will they be like?
  - **Penny Rumble:** Go for half a day, prepares people for someone knocking on their door who doesn't know what to do – talk about confidentiality – not that intensive

- **Isobel Morphy-Walsh:** Heard through traps you were covering financial things for the Space? How will you be reimbursed?
  - **Penny Rumble:** Taking care of plumbing – they said they would reimburse
  - **Isobel:** Is it a university or collective fund issue?
  - **Penny:** Used collective funds that collective would be reimbursed
- **Maea Lenei Buhre:** Have you considered contacting sexuality officers in the colleges for Ally training?
  - **Penny:** Good idea!
- **Leah Ginnivan:** Have they responded to Leah’s email about reimbursement?
  - **Penny:** No!
- **Fleur Hawes:** Will Ally program be part of SR training for 2012?
  - **Penny Rumble:** Heard that is what Luce is trying to do – name goes online as an Ally
  - **Fleur:** Is an opt in thing to have online?
- **Emily Criticos:** Adding on to sexuality officers – something to do would be to create a group with sexuality officers next year
- **Abby D’Cruz:** Going on from financial woes – seems if F&S are fobbing people off is there a way to get more weight behind this?
  - **Penny:** Really hard – tried to turn up to F&S but you can’t get into their office and you can’t see anyone
  - **Brody:** Can go through Marketing stairs

**MOTION:** That the Queer\* Department Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Simon Ngo

**Seconded:** Kate McMurtire

**Motion passed.**

### 3.2.3 International Students’ Department Report (A. Tan) [Reference I]

- Nominations are open for ISD elections – email sent out to all international students that they will be held from 31 Oct-2 Nov – know personally of people that are trying to run and they might submit their nominations tomorrow – if there is lots of competition it won’t be online

#### *Questions*

- **Leah Ginnivan:** What will happen if no one nominates?
  - **Fleur Hawes:** They will nominate!
- **Leah Ginnivan:** Organizing migration workshop with Don?
  - **Angeline Tan:** No, through other avenues.
- **Galvin Chia:** How has constitution changes gone?
  - **Angeline:** Trying, but not enough people coming to meeting.

**MOTION:** That the International Students’ Department Report be accepted.

**Mover:** Vaibhav Sagar

**Seconded:** Penny Rumble

**Motion passed.**

### 3.2.4 Indigenous Students' Department (L. Morphy-Walsh) [Reference J]

- Put around 12 copies of the report – nothing to report – financially nothing has changed since last SRC
- Had a student complaint about how a head of hall had spoken to them but don't know where the appropriate way to answer complaint is
  - **Leah:** Go to Luce, but if that doesn't work you can go further up
- No one has attended meetings – trying to get around via email lists – assume it is because exams are coming up
- Looking to have a stall during O-Week

#### *Questions*

- **Fleur Hawes:** How hard it is to get meeting quorum? Will you have a stall in N-Week?
  - **Isobel Morphy-Walsh:** There is a day in N-Week but the issue was this year there was no Indigenous Officer

**MOTION:** That the Indigenous Students' Department Report be accepted

**Moved:** Ben McMullin

**Seconded:** Steph Smythe

**Motion passed.**

### 3.2.5 Disabilities Department (S. Smythe) [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

#### *Questions*

- **Alice McAvoy:** Few people have said that some students with disabilities can go to 2 subjects and still be full time?
  - **Steph Smythe:** Could have a letter written by the university to Centrelink. Also requires letter from a doctor.
- **Tom Barrington-Smith:** More of an open question, where did we end up wrong advice?
  - **Steph Smythe:** If you get wrong advice you have to go to the Head of the Disabilities Centre – but students won't put their name to it

**MOTION:** That the Disabilities Department Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Kate McMurtire

**Seconded:** Vaibhav Sagar

**Motion passed.**

### 3.2.6 Grants and Affiliation's Committee (H. Purdy) [Reference L]

- Don't have much money left – but this will be okay considering the turn out last week – only 4 people, and usually have 10 sessions – everyone is dribbling off in their requests
- Robogals – nationally affiliated group, looking to talk to year 12 girls to encourage them to pursue engineering at university

#### *Questions*

- **Vaibhav Sagar:** Would this be good for Engineering reps to have more involvement with Robogals next year?

- **Hannah Purdy:** They said they want to be a stall at O-Week next to Engineering

**MOTION:** That the Grants and Affiliation's Committee Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Jamie Bryce

**Seconded:** Leah Ginnivan

**Motion passed.**

### 3.2.7 Education Committee [Reference M]

- Last meeting was celebrating the passing of the SSAF
- Talked about international student visas

*No questions.*

**MOTION:** That the Education Committee Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Maea Lenei Buhre

**Seconded:** Abby D'Cruz

**Motion passed.**

### 3.2.8 Environment Officers Report

*Sean is not present and did not submit a report. He did not submit a report to the last SRC either. This may become problematic if it continues in 2012.*

## **Item 4: Items for Resolution**

### **4.1 Executive Outcomes**

The Executive to present their goals and achievements from 2011 as per the resolution passed at Student Representative Council 5 2011.

#### **Leah Ginnivan - President**

- Huge year, dealt with so many different issues that trying to remember them all has been a problem
- Wanted to do more project work and spend more time on projects – but as it turned out it was very hard – no-one else in the university has to deal with the same breadth of issues as the President of ANUSA
- Main jobs of the ANUSA President:
  - Attend official university meeting – Leah is on about 15 meetings (having delegated a lot)
  - Unofficial meetings – with members of staff etc
  - Regular meetings with PVC for Students and Dean of Students
  - 15 job interview panels – academic mentors etc
  - ANUSA admin – cheques, employing etc
  - Spokesperson Duties – media representation and media work
  - ANUSA Council and Exec meetings
  - 40-50 emails a day
  - Residential things they are invited to
- All of those things are important for what ANUSA does – important for broader community when talking about broader issues



- ANUSA Pres could be 40-50 hours a week without anything extra
- Not very much institutional support – having Brody around has been great
- Other organizations would have a team of people to summarize documents, research etc – normally falls onto President
- A lot more non-project stuff then expecting – had to come to terms with things
- Challenges: big expectations, not much support, Pres as first point of contact, huge work load, diverse set of issues to deal with
- Personal issues: dealing with scrutiny with the job
- Main projects wanted to get done:
  - Housing co-op = done!
  - Make Housing a bigger issue = ANUSA housing review, UniLodge tender, closing of Lyneham Halls without consultation, hiking of tariffs without consultation
  - Dodgy café employer – everyone knows about it now, but not resolved
  - Neighbourhood Day – hopefully it continues next year
  - Safety Campaign – started earlier and in review process – but will continue in November
- Prioritized accessibility – HvZ, EKTA’s Holly festival etc
- A lot of people have given positive feedback on that
- Hard to reconcile being friendly and getting things done
- Could have done more:
  - Didn’t strategize major/minors issues
  - Spending more time as a team – haven’t talked about how to attack the issue – ANUSA meetings are not the best forum but it is important that ANUSA finds a way to utilize amazing human power
  - Building institutional knowledge about workings of the university – want to forget all know about the university – important for everyone else to know – boring unless you deal with it first hand
- Next year:
  - A lot of the issues at the beginning of the year was not knowing what was to get done– explain to incoming team and strategize about how to get things done
  - Do more fun stuff –didn’t really get to do too much stuff outside the ANUSA realm with reps
  - Meeting vibes – important that people think that meetings have a point – put more of a priority on finding a point to meetings
- Personal reflection: campaigned on achievable things, but spent time on getting little wins – wanted to make sure that exec were friends at the end
- Most challenging and exhausting year of my life – learnt more than every expected to
- View of the university changed – thought they would be equal partners in knowledge – disappointing learning university does not do things this way – part of the role

**PROCEDURAL MOTION:** That we suspend Standing Orders so long as to allow a group photo of ANUSA 2011 to be taken outside.  
**Moved:** Victor White  
**Seconded:** Sarah Jane Collum  
**Motion passed.**

Brody Warren – Vice President

- Much of role was related to Leah’s role
- Preface it: being the Secretary of Johns did take up much more time than thought it would

- Goals:
  - Related to ANUSA engagement
  - Incorporation – took a lot longer than thought
  - Website – upload, transfer etc – DOI is very slow getting to do things, ultimately pleased with what has happened – ANUSA Merch can be purchased online, Bookshop etc – iPhone version of the website will be available
  - Election Forum – wanted to do it – not very well attended – if we had tried again it would have been better (BBQs during elections etc)
  - Mailing list with fortnightly newsletter – ANU invented “Whats On” but can’t get ANU student e-mails due to privacy
  - All Student Emails – fun poems – paper chain, mailing list “opt-in” will be implemented into ISIS – same as Union – sort of win for a mailing list
- What came up:
  - Commencement – spent a lot of summer on that – random things came up – good for learning hierarchy of the university – didn’t think it would be as much work
  - Last Lecture – voting process is annoying – Apollo is the devil
  - ANUSA Survey – Emily Bennett has collated the information – cc’d in PVC said they would have data by the end of the week
  - ANU hates: wireless, parking – every new ANUSA brings it up, documented proposal could be better
  - Fixed BBQ in Union Court – shot down in Campus Planning and Development
  - SSAF – had no idea what was going on in December – but thanks to Vic and Leah there is much more scope to fight for what was good
  - Theatre – popped up recently – pass on to next year
- Would have liked:
  - Look at exchange
  - Student space will be a good space to direct comments in the future
- Personal level: number of committees was a surprise
- Academic appeals were time consuming
- Wouldn’t do it again but wouldn’t change it and had a great year

*Chair handed over to Hannah Purdy.*

#### Shaun Wykes – General Secretary

- Interesting role. Hugely computer based. Everything is based on typing minutes.
- 20 MEETINGS! It takes awhile to become comfortable in the role. Definitely gained confidence. Its about knowing the room and being more inclusive. Remy coming along was a great example of this.
- Writing minutes is a fun process I guess you could say. CREATING HISTORY. Hard to find the line with the standing orders between having an engaging meeting and pushing items along. Sometimes you have no choice but to be strict and this can be disappointing.
- Disputes committee & attendance: everyone was successful in their disputes. As a result – motion for gen sec to have more discretion in this process is being put up at the next OGM
- Constitution: took a fair bit of time. Unfortunate mistake was my biggest ‘regret’. Overall, good to be incorporated and its not impossible to amend.
- Newsletter and Election forum– problems arose but still can be improved.

- Overall: a great year, learnt a lot, never want to be a secretary ever again. Leah and Brodes were the bomb. Difficult with over commitment (work etc) which was disappointing as this meant was not around to help Leah as much as would have liked.

*Chair handed back to Shaun Wykes.*

#### Victor White - Treasurer

- Don't think he did enough to help out Leah and Brody – don't know how to make it better
- ANU Radio – did get a radio show but it went mostly to Woroni
- Biggest thing – SSAF – was a matter of sitting and waiting for it to come back – Liz Deane has slapped her own brand of logic on it – got all democratically elected student organizations together – got an in principle guarantee from the VC that it will go to democratically elected student organizations but might not mean anything if we don't get it achieved
- Improve the book keeping – people who sign the cheques are not the people who record it – trialed MYOB with Eleanor but it doesn't work – need to develop and it needs a lot more work
- ANUSA does not have a long term strategic plan - \$750,000 in the bank – got a 6.3% interest rate now – would be keen to sit down and get a perspective on what the money can do for 5 years, 10 years
- Treasurer should be a lot more involved with GAC when Union Rep didn't turn up
- The fight remains the SSAF – need to resolve
- Great time this year – Brody, Leah and Shaun + Purdy + Christian with Ed Con have done well with outreach – ANUSA was damaged – we increased the brand value of ANUSA – hopefully the Annual Report will increase what ANUSA can do – Brody and Leah do it at such a small level

#### Hannah Purdy – Social Officer

- It is weird thing to make up what you are going to do next year – we were quite naïve
- Failures:
  - Didn't do Feature Weeks – had no idea about timing etc
- Advertising events – Calendar and website – hopefully by end of year that will be good
- Main role has been through GAC – ANUSA needs to continue the advisory role – rather than the Social Officer running the Kenny Koala visits it is important that the Social Officer supports clubs and societies
- Didn't realize how much time clubs and societies would take up – 3-4 hours a fortnight answering emails - Clubs and Societies want authority from Social Officer
- O-Week and Bush Week:
  - O-Week couldn't have been any better – filled with feeling of anxiety which was her constant state over three months – really anxious to make it work because had seen how it could fail
  - ANU has the most intense Bush Weeks and O-Weeks – more events than anyone – Sydney Uni has two days and one night party
  - Changed Bush Week format – for people that participated it was good

#### Christian Dent – Education Officer

- Having been on ANUSA last year with Purdy – very positive experience this year
- Overall there has been a massive turnaround since last year – had a lot of people say that ANUSA is doing really well and image has been turned around and knowledge of what ANUSA is doing has gone up
- Personally:
  - Time management has been a problem with working and being a Senior Resident –stopped from doing things outside the portfolio which has been a failure on his behalf

- Achievements:
  - Role of Education Officer – Youth Allowance isn't perfect (can't say it was a failure for us though)
  - Submissions: Base Funding, International Student Visa Review, Youth Allowance
  - Institutional knowledge of higher education industry took six months to understand
  - Deregulation is a complex issue – difficult issue
- A lot of the role was letting people know what is happening – understanding what is going on – good to let people know what is going on
- Would have liked to get Gen Reps involved earlier – especially with the Base Funding review – and had to figure it out within a week – would have liked to delegate it more
- National Day of Action – should have started earlier – not as many people in Union Court as would have hoped
- Gen Rep issue as a whole – no need for a formal structure – get Gen Reps involved earlier
- NUS – interesting organization – absolutely necessary however

#### **Item 5: Other Business**

**MOTION:** To congratulate ANUSA 2011 on a wonderful year.

**Moved:** Fleur Hawes

**Seconded:** Tom Barrington-Smith

**Motion passed.**

#### **Item 6: Date of next meeting and close**

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council will be held in 2012 at a time to be determined by the 2012 General Secretary.

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Leah Ginnivan

My apologies for today's SRC and welcome to any ANUSA 2012 reps that are visiting- and congrats on your election. Also apologies; a short report from me today.

The main things taking up my time at the moment are:

Housing Review: This has been going really well, with our consultations so far at Bruce, B&G, Burgmann, Johns, Griffin and the ULs on Monday/Tuesday. Residents are keen to talk, the Crust pizza helps too. I think we will have a lot of great material for our report to combine with our survey data. The other plus is we get to talk to resses about what's going on in the residences.

Libraries: A leaked email from the acting University Librarian has said the relocation is going ahead, which was before students and staff were told by the VC. A review has happened but Fleur/Galv can speak to this more in their reports. I'm asking the VC to attend to explain the review as I'm pretty sure the Uni Librarian did not have much to do with it.

SSAF: By the time you read this, the Student Services and Amenities Fee legislation may have passed. I spoke with the VC about it last week and he is mainly cool with the proposal we put forward, there are still some things to be discussed so we will go talk them over with him next week.

Tariffs: Areti from PARSA and I went to raise our concerns about the entire tariff process. While the VC is open to not hiking tariffs by as much if savings in expenditure can be made (and agrees that it is dicey to make students of today/tomorrow pay for mismanagement in the past), my sense is the university wants halls to pay for themselves. There is a tariff meeting on Wednesday so someone at CRC can probably update you.

ANU Metgasco: The EC's Tom "Dinty" Stayner, and Fleur and Alice (ANUSA 2012) and I sent an email to the VC requesting a meeting re: the ANU's \$1m investment in Metgasco, an environmentally dubious Coal Seam Gas company. No word as yet.

ANUSA Blog? This is something I thought of the other week. Facebook is ok but it doesn't allow much space, hilarious though our statuses are IMO. A blog could be a good way to get what we're doing on the record and be hip to the jive. Nothing's happened yet but I'd be interested to hear what reps think.

Penny Rumble: Awesome job! We awarded Penny an organic chemistry set for making a massive report about how to make ANU better for GLBTIQ students. It was discussed at University Access and Equity Committee and was accepted: we need to make a sub group now to implement some of the bigger changes (like the non-discriminatory language policy)

Canberra Student Housing Co-Op: Move in date is late October, we are having open day on Monday and I am super excited. We need more directors as I am leaving and getting out of this crazy mixed up town, once and for all, in December. Do YOU want to MAKE HISTORY? Probs- email [canberracoop@gmail.com](mailto:canberracoop@gmail.com) to learn more.

Lastly, thanks guys for a great year. It's been pretty full on at times but I feel really lucky to have been able to work with such rad people in CRC. See you before end of semester!

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Brody Warren

**SSAF**

As most of you will be aware by now, the SSAF has passed through the Federal Parliament. We will now be able to talk concretely and no longer be dealing with hypotheticals with the University, so things are looking good on this front.

**Arts Centre**

Following from Remy's presentation and our discussion at SRC two weeks ago, I've started a bit of an investigation into the management of the Arts Centre. Basically, while it may be too late to fight the "de-emphasising" of Drama in the Academic program, we still have a chance to give proper support to theatre as a co-curricular pursuit. The SSAF money may even allow us to take over management of the Arts Centre in the long-term, but for the moment we're just looking into the feasibility of it all. I'm arranging meetings with the NUTS executive and F&S accordingly.

**Last Lecture**

Will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Thursday Evening Week 13). We received 40 lecturer nominations and over 700 votes this year, and Dr Ben Wellings from CASS has come out on top. I'll be sorting out the finer details with PARSA and the Dean of Students in the coming weeks.

P.S. Alice has started on Commencement organisation – so get excited!

**Website + Branding**

You may have noticed that our sa.anu.edu.au site has now started redirecting. Pretty much all the basic information that people need is on the new site and feedback so far has been fantastic, but it's obviously a work in progress. We're now looking forward to getting Clubs and Societies to begin making full use of the site and the Bookshop to move largely to an online system. The blog idea that Leah has mentioned will hopefully come to fruition – but may be more of a forum style thing.

**Other Relevant Info from Committees**

I have begun handover chats with Alice, and she will be joining me on my final round of committee meetings.

*UAEC (University Access and Equity Committee)*

I would also like to echo Leah's congratulations to the awesome Penny Rumble for repping it up at University Access and Equity Committee last week with her proposal to better support LGBTIQ students and staff. The committee endorsed it, but now we've just got to work on getting them to implement it.

There's also a presentation next week to an Equity Subcommittee that I am a part of, which will talk about dealing racial issues in Universities and education, delivered by the Senior Diversity Officer from the University of Western Australia, and helping the ANU address them in initiatives for 2012. Isobel has agreed to come along as well so that should be fantastic.

*DOI (Division of Information)*

There was some talk of the proposal and specifics for the Arts/Music Libraries merger, again I've been assured that no part of the collection will be being taking away to the repository... I'm sure Fleur and Galvin will be able to tell you more about the decisions made for the higher echelons of the Uni.

DOI is also about to start implementing the new print quota system, where print quota will be linked to student cards. This will hopefully be ready for 2012.

The Moodle upgrade (aka Wattle) will be now taking place in the Winter Session 2012. There will be some transitional measures where students will have to log in to a separate "Wattle" for Semester 2 courses, but the Semester 1 course information on the current Wattle site will be left up until after the supplementary exams have finished.

*CPDC (Campus Planning and Development Committee)*

This meeting was cancelled, for some unknown reason, last week by the Chair. The next one is on 1<sup>st</sup> December so both Alice and I will be attending for the changeover.

**FINALLY - THANK YOU ALL FOR AN AWESOME YEAR! AND WELCOME AND ALL THE BEST TO THE 2012 REPS!**

**GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Shaun Wykes

International Student Department Elections

By an unusual turn of events I have become the Returning Officer for the ISD Elections. The International Student Office is still trying to determine if they have the capacity to run them online, otherwise the polling may be held in the ANUSA Boardroom as in previous years. I have currently had one question about the elections.

Special General Meeting

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October a group of student came to the ANUSA Office to give in a petition for a Special General Meeting. The meeting will already be held by the time this report is discussed at the SRC and we will see how it turned out. If you are reading this beforehand: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 12 noon in Union Court.

ANUSA Elections

Elections went off without too many problems and the Returning Officers report is ready to present and be accepted at the OGM.

Meetings

The remaining meetings for the semester are the SGM, SRC and OGM.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Victor White

**Student Services Amenities Fee**

Praise be to whatever higher being that you choose to believe in, but the Student Services Amenities Fee passed last week. We have set up a meeting with Liz Deane and the Vice-Chancellor for next week to push for 100% of funding received under SSAF to be passed on to a newly formed committee, the Student Services Committee. This would have a majority of students from democratically elected student organisations with two or three representatives from the university.

**Budget for 2012**

I had a meeting with Fleur and Dallas last week about the budget for 2012. There are some major spending initiatives here that I will let them answer questions about. As such, we have a budget projection that will be handed out at the SRC. This budget will be using projected SSAF figures.

**Annual Report**

This is coming along nicely. Angus Heslop is providing design for this. If you haven't provided reports I will publicly name and shame you in this meeting.

**Students' Association Financial Position**

Please find copies of this year's financials floating around. I will discuss this in further detail at meeting.

**SOCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

Hannah Purdy

**Regulations:**

After feedback from last weeks meeting and following emails, the regulations will be altered at the OGM to incorporate the new handbook.

**Diary**

We are now working with PARSA to create a joint-diary. Thus the order has been slightly delayed but will still arrive before O Week. PARSA are contributing financially and emotionally.

**Handover**

Have begun talking to the 2012 Social Officer Phoebe Malcolm about Orientation Week directors and the week itself.

**EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT**

Christian Dent

**Housing Review**

These are winding up now, and we'll be compiling a submission/report soon. On Tuesday Emily Bennett conducted a Forum at Fenner Hall. Thanks Em for helping out.

**National Student Concession Card**

Following Education Committee last Wednesday, we'll be hosting a stall in Union Court on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of October, getting students to sign pre-written letters to their local MPs, which we'll then send out. If anyone wants to help out, come visit us in Union Court between 11am and 1pm on your way to Oktoberfest.

**International Education Advisory Council**

Senator the Hon Christopher Evans announced the creation of the International Education Advisory Council. This has been created following the review of International Student Visa's, to which ANUSA made a submission to. The council will advise the federal government on developing a new long term strategy for the International Education Sector. International Students form a very important part of University life, and it is important that the government develops a long term plan to try to reverse the significant drop in International Student enrolments.

**Annual Report**

I've written up my annual report, outline the main things I've done and achieved this year as Education Officer.

**Thank You**

Thanks and congratulations to everyone for a fantastic year at ANUSA this year. I believe that all the reps have worked hard in achieving many wins for students (: As a former gen rep, is been really encouraging to see the gen reps very involved with the activities of the association. Good luck to Tom next year, and the rest of the 2012 ANUSA.

**WOMENS OFFICER'S REPORT**

Kate McMurtrie

UniLodge Womens Officer Appointments

Last week Renee Jones and I met with Cameron Bestwick, the current President of the UniLodge Residents Association to discuss the future of the appointment process for the UniLodge Womens Officers.

Collective Clothes Swap

The Collective ran a clothes swap event in the Student Space. It was a really lovely event and there were a lot of donations. The Collective hopes to run a similar event in O Week next year. Thanks to everyone who helped make it such a success.

Celebrate Choice

Renee Jones ran an event to counter the Cupcakes for Life event that occurs on the 12th of October in America with a pro-choice cupcake day.

Collective Meeting

The Collective voted to officially endorse the ANU Safety on Campus Campaign and congratulate those who have been involved on their efforts. The Collective has also approached the VC with the possibility of him becoming a White Ribbon Ambassador which was one of the recommendations from the Talk About It Survey results.

**Expenditure**

\$30 for the Collective Clothes Swap

## QUEER\* OFFICER'S REPORT

Penny Rumble

This last month we've had the usual regular events, plus a new and improved movie + pizza night – it was really well attended and a lot of fun. We'll have to have a think about an appropriate venue for the next one as the queer space is stuffed again (see below).

### **Pride Week!**

We've got plenty on the schedule for this week as it's Pride Week, Pride Week, gotta get down on Pride Week – coffee on Monday, picnic and balloon release for mental health on Tuesday in union court at noon (straight pals welcome), debate at Unilodge on Thursday, and Queer Ball on Friday.

### **Ally**

FYI the first Ally training session will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October – if you're up for it email [ally@anu.edu.au](mailto:ally@anu.edu.au) and help make the ANU a GLBTIQ-friendly place to study and work.

### **Harassment in Civic and the ANU Bar**

At the last collective meeting we had a chat about a spate of recent homophobic incidents involving ANU students, some of them very worrying; we're brainstorming what to do about this. Ideas included writing to the bar and club owners, tipping off the police when people get threatened or followed, and running a Facebook group where people can post what's happened to them and where so that people can see which places are more or less GLBTIQ-friendly.

### **Equal marriage campaign**

Watch this space – a few collective members are putting something together which should be public in the next fortnight.

### **The Spacepocalypse/Homogeddon saga continues**

So, we've gone from water leak, to fixed, to water leak, to fixed, to sewage leak, to fixed, to sewage exploding out of our kitchenette sink last Thursday in what can only be described as a shit fountain. In light of this, we are trying to put more pressure on Facilities and Services to relocate us sooner rather than later. We've had a very disappointing response, but we'll almost certainly move over the summer. They're yet to rip out the sink, but the carpet's cleaned so you can go in there. I wouldn't spend time in there. Bad memories.

### **Spending:**

\$108.20 on pizza for the movie night (GAC funded), \$76 on pizza for the last meeting (non GAC funded)  
\$28.10 on post-spacepocalypse recovery coffee  
\$345 on badge parts  
\$25.10 on printing  
\$39 on stationery and painting supplies  
\$92.30 on Pride Week brunch  
\$237 on a sticker maker and cartridges  
\$1000 so far on Queer Ball

Total = \$1950.70

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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Angeline Tan

1. ISD elections have been organized and will be expected to take place on 31<sup>st</sup> October-3<sup>rd</sup> November. We are trying to discuss for possible options for voting methods with the International Education Office.
  2. We are organizing a legal migration seminar which will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> October (2pm-3pm) in the Manning Clarke Centre. The seminar will be outlining the recent changes in the laws for international students' visa upon graduation and the processes to gain permanent residency for international students.
  3. A handover ceremony will be organized to ensure a smooth handover to the new committee which will be elected in week 13.
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**INDIGENOUS STUDENT DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Isobel Morphy-Walsh

**Financial Report**

No more withdrawals have been made since last SRC. There is a draft budget for next year. Yet due to lack of meeting attendance it will now attempted to be circulated and approved via the dept through email.

**O week event**

Plans have begun regarding having an event in O-week next year.

**Recruitment**

Despite it slightly not fitting in with the Indig Depts. objectives, members of the Dept have been on a number of recruitment events this year. In particular there have been school talks in Sydney which I have attended and a few others. Furthermore I will be speaking to two groups of Indig students next Friday.

**DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Steph Smythe

**Personal Complaints**

There are a few complaints which are yet to be resolved with regards to the actions and advice given by the centre over the past few months. One complaint has been resolved this week but there are still two outstanding which will take some time. I have spoken with some staff about resolving these issues but at this stage they are gaining further information before getting back to me. Incorrect advice given by advisors has been a problem this year and I will hopefully be working with staff over the next month to ensure that every advisor is trained appropriately and have all the correct information before advising students.

**DSC Relations**

The relationship between the department and the centre has always been difficult and this year has proved to be no different with the exception of the department's inclusion on the new disability sub-committee. I am hoping that this inclusion and a better understanding of the working relationship between the two will help to foster a more positive relationship. There is beginning to become a better understanding with DSC as to what the department does and this has been reflected with improved relations over the past month. The next month is going to be spent creating a better structural relationship with DSC to help ensure that next year's department does not encounter the same difficulties.

**A word of thanks!**

It has been a pleasure to be a part of the ANUSA team this year and I want to thank everyone for their support and understanding throughout what was a rather difficult year for me personally. I wish next year's next the best of luck and may they enjoy being a part of the team as much as I have.



**GRANTS AND AFFILIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Hannah Purdy

**Grants since last meeting:**

Queer\* Department  
\$550 for three social events

\$1945 capital expenditure and Pride Week

ANU Management Consulting Association  
\$150

iDiscount  
\$225

ACYA  
\$160

Arabic Society  
\$168

ANU Classics Society  
\$100

French Collective  
\$400

Fenner School Society  
\$800

**Affiliated:** Robogals

We only have around 1000 dollars remaining!

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Christian Dent

**Meetings**

At our last meeting we opened a metaphorical bottle of champagne to celebrate the passing of the Student Services and Amenities Fee through the Senate! Whilst we didn't get all the changes to the legislation that we'd campaigned and lobbied for, overall we are still extremely happy with it.

We also discussed the International Student Visa review. The recommendations and changes the government will implement are very positive.

Lastly we talked about the recent review of Student Income Support. Whilst overall it was quite positive, there are some recommendations which are concerning, such as looking to an income contingent loan scheme for student welfare payments.

**Thank You**

Thanks to everyone who has attended education committee this year. Not only have you saved me from sitting awkwardly by myself during meetings, but we've also had some productive discussions and campaigns on higher education issues. Good luck to next year's committee.

**Expenditure**

Education Committee has spent \$256.00 this year. The majority of this was spent on the National Day of Action.

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