



MINUTES STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 6 2012

Wednesday 5th September 2012

6pm, ANUSA Boardroom

Executive

Dallas Proctor – President of the Association
Alice McAvoy- Vice President of the Association
Rashid Kazak- Treasurer of the Association
Tara Mulholland- General Secretary

Faculty Representatives

Vaibhav Sagar
Matthew Birtwistle
William Gort
Tom Brazier
Junyan Tan
Yasmin Masri
Sascha Silberstein

General Representatives

Charmaine Yong
Jeff Sun
Matilda Gillis
Harry Wall
Meg Lane
Samantha Teong
Edward Byrne
Liam Jermyn
Thomas Nock
Lillian Ward
Alex Clark

Department Officers

Renee Jones
Cheryl Cheam
Christopher Karas
Ray Yoshida (Proxy)

Ordinary Members

Tasman Vaughan
Aleks Sladojevic
Galvin Chia
Stephanie Lun
Jennifer Taylor
Beth Ritchie
Muhammad Suraidi
Shan Verne Liew
Carl Reinecke
Eric Chan
Sophia Stanley
Mark Rowe

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting Open at 6:12pm

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.

I have received apologies from: Stuart Ferrie, Ben McMullin, Amanda Joyce-Neilson, Tom Barrington Smith, Phoebe Malcolm and Cameron Wilson

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising

No Questions

MOTION: That the minutes from the SRC5 2012 be accepted.

Moved: Tara Mulholland

Seconded: Vaibhav Sagar

Motion passed

Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising

3.1.1 President's Report (D. Proctor) [Reference A]

- Welcome to Meg, Liam and Ed
- Biggest thing that I learnt from the Union's trip to Melbourne is that we don't have many staff. At other universities elected representatives are not expected to be in the office as much
- I am recommending that we hire 4 new staff, threat's something for next years ANUSA to think about- Clubs and Societies Training, Media and Communications,
- I think we need to build our relationship with the Union, delegating finances to them, if we pay them it will be cheaper than paying 4 people
- The other unions have really good reception areas, I'd love to hear how we can make ours beautiful
- DOI billed us for \$9,000 we're not paying that
- F&S haven't spent any of their SSAF yet, we'll use that to argue that we should get more

Questions

- **Sascha Silberstein:** In regards to your views on staff, what has changed your mind from last week's OGM? Last week you were reluctant to hire someone.
 - **Dallas Proctor:** My perception of what ANUSA is has changed, I saw how professional the other organisations are.
- **Sascha Silberstein:** How much policy can get through when you do have staff?
 - **Dallas Proctor:** It depends who manages the staff, if the president is managing them then they can really help with policy. ANUSA could have an advocacy officer that briefs the President or caseworkers helping with welfare and doing research on the side.

- **Galvin Chia:** Can you go through the things about tariffs that you mentioned in the report
 - **William Gort:** *Point of clarification.* The rents are increasing 6%, which includes a 3.6% increase and a maintenance levy each year. That will cover the things that have to happen immediately.
- **Galvin Chia:** How did they get from 60 million to 20 million
 - **William Gort:** Professor Young looked at the document, a lot of the recommendations are good but not necessary improvements for the halls and colleges. They broke the document down and decided to focus on upgrading things that threaten safety. This significantly reduced the cost
- **Tasman Vaughan:** Flesh out how you see the movement of finances from here to the Union?
 - **Dallas Proctor:** Eleanor is great but she has had to learn book keeping herself. As for the treasurer you can't rely on them to be a trained accountant. We could get a CPA qualified accountant in here to do everything cost around \$100,000 to be shared with PARSA and Woroni. It might be easier at the Union
- **Aleks Sladojevic:** At Melbourne there is a Union and a Students' Association, the Union does the finance for the SA.
 - **Dallas Proctor:** At ANU the Union has four full time finance people, they are thinking of getting rid of people, if we transfer our finances over to them it will save us money and mean that four people will be working on our finances
- **Harry Wall:** Does that mean that ANUSA would share the cost?
 - **Dallas Proctor:** We'd pay for it, the money for the accountant is partly provided by SSAF.
- **Galvin Chia:** Talk about hiring staff, looks like it would have come out of the exec review.
 - **Rashid Kazak:** We haven't been able to conduct an executive review this year. We had it planned but this year hasn't provided the right circumstances for the review.
- **Galvin Chia:** Given the amount of dust that communication officer kicked up do you think people will be happy to hire more staff?
 - **Dallas Proctor:** We're only starting to discuss this, we're not going to do anything on the fly. Also looking at other successful organisations is a really reasonable way to implement changes
 - **Shan Verne Liew:** we are planning to do student consultations
- **Tasman Vaughan:** What happens if F&S do not spend there money
 - **Dallas Proctor:** That money gets rolled over into next year

MOTION: That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Rashid Kazak

Motion passed

3.1.2 Vice President's Report (A. McAvoy) [Reference B]

- DOI are trialling longer library opening hours
- Monday-Thursday (Law Chifley and Hancock), there will be security guards in place of librarians
- School of Cultural inquiry is going to be split up into
 - **Renee Jones:** *Point of Clarification*. Where is gender studies going?
 - **Yasmin Masri:** They're not cutting courses, just moving them around
- Soon Iain Young will be the oldest member of Chancelry
- We spoke to Marni about Liz Deane's role, it's going to be remodelled into PVC student experience.
- Marni will be taking over the SSAF negotiations
- University Holiday Program has been quashed – they're looking at other proposals (not to take effect until 2014) that include moving graduation dates
- Safety on Campus some progress with Luce, get it rolling again
- Aleks and I met with Gesima she's working on a mental health plan, dealing with the more complicated issues that the Councelling Centre has to deal with.
- UEC: Grade distributions in Law

Questions

- **Galvin Chia:** What is the mental health research plan?
 - **Alice McAvoy:** Bringing together different areas, mental health crisis worker, we wanted this role but we couldn't fill it, CRCC had a funding cut, part of this mental health launch will be lobbying politicians
- **Cheryl Cheam:** What about unisafe with late night library opening
 - **Alice McAvoy:** I'll look into it

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

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Harry Wall

Motion passed

3.1.3 General Secretary's Report (T. Mulholland) [Reference C]

Chair passed to Rashid Kazak

- A few things, constitutional amendments due by 25th Sep.
- I made a 2013 ANUSA contact list, make sure you meet up with the new you.
- Isobel resigned.
- Union reforms, wrong date, should be the 11th of October at 4:00pm. Need 100 people. Constitution hasn't been changed in 14 years.

Questions

- **Galvin Chia:** Who is going to handle the 2012 publication?
 - **Tara Mulholland:** We're going to do it our selves, everyone start writing their reports for the publication.

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

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Sascha Silberstein

Motion passed

3.1.3 Treasurer's Report (R. Kazak) [Reference D]

- Shan and I are going to meet up
- Financial accountability meeting
- Investigation nothing to update at this point
- ComBiz, looking at moving our accounts from Netbank to ComBiz, we're going to sit down with Commonwealth Bank to talk about costings.
- Financial position, we are under budget for the year, a lot of the money hasn't been spent, down to a few reasons, GAC is something that we should do more promotion about, not compared to previous years but compared to the amount of money allocated.
- Colleges O-week tickets, negotiated a reduced rate.

Questions

- **Aleks Sladojevic:** Hiring of a finance officer- ANUSA, PARSA and Woroni?
 - **Rashid Kazak:** Split that across the 4, Union applied for 2 million SSAF and they got \$0. The union have a system in place, and if we were to bring in a new system, when the net effect is sort of the same. ANUSA would use them more than student media and PARSA. The biggest question is \$110,000, not sure whether there is a year's worth of work to do at that price.
- **Aleks Sladojevic:** Would it be possible to get them part time?
 - **Dallas Proctor:** There is a benefit to having a functional finance team as opposed to just one person.
- **Ray Yoshida:** I've been told that enviro collective have paid
 - **Rashid Kazak:** I'm pretty sure I remember doing the transaction. I just double checked and the EC was payed \$10,000 on the 13th of June.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar

Seconded: Dallas Proctor

Motion passed

3.1.4 Education Officer's Report (T. Barrington-Smith) [Reference E]

No Questions

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

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar
Seconded: Rashid Kazak
Motion passed

3.1.5 Social Officer's Report (P. Malcolm) [Reference F]

- Come to the party tomorrow night
- Nominate for clubs and societies awards night!

Questions

- **Tasman Vaughan:** What cocktails will there be?
 - **Dallas Proctor:** Midori, vodka, lime and raspberry, Watermelon cosmopolitan.

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

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar
Seconded: Rashid Kazak
Motion passed

3.2 Department Reports

3.2.1 Women's Department Report (R. Jones) [Reference G]

- I trust all of you have liked The Pledge on Facebook, if not, you should. It's a campaign about safety on Campus
- RU486- write a letter to your MP
- I've heard about one society saying that they haven't received enough GAC funds and that they should oppose all collective funding. This is incorrect. I'll post about it on the ANUSA facebook page.
- How much GAC funding is left? Maybe we should try and encourage people to seek more GAC funds.
 - Alice McAvoy: student space staff working on GAC.

No Questions

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

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar
Seconded: Dallas Proctor
Motion passed

3.2.2 Queer* Department Report (S. Ferrie) [Reference H]

Questions

- *Dallas Proctor:* Is your Queer* gmail working?

MOTION: That the Queer* Department Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar
Seconded: Rashid Kazak
Motion passed

3.2.3 Environment Department Report (L. Alexandra)

- Does anyone know that ANU invests in Coal Seem Gas, no students know where the money is going
- ANU divest from Metgasco and that ANU publically disclose their investment portfolio
- Running skill shares, basically people sharing practical skills
- Organised a few trips, farm that practices rotational grazing, went to a farm 1 hour out of Canberra

Questions

- **Harry Wall:** How do they know that ANU invests in Metgasco?
 - **Ray Yoshida:** An interest group looked at the annual report and saw ANU in the report.

MOTION: That the Environment Department Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar
Seconded: Rashid Kazak
Motion passed

3.2.4 International Students' Department Report (C. Szer Rei) [Reference I]

Questions

- **Galvin Chia:** Constitutional amendment at the SGM of ISD next Monday at Fenner they are going to propose that associate members who are not international students can run for positions on ISD.
 - **Harry Wall:** Why?
 - **Galvin Chia:** There have been situations where expats have not been able to run or domestic students who went to international school, etc.

MOTION: That the International Student's Department Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar
Seconded: Harry Wall
Motion passed

3.2.5 Disabilities Department Report (C. Karas) [Reference J]

- National Youth disabilities conference report
- Paralympics are on downstairs

No Questions

MOTION: That the Disabilities Department Report be accepted.

Moved: Renne Jones
Seconded: Vaibhav Sagar
Motion passed

3.3 Committee Reports

3.3.1 Grants and Affiliations Committee (P. Malcolm) [Reference K]

Questions

- **Harry Wall:** we've spent 30-40% of GAC funds.
 - We've spent capital money
 - Alice McAvoy: people have been going to SIEF when they should have been applying to GAC

MOTION: That the Grants and Affiliations Report be accepted.

Moved: Vaibhav Sagar
Seconded: Chris Karas
Motion passed

Item 4: Discussion Items

4.1.1 Student Course Guides for ANU (C. Reinecke)

- What I'm proposing is a first year guide;
 - 6 paper course guides, 25 course reviews within each of them
 - A website
 - An app
- The main emphasis is on accessibility and the guide books
- We're in a great position to help first year students
- **Alice McAvoy:** Marnie Hughes-Warrington supported the proposal in principle and wanted the business plan and finances to be endorsed by ANUSA.
- The money isn't coming out of SSAF but out of a different account than SSAF. Same principles apply here.
- Carl: It wasn't just the budget and the governance and the

Questions:

- **Rashid Kazak:** If a student is write something that colleges don't agree to how is that resolved?
 - **Carl Reinecke:** There is going to be advanced copy given to them. No lecturers are named in the guide
 - Currently the mechanism is that student's writes the court guide then it goes to the faculty.
- **Harry Wall:** Who is going to write it?
 - Students, they're paid \$5 per contribution. The article is sent back to the group who decide whether its overbalanced or overly critical
- **Galvin Chia:** Project manager and administration manager combined are receiving almost \$20,000, that seems like a lot of money.

- **Carl Reinecke:** I think I put in 300-350 hours and the designer about 150 on the SASS guide. I'll have to source reviews, make sure reviews are fair, get the SELT data (agreement rate), select the designers, by the point of early January you have to make sure the design goes well and that all the colleges agree to them, printing, website and an app. Total work of that is 3-4 months. I have budgeted 750 hours for myself.
- **Galvin Chia:** having worked on publications, that amount is more than the cumulative publications for the last decade
- **Carl Reinecke:** Quality takes time and effort, Sham did it in 2009. The difficulty is in improving the quality of the product.
- **Rashid Kazak:** I accept that this is a very big task to take but compared to what else students do (0-week they get paid \$500 each), equivalent to 3 and a bit exec positions. Do you think you will but in that much time
- **Renee Jones:** ANUSA is paying for this to happen, the university want it to happen but they want it to come from ANUSA. There are a lot of people in this room that do a lot of work for free
- **Carl Reinecke:** This is a separate thing, it is not a volunteer project.
- **Yasmin Masri:** If it is then you have massively under budgeted the cost for design
- **Sascha Silberstein:** I do think it's a great idea, but given how much money its going to cost, the way our courses run is almost yearly, you might put all this money and work into one guide only to have the course change.
 - **Carl Reinecke:** After this is set out there is a review process and we try to work out if it's going to continue in the same format/how to update it
 - **Vaibhav Sagar:** I'm a bit annoyed that you haven't budgeted the \$25 for iOS. I also am uncomfortable supporting this as a lot of courses change over time. Everyone here has worked hard but very few of us have the opportunity to receive money for our work.
- **Carl Reinecke:** Eventually the role would be transitioned to the ANUSA position. We've started going through the process, once you have the layout it gives you room to move, workload in getting it up is a lot
- **Alice McAvoy:** Would you be prepared to put it on the ANUSA website?
 - **Carl Reinecke:** It's something that needs to have its own direction, putting it on the ANUSA website would be helpful it misses the point of accessibility
- **Alice McAvoy:** I agree we need a quality writing, do you think the \$5 is too small to pay writers. Do you think that you've been a bit management focused? Would you be prepared to redistribute some of your funds?
 - **Carl Reinecke:** The break down- 100 hours getting reviews out there, editing, 50-100 hours with the Deans of Colleges
- **William Gort:** CBE has incredibly detailed course guides. I feel like the guides might be somewhat redundant with some schools
 - **Carl Reinecke:** In CBE there is too much information and not enough value.

- **Lillian Ward:** I'm concerned about the review board, is it feasible that they're going to have to have done the course in question. What's to stop one student writing something biased.
- **Rashid Kazak:** If students say the website/forum is their preferred medium would you consider doing it there.
 - **Carl Reinecke:** The huge issue with student guides is that the issue is defamation
 - **Rashid Kazak:** We could have moderators, students are online all the time.

MOTION: That ANUSA supports the proposal in its current form

Moved: Carl Reinecke

Seconded: Harry Wall- I feel like there is resentment over Carl getting paid.

Motion Failed

- **Renee Jones:** I was initially confused as to whether it was an ANUSA thing or not. It looks like it would be a wonderful product but I think we could make a product better, more interactive. There could be more thought about alternative methods

MOTION: That the Student Faculty guide proposal, while rejected in full is supported in terms of purpose and principle in helping first year students.

Moved: Carl Reinecke

Seconded: Harry Wall

Motion Passed

MOTION: That the student guide is referred for further consideration especially in terms of cost by ANUSA executive and Carl Reinecke.

Moved: Carl Reinecke

Seconded: Harry Wall

Motion Passed

4.1.2 Fair Trade Campus Campaign (J. Taylor)

- Trying to make ANU a Fair Trade university by 2015
- Fair trade is one way that consumers can make a difference, when you buy this product it ensures that farmers receive a minimum price.
- A university can be recognized as its commitment to Fair Trade. It is one of the fastest growing movements in the country, Melbourne, Monash, LaTrobe have all committed to this
- ANU is falling behind the other G08 universities, in the future it may be used as a criteria to rank universities.
- We're seeking to change this by making the ANU a fair trade union by 2015 ANUSA, the UNION and University Council pass a motion.
- That fair trade is made available at a comparable price, at least 50% of department kitchenettes.

- Big role for ANUSA- require a resolution from ANUSA, secondly ANUSA, broad outreach, funding, resources, GAC and special purpose grants, ANU fair trade collective are trying to innovate, formalize our relationship.
- We're making a difference and exercising, a letter for the student space. Looking at getting the ethical coffee pods for student space

Questions

- **Alice McAvoy:** Is there anything beyond student space that we have to provide?
 - **Jennifer Taylor:** Meeting room and tea rooms have to be predominantly fair trade.
- **Rashid Kazak:** What's the process behind who gets fair trade certification.
 - **Jennifer Taylor:** Fair trade international, managed by fair trade labeling Australia, in order for a producer to be able to sell under the fair trade banner they have to meet certain criteria
- **Aleks Sladojevic:** Have you met with the Union yet? They are responsible for the food and beverages on campus.
 - **Jennifer Taylor:** Hoping to approach the Union in the new year
- **Ray Yoshida:** Who is going to be on the steering committee?
 - **Jennifer Taylor:** ANUSA, Union, University Council and other interested student groups.

4.1.3 Bus Proposal (D. Proctor)[See separate attachment]

- *Dallas Proctor showed Bus Presentation outlining cost and make*
- The money is available
- The bus could run from 11am-3am
- I think we should get the bus regardless. For example on the weekend it would have been used for unilodge ball and psych ball on Friday
- This vehicle can be fitted with a wheelchair lift

Questions:

- **Ray Yoshida:** What is the criteria by which you would say yes to a request to use the bus?
 - **Dallas Proctor:** There would have to be a booking and an approved driver.
- **Shan Verne Liew:** Does insurance coverage extend to recovering the bus?
 - **Dallas Proctor:** Yes it should.
- **Aleks Sladojevic:** **Have projected furl costs been factored in?**
 - **Dallas Proctor:** They'll be done through GAC. Please think about it!

Item 5: Date of Next Meeting and Close

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 3rd October at 6:00pm in the ANUSA Board Room

Meeting Closed: 8:17pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dallas Proctor

Melbourne Trip

On the weekend, I travelled to Melbourne with the other ANU Union directors. We visited four campuses: RMIT, Monash, Melbourne and La Trobe. The trip was extremely useful and I highly recommend that the 2013 executive seriously consider organising one.

ANUSA has a very unique structure. At other universities, the students' association has staff who run the organisation from day to day. The exec simply come up with new ideas and initiatives, and volunteer for campaigns. For example, the exec would never build a website or design posters.

Recommendations:

- ANUSA should seriously consider hiring the following staff, at .4 or .6 FTE, for a cost of ~\$120,000 recurring:
 - Media/communications, to be responsible for the newsletter, website, outdoor signage, postering and social media. They would require decent IT and graphic design skills.
 - Research/advocacy, to keep up to date on education-related news and to maintain a knowledge base to retain momentum year by year
 - Clubs and societies, to maintain contact with ANU clubs, conduct training and assist with administration. The social officer would simply be required to run GAC (C&S officer would take minutes at GAC).
 - Events, to run Universal Lunch Hour and other ANUSA events. Melbourne Uni also runs ULH, but they get a famous band every week (e.g. Snackadactal) and serve 500 people free burgers and beer
- ANUSA should work much more closely with the Union, by:
 - Delegating its finances and payroll to ANU Union for a reasonable fee
 - Selling merchandise in the Union shop, splitting the profits
 - Offering its branding for events, with the intention that the Union become a background service organisation whose brand is completely unknown to students. A single clear and consistent branding for all student-run services is crucial.
- ANUSA should renovate its offices:
 - New reception (see photo mock-up)
 - Clubs and societies resource room, with computers for digital media production, badge maker, membership card maker, print facilities and better equipment to hire (e.g. tablets for guest lists, mobile Telstra modem for events, preferred supplier lists and deals). The SEEF should be used for this.
- Exec honoraria could be adjusted accordingly, with a potential move towards fixed, easy to understand amounts

Division of Information

- I have negotiated ANUSA's way out of a \$9,400 invoice for IT support that has traditionally been paid to DOI. Additionally:
 - DOI will upgrade our email web portal to Outlook 2010 server so reps can search their emails
 - We will need to identify the required internet ports to be used in the office so people can connect their computers directly
 - A wireless AP will be installed in the office
 - We will get a set top box to get ANU TV
- Microsoft Student Lounges are being built

Housing Tariffs

- The ANU hall presidents and I met with the VC on Thursday
- The VC has admitted that not all the backlog maintenance can be funded through tariff increases, and that 6% a year is excessive

Student Associations Committee

- ANUSA's SSAF report was far more comprehensive than the other student organisations
- This puts us in a good position for 2013 negotiations
- F&S are yet to commence any capital works despite having a significant amount to spend by year's end
- We lobbied for a Union Court BBQ however F&S were extremely reluctant to amend their list of priorities
- We are meeting with Mick Serena, Director of F&S to discuss a huge array of concerns (see OGM2 minutes), including this

Online Store Update

- The shop has been used for Queer Ball and Arts Revue to great success

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Alice McAvoy

University Education Committee

- We discussed best practices for Group Work
- Double-degree flexibility working group
- SELT data was discussed with the usual to-ing and fro-ing of whether they are accurate, whether the university should take them into account, etc, but the pro-SELT team won (largely because we have Marnie Hughes-Warrington (Deputy Vice Chancellor(Academic)) on our side
- University Holiday Proposal has been squashed for 2013, with the reduction to 12 weeks. Instead they will be looking at alternative dates for graduation. Well done ANUSA!

Changes in the University Executive

Liz Deane (Pro Vice Chancellor – Students Learning and Teaching) have gone in to “early retirement” unexpectedly, as have Brock Glenn (Strategic Adviser to VC), Mandy Thomas (Pro Vice Chancellor – Research) and Tim Beckett (Registrar).

This will now mean that no one in the Chancelry will have been there longer than VC Young who arrived last year. This will result in significant transitioning for the executive over the next few months going in to next year.

Safety on Campus

- I have been meeting with the university to re-establish the UniSafe Committee. It hasn't met for 3 years. I'm working with Luce Andrews to get the committee up and going with several representatives from ANUSA and PARSA, as well as representatives from all the different divisions of ANU Security.
- The ANU conducted a lighting audit, and ANUSA reps put in submissions.
- I have also been talking to the counselling centre about having someone who is specifically trained for crisis situations (in particular sexual assault). Heather McLeod (Head of Counselling) has been really helpful and progress is looking good.

ANUSA Alumni Event

We have booked the Student Space for Friday October 19th for the ANUSA Alumni Event. All of current ANUSA and ANUSA 2013 are invited. It will go from 5pm to 7pm. You should receive your invitations shortly.

Mental Health

Aleks Sladojevic and I met the new Mental Health Consultant last week and talked to her about plans for mental health week, her role and stuff generally.

2 projects are currently being developed.

1. Mental Health Web Resource to be launched at the brunch – includes testimonials from ANU students and staff

2. Mental Health Week Brunch: 2nd week of October – keen to use the event to lobby for increased funding for Mental Health Crisis Centre. Will co-ordinate with Gesima and the mental health committee

Also thanks to Tara Mulholland who went along to the counseling centre feedback session on behalf of ANUSA.

Handover

Congratulations to 2013 ANUSA. We have already begun handover, and the executive will be meeting regularly with the 2013 exec to ensure projects get off the ground early (e.g. faculty camps, mental health initiatives etc). Aleks and Tas will also be shadowing Dallas and I at committees, which will be fun. First year camps were a big project of the 2012 team, so therefore we will be doing a thorough handover with all the fac reps, etc.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Tara Mulholland

Elections

ANUSA held its annual elections from the 20th-23rd of July.

The names and positions of all successful candidates have been posted on the website

The Election Report from the Returning Officer + Elections ACT will be presented at OGM 3 on 17th of October.

Congratulations to everyone who was elected!

ANUSA 2012 Publication

It would be great if everyone could start compiling reports of what they've done this year on ANUSA. The 2012 ANUSA Publication will be released at OGM3 next term so it would be really great if reports were submitted by the end of the holidays. I'll send you reminders and try and get you a soft copy of the 2011 publication so you can suss it out.

Constitutional Changes for OGM3

The notice for Constitution Amendments for OGM3 is Tuesday 25th of September.

ANUSA 2013 Contact List

I have compiled a contact list of ANUSA 2013 which I'm going to share with you all so you can meet up with the new you!

Officer Resignation

Isobel Morphy-Walsh has resigned from the position of Indigenous Officer.

I'm currently contacting the incoming Indigenous Officer to organise a collective meeting to determine who the new officer will be.

Union Reforms

There will be an SGM for the Union on Thursday the 14th of October at 12(noon) in Union Court to vote on the constitutional changes that have been proposed by the review committee.

There has to be 100 people present for it to pass so it would be great if everyone on ANUSA 2012 and ANUSA 2013 could attend.

Reference D

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rashid Kazak

Preliminary Note: Not too much to report on since the last SRC.

1. ANUSA SSAF Funding Update:

1.1. ANUSA released our half yearly SSAF reporting in mid August. I have assumed that everyone has seen this, I believe as well as being distributed via website/other channels you all got emailed a copy.

1.2. Spending has been below budgeted levels, see more on current financial position below.

2. ANUSA Internal Financial Controls and Procedures:

2.1. We conducted a financial accountability meeting several weeks ago to discuss ANUSA's internal financial reporting/procedure/processes.

2.2. I am nearing finalising my changes, and with the Treasurer-elect Shan (who being a very hard working person has also been researching the issue and writing his own notes) we will be going over the document and finalising it during the holidays for it to be ready for the next OGM.

2.3. If anyone has any particular interest in the matter, or wishes to contribute please do not hesitate to get in touch.

3. ANUSA Financial Officer:

3.1. Had a meeting with Luce this week. We decided on the qualifications necessary for prospective candidates to fill this role.

3.2. Luce advised me he would have a job description by the end of the week for our review at which point the hiring process can begin.

3.3. We will be required to pay ANU wages at \$110,000 pa for a qualified CA/CPA. This will be a full time position.

3.4. ANU has committed \$70-80k for the position (due in part to their arbitrary process of allocating SSAF), we will be looking for them to increase this nominal amount to cover the complete costs from SSAF.

4. Investigation

4.1. Nothing to update.

5. ComBiz

5.1. We are going to look at moving ANUSA's accounts to ComBiz. 5.2. This has many features that will improve efficiency and potentially better oversight mechanisms.

5.3. We will be meeting CommBank during the holidays to discuss further.

6. Financial Position of the Association for 2012:

6.1. See Attachments.

Reference E

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Tom Barrington-Smith

Election Scorecard

- Going well
- One more meeting to go then collating
- Working on politics in the pub style debate for the week before the elections with Phoebe and Tom Nock

Education Committee

- It was well attended, even though I promised pizza and forgot to deliver
- Discussed new housing campaign, campus crime stoppers and extra-curricular recognition

Safe Events Launch

Progressing and pencilled in for the start of October

Education Committee

Next Ed Committee will be in week 8 or 9.

SOCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Phoebe Malcolm

Clubs and Societies Awards Night

- Preparations have begun for the inaugural clubs and societies awards night to be held on Friday 19 October
- All clubs and societies affiliated with ANUSA in 2012 are invited to bring 2 representatives to the event
- Awards include
 - o Club of the Year (more than 100 members)
 - o Club of the Year (less than 100 members)
 - o Best New Club or Society
 - o Event of the Year
 - o Best Marketing
 - o Volunteer of the Year
 - o Best Joint Event
 - o Best Educational Event
 - o Best Production
- Nominations for the awards opens today and closes Friday 5 October.
- ANUSA is invited!

End of Term Party

- End of Term Party will be held in Student Space this Thursday
- The event is co-hosted by the lovely Faculty of Arts and Social Science Reps Jack and Yasmin (and a big thanks to them for all of their help).
- We will be serving \$2 drinks and food as well as showcasing the amazing talents of the College of Fine Arts and the ANU Music School
- Hope to see you all there!

ACT Elections Party

- Preparations have begun for the ACT Elections Party
- It will be held in the ANU Bar and will feature candidates from all the leading parties discussing issues relevant to students in an open forum.
- Big thanks to Tom and Tom who are helping out with this!

Bush Dance

- ANUSA will be co-hosting an a Bush Dance party with PARSA and the ISO.
- The event will be primarily targeted at international students and offers them the opportunity to learn a little bit about life in the Australian outback.
- Tickets will be sold for \$5 (to cover the cost of the food)
- Students are encouraged to bring their families and friends.

Diary

- The 2012 ANUSA/PARSA diary is coming along nicely
- Should be printed well before Christmas.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Renee Jones

The Pledge:

The Pledge facebook page is up and you can go there right now and like and then invite every single person on your friend list to like it as well and then while you're at it you can change your cover photo to The Pledge as well.

Seriously. Do it. (specifically, here <https://www.facebook.com/thepledgeanu>)

Over the break I will be contacting any college/hall heads who have yet to reply to my email that asks them to be involved. So far Johns and Unilodge are very keen to get involved. I will also be designing banners for each of the halls and colleges that commit and getting them made up, to be delivered to the halls at the start of next term.

I will also be sending an email out to clubs and societies inviting them to participate in The Pledge, either through banners or Pledge portraits.

I will also be filming and editing a video for The Pledge over the break, ready to go for our Week 8 launch.

RU486:

Marie Stopes' application to import and provide the RU486, via their new company MS Health, was accepted by the TGA. This is an enormous development in access to reproductive rights in Australia. I had been notified of the decision before its public release and have therefore been able to participate in prepping for the inevitable anti-choice backlash against the decision. A campaign called 'RU4it?' is being developed that involves a letter writing campaign to MP's that conveys support for reproductive rights and asking for RU486 to be put on the PBS. We will have a website for 'RU4it?' very soon and there are some longer term campaign strategies that will involve some prominent Australian women. For the moment, the collective will be publishing any ANU letters sent to us on our website as well as the 'RU4it?' website, as well as writing our own piece on the recent developments. I urge you all to please write a letter to your MP!

Girls on GIRLS:

To celebrate the end of term, the collective will finally be having its marathon of HBO's GIRLS, this Friday. The marathon is open to any keen beans, and will have lots of food and drinks. If you would like more deets just email/phone/facebook me.

QUEER* DEPARTMENT REPORT

Stuart Ferrie

Pride Week

Another year, another Pride Week. This year, we ran a movie night, Queer Coffee/Lunch, Universal Lunch Hour, a Queery on Reclamation and Queer Ball: Tophats and Tomcats. Movie night was reasonably attended, Milk was watched, pizza was eaten and enjoyment was had (except for me when I left my keys at uni and had to walk back here at 11pm). Queer coffee has since had the time changed as attendance was much better last semester when it was at a different time, so that will hopefully pick up after the break. Universal Lunch Hour went reasonably well, despite the terrible weather. We had some issues with volunteers, but thanks to those who helped Nat set up the marquee while I was running around in the rain with a trolley full of sausages. Queery was pretty small, but a good discussion nevertheless. Queer Ball had about 40-50 attendees, which was about what we were expected, but in typical Queer Dep fashion, we overcatered. The event as a whole ran smoothly and we were happy with ANU Commons as a venue.

Notes for running Pride Week next year:

1. Postering needs to be done at least the weekend before, preferably during the preceeding week
2. Roster volunteers to actually make people do stuff on time
3. Don't run it during Election Week, as too many people were involved with elections
4. Try to overcater less
5. Service One close at ridiculously inconvenient times. Change the bank accounts over.

Queer Space Relocation

The bothering of F&S has resumed. Hopefully there will be more news from them soon.

Sex and Gender Diversity Working Group

A meeting was due to happen a couple of weeks ago, which didn't occur due to most of the people meant to be at the meeting cancelling at the very last minute. This meeting has not occurred yet, but the involved people have been queried about it. Currently in the Department though, we're trying to find all the single occupancy toilets on campus as those require no capital works from F&S to make them gender neutral.

Diversity Month

Interdepartmental Morning Tea went reasonably well. Film Group's movie screenings were commendable. Open House at the Tjabal Centre went mostly unnoticed due to poor publicity. All in all, publicity and organisation fail.

Notes for Diversity Month next year:

1. Do not try to put together an entire month's worth of events during the month when they're meant to be happening.
2. Do not decide that it's going to be a month during the week that was originally Diversity Week.
3. Get more student groups involved in it from the start.
4. Lots of great ideas for events, but the timeframe given to organise them over the holidays was entirely unrealistic.
5. Publicise much better.

Reference I

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT

Leila Alexandra

Reference J

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cheryl Cheam

DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Christopher Karas

1: Accessibility of ANUSA Spaces

Worked with Alex Bell-Rowe and the collective to conduct an audit of ANUSA Space for their accessibility. While his report to SRC will provide much better detail, I can outline some of the major recommendations from my side of things:

- Electronic door for the student space!
- Discussions with mobility restricted students about how they can access hot water in the students space without having to ask staff for help
- Chairs with less depth than the couches currently in there. Remove wheelie chairs (except for staff) and replace with more solid seating (ie, without wheels, adjustable height, easy to get in and out of)
- Lighting has been raised as an issue, ideally I'd like to see a trial of LED light tubes over florescent.
- Alternative lighting (such as floor lamps with incandescent bulbs) available in the ANUSA offices

2: National Youth Disability Conference

This will be held on September 24 and 25. I will be attending, along with next year's officer so ya'll can expect us to drop some knowledge next SRC. Werd.

3: Paralympics

Paralympics is currently screening downstairs. I can't tell you anything about its success because I am writing this before we have held it. But I can give oral feedback at the actual meeting.

Also working on getting an athlete into Union Court to chat to the students about disability, athletics, and academia. Watch this space.

4: Annual award for excellence in adaptive and inclusive teaching

The collective has been working hard on getting an annual award up and running to recognise excellence in teaching students with disabilities. This will be designed to recognise individual lecturers or whole colleges or schools which who have gone above and beyond their legal obligations to provide a disability friendly learning environment. The award will be presented by ANUDisabilities at the end of the year and will hopefully continue into an annual thing as a way of recognising and encouraging excellence in inclusive education practise. Super exciting!

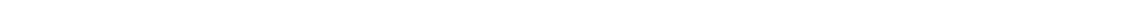
5: Issues resolved

- Had some complaints about the Chifley resource room in the past month. The new printer hadn't been working. Issue is now resolved after DOI decided to fix it.

- The old couches from this space had been removed. Following this up with the university, they have assured me that new and better couches are on order and should arrive shortly. Will be making sure this happens.

6: Handover

Handover has started for next year's officer to be ready to take over. This in depth handover will see Louise gradually taking on tasks to ensure that ANU's newest collective can continue to grow into next year!



GRANTS AND AFFILIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

GAC Report

Affiliations

ANU Fair Trade Collective
ANU Regional Rural Remote Students Society
Music Students' Association
ANU Arts Revue
Vietnamese Students' Association
ANU Beer and Brewers Club
ANU Navigators
ANU Arabic Society
Wine Cheese Tweed
Afghan Students' Association
German Society

Grants

Street Performance Academy - Applied for \$20 for Juggling Meeting – Granted \$15
Science Society of ANU - Applied for \$1500 for sponsorship bonus – Meeting next week

FOCUS

- Applied for \$488 for Focal Point – Granted \$488
- Applied for \$393.72 for Think Week – Denied for lack of budget.

Hong Kong Student Society applied for \$250 for Disco on the ice – Granted \$160

Black Hole Society

- Applied for \$79.90 for Meeting & Demonstration – Granted \$80
- Applied for \$419 for Capital Expenditure – Granted \$419

ANU Arts Revue applied for \$5550 for Arts Revue – denied as not enough information produced

Street Performance Academy applied for \$30 for weekly meetings - \$22

Malaysian Student Organization applied for Malam Kenduri – Ask for further information regarding the use of plates

Computer Science Students' Association applied for:

- Study break BBQ – Granted \$169
- Office Warming - Granted \$139
- How does I research – Granted \$90
- Magical BBQ – Granted \$119
- Epic Games Night – Granted \$430
- Bush Week BBQ – Granted \$91
- AGM – Granted \$287

Debating Society – Granted \$202.59 / Not Granted for dinner, ask for a meeting next week

Malaysian Students Organization - \$800 Granted for Malam Kenduri / Capital Expenditure of \$500 denied as it is not capital

Chocolate Appreciation – Denied, yet to receive receipts for previous events

Singapore Student Association – Granted \$400 for PSD Network

Hong Kong Student Society – Granted \$230 for Information Session / Hot Pot night - Question if drinks were alcoholic

ANU Science Communication – Denied, more details, Income & Expenditure. People that attended, it says 124 people attended & there are 124 members.

ANU Chinese Debating Club – Denied, better budget. Income expenditure. More info.

ANU Computer Science Society – Granted \$500 for capital expenditure / Granted \$116 for Tech Talk

ANU Dance applied for \$240 for hip hop workshop- granted \$120

ANU Eurasian Society applied for \$240 Trivia Night – not affiliated denied

Asian Students in Australia Association applied for \$320 for Welcome Party – Granted \$265

Music Students' Association applied for \$800 for Staff Appreciation Dinner – Granted

Burton and Garran Hall applied for \$1600 for ball – Denied as unconstitutional

AYCC applied for \$15 for coordinators forum and \$40 for Semester 2 Launch Event - Granted

AIIESEC ANU applied for \$50.15 for BBQ – Denied as have too much money in reserves

ANU Chocolate Appreciation Society applied for \$125 for business cards – denied because already granted.

ANU Chocolate Appreciation Society

- Applied for \$64 for Dessert Night – GRANTED \$64
- Applied \$100 for International food fair – GRANTED \$75

ANU Computer Science Students Association - GRANTED \$106.64

ANU International Law Society – Granted \$750 for Sponsorship bonus, Granted \$480 for Breakfast with Tiffany & Granted \$800 for Prom

ANU Engineering Students Association applied for \$2400 for Ball – GRANTED \$2000 for ball

Malaysian Students Organization applied for \$5000 for Syoki Malaysia - Denied, over \$5000 limit. The event could be sponsored by the embassy or the council.

ANU Computer Science Students Association – Granted \$750 for Sponsorship Bonus - meeting next week

ANU Chinese Debating – GRANTED \$162 & Granted \$390

ANU Harry Potter Club - applied for \$960 for Ball – Cover the difference (Ask for Budget with Income)

ASIAA – applied for \$200 for welcome party – NOT GRANTED, only 1 application per event & apply after the event

TSA applied \$539.55 for Semester 2 welcome party – GRANTED \$280

Street Performance Academy applied \$35 for weekly meeting – Granted \$26

Micronesian and Australian Friends Association applied for \$80 for MAFA Movie Night – Granted \$60

AIIESEC ANU applied \$220 for Annual Rewards and Recognition Night – Denied for too much money in the bank

ANU Earth and Marine Science Society – Granted \$1200 Ball

Printing Request

International Student Department - Applied for 30 A4 posters & 80 tickets (ISD Harmony Day) - Denied ANU

Arts Revue applied for 17 A4 Sheets, 20 copies (Scripts for cast) - Granted

Overseas Christian Fellowship applied for 10 page A5 Booklets, 45 copies (225 pages of A4, Weekly Bible Study) - Denied, calling for meeting

Robogals applied for A4 15 copies for lunch hour poster - Granted

ANU Harry Potter Club - Granted \$320 amended from ball. Revoke the \$960 grant for ball.

Street Performance Academy applied for 100 pages of A4 per week for demonstration (10 copies for 7 weeks, 700 pages of A4) - Granted

AIESEC ANU 600X A\$ black and white prints - granted

Overseas Christian Fellowship 50X 12 page booklets- granted

AFEC 200x one sided A4 coloured copies- granted

ANU Chocolate Society 125 x A4 one sided copies- granted

FINSOC 300X A4 one sides and 200X4in 1 A4 printing for Bloomberg Test- granted

ANU Psychology Society 25x coloured one sided A4 prints for Psychology Ball. - granted

Total spent: 54117.27

Total remaining: 85882.73

GEN REP REPORTS

2.4.1 Alex Clark

For the past few months, I have been part of a committee reviewing the Constitution of the ANU Union. On Tuesday 4 September, this committee (comprising of the ANUSA Gen Sec, two current Union board members and the former PARSA President) will present our recommendations to the Union Board. Some of these recommendations will seek to change the structure of the board and the Union election process, as well as enforcing accountability of board members and increasing money to student organisations. We are excited by the possible opportunities should our proposed changes be adopted, as it sets up a framework for further cooperation between the Union and other student bodies such as ANUSA and PARSA. I am also planning to spend next term to explore further ways in which ANUSA can work with the Union into the future.

Last week I completed two of the set Gen Rep tasks, which included an OH&S audit of the ANUSA offices and drafting a letter to ACTION Buses to encourage more frequent services on bus routes through campus.

2.4.2 Alex Bell-Rowe

The past few weeks have been extremely hectic, as you can probably imagine, and therefore my report is not complete. At the moment I am working an audit of ANUSA spaces, specifically the office and student space. I have collaborated with Disabilities (i.e I talked to Chris, Louise and Becca this one time), and am putting together a list of their problems with the space. However, I would like to be a bit more extensive and do a survey of people that use the space, as well as a "mystery shopper" investigation of the staff. I have my own personal qualms with student space, but I would like some other feedback. I'll try to get an extensive report together by the next SRC. Soz Guise

Student Course Guides ANU

Carl Reinecke

Aim

To write, design, and distribute a student guide to first year students at the College of the Asia and the Pacific, College of Arts and Social Sciences, College of Business and Economics, College of Engineering and Computer Science, College of Law, College of Medicine Biology, Biology, and Environment combined with the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences at the Australian National University. This guide would include reviews of first year courses offered by the colleges written by students who have taken the course in the past two years, with the possibility of expanding to all courses offered for the smaller colleges like the College of the Asia and the Pacific. These reviews would be paired with accessibly presented official SELS data and these guides would also include general student advice about the first year experience and the college.

Why

Students arrive at university unprepared and confused about degree structures and subject choices, as well as University life more broadly.

They have only a sketchy knowledge of subject options and how much work is needed in each of them.

The transition from university to school is difficult and they need to draw on the experience of other students to assist them in this process.

Often their failure to engage with subjects and other students arises from uncertainty about how university education 'works.' This uncertainty manifests itself in drop out rates and a derelict student culture.

A dispassionate evaluation of the quality of subjects and teaching helps them make decisions about subject selection, improves their university experience, and improves the student culture at ANU.

Product

Six publications not more than 24 pages length each providing general advice and specific reviews of first year courses, with comments moderated by a group of students who have completed the subject within the previous two years. Also included will be the SELS agreement rates.

The creation of an interactive and in-depth website where students and staff can access all the student guides. This will include course reviews, general advice about University, user-submitted forums, and video interviews with lecturers.

The development and production of a smartphone app accessible on both Androids and iPhones that will include course reviews and first year courses.

How

Drawing on the experience of producing the SASS First Year guide at the beginning of this year, students from the relevant colleges would be invited to provide commentary on courses. These comments would be moderated by the group and tested with the results of the official survey. Similar to the process of the SASS guide this year to find students relevant advertising would be conducted alongside collaboration with the relevant representative student body for the college, foremost with the ANUSA faculty representatives, but also consulting with such groups as the Law Students Society or the Actuarial, Finance, Economics, and Commerce Students Society, and with individual contributing students.

The writing of the entries would be edited and coordinated to maintain an independent student perspective, which is accessible, light-hearted, and civil.

Governance

A Project Steering Committee of the Project Manager, an Administration Manager, and the ANUSA treasurer whose responsibility is to deliver the guidebooks on time and within budget.

This committee will eventually be integrated as a separate one into the ANUSA constitution at section 29, subject to the evaluation process.

A Project Reference group containing one Faculty representative from each college. It will be their responsibility to source course reviews and to liaise with both students and the College administration.

College deans will be provided an advanced copy prior to printing.

Evaluation

To assess implementation of the project at its completion, budgetary control and financing, achievement against objectives, governance structure and proposals for ongoing development, this year's project will go through an evaluation.

Assessment to be conducted by nominated representatives of DVCA and ANUSA in conjunction with project manager.

A report to be prepared for DVCA and ANUSA with recommended next steps.

Although these steps will be subject to the review, they may include making the Steering Committee part of ANUSA by a constitutional adjustment, funding printing and design through ANUSA, and expanding the course reviews from first year subject only to all undergraduate subjects.

Timeline

Entries submitted from the 24th of September

Entries edited and completed by the 20th of December.

Evaluation data provided by 20th of December.

Rough draft presented to the ANUSA legal officer and the relevant college dean of education on the 7th of January.

Intensive design and layout of the guides to begin 7th of January.

Legal review conducted by the ANUSA legal officer and fact check by the relevant college Dean of Education completed by the 14th of January.

Layout, Design, and Website development completed by the 1st of February.

Printing completed by the 8th of February.

Distributed from Monday the 18th of February at O-Week.

Review conducted Monday 15th of April (start of term 2) 2013

Costs

Student Contributions \$625

at \$5 per contribution with on average 25 reviews per guide.

Advertisement for student contributions \$19.40

at 1 carton of 500 sheets A4 papers

Tape dispensers and tape \$28.30

at \$14.15 per tape dispenser with two rolls

Design \$2 000

at \$400 per design

Print Production \$4 625

For 2500 guides, distributed according to number of first year students.

Quote from Kainos Print, printers of the SASS First Year Guide.

Website design \$1000

at \$1000 for the design, coding, and a year's maintenance.

Website hosting \$131.4

at \$10.95 per month for 12 months

Cost of app development – to be worked out with DVCA
design of app approximately \$400
hosting on the iphone app store \$100

Project Manager salary \$15 000
at \$20/hour for 750 hours worked

Administration Manager \$4000
at \$20/hour for 200 hours worked

Total (excluding the cost of developing and producing an app):
\$27, 429

Terms

Paid through the ANUSA budget via an extraordinary grant of \$27 429. The facilitation costs would be paid under a standard research contract with the university under the supervision of ANUSA to an ANZ bank account. The other costs would be managed by ANUSA with each payment to follow an appropriate invoice, and co-sign by two members of the steering committee including the ANUSA treasurer. Proper accounting practices would be followed at the completion of the guides and the invoices, along with other financial records, would be presented to the DVCA and ANUSA.