



AGENDA – ANUSA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (OGM) 1 2024

Wednesday, 6 March 2024

6:15pm, Marie Reay 2.02, Zoom

Zoom link:

<https://anu.zoom.us/j/84273333483?pwd=emVoYzNMVFVuS3FkUkxrVjA5blZnQT09>

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting opens at 6:17pm

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

ANUSA would like to acknowledge Ngunnawal and Ngambri people, whose land on which we gather today.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies received

1.3 Chair outlines standing orders for the meeting (please also see the following:

<https://anusa.com.au/pageassets/about/meetings/ANUSA-Standing-Orders-Guide.pdf>)

Item 2: Passing the previous meetings minutes

2.1 [OGM3 Minutes - Google Docs](#)

Mover: Luke Harrison

Seconded: Skye Predavec

Motion carries

Item 3: Reports

3.1 Treasurer's report (W. Burfoot) [Reference A]

WGB: I'll take my report as read. Most of my time has been spent on the budget. Talked about bringing some financial policies in SRC, I was not locked in. I apologise I'm sure you were all excited for that. Our budget is not in a deficit, don't be alarmed

Mover: Skye P.

Seconded: Luke H.

Item 4: Motions on notice

Motion 4.1: ANUSA Budget 2024

Preamble:

Reference X serves as the basis for expenditure for the ANU Students Association for 2024. This budget will be updated at subsequent Ordinary General Meetings of the association to allow for movements in the allocations.

I have included a detailed breakdown as well as some explainers on the budget process, my aim is to increase understanding of ANUSA's finances and ultimately increase accountability. If you have thoughts as to how this can be helped, or have any questions please email me at sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au.

Motion:

A lot of work has gone into this, I would appreciate it if you do read it. My aim was to go through and explain the budget as straightforwardly as possible. We just signed a SAF agreement, while it's not as great as hoped, it still gives us some wiggle room. *Will explains SAF specifics of income and expenditure.*

The SRC approves the 2024 Budget.

Mover: Will Burfoot

Seconder: Phoenix O'Neill

Phoenix O.: The budget changes from OGM to OGM, it becomes more and more accurate throughout the year, but this is a good cap of where we're at.

Question (Sarah S): Can I ask about reserve money. Do you think we should be investing that

Will B: Currently there is no investment policy on if we were to invest how we should invest it. We need to take steps to implement the reserve policy- current policy doesn't define what our goals are. I agree reserves should be looked into

Question (Sarah S): How do we justify spending \$2000 for meeting expenses.

Will B: I think \$2000 in a 3m budget is a drop in the water if it makes SRC more enjoyable or at least comfortable.

Question: Does the insurance accomodate for P-Platers?

Will B: Yes we do have insurance, but it covers fully licensed drivers only.

Mickey: Just to clarify you need to be over 21 to rent the bus

Motion Carries

4.2 Recognition of Murdoch's reign over Australian politics and the promotion of Youth Against Murdoch (ANUSA OGM)

Preamble

Murdoch's empire; including NewsCorp's subsidiaries like; 'The Australian', 'The Herald Sun', 'News.com.au', 'The Daily Telegraph' and media platforms like; 'Sky News Australia' have continuously been a stain on the democracy of Australia. Since the inception of 'The Australian' newspaper in 1964, Murdoch's empire has grown significantly; allowing for lobbying and fearmongering to influence political parties and individuals to conform to Murdoch's doctrine. For too long has the Australian political landscape been controlled and threatened by the ever-encroaching and ever-growing presence of Murdoch.

The youth action group; ‘Youth Against Murdoch’ has been established by young people to fight against the overwhelming influence of Murdoch in Australia and abroad. We have seen that across Australia especially, there has been little-to-no action made to halt the bias and at times, clear lies peddled by NewsCorp. Though there have been calls for a Royal Commission by former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and other individuals like former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, no actual concrete action has succeeded.

Under the Australian political system, legislative reform and a Royal Commission are some of the only viable options that need to be taken into account in order to achieve a balanced and fair media apparatus in Australia.

Youth Against Murdoch seeks to shed amicable light on this issue and bring together individuals from all sides of the political spectrum who believe in media integrity.

Platform

Youth Against Murdoch (YAM) calls on ANUSA to:

1. Recognise Murdoch’s (i.e. NewsCorp) influence over Australian politics
2. Promote Youth Against Murdoch on its social media platforms on YAM’s launch date; March 9th 2024
3. Assist in the printing of flyers to distribute around the ANU campus

Mover: Adriano Dimatteo

Secunder: Brandon Lee

Jemma Rule Question: What do you envision the group’s presence on campus to look like and how do you intend to engage students

Adriano: Right now we’re still constructing a roadmap for, starting up with campaigning mostly.

Sam Gorrie Question: What is the democratic processes of what the organisation does

Adriano: We’ll figure that out as we get kickstarted.

Sarah Strange Q: I’m sceptical of the ability to create legislative reform realistically. I don’t see these as being viable.

Matthew: I don’t discount the merits of the motion. If two former PMs won’t have an impact, I find it hard to imagine we’ll make a dent. I’m not sure how effective this is going to be and not sure this an appropriate use of associate resources

James D: I think this is a good thing in some aspects. I’m reluctant about ANUSA providing resources to this, I’m just sure university students really consume much NewsCorp media

anyhow.

Adriano: Our whole political sphere is dictated by NewsCorp. I understand the concerns but there has to be someone combating this. I think people want to be educated on this. People need to be taught about this

Phoenix O: I think reasonable negotiations can be reached on resource expenses.

Mitha Mall Q: Will it be based solely on truth telling and debunking misinformation.

Adriano: This is going to be an independent unbiased group. People from any political sphere can join.

Motion Carries

4.3 Why ANUSA shouldn't endorse the Universities Accord Report

Preamble:

The first substantive proposal in the Universities Accord report is to achieve “a tertiary education attainment target of at least 80% of the working age population with at least one tertiary qualification (Certificate III and above) by 2050 compared with 60% in 2023.” This is to be achieved by increasing the number of Commonwealth supported places in tertiary education from 860,000 in 2022 to 1.8 million in 2050.

Making education accessible to more of the population is something our student union should support. However, for Commonwealth supported places to more than double without a substantial rise in funding for universities would be a huge attack on the quality of education for everyone. There are no promising signs from the Albanese government: Labor signalled at the last election they would provide [no further funding for research](#) to universities. ANUSA should not provide a blank cheque to the ALP to double student places by approving this report when there is a real threat that university funding per student will significantly decrease. Recommendation 21 aims to prepare the university sector for the “growth in student numbers” but makes no mention of increased funding, instead suggesting technocratic solutions like embracing “online and hybrid teaching modalities”.

There is a clear alternative. Without hitching our wagon to this bosses' report, our student union can demand that the government increase the accessibility of tertiary education and make education free for everyone by massively increasing funding to the sector. There is no reason for the ANU student association to rubber stamp the lukewarm reforms proposed by the University Accords panel. We should propose our own ambitious goals for a well-funded

and resourced education system rather than accept the crumbs offered from the table of the bosses and government. ANUSA has a proud history of standing up for fully funded free education which is both an achievable and worthier goal than what is proposed in the Accords report.

We only need to look at who sat on the panel of the Universities Accords to see that they are no friends of students or staff. The panel included Barney Glover, the Vice-Chancellor of Western Sydney University. In 2021, Glover enjoyed a modest salary of \$980,000. In 2022, staff pay for all academics at WSU was cut in real terms by 7.7%. The panel also included Jenny Macklin, former Minister for Community Services. When the Gillard government pushed single parents off the parenting payment onto Newstart, Jenny Macklin claimed she could live on the \$270 per week payment, despite earning \$6321 per week, 25 times the rate of Newstart. Other luminaries on the panel included a banking CEO and a former Nationals senator. It is important for the ANU student association not to put its name to supporting the recommendations from these figures who have a history of decisions that hurt staff, students, and workers. Student unions need political independence from the bosses of the university sector.

Motion:

- ANUSA does not endorse the Universities Accords report.
- ANUSA reaffirms its commitment to fight for publicly-funded, free education for every single student in tertiary education.

Mover: Nick Carlton

Secunder: Carter Chryse

Amend Motion 4.3, Action point 1) to read:

ANUSA recognises the Universities Accords report makes some good recommendations for improving the lives and education of students, but acknowledges that it does not go far enough.

Mover: Sam Gorrie

Secunder: Samuel MacRae

(Constitutional question from Carter)

Skye P: *Speaks in support of the motion*

Brandon Lee: *Speaks in support for the amendment*

Phoenix: Speaks in support for the motion, particularly the vagueness of the accords

Lata: This is a step forward, I think to completely dismiss it isn't right.

Elliot: *Explains specifics of the accords.* The report is crap, I think this just keeps the precedent of lack of attention to the university sector.

Ashlyn: This is just recommendations of what they could do. To disendorse this would be saying no to a guaranteed amount of SAF to student organisations. This report offers much better.

Charlotte: This could've been so much better. I think we all agree this wasn't enough, so why should we endorse it?

Sam G. (Point of clarification): This amendment does not endorse it, but it does not dismiss it

Charlotte C: We can do both

Matthew: I think it is premature to dismiss this report before it is concrete

Carter: I think this report is running off just vibes. Why should we applaud this?

Sam Gorrie (Point of clarification):

Sarah S: I'm sympathetic to intent of the amendment. This is just a political and ideological stance we want the association to take. There are no action items. The motion also doesn't engage with the accord.

Speakers against the amendment: I think it is a good idea to not endorse the general premise of the amendment

Nick: It is outrageous to say the government can't fund free education. This is only good for the bosses of the industry and bad for the students

Amendment fails

Motion unamended carries

Meeting closed at 7:20pm

[Reference A]

OGM 1 Treasurer Report

Will Burfoot

Executive Summary

- 1. Budget work**
- 2. Financial Policy**
- 3. Expenditure report**
- 4. Timesheet**

- 1. Budget work**

The budget has taken up most of my time for the past week or so. I am happy with the new format, and I hope it makes it easier to understand but I think there's still lots of work to be done. There aren't many regulations guiding the budget process and so in the governance review I will be making submissions to try and regulate it a bit more.

2. Financial Policy

I talked at SRC 1 of hopefully bringing financial policy changes to this OGM but unfortunately, I am not an absolute unit who can lock in so this will have to be pushed back to OGM 2, I apologise for the many excited people who were dying to see changes to our policies.

3. Expenditure report:

Not much change from SRC 1, important to note that because we have signed our SSAF deal later we haven't received the first instalment which is why this period compared to same time last year we are at such a loss but that will be rectified soon. We are still reconciling lots of payments and receipts from O-week so the number below is still subject to change.

Profit and Loss

The Australian National University Students' Association Incorporated

For the period 1 December 2023 to 6 March 2024

Account	1 Dec 2023-6 Mar 2024	1 Dec 2022-6 Mar 2023
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SSAF Income		
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SSAF Allocation	0.00	746,823.60
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**Total SSAF
Income****0.00****746,823.60**

SSAF Expenses

Accounting/Bookkeeping - Xero	559.08	482.72
Auditing	27.27	27.27
Bank Fees with GST	140.28	98.39
Bank Fees without GST	430.40	257.16
BKSS Food/Consumables	12,309.22	11,493.03
BKSS Non-food	0.00	2,832.88
Motor Vehicle expenses	3,407.03	2,065.14
Club Funding	6,948.77	5,733.83
Clubs Council Grants Committee	215.44	0.00
College Representatives	38.16	0.00
Consultancy	6,930.00	0.00
Departments & Collectives	38,179.97	60,000.00
Education Committee	5,165.68	3,969.11
Equipment Expense	144.52	240.00
Fees & Subscriptions	31,533.13	34,089.34
Friday Night Party Expenses	0.00	490.91

Leadership and Professional Development	4,495.76	15,624.01
Legal Expenses & Consultancy	3,286.18	3,843.33
Marketing & Communications - Advertising	149.99	21.62
Marketing & Communications - Diary	0.00	4,690.00
Marketing & Communications - Merchandise	(30,187.05)	0.00
Marketing & Communications - Printing	(3,892.85)	9,734.00
Marketing & Communications - Software Subs	(2.80)	199.00
Meeting Expenses	109.09	268.10
NUS	0.00	41,600.00
Other Employee Expense	5,167.01	8,406.74
O-Week Events	49,063.48	85,718.48
O-Week Food purchases	0.00	71.51
O-Week Merchandise	0.00	5,327.18
Parenting Room	0.00	1,431.27
Printer	385.70	309.15
Department - Honoraria	(100.00)	0.00
Department - Stipends	35,372.00	34,903.96

Department - Superannuation	3,890.98	3,664.94
Salaries and Wages	349,997.68	230,847.16
Salaries and Wages - ANUSA Exec & Officers	55,443.14	53,977.12
Salaries and Wages - BKSS	10,199.34	8,065.30
Salaries and Wages - Event Coordinators	13,832.52	13,548.95
Superannuation Expense	57,155.14	38,015.60
Superannuation Expense - ANUSA Exec & Officers	11,282.45	5,667.51
Superannuation Expense - BKSS	1,832.36	887.17
Superannuation Expense - Event Coordinators	1,675.22	1,438.24
SAT Purchases - Grocery Vouchers	0.00	6,575.00
SAT Purchases - Student Meals & Others	1,145.45	1,247.64
Student Assistance Team Grants	16,496.72	17,938.18
Staff Amenities	164.97	44.61
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	709.88	934.36
Student Engagement	382.06	7,882.90
Utilities	0.00	921.78
Workers Compensation Insurance	0.00	8,278.06

Total SSAF Expenses**694,083.37****733,862.65**

SSAF Surplus/ Deficits**(694,083.37)****12,960.95**

Other Income

Bus hire revenue

0.00

454.55

Interest Income

326.80

3,919.76

Miscellaneous (Sundry) Income

0.00

491.33

Other Grant Funding

850.00

0.00

O-Week Income

32,875.00

39,645.00

Ticket/Event Sales - O Week

842.79

29,923.16

Ticket/Event Sales - Others

0.00

652.25

Total Other Income**34,894.59****75,086.05**

Other Expenses

Non SSAF Expenses

Events Non-SSAF

0.00

5,009.27

Total Non SSAF Expenses**0.00****5,009.27**

Other Student Grants

8,187.00

0.00

Social Profolio

181.82

0.00

SEEF Grants	4,126.86	0.00
Shut Up and Write program	169.09	0.00
Total Other Expenses	12,664.77	5,009.27
Net Profit	(671,853.55)	83,037.73

4. Timesheet

Since the 1st of Dec I have worked 193.75 and had 2.5 days of leave. If you would like a detailed breakdown, please contact me at sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au.

[Reference B]

Budget 2024

Introduction:

This document serves as the basis for expenditure for the ANU Students Association for 2024. This budget will be updated at subsequent Ordinary General Meetings of the association to allow movements in funding.

Section 22 of the ANUSA constitution outlines for the process for approval of the budget.

Budget (2)

The budget of the Association must be presented by the Treasurer to the first General Meeting held in the first Teaching Period of the Academic Year.

(3) The provisional budget of the Association for the next Financial Year must be presented by the Treasurer, or the incoming Treasurer as the Treasurer sees fit, at a General Meeting held in the fourth Teaching Period of the Academic Year.

(4) The budget or provisional Budget may only be amended by:

(a) a simple majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting; or (b) a simple majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the SRC, but by no more than one per cent (1%) of the Annual Budget of expected expenses in any calendar month.

ANUSA is funded primarily by SSAF, Student Services and Amenities Fee, which is allocated by the university in consultation with students through the Student Services Council. As a recipient of SSAF ANUSA must follow relevant legislation governing its use. The ANU has transitioned to a three-year funding agreement for SSAF recipients, replacing one-year agreements which were a significant burden every year to prepare and submit proposals and enter into negotiations with the university. I hope these three-year agreements will free up more time to focus on matters that matter for students and provide greater stability and financial security for our union

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au, this budget serves as part of my commitment to improve the transparency and accountability of ANUSA so students know how their union operates.

Preparation of the budget

The budget consists of 37-line items which outline expenditure in certain areas. The sum of these lines provides a gross operating expenditure, which is the amount approved for spending. Note that this gross figure is higher than our 2024 SSAF allocation, but this does not mean we will be in deficit. Instead, we allow expenditure in certain areas greater than our forecasted expenditure to provide flexibility across the budget. This budget will then be updated at OGM's as we go through the year as we get a better idea of how spending is unfolding in different areas. We expect to be in an operating surplus in 2024. Additional funds are raised from the sale of tickets, O-week, Bush week, and interest income.

Reserves

ANUSA maintains considerable financial reserves derived from our non-SSAF income, these provide security and certainty that our operations can continue. It is my intention to improve our policy governing these reserves to ensure they can provide the maximum benefit to our union.

Future work

As mentioned, this is the first budget for the year so it will be amended in future OGM's. I hope the explanation below of the different budget lines is useful. If you have thoughts on how this process can be improved, please tell me!

Budget

Accounting and bookkeeping: \$1500

This is used for services that allow us to maintain proper financial records

Auditing: \$15,000

As required in our constitution the treasurer must arrange for an external audit, this line allows for this expenditure.

Bank Fees: \$2000

BKSS Consumables: \$95,000

The BKSS is one of the most popular services ANUSA offers students; we continue to see strong demand, so in 2024 the BKSS is allocated an additional \$10,000 on 2023 funding.

BKSS non-consumables: \$5000

This line is for capital expenditure for the BKSS, such as toasters, kettles etc. This line is lower than previous years after considerable investment in the BKSS since 2022.

Vehicle Expenses: \$9000

ANUSA owns a bus and Ute, which is available for students, so this covers related expenditures on parking, registration, and fuel.

Bush week: \$20,000

The Clubs Officer organizes Bush Week each year as a welcome to new students and a return to semester 2. This includes numerous events as well as market day which is a significant event in the university Calander where clubs, student groups, and businesses can connect with students.

Clubs Funding: \$200,000

ANUSA is responsible for the governance and funding of the many varied clubs on campus. Since the peak of COVID we have seen a resurgence in the club's scene, this amount represents the highest ever clubs' budget in ANUSA.

Clubs Training/Events: \$10,000

To ensure our clubs are able to run the Clubs Officer provides training for club executives, this amount also includes the annual Union Ball which is open to all students and serves as a celebration of the many fantastic clubs.

College Representatives Shared funding: \$3000

This amount is for college representatives to run events and campaigns, as a shared funding pool all college reps are consulted on how this is spent.

Consultancy and Legal Expenses: \$30,000

This amount will allow for the governance review taking place this year which will bring our constitution and regulation in line with our new position as the single student union on campus.

Departments and Collectives: \$132,000

ANUSA has 7 departments, each headed by a department officer, which provide advocacy and support for their respective groups. This year I redesigned the funding arrangements which allow departments to access up to \$15,000 in general funding, resulting in more departments having access to more funding.

Education Welfare Action Group: \$9,000

EWAG is a committee established in the constitution that focuses on political issues affecting students, most of this line has been used by the counter course guide and the rest will go towards supporting various campaigns and protests.

Equipment: \$10,000

Cameras, microphones, tables. All things equipment that aid our activities across our entire range of functions.

Fees and Subscriptions: \$70,000

Most of this cost is due to the overlap between the use of Qpay and MSL. The transition between these platforms is slow but once completed the functionality of Qpay will provide benefits to most of our operations.

Gen Rep projects: \$2,000

Allows for Gen reps to pursue their own policies and projects, as a shared funding pool all gen reps are consulted before this is accessed.

IT Support/Equipment: \$5,000

Staff/Representatives training: \$45,000

This line includes training and professional development for our staff and representatives. As an example, the executive must have first aid qualifications and AICD management training. Our staff must have modern industry standard training. This line also includes Natcon delegate ticket costs, as well as other conferences ANUSA attends including Sencon

Marketing and Communications: \$12,000

Includes merchandise costs, printing costs, software, and general advertising of ANUSA.

Meeting Expenses: \$2,000

Last year this was exclusively spent on food before SRC and other meetings, this year because of the change in venue we can now bring the food directly to the SRC.

National Union of Students: \$40,000

The NUS is the peak representative body for students in Australia, by affiliating to it ANU students can contribute to, and be represented in national campaign that affect them. The NUS plays a critical role in advocating for policy that has real impacts on students.

O-Week: \$55,000

One of the biggest weeks on campus, ANUSA through the Clubs Officer organizes O-week, the largest cost of which is market day. O-week presents a massive opportunity for ANUSA to connect with students as they come to the ANU.

Employee Expenses: \$20,000

Parents and Carers Committee: \$10,000

This amount will be used by the Parents and Carers Officer and committee to run events and build community. This is the first full year we have budgeted for the Parents and Carers role and so as the year goes on we hope to learn how to better support this group of students.

Office Supplies: \$10,500

Replacement and maintenance: \$3,000

Salaries and Wages/Workers compensation Insurance: \$2,329,906

This amount includes ANUSA honoraria which is set at \$7,500 for the year.

Student Extra-circular Engagement Fund: \$100,000

ANUSA has assumed responsibility for SEEF, this amount is administered to support events, conferences, and other programs that benefit students.

Shut Up and Write Program: \$30,340

SUW is a program to support Postgraduate students, we have a coordinator who runs these evenings. They represent an important service ANUSA can provide postgrads.

Social Portfolio: \$20,000

This amount is used by our events team to deliver events to engage with the postgraduate and HDR communities, as the single student union we are still looking for ways to properly serve and connect with these communities.

Skill Up: \$10,000

Skill Up is a fantastic program which provides skills and qualifications to students. We saw high demand for this program last year and look forward to helping those who enter.

Student Assistance Grants: \$120,000

We have four different grants available for all students: the ANUSA Assistance Grant, ANUSA Medical Grant, ANUSA Carers Grant, and the Accommodation Assistance Program. We expect to see significant increased demand for these because of cost-of-living pressures as well as eligibility expansion to all students.

Student Assistance Purchases: \$58,880

This covers our transport vouchers and grocery voucher programs, as well as the lunches we provide at the food co-op.

Student Engagement: \$25,000

Last year this line allowed for expenditure on the Invasion Day protest, Less-Stresstival, and NatCon travel stipends. Along the same line this budget line allows for the realization of different programs and ideas throughout the year.

Telephone: \$400

Utilities: \$10,000

Budget Line	2024 expenditure
Accounting and Bookkeeping	\$1,500.00
Auditing	\$15,000.00
Bank Fees	\$2,000.00
BKSS Consumables	\$95,000.00

BKSS Non-consumables	\$5,000.00
Vehicle Expenses	\$9,000.00
Bush week	\$20,000.00
Clubs funding	\$200,000.00
Clubs training/events	\$10,000.00
College Reps Share funding	\$3,000.00
Consultancy and Legal Expenses	\$30,000.00
Departments & Collectives	\$131,168.00
Welfare Education Action Group	\$9,000.00
Elections	\$1,000.00
Equipment	\$10,000.00
Fees and Subscriptions	\$70,000.00
Gen Rep projects	\$2,000.00
IT Support & Equipment	\$5,000.00
Staff/Representatives Training	\$45,000.00
Marketing & Communications	\$12,000.00
Meeting Expenses	\$3,000.00
Nation Union of Students	\$40,000.00
O-week	\$55,000.00
Employee Expenses	\$20,000.00
Parent and Careers committee	\$10,000.00
Office supplies	\$10,500.00
Replacement & Maintenance	\$3,000.00
Salaries and Wagers/Workers comp	\$2,329,906.43
Student Extra-curricular Engagement fund	\$100,000.00

Shut up and Write Program	\$30,340.00
Social Portfolio	\$20,000.00
Skill up Program	\$10,000.00
Student Assistance Grants	\$120,000.00
Student Assistance Purchases	\$58,880.00
Student Engagement	\$25,000.00
Telephone	\$400.00
Utilities	\$10,000.00
Gross Operating Expenditure	\$3,522,526.43