



AGENDA – College Representative Council (CRC) 7 2020

Wednesday 30 September 2020

Zoom – 6:15pm

Item 1: Meeting Open and Apologies

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country
- 1.2 Apologies
- 1.3 Passing of previous meetings minutes (CRC 6 2020)

Item 2: Executive Reports

- 2.1 President's Report (L. Day) [Reference A]
- 2.2 Vice President's Report (M. Janagaraja) [Reference B]
- 2.3 General Secretary's Report (T. Heslington) [Reference C]

Item 3: College Representative Reports

- 3.1 College of Engineering and Computer Science [Reference D]
- 3.2 College of Arts and Social Sciences [Reference E]
- 3.3 College of Law [Reference F]
- 3.4 College of Sciences, Health and Medicine [Reference G]
- 3.5 College of Business and Economics [Reference H]
- 3.6 College of Asia Pacific [Reference I]

Item 4: Discussion Items

- 4.1 Joint TLDC agenda items
- 4.2 Course representatives going forward

Item: 5: Other Business

Item 6: Meeting Close

Expected close of meeting 7:30pm

Reference A

Please refer to the President's SRC 6 report.

Reference B

Please refer to the Vice-President's SRC 6 report.

Reference C

Please refer to the General Secretary's SRC 6 report.

Reference D



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT #6

[Sophie Burgess & Kriti Tripathi]

Main Updates

- RSEEME has announced the cutting of two undergraduate majors in the Bachelor of Engineering program
- Honours Support Initiative progressing in Semester 2

Agenda	Further Information
RSEEME Major Cuts	<p>On the 3rd of September, CECS announced that they would be disestablishing two majors from their Bachelor of Engineering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mechanical and Material Systems- Biomedical Systems <p>This came as a shock to students and staff alike. The executive within the school are currently working on developing a 'Teach Out' plan for the impacted majors, which will go to the CEC on the 12th of October, before going to AQAC and the Academic Board.</p> <p>While all students currently enrolled in the BEng or BEng(R&D) programs will still be able to complete their chosen majors, the courses which they will need to complete will change. These alternate courses may be a mix of other CECS courses, JCOS courses or equivalent courses from other universities. Many in the RSEEME community are not satisfied with the level of justification that has been provided, and are frustrated by the lack of transparency into how this decision was made.</p> <p>Sophie will continue to monitor the unfolding situation.</p>
Job Cuts	<p>The ANUSA CECS representatives oppose the job cuts announced by the university. These job cuts will severely impact the quality of education that ANU students receive. We encourage students (CECS and otherwise) to take a stand and make sure that our voices are heard.</p>
Honours Support	<p>We have been communicating with the CECS admin team and working with them to reach out to the current honours convenors. We have also been working on event promotional materials like fliers and FAQ documents. Things are progressing on track.</p>

Reference E

Reference F

Reference G

CRC 7 JCOS Report

Joint College of Science Representatives: Sai Campbell and Yasmin Potts

1. College Education Council 23/09/2020

Sai attended the CEC meeting on 23/09/2020. There were a number of major discussion items that concerned students. The first relevant discussion item was the changes to how academic integrity complaints would be resolved. Course convenors are now responsible for investigating academic integrity violations and cannot, for example, delegate investigation to tutors or other casual academics. Should convenors fail to manage and review evidence appropriately, students may appeal an outcome on procedural grounds. In instances where the course convenor is not able to directly investigate a violation, this should be delegated to the Associate Dean of Education.

The second pertinent discussion item was the disestablishment of the Diploma of Science. Under the new proposal, students who have not obtained the required ATAR will be able to pursue an alternative pathway to undertake a degree with the support of the Academic Skills and Learning Centre. These students will be integrated into the same classes as other students. However, they will most likely not be accorded special privileges such as extensions for assignments.

The third item of relevance was the expected format of classes for next semester 2021. Unfortunately, it is presently unclear what restrictions will be in place but the general consensus is that we will most likely be having a hybrid semester as it is extremely unlikely that many international students will be able to return to Canberra. We expect that there will be no large face-to-face lectures next semester as it will be difficult to comply with social distancing. However, one discussion item was the fact that a number of courses, particularly in the medical school, require in person practicals in order to meet learning outcomes. The question of whether any courses will be on-campus only was raised. The ADE confirmed that this would be extremely rare and would not apply to any compulsory courses. Sai is concerned as to whether any courses should be permitted to be on-campus only as this could discriminate against international students. Sai will update the CRC on further developments relating to this discussion item.

2. Handover and next year plans

Sai will be continuing in her role as JCOS representative and she looks forward to beginning the handover process for her co-representative as soon as they have been confirmed.

3. One Girl Initiative

Just wanted to give a shout-out to the STEM@ANU One Girl initiative which aims to raise money to support girls in underprivileged areas with financing their education. The team has already raised over \$11,000 which is absolutely fantastic and we are hoping to exceed our goal of \$12,000 very soon.

<https://www.onegirl.org.au/fundraisers/STEMANU>

4. ANU Student Research Conference (SRC)

Sai was pleased to work with the Student Research Conference as a program coordinator and the conference was a resounding success. Sai was pleased to see a number of high quality contributions from particular science students and she hopes that the JCOS representatives may play a bigger role in supporting students pursuing original research here at ANU. However, Sai is concerned about informal reports on cuts to the number of places available for students hoping to pursue research courses here at the ANU outside of degree programs where it is a requirement of said degree. She believes that students

outside of these courses should have the opportunity to pursue research that is recognised through a course and is concerned with how this development could exacerbate perceived elitism in JCOS.

5. Events back on campus

We are very pleased to see that events may now be held on campus and we look forward to seeing what initiatives will be put forward by societies this coming term. We welcome communication from student societies who may be looking for administrative or financial support from their JCOS representatives.

6. Financial Summary

Credit Name	Credit Amount	Sum Credit	Debit Name	Debit Amount	Sum Debit	Net Position
ACT Seed Grant	1575	2303.38	Kirsten Banks	330	830	1473.38
College Rep Pool	728.38		Hackathon Prize Money	500		

The JCOS budget currently has a large surplus due to unused funds from ANU National Science Week. Sai contacted the National Committee about the surplus and was advised to use the funds for equipment that could be needed for future National Science Week events. Sai will be contacting the national representative to confirm whether this may be kept liquid for future events so that the JCOS representatives for 2021 may not need to rely on obtaining highly competitive grant funding to run a successful National Science Week. We are also very much open to hearing suggestions from other CRC members and the general public on how these funds could be appropriately used.

Reference H

Reference I