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## MINUES

### ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 1 2012

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012

12pm, Union Court Amphitheatre

#### **Executive**

Dallas Proctor– President of the Association  
Alice McAvoy– Vice-President of the Association  
Tara Mulholland– General Secretary of the Association  
Rashid Kazak– Treasurer of the Association  
Phoebe Malcolm– Social Officer of the Association  
Tom Barrington-Smith – Education Officer of the Association

#### **Department Officers**

Isobel Morphy-Walsh– Indigenous Officer of the Association  
Christopher Karas– Disabilities Officer of the Association  
Stuart Ferrie – Queer\* Officer of the Association

#### **Faculty Representatives**

Vaibhav Sager  
Mel McLeod  
Jack Hobbs  
Maea Buhre  
Thomas Brazier  
Yasmin Masri  
Roseanna Bricknell

#### **General Representatives**

Alex Clark  
Kai Kamada-Laws  
Amanda Joyce-Neilson  
Sascha Silberstein  
Harry Wall  
Thomas Nock  
Matilda Gillis  
Charmaine Yong  
Lillian Ward

## **Ordinary Members**

Katherine Prouting

Amy MacKinnon

Oscar Morgain

Zid Mancenido

Edward Byrne

Thomas Nick

Tasman Vaughan

Tim Wiles

Cam Wilson

Daniel Pughn

Tim Lamusse

Sophie Maeherics

Elise Asam

Pengfei Xu

Andreas Sherbon

Alex Bell-Rowe

Chris Monox

Jack Cuaic

Sid Mancenido

Tom Langsord

Trisha Jha

Gus Little

Caitlin Delbridge

Richard Keys

Andrew Donnellan

Emma Dunn

Don W

Hannah Wood

## **Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies**

### **Meeting Opened at 12:16pm**

#### **1.1 Acknowledgement of Country**

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.

#### **1.2 Apologies**

I have received apologies from: Samantha Teong and Jeff Sun,

#### **1.3 Explanation of Standing Orders**

- Quorum for this meeting is 40- don't forget to sign in
- Speakers are to be heard in silence and can only be interrupted by me (the chair). You can only address the meeting if I call on you to do so.
- Please respect each other- Interruption to speakers, swearing, private conversations and name calling will not be tolerated.
- If you would like to speak or make a point of clarification please raise your hand.

#### **Motions and Amendments**

- All motions and amendments (except for procedural motions) must be handed to me in writing and they require a mover and a seconder
- All movers and seconders have speaking rights
- You may only speak once to a motion unless you are the mover exercising your right of reply.
- Amendments must be relevant to the motion and cannot negate the substance of a motion,
- Movers of amendments have no right of reply.
- Speakers delivering reports may speak for 5 minutes, movers of motions for 3, all other speakers 2 minutes.
- You may at any time move points of order about any irregularity in the proceedings or ask for a point of clarification at the end of a speech.
- If you feel misrepresented you may (without interrupting) make a point of explanation
- Movers of and speakers to procedural motions have one minute.
- The ANUSA Standing orders can be found in the link to our constitution.

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

**MOTION:** That the minutes from the Annual General Meeting 2012 be accepted.

**Moved:** Tara Mulholland

**Seconded:** Dallas Proctor

**Motion passed**

### **Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising**

#### **3.1 Student Representative Council (SRC) Report (D. Proctor) [ Reference A]**

- Over 2000 people came to the Music School Concert
- If you have any questions talk to Yasmin Masri and Jack Hobbs
- New website, hopefully launch this week
- End of term party, \$2 drinks are back
- SEEF applications are in, 140 applications, not everyone will get money
- Safety on campus and mental health, petting zoo was

**Motion:** That the SRC report be accepted.

**Moved:** Vaibhav Sagar

**Seconded:** Sascha Silberstein

**Motion passed**

#### **3.2 College Representative College (CRC) Report (A. McAvoy) [Reference B]**

- SELT DATA
- SELT memes
- Textbooks on HECS
- DVC academic plan
- Course credit, greater degree flexibility, thank Mel McLeod, Morgan Wood and Schuman (Engineering an

**Motion:** That the CRC report be accepted.

**Moved:** Vaibhav Sagar

**Seconded:** Stuart Ferrie

### **Item 4: Elections**

#### **4.1 Nomination of Returning Officer**

Cameron Wilson and Amanda Joyce-Neilson will act as Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer respectively.

#### **4.2 Election of Bush Week Directors**

Statements were delivered from Emma Dunn, Tasman Vaughan, Hannah Lawson (read by Phoebe Malcolm) and Alex Bell-Rowe.

Alex Bell-Rowe, Emma Dunn and Tasman Vaughan were successfully elected

### **Item 5: Items for Resolution**

#### **5.1 Addition to the Constitution**

30. Orientation Week and Bush Week Directors

1. There are to be Orientation Week and Bush Week Directors, who report to the Social Officer.
2. The Directors must:
  1. organise a variety of daytime and night time social events for members of the association; and
  2. organise a Market Day where affiliated clubs and societies are able to promote themselves; and
  3. develop sponsorship relationships with organisations.
3. Orientation Week and Bush Week Directors must be available to the Social Officer during the teaching break in the direct lead up to either Orientation Week or Bush Week.

**Moved:** Phoebe Malcolm

**Seconded:** Dallas Proctor

*Questions*

- **Zid Mancenido:** Is the honoraria for directors mentioned in the Constitution?
  - **Phoebe Malcolm:** No, not currently.

**Moved:** Phoebe Malcolm

**Seconded:** Dallas Proctor

**Passed unanimously.**

## **5.2 Changes to Election Regulations**

### **Addition to Probity Officer**

2.11.11 If the Probity Officer(s) reasonably believes that a candidate has committed an Electoral Offence as outlined in the Constitution and/or Regulations in the course of the election campaign, she/he may issue a polling time ban. The polling time ban will exclude a candidate from campaigning for a maximum of 3 hours.

**Moved:** Tara Mulholland

**Seconded:** Dallas Proctor

*Questions*

- **Andrew Donnellan:** What is the punishment for breaching the time ban?
  - **Tara Mulholland:** That will depend on the probity and returning officers but it could be a fine or some other penalty.
- **Zid Mancenido:** Is polling defined in the Constitution?
  - **Tara Mulholland:** No but it refers to the days on which voting is occurring for the elections.
- **Galvin Chia:** Not all polling times are equal

- **Tara Mulholland:** That's true but it should just be issued

*Doug Wyllie was named*

**Moved:** Tara Mulholland

**Seconded:** Dallas Proctor

**Motion passed** (with over 75% of the vote)

**Abstentions:** Doug Wyllie and Edward Byrne

### **Changes to Electoral Offences**

7.1.1 It is an offence to place on any notice board an election notice larger than A3 size.

7.1.2 It is an offence to publish publication during an election campaign that contains untrue statements likely to mislead a voter in the casting of her/his vote.

7.1.2A It is an offence to remove from any place any registered publication. No offence is committed by:

a) a person removing a reasonable quantity of the publication for their own or another's information; or

b) a member of the group in whose name the publication is registered; or

c) a person authorised by a member of the group in whose name the publication is registered; or

d) a person who has the right to control the entrance to the place where the publication lies or that person's agent.

7.1.3 It is an offence to actively canvass votes within 3 metres of a polling place.

7.1.4 It is an offence to actively canvass votes within the Student Space.

7.1.5 It is an offence to actively canvass votes within the Union building.

7.1.6 It is an offence to cast or attempt to cast a vote to which the person is not entitled.

7.1.7 It is an offence to offer gifts, bribes, money, food, drink, or any other enticement to exert undue influence over electoral officials or voters during election week.

7.1.8 It is an offence for an individual who is not currently a student of the university to campaign for a candidate in the election. Candidates and campaigners should carry their student cards while campaigning.

7.1.9 It is an offence for any candidate to engage in sexist, racist, homophobic or militaristic intimidation or abuse.

7.1.10 It is an offence to give away food or drink during polling week.

7.1.11 It is an offence to incite any other person to commit any of the Electoral Offences detailed in this section.

**Moved:** Tara Mulholland

**Seconded:** Dallas Proctor

*Questions*

- Tim Lamusse: Can the BBQ still be done during the regulations?
  - Tara Mulholland: no, previously you could give away food 50 meters away from a polling place, this is no longer allowed by the Regulations.
- Tim Lamusse: Do we have to carry our student cards?
  - Tara Mulholland: It says should, it is a recommendation.
  - Emma Eriksen: (Point Of Clarification) aren't we meant to carry our cards around anyway.
- Chris Monnox: What sort of punishments would be in place for breach of the closed campus rule?
  - Dallas Proctor: The probity officer could call ANU Security and have them escorted off campus.

The following friendly amendments were accepted;

- 7.1.2 Change his/her to their
- 7.1.8 Candidates and campaigners ~~should~~ must carry their student cards while campaigning.
- 7.1.9 It is an offence for any candidate to engage in ~~sexist, racist, homophobic or militaristic intimidation or abuse~~ negative discrimination and/or intimidation.

**Moved:** Tara Mulholland

**Seconded:** Dallas Proctor

**Motion Passed** (with over 75% of the vote)

### **Insertion to the Election Regulations:**

#### **Section 8: Election of Department Officers**

8.2.4 Only gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex or queer identifying individuals are eligible to vote for the position of Queer\* Officer. Where the position of Queer\* Officer is contested, the main ballot paper must contain an opt-in tick box above the candidates that reads "I identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans\*, intersex, queer\* or outside of a heteronormative sexuality, sex or gender identity". Votes for Queer\* Officer will only be counted if the tick box has been checked."

**Moved:** Tara Mulholland

**Seconded:** Stuart Ferrie

#### *Questions*

- **Michael Pettersson:** What about people who don't identify as that list?
  - **Stuart Ferrie:** The phrase 'outside of a heteronormative sexuality' catches those people.
- **Aleks Sladojevic:** Why does this happen only if contested?
  - **Tara Mulholland:** If the position is not contested there is no election.
- **Sascha Silberstein:** What's going to stop this being ticked by anyone?

- **Stuart Ferrie:** Nothing, but it's better than the current system.

### **5.3 Presentation of the Budget (R.Kazak)**

*No Questions*

**Motion:** That the 2012 budget be accepted.

**Moved:** Rashid Kazak

**Seconded:** Dallas Proctor

**Motion Passed**

### **Item 6: Date of Next Meeting and Close**

The next Ordinary General Meeting will be held in Term 3.

Expected close of meeting: 2.00pm



## Reference A

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### **SRC Report**

#### **Budget Cuts**

In conjunction with the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU), we ran a rally this term against the budget cuts. Many thanks to all the ANUSA reps who helped out on the day. College reps have been meeting with the education deans of each academic colleges to find out where the cuts might be made. The majority of this will be discussed in the CRC Report.

#### **Music School**

We ran a huge protest jam in Union Court on Monday – congratulations to all involved. As this is something I have worked on with Yasmin, Jack and Alice this will be addressed in the CRC report.

#### **Unilodge Contracts/NRAS**

Tom Barrington-Smith (ANUSA Education Officer) has sought independent valuations of Unilodge, to investigate whether it qualifies under the NRAS and whether Unilodge students are currently paying the correct amount.

#### **Safety on Campus Committee**

Students have been meeting to organise a safety on campus campaign which will be launched next term. Representatives have been meeting with ANU Security. Watch this space.

#### **Mental Health Committee**

The “What Works for You?” campaign was launched last Thursday at Universal Lunch Hour. The ANUSA Mental Health Committee launched a booklet detailing the mental health stories of 6 ANU students (big props to Morgan Wood (ANUSA Engineering Fac Rep) for putting it together). There was also a variety of mental health support groups on hand to provide information as well as the ever popular petting paddock. My thanks to Alice McAvoy (ANUSA Vice President) for heading this project and also to the entire committee for their efforts.

#### **Fortnightly Newsletter/ANUSA Publications Officer**

Galvin Chia was elected as Publications Officer last term, and is responsible for the publishing of the new fortnightly newsletter. This was an opt-in newsletter which 7500 students have signed up to, thru ISIS. We are still figuring out some technical difficulties with the university around HTML.

## **Upcoming Elections for ANUSA 2013**

Connor Drumm and Doug Wylie were elected as Probity Officers at SRC.

ANU has informed us that Jan O'Connor will be unable to run the elections this year. Tara Mulholland (ANUSA General Secretary) is currently investigating options for this as well as trying to get the university to get its act together. Stay tuned.

## **Executive Review**

We are trying to find a group to run the ANUSA Executive Review. Rashid Kazak has been approaching management consultancy firms to do it pro bono but so far no bites. ANUSA is also looking in to asking student groups or the Centre of New Democracy

## **SSAF**

We continued to negotiate this term with the university over the contract, and after a satisfactory outcome have now signed the contract. We will be continuing to lobby the university over how SSAF is to be spent.

## **Website**

We are presently updating the website, to a cheaper and more effective website on a Wordpress platform. This should be launched sometime this week. The previous website would have been costing us up to \$15,000 per year, and did not seem to be providing value for money.

## **Canberra Rape Crisis Centre Training**

ANUSA Representatives will be attending a training session run by the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre this week. Thanks to Renee Jones, ANUSA Women's Officer, for facilitating this.

## **Housing Review**

The ANUSA Housing Review was launched in the first week of Term 2, and is available to be downloaded from the website. It is a fantastic publication. Thanks to authors Fleur Hawes, Galvin Chia, Leah Ginnivan and Shan Verne Liew.

## **ANUSA End of Semester 90s Party**

The ANUSA End of Semester Party will be held at Mooseheads at 10pm on Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup>. The theme is "It was acceptable in the 90s." 90s music and \$2 drinks – \$5 tickets are available from Student Space.

## **Health Centre**

Samantha Teong (ANUSA General Representative) is developing an ANUSA questionnaire to be made available at the Health Service.

## Reference B

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### CRC Report

#### General:

The VC identified that most decisions about cuts would be made within colleges. Therefore the college reps have been meeting with education deans to identify areas which may be vulnerable in any future budget cuts.

We have also been discussing the following issues:

- Wattle and good uses of it
- Improving participation rates in SELT data
- Encouraging academic colleges to have greater publication opportunities
- Discussion about things coming out of the DVC(Academic) Marnie Hughes-Warrington's strategic plan: course credit for extra-curricular, greater degree flexibility and what research-led education will end up involving.
- Putting textbooks on HECs (which Tom Barrington Smith, ANUSA Education Officer, is leading up a campaign on)

We would also like to particularly thank college reps Melanie McLeod, Morgan Wood and Schuman Zhang for their work this semester. Sascha Silberstein was appointed College of Law Rep by Dallas Proctor, in consultation with the CRC (who voted on it). We are now looking for people who are interested in being Engineering or Business and Economics Rep. Please email Tara Mulholland, ANUSA General Secretary, for more information on [sa.gensec@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.gensec@anu.edu.au)

#### College Reports:

##### College of Arts and Social Sciences

In semester one, the ANUSA representatives for CASS have organised a Camp for first years, attended numerous class representative meetings and campaigned to stop the cuts to the School of Music.

Much of February was spent preparing to take First Year students on a weekend excursion to Kioloa. The aim was to create opportunities for first years to get to know other students in their faculty. In particular, to improve integration between college, off campus and international students. The camp was run by later year mentors who both provided informal advice on surviving undergrad and coordinated a weekend of fun activities.

Class Representatives are elected in many schools within the college.

These are important as a direct link between students and ANUSA. Your fac reps attend class rep meetings to hear student's opinions and concerns. It would be very useful if class reps existed in some form in all schools, and the fac reps for CASS have been seeking to introduce this idea to schools that don't have student representation.

In recent times the fac reps from CASS have been giving most of their time to campaigning to stop the cuts faced by the school of music.

Efforts have included running a petition, a protest jam, talking with management and attempting to coordinate the efforts of the many students wishing to protest the sacking of staff and the diluting of the curriculum of the school.

### **College of Asia and the Pacific**

The CAP faculty representatives have been working on a variety of issues. The last details of the First Year camp have been finalised; a report consisting of post-camp survey data filled out by all 22 attendees has been presented to both ANUSA and CAP. An informal Year in Asia review session on Friday 20 April was organised, with 7 students in total giving them feedback on their Years in Indonesia, Japan and China. This feedback was presented at a CAP Year in Asia programme review on Monday 23 April. The fac-reps will continue to be involved, and were approached for advice on the Year in Asia Wattle page. They have been working with Andrew Walker to canvas student opinion on late penalties. A course representative system is also being formalised, with emails being sent out to all undergraduates in CAP asking for volunteer representatives. However, it appears that this was not received by all students and the matter is being investigated. They have been attending and representing students on both the CAP Education Committee and the new CAP Educational Enrichment Working Party. Finally, they have also been asked to be involved in helping to judge Wattle pages for the CAP Wattle awards.

### **College of Engineering and IT**

- Internship, the engineering faculty has indicated that they understand that it is hard for engineering students to set up their own internships. They are keen to work with ANUSA to explore ways to help students in this regard.

- Degree requirements, the engineering faculty has indicated that they are ok with setting up a system for engineering students where they can email their courses to the faculty, and the faculty will assess whether the student will graduate or not.

## **College of Law**

At present the biggest area of discussion in the College of Law is the upcoming implementation of the AQF. Of particular interest to ANUSA is the effect this will have on the honours program. As such, the College of Law Representatives have been keeping up with this debate and will endeavour to ensure any changes carried out bring only positive benefits to undergraduate students. Following student feedback we have investigated why the ANIP program cannot be credited towards the LLB and whether there is any scope for this to be changed. This semester we have also followed up on the work of the 2011 COL Representatives in response to complaints received about the first-year Contracts course last year. Finally, we have been working on establishing a system of class representatives in compulsory courses. We hope that this will create an effective pathway for feedback, connecting ANUSA with students and allowing us to easily become aware of any issues as they arise.

## **College of Science**

The inaugural First Year Science Camp was run at Jindabyne Sport and Rec Centre at the end of Week 1. The camp was a success and we look forward to helping it continue for future years. The (all of) Science Student Society is now up and running, thanks to the work of Abby D'Cruz and her committee. This provides an avenue for social and academic communication between the various branches of Science student societies. Rose and Tom will be meeting with the Dean of Science and the class reps at the conclusion of Semester 1 to discuss any issues and welcome ideas or suggestions. We have also been working with the college of science to examine the low uptake of SELT reviews when delivered online as opposed to in class.

## **College of Business and Economics**

Issues of interest that have been discussed at CBE College Education Committee (CEC) Meetings include:

- EMET1001 High Failure Rates – EMET1001 (Foundations of Economic and Financial Models) has a disproportionately high failure rate when compared to other first year compulsory courses. This is to be investigated and we are aiming to find out why this is occurring and see whether we can make improvements.

- CBE Summer School has been cut – CBE claimed this was due to lack of resources and funding, but it has affected some students very adversely. Further information and ways to deal with this is being sought.
- CBE International Students ATAR policy – CBE sets ATAR entry requirements higher than that of domestic students for international students based on quota rationale. A survey commissioned in support of this policy has some questionable findings that CBE reps are currently investigating.
- SELTS Data – Some CBE staff members feel that SELTS data is statistically biased and therefore should not be used as an adequate portrayal of course quality. SELTS is a big issue in the CBE faculty and continues to be debated. CBE is looking for guidance from higher authorities in the university as to what position it should take on SELTS.

### **Other Projects**

- CBE Reps are trying our best to support many start-up extracurricular programs relevant to CBE students like the SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) program.
  - CBE Reps aim to write a submission on behalf of many extracurricular CBE groups at ANU that expresses support and desire for a Wattle page (similar to the 'LLB Program Site' where student groups could share information, advertise events and recruit members.
- CBE Reps are also looking into the feasibility of a PASS (Peer Assisted Mentoring) Scheme at the ANU, starting at the CBE. It was hoped that it could be trialled in Semester 2 2012, but the CBE faculty believes this is too short of a deadline. Investigations and research will be carried out with the hope of trialling a scheme in 2013.

Management Courses Late policies – Schuman Zhang was carrying out an investigation into the irregular late policies for management courses. Unfortunately Schuman is no longer an ANUSA member so this project is on hold until a new rep comes in.