



SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

(SGM) 2

Thursday, 29th October 2015

12pm, ANUSA Boardroom

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Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting opens at 12:22pm

1.1 Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge and celebrate the first Australians on whose traditional lands we meet, and pay our respect to the elders of the Ngunnawal people, past and present. We recognise that we are the benefactors of the continuing dispossession and ongoing effects of colonisation of this land. We stand in solidarity with their struggle, historical and ongoing, and recognise that sovereignty was never ceded to them

1.2 Review of Standing Orders

Item 2: GAC Funding

Motion: that the association amend the 2015 budget, by up to \$40,000.00 for the remainder of ANUSA 2015.

- Mover: S. Woo
- Seconder: B. Gill

S. Woo speaking to motion:

- GAC running out of cash
 - 41k in backlogged grants
 - Clubs may be waiting to put in receipts, 40k in backlogged payments, possibility of future reimbursements
 - Large costs this time of year due to balls
- Some budget required to continue
- GAC didn't meet in Sept. Budget requests have been removed.

B. Gill speaking to motion:

- Need to increase it so students aren't out of pocket, track spending and identify trends.
- We acknowledge this is late
- Need to refund students for their contributions to the ANU community

Questions:

- Jiang: Where does the money come from, to which clubs will it go?
 - S. Woo: From SSAF, money going to all clubs who have legitimate claims, chronological order

- L. Ovens: Why are we in a position of being 40k over budget
 - S. Woo: in preparation, we prepared based on last year (\$150k + inflation)
 - Didn't spend all last year.
 - This year we have more active clubs and societies, more efficient GAC process.
 - Also had to pay some leftover 2014 GAC grants.
- Is it possible, to see the list of breakdowns
 - J. Gaudie: GAC works on clubs in a chronological order,
- Karan: Is it true that the caps that existed last year have not been followed.
 - J. Gaudie: Couldn't follow up numbers at attendance, GAC decided to remove unusable aspects. Never had problems with larger events, restricted, cap changed to maximum per club or society.
 - GAC Officer (Kat Martin): 75% reimbursed for students, more bang for buck
- S. Duncan: is there a GAC surplus?
 - S. Woo: Yes, SSAF surplus.
- B. Creelman: What is the GAC budget now?
 - S. Woo: 240k
- J. Waugh: is there a sacrifice being made?
 - S. Woo: no sacrifice is being made
- B. Creelman: Could 15 people spend \$10k and get 7,500
 - J. Gaudie: technically yes, but there are mechanisms in place to prevent this

Amendment to the motion: As soon as reasonably possible, the Treasurer will post a spreadsheet with the information of approved payments, including names of clubs and not individuals to a publicly available forum.

- Mover: Jiang
- Secunder: A. Bi

Questions:

- Q: how long would this take?
 - A: about 3 minutes to export,

Jiang speaking for amendment:

- On-line budget,
- Transparency is important, spreadsheet is long, in order for

Speakers against the motion:

- T. Kessina
- J. Waugh: Against: impassioned speech against, really moving.

Procedural motion: to move to a vote on the amendment

- Mover: J. Webb
- Secunder: E. Roberts
- Motion unanimously passed

Vote on amendment:

- Against: 21
- For: 8
- Abstentions: S. Woo, H. Hu

- Motion failed

Speakers for and against the motion:

- A. Bi (against):
 - From the discussion today, still a few problems in the process
 - No opportunity to know the exact breakdown before voting.
 - Insult to intelligence
 - SSAF is bad
- S. Ferrie (for):
 - GAC is a constitutional body of ANUSA, decision making processes/procedures in place that are trusted
 - Students are poor – C&S do great things
- Gary (for):
 - If you don't understand GAC/don't trust it you should get involved and try and understand it it's great
- S. Woo: Words! Volunteers, get involved. Yay!

Motion: Move the motion to a vote

- Mover: J. Waugh
- Secunder: E. Roberts
- Unanimously passed

Vote:

- Against: 1
- Abstentions: A. Bi
- Motion Passed

Meeting Closed: 1:15pm