



SRC 2 Minutes

Tuesday, 15 March 2016

ANUSA Boardroom

Appendix A: SRC2 Agenda, including reports and other reference material

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting opens: 6:11pm

Apologies received from: Zachary Rayson, Arebelle Zhang, Amanda Ling, Daniel Wang

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Requested amendments to the minutes from SRC1:

1. 3.1 President's report (B. Gill)

Reads as:

Q (Linnea): regarding payment to student representatives, departments will be eager to work closely with the executive. Are you committed to be consultative?

o Yes!

o Update: in the process of recruiting professional staff based on advice we have received; very clear that this review will go ahead with full staff input

Amend to:

Q (Linnea): regarding payment to student representatives, the Department Officers are particularly committed to this review as more than one Department Officer ran for their position thinking that they would be paid throughout 2016 and therefore it would be financially feasible for them to run. Are you committed to continuing meaningful consultation with the current Department Officers to ensure that the resulting scheme ensures that these positions are accessible for department members in the future?

[Amendment requested by L. Burdon-Smith]

2. 3.5 Social Officer's report (H. Hu)

Reads as:

Q (Linnea): could I clarify that S&C Week preliminary meeting was an initial discussion of dates (Week 9, not Week 8) to avoid overlap with Pledge Week. All department heads will be consulted

o Yes!

Amend to:

Q (Linnea): could I clarify that report item titled 'Sex & Consent Week' - was not a formal meeting, it was a discussion between myself and Helena to see what 'weeks' are currently already filled by ANUSA events. This was asked in the context of the ANU Women's Department trying to decide when to host the Pledge week, as it was placed the week before Sex and Consent Week last year. From this meeting it was ascertained that if the Pledge was to be held in week 8, Sex & consent week could not follow it directly as CASS week is week 9. Furthermore, Tom was not directly involved in this discussion, he was in the vicinity of the discussion. A stakeholder meeting is to be held in the near future with all Department Officers present. Sex & Consent Week will not go forward without due consultation.

[Amendment requested by L. Burdon-Smith]

3. 4.2 Women's Department report (L. Burdon-Smith)

Reads as:

Q (Liam): how has ANU responded to discussions of sexual assault on campus

- o New VC spoke the Pledge in his commencement address, ongoing support and discussions

- o VC speaking tomorrow night and PVC on the panel

- o VC noted issues around 22 reported unwanted sexual assault cases on campus – we are speaking about it an that's a positive sign

Amend to:

Q (Liam): how has ANU responded to discussions of sexual assault on campus?

- o New VC recited the Pledge in his commencement address. Since this appearance, he has indicated his ongoing support and willingness to engage in discussions.

- o In the Vice Chancellors commencement address he noted the 22 reports of unwanted sexual attention and the fact that there is many more that have not been reported. Acknowledging this and speaking about it is a good sign for further progress.

- o The Vice Chancellor is speaking tomorrow night at the Hunting Ground Screening and the Pro-Vice Chancellor is speaking on the panel discussion.

[Amendment requested by L. Burdon-Smith]

Item 3: Executive Reports

3.1 President's report (B. Gill)

- Report taken as read
- Highlighted library fines – win for ANUSA and students, from \$30 to \$6. More to be done but positive sign that library is willing to work with us
- Q (Raqeeb): regarding OrgSync, if we are pushing on with MSL, is there any problem with due diligence?
 - o Working with OrgSync and key stakeholders to see if there is anything we can do better this time around
 - o Bringing all stakeholders on board early to make sure we don't run into the same problems again

- About a month to go
- Q (Eben): will any new OrgSync equivalent tie in with online voting?
 - Yes, but this obviously depends on the direction we go with electoral reform
- Q (Sean Ding): to what extent can ANUSA help residents in Fenner with conversations about the Fenner move to SA5?
 - I sit on the Campus Advisory Subcommittee among other committees about capital works; meet monthly with the Registrar of Student Life – I can ensure student opinions are taken into account
- Q (Raqeeb): can we see the time sheets of other executive members?
 - Yes – take that on notice for SRC3
 - If you have feedback on the information you would like, we will take that on board

Motion: that the President’s report be accepted.

Moved: Eben

Seconded: Maddison

Status: Passed

3.2 Vice President’s report (C. O’Doherty)

- Taken as read
- Q (Raqeeb): How would you like feedback on University Committees?
 - Email me, or contact me on Slack. Also happy to meet in person
 - Time period – we meet approximately every month
- Q (Cameron): the focus of the mental health committee is on residences. Is this potentially problematic in excluding other people?
 - That was a committee decision by the co-chairs, and I want to respect the direction they have chosen to go in this year, though we will also be focusing on the counselling center which will include others and ensure nobody is excluded
- Q (Albert): did the changes proposed last year to university medal system not get approved?
 - It’s still ongoing – hasn’t made it through the committee system
 - Timeline for these changes to take effect will depend on recommendations (Ben); key changes have come into effect – they are now formalizing the wording of the policy
- Q (Lauren): is it possible to get more information about the events the BKSS staff are planning to run? Seems like there could be cross-over with what the committee is working on (e.g. cooking classes and gardening)
 - Staff meeting on Friday and plans prepared by then, including costings. I will get back to you then and seek feedback
 - Anything the SRC would like to have run through the BKSS, please be in touch

Motion: that the Vice President's report be accepted.

Moved: Cameron

Seconded: Max

Status: Passed

3.3 Education Officer's report (J. Connolly)

- Report taken largely as read
- Highlighting National Day of Action for 13 April but this is over our teaching break
 - We want to run a stunt that plays to the fact that nobody is there – abandoned wasteland, “this is the effect of cuts to university funding”
 - Branding of the event is contingent on the outcome of the reaccreditation debate
- EdCom meeting tomorrow 12-2pm
 - Discussing organisation of NDA and how we go about planning events around the election
 - Get enrolled campaign, information about major parties and policies
- Thanks for endorsing me for the position last SRC
- Q (Cameron): many NGOs are running how to vote campaigns. Have you thought about reaching out?
 - Yes – I've been in contact with the Greens and Get Up. We should be economical with resources
- Q (Raqeeb): NDA – what parts of campaign will extend beyond specific stunt?
 - Broad idea is to draw attention to the issue on campus and via social media; when we share it we will attach information about the issue and the policies
- Q (MacCallum): do you have any other recommendations regarding first year camps and how can College Reps give their feedback?
 - Peta is writing a report (handover) and when I receive that I will ask for input from College Reps

Motion: that the Education Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Supriya

Seconded: Raqeeb

Status: Passed

[The Chair passes to James to allow Sam to give his report. James' nomination was not subject to dissent]

3.4 General Secretary's report (S. Duncan)

- Taken as read
- Flag: trialling the livestream and interactive twitter feed. Idea behind that is if anyone wants to watch from home and tweet at home the handle is #anustudents.
 - The Chair won't review questions and ask them but its open to those present to ask questions.

- If you are at all uncomfortable and want the recording suspended I am happy to facilitate it.
- Q (Raqeeb): What are the preliminary concerns about livestream?
 - Sam: People may not feel comfortable expressing themselves on matters that are contentious e.g. re-accreditation debate.
 - However this is a public forum and widens the audience.
- Q (Em Roberts): Regarding the Save the Arts campaign given the consultation was largely symbolic what is the feasibility of its success?
 - Sam: I'm supporting this both out of interest and in my capacity as GenSec.
 - The idea behind the campaign is not to prevent the building being knocked down but to demonstrate that ANU students seriously want the replacement building to be arts focused to facilitate the interests of arts students.
- Q (Raqeeb): Will minutes be published publically re. electoral reform committee?
 - Sam: No, it is a working group. I can't work and take minutes at the same time.
 - We fleshed out ideas which are available for people to read. Email me for a copy of minutes to date: sa.gensec@anu.edu.au

Motion: that the General Secretary's report be accepted.

Moved: Eben

Seconded: Tom

Status: Passed

[The Chair passes back Sam]

3.5 Treasurer's report (S. Macdonald)

- Report taken as read
- Amendment: income statement to 29 March
- Q (Em): we've received 40% of SSAF – why not 100%? When can we expect it?
 - It's staged – i.e. we get SSAF money in stages. I will update the SRC as we progress
- Q (Raqeeb): are the figures in your report the most up-to-date?
 - Largely, yes. We are chasing updated figures given some were put together in a hurry
- Q (Eben): Your report mentioned alternate revenue stream – e.g. investment housing property – do you have more detail?
 - Right now it's broad research looking at how different unis do it
 - After Council meets we will know more about how to proceed, but using USyd as best practice model for alternate revenue
- Q (Raqeeb): have any parts of budget shifted since last term?
 - Not as of yet but looking at this in OGM1

- Q (Jade): last budget in SRC1 occurred on 22 February but expenditure was listed up to same date. Mistake?
 - Possible – sorry about this. I'll revise dates
- Q (Em): what are superannuation expenses?
 - Staff super – salary is only base salary

Motion: that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Emma

Seconded: James

Status: Passed

3.6 Social Officer's report (H. Hu)

- Report taken largely as read
- Highlighted GAC affiliation requests – all requests now cleared
 - Thanks to committee for their hard work to clear the backlog
 - Now processing budget requests. These tend to be cleared by Campus Life Manager to speed up the process, but GAC can do this too if need be
 - Payment requests ready to be received once budget requests approved
- Sex & Consent Week meeting today lunch
 - Attendance by various department heads, postgraduate Women's Officer and Codie Bell
 - Calls for directors to organise S&C Week; advisory committee to be set up as well
 - Directors accountable to advisory committee, who will be involved in the whole process
 - One member of exec, department officers, IHC and PARSA
 - Focus of week on pleasure and how that relates to respect
 - More info on Friday, 25 March; calls for directors after mid-semester break
 - I am committed to consulting department officers
- Q (Raqeeb): 150 affiliation requests, 50% rejected or deferred. Will we be considering this in policy review (as to why so many requests are rejected)?
 - Yes – affiliation is an ongoing process and it is confusing – people aren't sure what documents to upload
 - This was flagged in our meeting; we will be changing the wall of text in all requests to video instructions to clarify and in GAC Handbook (to be published in Wk 7/8) to increase clarity
- Q (Em): S&C week – was meeting today advertised?
 - Linnea: Stakeholder meeting about how exec and department officers would interact – not public
- Q (Em): you listed 5-6 people on advisory committee; how practicable is this to require directors to consult on every step?
 - These are specifics to be natted out before the 25th; we expect to have a clear set out expected outcomes when we advertise for directors
 - Any big decisions inc budget will be subject to approval of exec and advisory committee, but little things don't need to be vetted by committee

- This will speed up process
- Q (Supriya): have you decided to consult previous directors about what worked last year and what didn't? Not a lot of marketing and poor attendance last year – room for improvement
 - At least one of the directors has graduated, but we will be putting directors in contact with last year's team
 - Marketing – Katherine (ANUSA Comms Officer) will provide guidance and support
- Q (Arthur): some “exclusionary clauses” that delayed the affiliation process. Are any religious societies not accepted?
 - I can't comment on requests made prior to T3 last year, but the Constitution requires all affiliated C&S to not have any clauses that prohibit specific groups of people from participating
 - C&S constitutions cannot exclude people
 - Follow-up (Arthur): I am involved with Focus and we were told to change our constitution last year.
[CHAIR: Comment ruled out of order – not a question]
- Q (Ben Creelman – point of clarification): GAC Reg 3.3.5 – no club can have exclusion; this reads that “unless a compelling reason exists”.
- Q (Raqeeb): s 2.44 requires us to invite members of C&S to our meetings. That hasn't happened so far. Will it happen in the future?
 - Meeting dates finalised today; I will email all members registered on OrgSync tomorrow noting meeting dates and that anyone is welcome
 - So far a lot of our work has been teaching reps how to do process
- Q (Waheed): following Ben's point: what “compelling reasons” would be sufficient?
 - It is at the discretion of the committee. We are open to hearing reasons and we will evaluate those reasons
- Q (Em): S&C Week – stakeholder meeting closed today, but who is in charge of the week?
 - Because line item comes out of ANUSA budget, it is the exec who is technically in charge
 - But we will allow the advisory committee to be point of contact for directors, but exec make final say
 - Point of clarification (Linnea): set meeting times and amount of meetings of advisory group – open to public

Motion: that the Social Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Clodagh

Seconded: Kat

Status: Passed

Item 4: Department Officer Reports

4.1 Indigenous Department (R. Larkin)

- Rory absent
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4.2 Women's Department (L. Burdon-Smith)

- Report taken as read
- Correction: Women in STEM – applications not yet open for mentors (website technical difficulties); hopefully within the next 24 hours
- Q (Raqeeb): re responses to reports of sexual assault, what are the current problems with the policy
 - That's why we are doing the review. In my experience and receiving reports, the sexual assault policies are hard to find and navigate, and hard to see what their purpose is – when it's the uni's job to step in and when it is criminal
 - This is our focus
- Q (Lauren): re Hunting Ground screening – when and how many screenings will there be? On an 'interest'/demand basis?
 - Where there's interest – screening rights purchased for 3 years, and 3 copies; up to us to decide when to screen
 - Can't screen at Burgmann or Johns (Affiliate Halls)
 - No set amount, lots of interest in running more already
 - Looking to work with ANU Sport to
 - Follow-up: should interested people contact you?
 - Yes – we can give you the film and put safety measures in place because it is a confronting film
- Q (Em): you met with NUS Women's Officer (WO) and other office bearers. There were problems last year. Was that meeting productive? How do you see your role working with NUS?
 - In O-Week I met with NUS WO, ACT WO, PARSA WO and UC WO. I've met again with NUS WO subsequently
 - NUS WO Heidi has indicated she is very passionate about the issues which is a big step forward from last year's officer
 - Communication far better than last year
 - I expect we will have a productive relationship moving forward; she will also work with UC closely

Motion: that the Women's Department Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Raqeeb

Seconded: Sean

Status: Passed

4.3 Queer* Department (J. McKenna)

- Report taken as read
- Contact me at sa.queer@nu.edu.au

- Q (Em): has the Queer* Space moved to the house completely?
 - Yes – great working space, people there all the time
 - Upkeep going really well thanks to some really engaged collective members, safe space!
- Q (Dan): when will next Interhall Gender and Sexuality Committee meet?
 - We are moving away from the ‘committee’ structure because there are so many of us now
 - We are using a Facebook group at the moment; I am looking at ways to accommodate for a cohesive dialogue given how many people there are
 - If you are interested in how your college deals with Queer* issues, please speak to me

Motion: that the Queer* Department Officer’s report be accepted.

Moved: Caitlin

Seconded: Tom

Status: Passed

4.4 International Students’ Department (Z. Feng)

- Report taken as read
- Highlighted: amount of people at the department has increased from 6 to 24; received 50 applications for officer positions, recruited 18 of them
 - Good mix of domestic, international, postgrad and undergrad students
- 1st national club networking event last Saturday – 10 people showed up, feedback really good, hoping to do it again in the future with more clubs
- Q (Raqeeb): \$146 spent on website domain renewal
 - ISD has no access to ISD website under ANUSA’s domain – technical issues
 - Feedback from 2014 ISD team that they are trying to find who has control of the domain
 - We paid this in the interim
 - Follow-up: did you look at other domain options?
 - Issue arose mid-February; our focus was on getting website up as soon as possible – same one that was used by 2015 team
- Q (Lauren): what is ISWE?
 - International Student Welcome Evening - \$4,500. Expected 300 attendees but 800 registered, 700 turned up
 - Expenditure would be half if fewer people had shown up
 - Follow-up: will you accept my congratulations?!
 - Yes!
- Q (Supriya): domestic students can be ISD officers?
 - Yes – in our constitution, domestic students can be officers but cannot be head of department
- Q: (Ben Creelman): can they be deputies?

- As head of department, I am also president. There are departments within the department that they cannot head (effectively VP positions)

Motion: that the International Student Department Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Victor

Seconded: Eben

Status: Passed

4.5 Disabilities Department (T. Kesina)

- Report taken largely as read
- Some things not in my report –
- Disability Action Plan – document written by university detailing how it plans to eliminate discrimination against people with disabilities
 - Important document, not a lot of people have heard about it
 - We haven't had one for 4 years – last DAP expired 4 years ago; uni hasn't done anything to review or re-implement one
 - It should include disability awareness training, staff resource provision regarding support for students with disabilities
 - I am looking to address this
- Campus accessibility: moving around Union Court is really difficult – the design is terrible
- Spoon Week: looking at experiences of students with disabilities and how the university makes this experience harder than it needs to be
 - ANU does some excellent things, but there are things that can be improved
 - The constructed environment stops people from reaching their full potential
 - Details of Spook Week on FB
- Spoon Space: autonomous space for students with disabilities
 - Between Arts Centre and Gods Café
 - Discussion with F&S, building works to improve accessibility commencing next week
- Q (Em): Disability Action Plan – how many other universities have these?
 - We're one of the only Go8 universities that do not have one
 - Uni Melbourne, UQ, USyd, UNSW, Monash, Uni SA – these unis are leading the way
 - We are n outlier – the uni is aware of it though which is disappointing
- Q (Ben Creelman): when was the ANU's plan created and when was it valid until?
 - Originally created in 2008/9, valid for 3 years
 - The sub-committee that made the plan was abolished and plan expired in 2012
 - Follow-up: does that mean there are many in this room who have never been at the ANU with a valid DAP?
 - Unfortunately yes.
- Q (Em): are you meeting with the VC? How will you get a plan?

- Engage Richard Baker who was responsible for reviewing the plan in 2012
- Brian Schmidt was asked a question from Woroni and he wasn't aware of the DAP issue
- Looking to create broader awareness through Spoon Week
- Q (Em): Spoon Space being made more accessible, what consumables and non-consumables have been used per your expenditure report
 - E.g. Chocolate powder, light bulbs, couches
 - Access request form on our website

Motion: that the Disability Department Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Clodagh

Seconded: Lauren

Status: Passed

4.6 Environment Department (M. McKenna and O. Shenfield)

- Report taken largely as read
- Odette: I am stepping down from the role, as is Mike McKenna due to work commitments. Two new officers: Zoe and Tori
 - It's been a pleasure working with all of you. I was initially sceptical of student politics but I have been really inspired by all of you and how we all work together
 - ANUSA is an important body and you all do amazing things
 - I have work commitments this year and will be focusing my energies on the Fossil Fuel ANU campaign
 - As a non-hierarchical organisation, it's not a leadership role
- Zoe: I have resigned as Gen Rep to take on the role
- Launch of ANU Staff open letter, 450 signatures
 - Ben attended launch, great media and article in The Australian tomorrow
- Q (Emma): is there now a casual vacancy for the position of Gen Rep?
 - Sam: yes – Open ticket convenors are entitled to fill it. I have contacted them for their nomination
- Q (Raqeeb): was the mining protest something the Collective was involved in?
 - 4 of 10 students decided to get arrested; those individuals took bold action and I am incredibly proud of them
- Q (Tom): how do you feel about the article in the Guardian today?
 - Great!

Motion: that the Environment Department Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Tom

Seconded: Sean

Status: Passed

Item 5: General Representative Reports

- Cam: Report to encourage others to get involved in our work and we want to make ourselves accountable to you all
- We have been working on mental health on campus issues – something we all ran on
 - Ideas in their infancy but floating them today to see what you think
- Aim to have a series of events throughout the year, including in collaboration with BKSS
- Focus on mental health through mental health working committee
- Want to write a report about best practice in the classroom to give to teaching staff
 - Addressing social phobias that impact students in the classroom, work with NGOs and experts in the field to collaborate
 - Lauren: a lot of courses have participation requirements, hence this is so important because not everyone contributes in the same way
- Looking at how SRs are trained and how this could be improved – e.g. follow-up session midway through T1
 - Dan: mental health committee will also be looking at this
- Q (Caitlin): how will you be communicating report and suggestions to ANU staff?
 - We met with Ben; acknowledge it is difficult to get material directly to staff, but we will try
 - Email material to course convenors
- Q (Ben Gill): how do you feel about 4 of you facilitating a session at mental health round table combining an academic/student panel
 - Good! Lets plan this
- Q (Em): a lot of staff don't know / care about mental health. Would it be more productive to have staff contribute to this report and process?
 - We envision report as student-led focus groups; contacting NGOs for recommendations; finding best practice course guides – why did convenors put those things in place
 - Add those as appendices to the report
 - Lauren: wanting to approach uni with evidence from students – this is why and how it is a good idea – looking at other unis
- Q (Clodagh): will the 4 of you accept my congratulations on your hard work since retreat?
 - We accept!
 - If anyone wants to join in, please let us know!
- Q (Eben): Have you looked at reports online?
 - Yes – Tristan Jepson Memorial Fund, think tank report and Frozen Sea report
- Q (Em): have you considered contacting the COL Wellbeing Initiative?
 - Yes

Motion: that the report by C. Allan, L. Brain, D. Masciantonio and M. Perkins be accepted.

Moved: Eben

Seconded: Eleanor

Status: Passed

Procedural Motion: to adjourn the meeting until 7:30pm (current time: 7:25pm)

Moved: Tom

Status: passed

Item 6: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice

Motion: That the ANU Students' Association reaccredit with the National Union of Students for 2016.

Moved: James Connolly

Seconded: Clodagh O'Doherty

- James: as ANU students, it is wrong that we should deny students a voice in the forum
 - NUS is not a perfect body, but it is worthy of our accreditation
 - Despite its faults, are the campaigns the NUS is running worth our support?
 - Their campaigns this year are all consistent with ANUSA's policies and worthy of our support
 - Concern around federal government policy to cut funding by 20%, really important time to be a part of the Union
 - We can opt-in to campaigns
 - I have issues with the factionalism at NatCon, but accountability only comes through continued engagement
 - Continued engagement and pressure effect change, not silence
 - We will not lose face if we re-accredit and maintain criticism
 - First motion is about principle – choice between having a voice or not, being engaged, having a vote, or being ineffective in silence
 - ANUSA should re-accredit

- Clodagh: I do believe in the power of Unions but although I second the motion, I will not be voting in favour of it
 - I support the discussion of re-accreditation on an annual basis
 - I think this discussion should be based on the direction we are heading in each year
 - In 2016 ANUSA does not need NUS. In light of their blatant disregard to implement the motion put by the 2015 SRC and to implement our wishes
 - As VP, it is my responsibility to ensure students are effectively and actively represented. The NUS has not represented us with our best interests at heart
 - We are not walking away from student associations across the country – other campuses want to have this conversation
 - Our debate is being discussed around the country – campuses are sick of being ignored
 - NUS financials are not readily available, NatCon is not accessible, relationship is not mutually beneficial
 - They have cool campaigns but we are well equipped to support our students' immediate needs

- Clarification (Sam): motion is split to avoid debate about how much we should pay for reaccreditation at the first instance

- Clarification: Is it possible to ask questions to the mover?
 - Sam: No – you must speak to the motion, either for or against, and the mover may exercise their Right of Reply to answer your question
- Clarification: if we say yes to motion 1 and no to motion 2 what happens?
 - Sam: I expect the second motion to be withdrawn by the mover
- Clarification (Tom): there is a budgetary limitation to the amount for which we can reaccredit – we will need to amend the budget if more than \$15,000.
- Tom: I am broadly in favour of unionism but I will be voting against reaccreditation on behalf of the Collective
 - NatCon is unsafe and unproductive
 - NatCon is a place where abuse (physical, verbal, emotional) is not uncommon; this is not new, promises have been made and not kept over years
 - Time and again we have offered solutions and these have not been implemented by NUS
 - Impact of NUS in election year – both major parties have broken election promises; unclear how an NUS can shape the election year
 - NUS does some great work but cuts to uni funding etc. have occurred on their watch too
 - We only get contact when we talk about reaccreditation; last year disabilities received 2 posters – nothing more – from NUS; despite productive discussion this year
- Jillian – ACT NUS Branch President:
 - Issues with the way NUS Nat Con runs – steps to improve the way conference runs
 - But conference is not the only thing NUS does
 - We want to produce a guide for students, publish policy book earlier, hire grievance officer not factionally aligned, improve naming procedure, change the venue so it is safer to exit, agenda of start times at conference
 - We've produced many surveys, unique research which provide much-needed student perspective nationally: fair price, anti-dereg, SSAF campaign all being rolled out now
 - As an advocacy body, hard to see tangible outcomes; but NUS is here to serve students nation-wide. When gov conducts Senate enquiry, they do so on the back of data that NUS collects
 - We cannot afford to cut ourselves out of the conversation
 - NUS needs people from small and regional universities
- Odette: Since going to NatCon I've been thinking a lot about whether we should re-accredit
 - There's no real way to conclude this discussion positively – NUS is a fundamentally flawed organization
 - I was convinced we should disaccredit until I heard about the high likelihood of funding cuts by the government
 - We should put out energies into a group like NUS given potential increase of fees by 20%
 - We need to do all we can to make NatCon safe space for delegates this year – I will work with new delegates to assist

- We would be missing out as a university if we don't participate in national campaign to fight these cuts
- I don't think NUS should take it as a positive sign if we vote to reaccredit – they should note our dissatisfaction; but no other organization able to fulfil that role
- Clarification: reports delivered last meeting on NUS
- Zoe: Environment Collective (EC) has asked to vote in favour of reaccreditation, although strongly conditioned – concerned about safety, agenda, proper process and support for ATSI and disabilities departments, for minorities generally
 - Concerns raised around potential increase of 20% in fees – threat to higher education, important to have a national peak body for students
 - Eager to see conditions placed on reaccreditation
- Sean: people leading NUS don't have ANU students' best interests at heart
 - Too much focus on putting Labor in power and Liberals out of power
 - I will be voting against reaccrediting
- Raqeeb: I will be voting against reaccrediting; we have voted previously conditional on NUS reaccrediting, but nothing has improved
 - I don't think NUS will be improving from the inside
 - Solutions that Robby Magyar (NUS Welfare Officer) suggested provides no institutional or structural solutions – only factional fixes, pulling quorum – not good enough
 - Way NatCon is organised highlights more problems with NUS – June 2014 NUS report makes all the same promises that that they have made this year – no changes in 1.5 years
 - NUS requests ~\$70K from us but we pay \$5K
- Jade: Queer* Collective has decided not to reaccredit with NUS primarily due to treatment of minority students and lack of action by NUS
 - Money to ATSI and other minorities cut on the guise of funneling that money into their campaigns, but this did not happen
 - Issues with current national Queer* officers rehashing old campaigns, not truly directly linking this to the
 - Clarification: at NatCon they changed Queer* Officer to LGBTI, deal between factions (Tom)
 - Jade: Claim that Queer* is more inclusive than LGBTI – more accessible to regional students – I do not believe this is a valid justification
- Liam: I attended NatCon as part of the Secretariat that organizes it. I support NUS and I will do everything I can to take your concerns to them
 - There will no longer be a space for ANU students if we vote no, but other students will still be there needing support
 - Cuts to welfare, things B. Schmidt is doing as VC give us cause for worry. We should go to NUS and say “let's fight the good fight”
 - If we don't reaccredit we lose that voice
- Eben: Pro-NUS, not because conference is run well, but because NUS offers ultimately far more to us than it costs

- Last year, delegates sat in on hours of consultation with the Senate re: changes to Youth Allowance; changes not pursued because NUS provided evidence that they would be detrimental to undergraduate students
 - NUS can do things on a level we can't – NDAs, coordinating universities, sharing experience
 - They give us a lot more than we pay them (\$5,000 / year); think how much we save students in the amount they save students on fees, Youth Allowance
 - We won't be able to do what the NUS can do nationally
 - NUS has issues but these stem from the fact that conference is a democratic body
 - ANU elected only one factional delegates – I am in favour of reaccrediting
- Clarification (Tom): Rose Steel was the person who brought Laura Campbell's proposals to the NUS National Executive and failed to action them for NatCon15

[CHAIR: out of order, not a point of clarification]

- Gabrielle: I have been an undergrad since 2008, involved in various Unions
 - At ANU in 2008, Queer* was a pub, EC didn't work, disabilities hardly existed
 - The Union is only as strong as its members; if one of the country's number one members leaves, what does this say to the Union? Are we not going to fight for changes and improvements?
 - We don't want to go back to 2008 – the resources and support didn't exist
 - This comes from unionism, solidarity and standing together
- Ben Creelman: I don't have a vote, I'm not a member of a party, I believe in student unionism
 - NUS is broken and can't be fixed. It achieves minimal outcomes for students with the exception of dereg – their impact is fairly narrow
 - NatCon is the supreme governing body of the national union
 - Elected officials are elected at NatCon, can't be separated
 - NatCon known for bullying, factionalism
 - NUS doesn't give a f*ck about departments; pro-nuclear motions, motions regarding indigenous peoples without consultations, honoraria defunded for minority departments with no benefit
 - NUS throws Queer* people under the bus
 - F*ck you Robby for your proposal to change to Queer*

[CHAIR: Ben you have been named]

- Can NUS change – all delegates except Jack say no
- Michael: I support unionism which is why I think we should not reaccredit
 - Two bad options: accrediting with a Union that cannot be fixed or to not accredit and have our voice heard
 - ANU has an ability to lobby and have done in the past; ANUSA reps spoke to people in government on dereg
 - We need to consider a post-NUS future – promises won't be fixed, system won't be improved
 - Post-NUS future looks really good – we should disaccredit now so we can look strongly at alternatives; start at ANU working with exceptional students

spending time developing ways to advocate government nationally not wasting time on NUS

- We have a culture of independent leadership and we are best placed to lead
- Emma: key questions are how can we make the biggest message and enact change in the NUS, and how do we best protect the interests of our students
 - Will we better enact change in the NUS by removing ourselves or make change from within?
 - I strongly believe it is the latter – when Murdoch tried this, there was one media coverage – not enough to persuade the organization
 - Passionate people on campus want to make change, and staying involved is the best way
 - The ANUSA executive cannot do the work that the NUS can – they are a dedicated group for liaising with bodies nationally; our exec has a plethora of responsibilities already and we don't have access to the resources the NUS does
 - NUS' reach is far better, so their lobbying power is far greater
- Helena: I have just come to a decision – I am against reaccrediting to the NUS
 - People say, “without NUS our students won't be represented”. But are our voices being heard as a part of the NUS?
 - Everything NUS does during the year is determined by decisions made at NatCon – where our voices are stifled by bigger groups, we are scared and bullied into silence
 - Can our voices truly be heard?
- Ben Gill: I do not support the motion to reaccredit
 - I understand NUS is more than NatCon, but Office bearers have full scope to set the agenda, so you cannot separate the two
 - I cannot accept that any benefit outweighs the physical and verbal abuse that attendees experience
 - My concerns have been acknowledged, but I am tired of my concerns only being acknowledged – I want change
 - I want to support this motion next year because things have changed; last year, our suggestions went to National Exec – things didn't change
- Litia Roko: I understand concerns about the NUS but it is a body that is supposed to fight for students' rights
 - Dereg was not a thing of the past – just because Simon Birmingham hasn't mentioned it doesn't mean it's not on the agenda
 - It's not about NUS not hearing our voices; it's about the NUS being able to run campaigns around the nation
 - NUS made dereg the second most hated budget measure of the 2015 budget
- Linnea: Women's Department spoke about this over weeks – lots of concern about what NatCon is and NUS is
 - Concerns re: defunding of autonomous departments at national NUS level
 - NatCon is unsafe, this is known but changes not made
 - Concerns that delegates cannot effectively represent ANU students without being involved in a faction
 - Website is out of date, no manual for how to participate at NatCon
 - Where is money going, travel budgets

- Having said that, much positive talk about NUS Women's Officer in 2016 (unlike in previous years) – Heidi is doing a great job
- We want to support Heidi and help implement policies nationwide – we are a strong department and can help Heidi
- We are pro-accreditation with strict measures for delegates
- James (Right of Reply): this is an election year you need to run nation-wide campaigns to have any effectiveness and access politicians
 - Reality is if you put enough pressure on politicians and they make promises, this bolsters your campaign against issues like dereg
 - Honoraria, change from Queer* to LGBTI → general principle: how effective are we if we disaccredit
 - It is not an effective form of protest and will not achieve anything; we need to continue to engage with flawed institutions, apply pressure
 - Only way for any prospect of change whatsoever
 - Issues in the past with how well NUS equips our delegates for NatCon; I will be pushing NUS to improve and address this issue – I have confidence this will be done
 - Choice between having vote or no vote, no voice – student reps have an obligation to provide students of ANU with that voice

Procedural Motion: that the vote be held as a secret ballot.

Moved: Tom

Status: Passed

[Ballot papers collected and counted]

Status of primary motion: Failed

The following members wished to have their vote recorded:

- Ben Gill (against)
- Jade McKenna (against)
- Helena Hu (against)

Motion: That the ANU Students' Association reaccredit with the National Union of Students for the amount of \$5,000.

Moved: Ben Gill

Seconded: Sean Macdonald

- As the previous motion was rejected, I withdraw this motion

Status: Withdrawn

Motion: That the ANU Students' Association endorse the Save the Arts campaign, calling on the University Council to replace the ANU Arts Centre with an equivalent Theatre and rehearsal space as part of the Union Court redevelopment.

Moved: Kat Carrington

Seconded: Cameron Allan

- Kat: ANU Arts Centre set to be demolished as early as 2017 – confirmation from Chris Grange
 - No current plans to rebuild a theatre in Union Court redevelopment; not taking bookings for 2017
 - Centre is the most affordable and accessible theatre space for student groups – used by Interhall Arts Committee, Revues, 7 external groups
 - Theatre makes a profit each year
 - These student groups may just disappear
 - 2 other theatres somewhat appropriate are already booked out each year – need to look further to places like Belconnon
 - We lobby the ANU to plan to replace the Arts Centre, noting it will be demolished
 - This motion is close to my heart as NUTS Artistic Director
 - Theatre provides so many opportunities to students – I would be a lesser person than I am today without this space

- Cameron: performing arts is a massive force in a lot of people’s lives – professional growth, important for student mental health and expression
 - It’s not just NUTS and the musicals, it’s events in the Centre like Talent Night, Theatre Sports
 - Union Court redevelopment plans unveiled in the Arts Centre – great space, lots of utility
 - ANU is not prioritizing something that benefits a lot of students

- Stephen: completely in favour, producer of Law Revue this year, close to my heart
 - Real lack of other theatre options, Street Theatre won’t accept student bookings, and Theatre 3 won’t accept bookings too long in advance

- Odette: totally supportive of this motion. Zoe campaigned as a gen rep and EC looked into report by Deloitte, which highlighted that ANU Council has no policy for student consultation
 - No policy = no obligations to listen to us on any decision

Status: passed unanimously

Motion: That the ANU Students' Association oppose any increase in student contributions to the cost of university degrees, including an increase to cover a 20% cut to university funding.

Moved: Eben Leifer

Seconded: James Connolly

- Eben: motion is simple – as a student organisation we should be fighting for the best deal to ANU students
 - We should be doing our best to counteract plans to increase HECS debts; they already pay a huge amount
 - This has disproportionate effect on women who take time out of the workforce
 - Fight against this

- James: I echo Eben – currently federal government contributes 60% of course fees; effect of 20% cut in finding means an increase in student fees (inverting the ratio)

- Fighting for educational accessibility – appropriate that this is the policy of the Association
- With your support, I can campaign and issue media releases against this proposal by the government

Status: passed unanimously

Item 7: Other Business

Motion: That the ANUSA SRC appreciates the work that the Environment Collective Officers Odette Shenfield and Michael McKenna have put into their collective this year, and wish them all the best

- Tom: It has been a pleasure to work alongside Odette and Zoe in their campaigns – they are dedicated people and it has been a privilege to learn from them

Moved: Caitlin McLeod

Seconded: Tom Kesina

Status: passed unanimously

- Eben: I have spoken with 2 trade unions regarding workers' rights for students, particularly international students
 - Could I move a motion that the SRC approve the executive to contact the relevant trade unions?
 - CHAIR: Yes – please submit it in writing
- Raqeeb: update on probity report
 - Ben Creelman: no update yet, potentially coming
 - Under the regulations (which are vague) probity is required to put together financial report – has not happened yet
 - Second part of report (juicy gossip) is unlikely to be compiled
 - Need to clarify probity required

Motion: That the SRC endorses reaching out to trade unions to run programs educating students about their rights at work and encourages the SRC to reach out to any further unions in fields where students work or where they are likely to work.

Moved: Eben

Seconded: Tom

- Eben: trade unions (SDA) interested in working with us
- Tom: really important that we collaborate with organisations like trade unions to ensure students know their rights at work
- Odette: speaking for the motion, would it be possible to extend this to student unions more broadly?
- Raqeeb: could we move this to next SRC? I'm not sure I know enough about this issue to vote on it yet
 - Eben: I am happy to withdraw the motion until next SRC

Status: Withdrawn for further discussion at SRC3

Item 8: Meeting Close

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council is scheduled to be on Tuesday, 19 April 2016 at 6pm in the ANUSA Boardroom.

Meeting Close: 8:46pm

APPENDIX A



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AGENDA - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 2 2016

Tuesday, 15 February 2016 6pm, ANUSA Boardroom

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country
- 1.2 Apologies

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Item 3: Executive Reports

- 3.1 President's report (B. Gill) [Reference A]
- 3.2 Vice President's report (C. O'Doherty) [Reference B]
- 3.3 Education Officer's report (J. Connolly) [Reference C]
- 3.5 General Secretary's report (S. Duncan) [Reference D]
- 3.3 Treasurer's report (S. Macdonald) [Reference E]
- 3.5 Social Officer's report (H. Hu) [Reference F]

Item 4: Department Officer Reports

- 4.1 Indigenous Department (R. Larkin)
- 4.2 Women's Department (L. Burdon-Smith) [Reference G]
- 4.3 Queer* Department (J. McKenna) [Reference H]
- 4.4 International Students' Department (Z. Feng) [Reference I]
- 4.5 Disabilities Department (T. Kesina) [Reference J]
- 4.6 Environment Department (V. Herbert and Z. Neumayer) [Reference K]

Item 5: General Representative Reports

5.1 Report by C. Allan, L. Brain, D. Masciantonio, M. Perkins [Reference L]

Item 6: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice [Reference M]

- 6.1 Motion: "that the ANU Students' Association reaccredit with the National Union of Students for 2016."
- 6.2 Motion: "that the ANU Students' Association reaccredit with the National Union of Students for the amount of \$5,000."
- 6.3 Motion: "that the ANU Students' Association endorses the Save the Arts campaign, calling on the University Council to replace the ANU Arts Centre with an equivalent Theatre and rehearsal space as part of the Union Court redevelopment."
- 6.4 Motion: "that the ANU Students' Association opposes any increase in student contributions to the cost of university degrees, including an increase to cover a 20% cut to university funding."

Item 7: Other Business

Item 8: Meeting Close

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Expected Close of Meeting: 8:00pm

Released: 12 March 2016 by Sam Duncan

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ben Gill

Executive Summary

1. Project Updates
2. ANU Student Accommodation
3. Library Fines
4. CHL Forum
5. Universities Australia Higher Ed Conference
6. Student Assistance Unit Stats Jan-Feb 2016
7. Timesheet

Further Information

1. Project Updates

Project	Status	Expected Completion	Comments
OrgSync Contract & Replacement	Ongoing	Jul-16	Arranging meetings with key stakeholders in the University has continued to prove challenging, though progress has been made with ITS. As such, a Skype meeting is being arranged with MSL to between ANUSA, PARSAs, ITS and MSL to better understand the technical requirements of their solution should we wish to go down that path. Given the ongoing difficulties in arranging meetings with ANU Staff it is in my opinion going to be difficult to undertake a broad search of available off the shelf tools as a decision will need to be made by mid-April at the latest to timelines indicated in SRC 1 report.
Payment to Office Bearers Review	Ongoing	May-16	A consultant has been appointed to advise on payment to office bearers. They will be in the office three days a week and at this stage is investigating workplace relation requirements. Meetings have been arranged with the Executive and Department Officers during Week 5 to allow them to gain a better understanding of their roles as they perceive them. Initial discussions indicate that constitutional change will be required should we wish to improve the transparency of payment to office bearers. Given SRC 3 will be after the mid-semester break, further updates will be via Slack.

EAP Research Project	Ongoing	Oct-16	The steering committee met on the 29 th February and Tom K and I have met numerous times over the past fortnight to progress this project forward. At this stage the scope has been refined to include a student survey and interviews/focus groups with Associate Deans (Education) and academic staff. The goals for March are to draft the literature review and benchmarking of ANU against other GO8's as well as draft the survey and interview questions in preparation for ethics approval.
Mental Health Roundtable	Ongoing	May-16	To note that the mental health roundtable has been postponed to mid-May and that I am involved in discussions regarding a potential restructure of the previous roundtable format. Additionally, I have flagged with Tom K about hosting this as part of Spoon Week, though no date has been confirmed as of yet so this may or may not pan out.
SSAF Capital Works	Ongoing	Apr-16	The Health Centre proposal has been completed by Meetu and Carolyn Farrar, Tania Willis and I are currently working on the wording of the proposal to ensure it is aligned with the Universities strategy and SSAF categories. Additionally, the Science outdoor teaching spaces project in is progressing quickly and we have secured \$10,000 seed funding from F&S to commence design work. This proposal should be completed by the 17th March in time to be discussed at the Capital Works meeting on the 24th.
Parents & Carers Grant	Ongoing	Nov-16	The new Parents & Carers Grant round closed early March and received few applications. The total available funds for this round was \$2,500, though unfortunately no grants were found to be in line with the criteria. As such, given that this is a new element within our financial assistance program we have decided to restructure this grant. Specifically this grant will now operate on a similar basis to our Emergency Grant program i.e. be open for application on an ongoing basis throughout the year. It is hoped that this will increase accessibility of the grant program and ensure that students can access if and when they need it. A review of this grant will be conducted at the end of 2016 to decide whether there is merit in its continuation.
Honours Roll	Ongoing	Nov-16	I am working with ASLC to arrange the first lunch session for honours roll and am awaiting confirmation from Venue Hire before beginning to advertise. At this stage it will be in Wk 5 or 6 and likely focus on time management.

ANU OK	Ongoing	N/A	ANU OK has around 1,300 downloads and the steering committee will be meeting soon to discuss the next stage of development. To date I have not received any expressions of interested to get more involved following the call out in my SRC 1 report. As such, I will be reaching out to individuals and the broader student community in the coming weeks.
First Year Camps	Complete	Mar-16	The camps have now finished and were overall a huge success, with no significant incidents. I'd like to thank Peta and Clodagh for the immense amount of work which goes into pulling these off and to James and Helena for stepping up to supervise a camp (or two).
Mature Entry Student Working Group	Ongoing	Nov-16	Following our successful event in O-Week I will be convening a working group for Mature Entry students to identify how we (ANUSA and the ANU) may better support this demographic through services, events etc.

2. ANU Student Accommodation

As you would be aware the ANU announced on the 10th of March a suite of proposals regarding student accommodation. For an overview of the proposals see the ANU website (<http://www.anu.edu.au/news/all-news/update-from-the-vc-student-accommodation>) along with Woroni's recent article (<http://www.woroni.com.au/news/accomleasing/>).

While many if not all students agree with the long term aim of improving the existing student accommodation and expanding the number of beds on campus, some students (particular Bruce and Fenner) have strong concerns about how this will play out for their particular communities. As such, I've been working with the Interhall Council (IHC) closely over the last week and will continue to do so into the foreseeable future to ensure students opinions are represented at the various levels of decision making within the University.

Should you have any questions regarding the proposals please contact me at sa.president@anu.edu.au.

3. Library Fines

Following feedback from the university community, ANU Libraries have decided to reduce the controversial library fine increase to \$6 a day instead of \$30. ANUSA, along with PARSA have been crucial in these negotiations and we're proud to have been able to secure a more equitable solution for students. It is important to note this is a massive success for student advocacy and represents the surprisingly large amount of work which went into making this happen. This being said, this will be an area of ongoing focus as the threat of increased fines has not entirely disappeared as there are still concerning problem behaviours from some students. I will be convening meetings with interested students over the next few months to discuss how we as a community may go about addressing them.

4. CHL Forum

Cat and Harriet facilitated the CHL Forum for undergraduate students on Wednesday 9th which was attended by more than 40 students and staff. This provided a valuable opportunity for students to voice their concerns with the change management proposal and within CAP more broadly. While the discussion at the forum became heated at points, Cat and Harriet handled it exceptionally and on behalf of the Association I would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to their roles.

5. UA Higher Ed Conference

To note that I attended the Universities Australia (UA) Higher Education Conference between the 9th and 11th March (in between announcements of student accommodation and other meetings). Overall the conference was a valuable experience and allowed me to network with a range of other Universities. Additionally, I also attended a session regarding the Respect. Now. Always UA campaign about sexual assault on university campuses and a session regarding student expectations (campus and the surrounds). Both of these sessions provided an interesting insight into how University Staff view student issues. However, it was disappointing to see that only one student was involved throughout the entire conference in any formal capacity (NUS Womens Officer as a panel member for the Respect. Now. Always session).

6. ANUSA SAU Stats Jan-Feb 2016

To note preliminary statistics from the ANUSA Student Assistance Unit between January and February 2016. A comparison between 2015 and 2016 is aimed to be presented at the upcoming OGM (or at the latest SRC 3).

Core Statistics

Core stats (Jan-Feb)	
Student visits	190
Evening meal vouchers issued	65
Lunch meal vouchers issued	90
Grocery vouchers issued	10
Total emergency grant money issued	\$2,900

Main issues	
Academic	13%
Accommodation	9%
Centrelink	10%
Financial difficulties	37%
Mental health	2%
Meals	29%
Other	2%

Workshops	Attendees
Money Hacks	120
Becoming a local	60-70

Demographics

Gender identity	
Female	46%
Male	52%
Not listed above	2%

Main college of study	
Sciences	21%
COL	17%
CECS	12%
CBE	21%
CASS	23%
CAP	5%

Top inbound referral points	
ANUSA	23%
Online	15%
Word of mouth	44%

Accommodation	
ANU accommodation	23%
Family home	5%
Homeless	6%
Other	3%
Private dwelling	14%
Share house/ lodger	29%
Unilodge	20%

Contact method	
Email	20%
In person	73%
Phone	6%

Year of study	
5th	3%
4th	18%
3rd	27%
2nd	12%
1st	40%

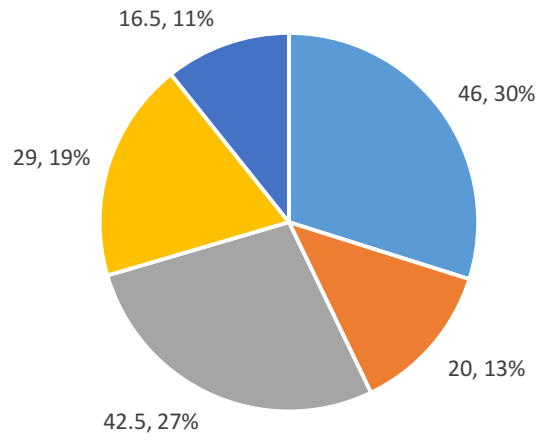
Age range	
Under 25	83%
25 and above	17%

Enrolment type	
Domestic	73%
International	27%

7. Executive Timesheets

Continuing on from SRC 1, see below for a distribution of time recorded from 23rd Feb to 11th March.

QuickTimesheets Report - President - 23/02/16- 11/03/16



■ Admin/HR ■ Advocacy/Welfare ■ Event ■ Meeting ■ Strategy/Planning

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Clodagh O'Doherty

Executive Summary

1. BKSS update
2. Mental Health Committee
3. University Committees

Further Information

1. BKSS

I will be turning my focus back here for the coming months. The staff are in the process of setting up a series of 'life skills' sessions including basic bike repairs, cooking classes, gardening basics, etc. I'm keen to run a social event in the space before the end of this teaching period. Over the break, I'm hoping to have our sound equipment inventory serviced and updated. The breakfast program has become extremely popular, so we have increased our food order to try and deal with the demand. I'll be looking at how this might affect the budget, and how we can deal with the demand long term in coming weeks.

2. Mental Health Committee

The first committee meeting will take place tomorrow night (Wednesday 16th March). We ran Universal Lunch Hour in week 3 to promote the committee. I'd like to thank Dan Masciantonio for the enormous amount of help he provided in the set up and throughout the event. Also to Maddison Perkins, Cameron Allan, Stephen Yates, Lauren Brain, Max Messenger and everyone else to lend a helping hand!

As for the direction of the committee for 2016, Aji and Tara would like to focus on residences this year- looking at how they each advocate and respond to mental health issues. I will be holding a meeting this week regarding the Counselling Centre Campaign.

3. University committees

Attended my first series of meetings last week. The PhB program standards is still very much being discussed at the Education Standards and Equity Committee (ESQC). This discussion also ties in with one about how we treat all undergraduate research degrees (e.g. B Science (Advanced) (Honours)). There is also likely to be a discussion about the academic awards structure in light of proposed changes to the University Medal. Ongoing feedback would be much appreciated. All of these changes need to pass through a few levels before being ratified at Academic Board (which Ben sits on), giving us time for discussion.

In coming weeks, I will also be continuing discussions with Tanya Willis regarding accommodation bursaries and with the Examinations, Graduations and Prizes office regarding the notification of academic progress.

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

James Connolly

Executive Summary

1. First Year Camps – went well and will develop recommendations for next year.
2. National Day of Action or alt. branding for April 13th.
3. Education Committee
4. Politics in the Pub

Further Information

1. First Year Camps (FYC)

Much of the last two weeks has been consumed with preparations for the COL/CBE FYC and CAP/CASS FYC. This has included liaising with Barry, the CEO of Camp Longbeach, and assisting the College Representatives in their preparation for activities and information sessions.

Key Points:

- No major incidences occurred on either camp.
- I will recommend the continuation of FYCs for 2017 albeit with potential changes.
- I will recommend to the 2017 Education Officer the consideration of other venues for the First Year Camps. Camp Longbeach may be the best option insofar as cost and convenience is concerned but it is important to explore alternative options. I was disappointed at times with the quality of facilities.

2. National Day of Action

The Executive has given in-principal support for a stunt to take place on April 13th when the National Union of Students (NUS) called a National Day of Action (NDA). There were three feasible options: (1) A rally (2) A stunt (3) No action.

A rally is not feasible because April 13th is during the Teaching Break and hence there won't be significant mobilisation of students rendering the exercise a waste of resources. My view is that the stunt can be tailored to ANU specific concerns and works with the timing.

Brief Overview:

- Turn Union Court for the day into something akin to an abandoned wasteland e.g. tumbleweeds, cobwebs etc.
- Have large messaging indicating that cuts to universities incl. CHL rendered university entirely inaccessible to students.
- Film Union Court and create a vine to be posted on social media.

The branding of the event is contingent on the outcome of the debate on re-accreditation.

3. Education Committee

As per my constitutional obligations I have called a meeting of the ANUSA Education Committee for Wednesday 16th March in the ANUSA Boardroom from 12.30pm-2pm. Anyone interested in higher education and participation in the higher education and welfare campaigns should attend.

We will be discussing ANUSA's planned actions regarding the stunt on April 13th and ANUSA's approach to the Federal Election campaign.

4. Politics in the Pub

I have had preliminary meetings with committee members from political clubs on campus with a view to having their assistance in the organisation of Politics in the Pub events that are student welfare/higher education related. Ideally this will involve education spokespeople from across the political spectrum.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sam Duncan

Executive Summary

1. Notice of OGM1 – 22 March at 1pm in Union Court
2. Livestreaming and interactive Twitter feed – trial at SRC2
3. Electoral Reform Working Group – so far, so good!
4. Save the Arts campaign – get involved

1. Notice of OGM1

Please be aware that OGM1 is scheduled for 1pm next Tuesday, 22 March 2016 in Union Court. I gave notice of this meeting last Tuesday in accordance with my constitutional requirements.

All reports, motions and discussion items are due on 15 March. If you have any questions, or if you would like assistance preparing a motion for this meeting, please be in touch.

I note quorum for general meetings is 40 people, so please make every effort to be there and bring a friend/stranger!

2. Livestreaming and interactive Twitter feed

I am pleased to note that Woroni is currently livestreaming this SRC meeting in a bid to improve ANUSA's visibility and transparency and change the way we communicate with students. Thank you to Waheed and the team at Woroni for assisting with this project.

I also note we are trialling an interactive Twitter feed during SRC2, whereby students can tweet a question to @anustudents and someone at the meeting may ask that question on their behalf. I encourage all representatives to check the Twitter feed throughout the meeting and raise any questions as they see fit. The aim here is obviously to encourage greater participation with and access to the Association.

If you have any concerns with the livestreaming of meetings, or with the interactive Twitter feed, please let me know. I am happy to discuss suspending the livestream for confidential or sensitive matters, or scrap the project if people believe it is compromising discussion and debate. To date, I have received one comment raising preliminary concerns but no formal requests to alter or end the trial.

3. Electoral Reform Working Group

The Electoral Reform Working Group has met three times since SRC1 and discussion has been enormously productive. I am pleased to report that around 15 people have engaged with the group so far, either in person, or by emailing or calling me to raise concerns and make suggestions. I have spoken with students from across the university, including leaders from various campus political groups and clubs and societies with a particular interest in ANUSA elections.

The big issues currently being considered by the group are:

- Whether to trial a 'hybrid' online election, whereby there are no paper ballots (i.e. all voting is done online) but campaigning in Union Court is permitted one, two or three days during election week with tablets set up in the Union Building for students to vote after meeting the candidates in person
- Which online content host can provide a suitable platform for hosting our online election, noting the requirement to have different different ballots for different students
- How to ensure all ballots are secure (one vote per student) and secret (decoupled from student IDs)
- How to design a dispute system, e.g. with a team of 5 elected probity officers who receive complaints and make a recommendation to the Returning Officer, who has final say
- Whether to introduce an opt-out system for students who don't want to engage with campaigners (e.g. lanyard system)
- Whether to permit or prohibit 'umbrella tickets' under which multiple gen rep tickets may be formed
- How to ensure all students receive adequate information about elections, positions and campaign guidelines (i.e. by requiring incumbent ANUSA reps to hold information forums and share their insights into the role and the Association before calls for nomination close)

Over the coming weeks, I will be redrafting the Election Regulations to accommodate the reform proposals and preparing a statement of reasons outlining why the working group has recommended each reform.

If you are interested in being involved, or would like to raise any concerns, please be in touch: sa.gensec@anu.edu.au.

As highlighted at SRC1, my timeline for electoral reform is as follows:

1. The working group should meet during Term 1 and reach a decision on proposed amendments by the end of Week 7.
2. These proposed changes will be put to student consultation over the mid-semester break, and into Week 8. I will actively seek feedback over this period.
3. The SRC will have a chance to comment in Week 8, and the CRC will discuss in Week 9. I will take all feedback on board and finalise the proposed changes accordingly.
4. I anticipate the proposed changes will be put to a vote at OGM2 on 4 May (Week 10).

I note that all provisions governing ANUSA elections are contained in the Election Regulations, which may be amended by 2/3 majority vote at a General Meeting pursuant to section 8(4)(c) Constitution.

4. Save the Arts campaign

It is widely understood that the Union Court redevelopment will require the demolition of the ANU Arts Centre. In light of this, the Save the Arts campaign calls on the University Council to replace the ANU Arts Centre with an equivalent Theatre and rehearsal space as part of the redevelopment.

I am working with Gowrie Varma, Kat Carrington and other members of the ANU arts community to organise a lobbying effort in the lead up to the University Council meeting on 1 April where this issue will be discussed.

We believe the arts carry enormous cultural importance and benefits for mental health and personal and professional growth. We are asking the university to recognise its responsibility to ANU students and the broader Canberra community and pledge support for the arts.

We are in the process of reaching out to current ANU students, alumni and the Canberra community for statements of support. Please be in touch if you would like to learn more or contribute a statement of why you support the arts.

I would also encourage everyone to support the motion calling for the Association to endorse the campaign. This is an important symbolic step that shows students are concerned and unified in our response to increasing encroachment on the arts.

I note I am in discussions with the Executive about how ANUSA might support the campaign, including by providing funding and promoting the campaign through our networks. I will update the Council on my progress at SRC2.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sean Macdonald

Executive Summary

1. Year-To-Date Profit and Loss Information
2. Debit Card Policy
3. Writing Off Bad Debt Policy
4. BKSS Bookstore
5. GAC Clubs & Society Guide – sponsorship
6. Alternative Revenue Streams
7. Uber

Further Information

1. Year-To-Date Profit and Loss Information

1 December 2015 - 29 February 2016	
Income	
Bookshop Commission	\$903
Sponsorship - ANU	\$11,000
Sponsorship - External	\$37,864
SSAF Allocation	\$829,569
Ticket/Event Sales	\$136,100
Interest	\$2,534
Total Income	\$1,017,970
Less Cost of Sales	
BKSS Food/Consumables	\$2,576
Bookstore	\$311
Total Cost of Sales	\$2,887
Gross Profit	\$1,015,083
Less Operating Expenses	
Accounting/Bookkeeping	\$120
Administration Expenses	\$360
Bank Fees with GST	\$716
Bank Fees without GST	\$189
Bus expenses	\$1,331
Cleaning	\$1,422
Departments & Collectives	\$30,000
Faculty camps	\$50,540

Fees & Subscriptions	\$2,355
Grants and Affiliations Committee	\$6,228
Interest Expense	\$0.21
Leadership and Professional Development	\$200
Legal Expenses	\$3,260
Marketing & Communications	\$5,299
Meeting Expenses	\$580
Misc Committees (Mental Health, Safety on Campus)	\$810
NUS	\$165
Other Employee Expense	\$10,930
O-Week	\$206,539
Printer	\$499
Recruitment	\$4,427
Repairs and Maintenance	\$785
Salaries and Wages	\$164,068
Staff Development	\$4,732
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	\$670
Student Assistance Unit Grants	\$7,443
Student Assistance Unit Purchases	\$3,163
Student Engagement	\$1,491
Student Reimbursement - Training Programs	\$159
Superannuation Expense	\$23,440
Training	\$99
Total Operating Expenses	\$532,020
Net Profit	\$483,063

Please note we have received 100% of GAC funding and 40% of our SSAF funding. This is why the net profit is currently so large.

2. Debit Card Policy

The Association now has three debit cards (President, Vice President and Treasurer). A draft policy is currently being reviewed by Brendan and Michael (finance officer and lawyer) and the policy has been drafted around the debit card provisions in the Constitution and also to ensure chances of fraud are minimised.

Once the policy is complete and in force, the policy will be placed on the ANUSA Website and the debit cards will be ready to be used.

3. Writing off bad debt policy

Occasionally the Association is required to write off debts at the end of the year (30 November), which we have not received and it is unlikely that we will receive. There is currently no policy outlining the process we use, in consultation from Brendan I am drafting this policy and ensuring it complies with the accounting standards we are subject to.

4. BKSS Bookstore

The Bookstore used to bring in about \$20 000 in profit and also was a great service to students – both in giving them the opportunity to purchase cheaper books and also giving them money if they sold their books. Although still profitable the bookstore is currently run through the ANUSA website and is quiet slow and there are also organisational issues with running the bookstore through the BKSS.

Interstate University Associations are running successful Bookstores and I am looking at how they do so and how we can address the problems the ANUSA Bookstore faces currently.

5. GAC Clubs & Society Guide – sponsorship

At OGM1 motions will be put forward to amend the current GAC handbook. We are also looking at creating a Clubs and Society guide – this will include information such as how to use Orgsync, how to ticket an event, how to deal with third party sponsors, how to plan an event etc. There are good opportunities here for sponsorship, which will also be beneficial for the clubs and societies as they will be able to see examples of what a ticketing company can offer them and how to contact that company.

6. Alternative Revenue Streams

I have begun researching how other Australian Student Associations receive income. ANUSA is currently heavily reliant on SSAF and this is not good for the future of the Association if SSAF was to be cut. I am looking at options, such as investments, housing, property or a commercial business. In the mean time I have set up a term deposit for 4 months and in a month will set up another 4-month term deposit. Through these term deposits we should triple the amount of bank interest compared to what was received last year.

8. Uber

We currently have a deal in place with Uber where ANU students get a free \$20 ride when they sign up to a new Uber account. This deal runs out on the 31 March and then I will evaluate how successful the deal was and if it is worthwhile continuing. I am also looking at getting a discount code for ANU students already signed up to Uber and also looking at potentially getting codes for when students are in an emergency and then they would be able to get a free Uber. This cost would potentially be covered by ANUSA and there are obviously a lot of things to consider before this would be up and running.

SOCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Helena Hu

Executive Summary

1. GAC: First meeting went well, nearly through all affiliation requests. Dates to be finalised in the next few days. Policy review is underway, will submit changes to OGM by Tuesday.
2. Social Committee: First meeting was great!
3. O-Week Handovers: Have met with most people, will finish compiling reports soon.
4. C&S Collab Event: ANUrovision is going really well—date set for April 1, announced on Friday.
5. Sex and Consent Week: First meeting on Tuesday

Further Information

1. GAC

- Meetings

We had our first GAC meeting on Thursday—nearly everyone showed up, everyone made serious efforts and I was very pleased with the turnout. Everyone has been briefed on the affiliation process, we delegated power to everyone on the committee for the next 10 days so that we can power through the affiliation requests. Everyone has also sent through availabilities for regular GAC meetings, we may need to have two meetings per week this year to a) accommodate everyone's schedules, and b) to increase meeting efficiency.

- Affiliation Requests

At the time of writing we've powered through 110 of them, and still have 50 to go. The committee have been absolute legends, our pace is really really good so we're projected to clear them in the next few days.

- 2015 Payments

We've had a number of complaints through email, in person, or on the grapevine that quite a few societies haven't been paid their approved funding from 2015. So what this means is that after GAC 2015 approved their requests on OrgSync and they were supposedly sent to the Financial Officer, the money was not paid into their bank accounts. So far, we've just been sending emails to Brendan and asking him to pay the money, so there should be no outstanding payments left from 2015. I have met with the Financial Officer to discuss this problem, and we have identified the hole in the process and devised a system to avoid having the same problems in the coming year. I'd be happy to elaborate on the details on request.

- Policy reform:

We had our first meeting this morning (Friday 11 March) to discuss policy review based on the results of the survey and the functioning of the last year's Committee. Attending were Sean (Treasurer), Cat Martin (Campus Life Officer), and Raqeeb Bhuyan. We have come to some conclusions about the existing policies, and will present them at OGM 1.

2. Social Committee

- Meeting 1

We had our first meeting on Thursday 10 March—there was an amazing turnout, thank you to everyone who showed up! We mainly discussed the purpose of the Committee, rules, and expected activity this year. If you missed the meeting no worries, you haven't missed much! You are very welcome to join, please email sa.social@anu.edu.au or fill out the form by Googling "ANUSA Social Committee".

The first event the Committee will be helping out at will be ANUrovision. If any Clubs and Societies are short of manpower, or have any proposals for inter-Club collaboration events, please email me!

3. O-Week Handovers

Market Day reimbursements should all have been paid. Please email sa.social@anu.edu.au if you have yet to receive a reimbursement.

At the time of writing I have had a handover meeting with the Logistics Officer, who has written a very comprehensive handover document. I will be meeting with the O-Week Directors tomorrow, who will also be handing in reports. Friday Night Party Director handover has yet to happen due to conflicting schedules, but we are persistently trying—this should be done within the next week.

Once I have met with all directors I will be compiling a master handover document.

4. C&S Collab

- ANUrovision

Everything is progressing very well! The ANU Rock Music Society has done a really great job in the organisation of this event—there are now 4 more societies on board: ANU Korean Pop Culture Society, The Maker Club, Dance Club, and the Street Performance Academy at ANU. The event has been rescheduled for April 1, and most arrangements have been locked in. Please check out the Facebook event if you'd like to register to perform, or if you'd like to participate in the event in any way.

- Collaboration Luncheon

I haven't yet set the dates for this term's event, but I'm thinking Week 6 Thursday March 24, in the boardroom. I will be advertising on OrgSync and Facebook once this decision has been finalised.

- OrgSync Training

Cat Martin (Campus Life Officer) will be organising monthly training sessions for Club and Society committee members. Once the dates for these are finalised they will also be advertised on OrgSync and on Facebook.

5. Sex and Consent Week

Linnea (Women's Officer) has arranged a meeting for Tuesday with all department officers and other interested parties. We will be discussing the basics: potential dates for the week to be held, timeline, directors, safety and inclusivity measurers etc. Clodagh and I will be attending this meeting.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Linnea Burdon-Smith

Executive Summary

1. The Hunting Ground Screening
2. Response to Reports of Sexual Assault - Policy Review
3. Women's Week
4. The Pledge
5. Women in STEM Mentoring Network
6. Expenditure

Further Information

1. The Hunting Ground Screening

The Hunting Ground Screening and panel discussion was held on the 24th of February. The turn out was pleasing with 150-250 people being present for different portions of the event.

The Women's Department was pleased to have the VC, Professor Brian Schmidt, speak at the commencement of the event. This was a testament to the VC's ongoing commitment to addressing this issue.

The Panel Discussion was led by Melanie Greenhalgh from the Women's Centre for Health Matters and our panellists included Professor Richard Baker (ANU Pro Vice Chancellor for Student Experience) Penny Pestano (Counsellor and Crisis Advocate worker in the Canberra Rape Crisis Center) Dr Rosemary Grey (Australian Human Rights Centre at UNSW) and myself.

The panel produced stimulating conversation with a particular focus on how it is every community member's responsibility to create a cultural change in this space.

The Women's Department will be working with residential halls and other groups across campus to set up smaller screenings throughout the year that will target different audiences.

The Hunting Ground Project is a nation wide project that includes a screening aspect, a survey aspect and a policy and procedure development aspect. I will be working with the PVC (Student Experience) and PARSA Women's Officer to ensure that the roll out of the survey is catered to our community. And that the university carefully considers the recommendations that come from this survey.

2. Response to Reports of Sexual Assault - Policy Review

A stakeholder meeting to assess current policy was prompted by the screening of the Hunting Ground.

The meetings participants included - Professor Richard Baker (PVC Student Experience), Paula Newitt (Dean of Students) Lynda Mathey (Registrar of Student Life), Carolyn Farrer (Head of

ANU Counseling), Chrystine (Canberra Rape Crisis Center), Jenni Gough (Women's Centre for Health Matters) and Alyssa Shaw (PARSA Women's Office).

This was used as an opportunity to discuss the form of the current policies and well as its content and how it is currently being communicated with students. I am working with key stakeholders to assess the best way forward at this time. A student review group is to be created in the coming weeks.

3. Women's Week

This week is Women's Week, which has been run in collaboration with PARSA. This has been the first year that this has been run as a week, as an extension of International Women's Day. This has been a successful way of gaining more awareness of the celebrations.

The ANU Women's Department collaborated with PARSA for the week but also ran two events particularly targeted at undergraduate women – the Intersectionality Discussion and the Women in STEM Networking Afternoon.

4. The Pledge

The Women's Collective has discussed a proposed timeline for launching The Pledge. The Pledge is a campaign that commenced in 2012 to address interpersonal violence, condemn victim blaming and promote ethical bystander behavior on our campus.

The Pledge will be launched (for 2016) in week 8. This year, the collective has discussed not confining the Pledge to one week, but rather having the week as a launching pad for scattered events throughout the year. The Women's Department will run the Pledge, hopefully with engagement from other departments and stakeholders on campus.

5. Women in STEM Mentoring Network

The Women in STEM Mentoring network is designed to support the underrepresented women studying in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) fields. The program supports undergraduate students by pairing them up with later year and postgraduate students. Networking nights are also to be run with women from all stages of STEM careers coming together.

The Women's Department has appointed Initiative Directors for the Women in STEM Mentoring Network. We look forward to working with them!

Applications for mentors and mentees have also now been opened. You can find the application form on the Women's Department Facebook page or Website. This application form is not used to exclude anyone, it is used to pair students up with people from their preferred field.

6. Expenditure

Expenditure from 01/12/16 to 11/03/16

Events Food– \$595.02

Events Musicians - \$380

QUEER* DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Jade McKenna

Executive Summary

1. Events
2. Current working groups
3. Deputy Elections
4. Expenditure to date (see attached)

Further Information

1. Social Events

The Queer* Department has continued its fortnightly Movie Nights (6pm Thursday) and Queeries (5.30pm Wednesday). Movie Nights are screenings of films centring on queer* identity and issues and are intended to facilitate a safe, social space where people can engage in media they can connect with. Queeries are discussion groups where we have a safe space to talk about issues non-queer* people may not usually engage with or understand. So far the topics have been coming out and dating/relationships.

In the first meeting of the year the collective decided to advertise these on the ANU Pride Facebook page, therefore allowing anyone to attend regardless of self identification - if you are questioning or simply want to learn more and be a better ally, please feel free to come along.

Queer* Coffee occurs every Wednesday at 1pm at the Street Theatre Cafe. This is an autonomous event and purely social.

2. Current working groups

Due to the autonomous nature of the department, I've provided the names of current working groups without anymore context - please contact me on sa.queer@anu.edu.au if you are queer* and wish to get involved.

(1) Queer Collaborations Conference Funding; (2) ISGD Policy; (3) Queer* Department History

3. Deputy Elections

Two Deputy Queer* Officers were elected in the last fortnightly meeting from seven self nominations. I'd like to thank every nominee for their passion and dedication, and congratulate the new Deputy Queer* Officers.

4. Expenditure to date

Movie Nights	\$36.90
Queeries	\$17.62

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Zhengxiang (Harry) Feng

Executive Summary

1. Officer recruitment
2. ANU National C&S Networking Event
3. Expenditure report

Further Information

1. Officer recruitment

Our officer recruitment for Semester 1 2016 took place on the Tuesday of Week 3. The whole process consists of two parts: a group interview in which teams of five candidates were given 10 minutes to discuss and make a presentation about what they think that ISD should do in 2016; An individual interview for the candidates we want to know more about. We received more than 50 applications and eventually recruited 18 new officers.

The ISD officer induction session took place on the Friday of Week 3. The newly recruited officers were given a presentation on topics such as what ISD stands for, what our vision is for 2016 and what they are expected to do in order to fulfil their roles.

2. ANU National C&S Networking Event

On the Saturday of Week 4, we hosted a national C&S networking event with the purposing facilitating collaboration between them. It was a public event opens to everyone and we invited representatives from various national clubs and associations on campus, Interhall International Representatives Committee and Woroni.

3. Expenditure Report

[See next page]

<i>Description</i>		<i>Amount</i>
Other		
Website Domain Renewal		136.23
	Total	136.23
Market Day		
Lollies for market day		16
	Total	16
ISWE		
Raffle(voucher) tickets for ISWE		11.88
Marker pens, name tags and name labels		53.78
Rex Hotel, Catering & Bar tab		8764.5
ISD + PARSA expenditure total	Project Total	8830.16
ISD expenditure	Total	4415.08
Officer Interviews		
Supplies (whiteboard markers + nametags)		24.57
Pizza		25.9
	Total	50.47
Total Expenditure		4617.78

DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Tom Kesina

Executive Summary

1. Spoon Week – week about experience of students with disability, planning starting now
2. Weekly events – there'll be lunchtime meditation, study and sustenance & crafternoons
3. Spoons Space building works – commencing next week, finishing soon hopefully
4. Autonomous Discussion Groups – expressions of interest in participating/facilitating
5. Finance update – received further invoices from O-Week, table updated accordingly

Further Information

1. Spoon Week

The ANU Disabilities Student Association's (DSA) premier event of the year is called 'Spoon Week'. The spoon part of the name comes from spoon theory, which posits that people with disability have less spoons (units of energy) than abled people, or spend more spoons on a task than an abled person would. It's a way of explained the lived experience of students with disability at university. This year Spoon Week will be taking place during Week 10 of this semester. In order to get things moving, the DSA has formed a working group on Facebook that will be meeting weekly in the lead-up to Spoon Week.

2. Weekly events

In 2016, the DSA will be running a number of weekly events in our new space, the Spoons Space. Run by my new Deputies, Jeshka & Shae, these events include Sustenance & Study, Midday Meditation, and Casual Coffee. We've had a really good turn out for Casual Coffee, and I expect the new weekly events will be equally well attended. For now, these events will be autonomous. If you want more details, get in contact with myself.

3. Spoons Space building works

The Spoons Space has now been open for four weeks. Since it has opened the Space has been accessed by a decent number of students, but it still needs work accessibility-wise and there are some security issues that need to be resolved. We have been informed that building works will commence in Week 5, and a detailed plan for when and how that will take place has also been issued. The building works will include an accessible kitchen unit, replacing the lights with LEDs, replacing the door handles with accessible ones, removing one of the wall partitions, as well as lowering some of the power points. I'm also meeting with ANU Security in Week 5 to resolve any remaining issues.

4. Autonomous Discussion Groups

To reiterate, these are discussion groups for the students with specific disabilities. The plan is to run them monthly, have them run by two student facilitators, and partner with community organisations for training and resources. The expressions of interest form for those who are interested in participating or facilitating an ADG for your disability is now available – please fill it

out if you're interested! If you want more info on ADGs, you can find the proposal at this link: <https://goo.gl/mLms3E>. The Expression of Interest form is available at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/0kOsPkklgy>

5. Finance update

This table is inclusive of all expenditure from December 1 last year. This is because the DSA was still waiting on invoices from O-Week by SRC 1, whereas we have now received all pertinent invoices and payed them.

Expenditure from 01/12/2015 to 11/03/2016

LINE ITEMS	AMOUNT
Collective meetings	\$118.34
O-Week	\$787.94
Promotional	\$598.30
Spoon Space – consumables	\$47.99
Spoons Space – non-consumables	\$223.00
Total:	\$1775.57

ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Victoria Herbert and Zoe Neumayer

Executive Summary

1. Past events.
2. Upcoming and ongoing events and initiatives.
3. Collective structure
4. Expenditure report.
5. Fossil Free ANU
6. Changes in EC Officer

Further Information

1. Past Events:

- Leard Fundraiser (25 March). About 60 people attended, with fantastic food, music, speeches and short films. \$1,500 was raised for the Leard State Forest.
- Under the Dome film screening (24 March). Co-hosted with the Fenner School Society, around 50 attendees with refreshments provided. There were two interesting speakers and an engaging discussion.

2. Upcoming and ongoing events and initiatives:

- Leard Trip (11-14 March). 11 EC members will make a trip to the Leard Blockade at the Leard State Forest to support the campaign against Whitehaven's coal mine and protect the last sacred site of the Gomerioi people. The EC has had a relationship with the Leard Blockade for a number of years.
- Facilitation training (17 March). Members of EC will take part in a facilitation training, to gain skills and confidence in facilitating our collective meetings. This is important for our consensus model of decision-making and non-hierarchical structure.
- Climate Café (first one 21 March, 12:15pm-1:45pm, Frank Fenner Seminar Room). This event is co-hosted by the Climate Change Institute, and is welcome to all students, academics and staff. The topic for the first event is 'Climate Feedback – A Voice for Science in Climate Change Media'.
- Keep Cups on campus initiative – Currently asking ANU cafes to commit to 50c discount for each cup. Also working on posters and publicity.
- ANU Bar plastic cups campaign – working on getting ANU Bar to stop using disposable cups and use washable cups instead.
- Student Bites (every Monday 12pm). Running well with a regular roster of volunteers set up. The response from students wanting food has been overwhelming!

3. Collective structure:

- We have weekly meetings Tuesday 5pm at the Food Co-op.
- Three working groups (advocacy, education and sustainable food) have been working really well with events and initiatives coming out of each group.

- We organise non-hierarchically and use consensus decision-making. Everyone is equal within the collective and we endeavour to give everyone an equal voice.
- Fossil Free ANU is a separate working group of the ANU EC, and has its own meetings every Monday 5pm at the Conservation Council.

4. Expenditure report:

Expenditure from 1/12/2015 to 11/03/2016

LINE ITEMS	AMOUNT
Collective meetings (plus FFANU meetings)	\$173.75
O-Week (Market Day and EC Picnic)	\$105.04
Do the Math Film Screening	\$115.00
Under the Dome Film Screening	\$83.62
Leard Fundraiser	\$215.00
FFANU campaign materials (t-shirts, stickers and stationary)	\$1,013.25
TOTAL:	\$1,705.66

5. Fossil Free ANU

Past events:

- Paris Climate Event: Student Forum:
- 10 March – FFANU members held a stall at this event to promote the campaign.

Current and ongoing initiatives:

Staff Open Letter:

- For the past three weeks FFANU has been collecting signatures for the Staff Open Letter calling on ANU to divest from fossil fuels.
- We are also compiling a video of staff supporting the letter. This will be completed shortly.
- The launch of the letter will be Tuesday 15 March, 10:30am-11:30am at the China and the World Centre. Prominent academics will speak and refreshments will be provided. The letter will be presented to VC Brian Schmidt. All students and staff are welcome.

How can you help?

- Wear an orange square.
- Be part of our photo campaign.
- Come to our events – particularly the April Action, TBA.

5. Changes in EC Officer

Unfortunately Mike and Odette have stepped down from the role of EC officer. They are both sad to be stepping down but had too many commitments this year and wanted people who could fully dedicate themselves to the role. Both are supportive of the Collective and will continue to be involved. Through a consensus-based process, the Collective have endorsed Victoria Herbert and Zoe Neumayer as the new officers.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Cameron Allan, Lauren Brain, Daniel Masciantonio, Maddison Perkins

Executive Summary

1. Mental Health 'portfolio' of General Representatives
2. Wellbeing advocacy
3. Best practice accessibility in the classroom
4. A&I and SR training

Further Information

1. Overview of Vision

At ANUSA camp, and since, the four of us have shared a mutual interest in mental health policy at ANU. As a result, we have formed a quasi-portfolio within the Gen Rep group regarding this area. The following actions we hope to implement are targeted at mental health as a policy issue.

2. Wellbeing advocacy

We have identified that a lot of advocacy around university tends to occur in specific weeks, whether it be climate week, mental health week etc. While we appreciate this model, in that it allows in-depth focus on issues, we wanted to approach wellbeing with a holistic, year-long focus.

As a result, we have decided on running a wellbeing series throughout the year. We want to focus on many areas of wellbeing. Our current ideas include:

- Spiritual Wellbeing: running an event (potentially a catered breakfast event) with representatives from different religious groups from Canberra. This would facilitate safe, informal discussion about spirituality and religion.
- Nutritional Wellbeing: workshop in the BKSS (potentially in conjunction with Kids Pantry: <http://www.kidspantry.com.au/>) re: cooking simple, cheap and nutritional meals. Targeted at self-catered college students and non-residential students.
- Mental Wellbeing: panel about neurodiversity as a concept, and how we can talk about neurodiversity respectfully and supportively. This event may work well in SPOON WEEK, but would be just as well suited at any time of the year (in line with our holistic approach to wellbeing education). Following communication with Tom, we will make contact with Deputy of Disabilities Department to find synergies.

3. Identifying and advocating for best practice accessibility measures in the classroom

A platform on which all of us campaigned on for ANUSA elections was improving the accessibility of the classroom to all students, with a particular focus on those with mental illness. We do not think that all courses have processes in place which allow optimum engagement between the course material and people suffering mental illness. For example, some people do not feel confident answering questions in class as a product of social anxiety or phobias.

Our vision is to produce a report about best practice policy with respect to mental health in the classroom. Ideally, this is to be sent to course convenors. The desired outcome is for course convenors to consider these recommendations, and as a result, create courses that are more easily accessed.

The sources of information we were considering include:

- Running focus groups to collect student concerns and their ideas as to what is best practice
- Contacting NGOs re: recommendations for the classroom
 - Batyr
 - MIEACT
 - Tristan Jepson Memorial Fund
- Identifying and collating best practice course guides

4. A&I and SR training

Following meeting with Tom, it was identified that the training program received by SRs results in an overload of information on Student Life. This occurs in one session.

We are planning on contacting A&I and colleges to discuss the possibility of having a second, more specialised briefing session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Motion 1: That the ANU Students' Association reaccredit with the National Union of Students for 2016.

Moved: James Connolly
Seconded: Clodagh O'Doherty

Motion 2: That the ANU Students' Association reaccredit with the National Union of Students for the amount of \$5,000.

Moved: Ben Gill
Seconded: Sean Macdonald

Motion 3: That the ANU Students' Association endorse the Save the Arts campaign, calling on the University Council to replace the ANU Arts Centre with an equivalent Theatre and rehearsal space as part of the Union Court redevelopment.

Moved: Kat Carrington
Seconded: Cameron Allan

Motion 4: That the ANU Students' Association oppose any increase in student contributions to the cost of university degrees, including an increase to cover a 20% cut to university funding.

Moved: Eben Leifer
Seconded: James Connolly