

Student Representative Council 3 – Minutes 2013

6pm, Tuesday 26th February 2013, ANUSA Boardroom

Attendance List

Executive

Aleks Sladojevic- President

Tasman Vaughan– Vice-President

Sophia Stanley– General Secretary

Shan Verne Liew– Treasurer

Olivia Clark – Social Officer

Amy MacKinnon– Education Officer

Departments

Beth Ritchie– Women’s Officer

Taufiq Suraidi – International Officer

Brogan Goode – Indigenous Officer

Daniel Perez-McVie (Proxy for William Mudofrd) –

Environment Officer

General Representatives

Eric Chan

Vincci Lee

Michael Harrison

Jess Bolton

Mark Rowe

Mark Jenh

College Representatives

Kelly Kristofferson- COL

Charlie Carroll- CBE

Jennifer Darmody - CBE

Zaiga Thomman- Science

Laura Wey - Science

Caroline Skinner- CECS

Sanjay Govindan- CECS

Ruohan Zhao - CASS

Nick Horton - CAP

Ordinary Members

Annika Humphries

Kevin Cai

Summary

- All Representatives reports were passed
- Elections Results:
 - o Probity Officer: Eric Alliomou
 - o Disputes Committee: Richard Keys, Andrew Donnellan, Maneka Sivanathan, Kevin Cai
- SRC 4 a motion is going to be put forth to sell the ANUSA bus.
- AGM: 30/05/13 12:30pm ANU Bar
- SRC 4: 28/05/13 6pm ANUSA Boardroom

Item 1: Meeting Officially Opens and Apologies

Meeting Opens: 6:11pm

1.1 Apologies

Apologies received from Lucy McFarlane and Louise Stockton.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, of elders past and present, on which this event takes place.

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising

MOTION: That the minutes from SRC 2 2013 be accepted.

Moved: Michael Harrison

Seconded: Charlie Carroll

Motion: Passed

Item 3: Elections

3.1 Election of Probity Officers

Nominee:

- o Eric Alliomou

Elected unopposed.

3.2 Election of Disputes Committee

Nominees:

- o Richard Keys
- o Andrew Donnellan
- o Maneka Sivanathan
- o Kevin Cai

Elected unopposed.

Item 4: Reports and Matters Arising

4.1 Executive Reports

4.1.1 Presidents' Report (A.Sladojevic) [Reference A]

MOTION: That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Sanjay Govindan

Seconded: Kelly Kristofferson

Motion: Passed

4.1.2 Vice-President's Report (T.Vaughan) [Reference B]

- What is ANUSA? Week is a week that we all decided would be constructive during our Strategic Planning Day. So far the turn out to help has been poor, we really need all hands on deck. Please help out as much as you can. We need everyone on board for this to be a successful week.
- It is also extremely important that everyone attends the rally on Wednesday.

MOTION: That the Vice-President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Olivia Clark

Seconded: Mark Jehne

Motion: Passed

4.1.3 Treasurer's Report (S. Verne Liew) [Reference D]

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.
Moved: Ruohan Zhao
Seconded: Aleks Sladojevic
Motion: Passed

Chair passed to Mark Rowe

4.1.4 General Secretary's Report (S. Stanley) [Reference C]

- Some people have been confused as to how they can help out with What is ANUSA? Week. Remember this is a campaign. The idea is to have people on the ground talking to students about ANUSA and the services ANUSA provides. It is through being on the ground that you can help out the best.

MOTION: That the General Secretary's Report be accepted.
Moved: Michel Harrison
Seconded: Charlie Carroll
Motion: Passed

Chair returned to Sophia Stanley

4.1.5 Social Officer's Report (O.Clark) [Reference E]

- Organising What is ANUSA? Week
- Working through GAC Applications and ANUSA Affiliations

4.1.6 Education Officer's Report (A. Mackinnon) [Reference F]

- Cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone to attend the 'Fight for our Education' on Wednesday.

MOTION: That the Education Officer's Report be accepted.
Moved: Vincci Lee
Seconded: Michael Harrison
Motion: Passed

4.2 Department Reports

4.2.1 Women's Officer Report (B. Ritches) [Reference G]

- Domestic Violence Campaign Exhibition Launch: 6:30pm, 07/05/13, Bryon Kenyon Student Space. Donations will be accepted as well as auctioning off of singlets.

MOTION: That the Women's Officer Report be accepted
Mover: Jennifer Darmody
Seconded: Olivia Clark
Motion: Passed

4.2.2 Environment Officer Report (D. Perez McVice) [Reference G]

MOTION: That the Disabilities Officer Report be accepted.
Moved: Vincci Lee
Seconded: Laura Wey
Motion: Passed

4.2.3 International Students' Officer Report (Taufiq Suraidi) [Reference I]

MOTION: That the International Students' Officer Report be accepted.
Mover: Zaiga Thomman
Seconded: Sanjay Govindan
Motion: Passed

4.2.4 Indigenous Students' Department (**Brogan Goode**) [Reference]]

- Nothing to report

4.3 General Representative Reports

4.3.1 Vincci Lee Report

- Will be evaluating the Counseling Centre's services
- Mark Jehne- Volunteered to help with the evaluation process

MOTION: That Vincci Lee's Report be accepted.
Mover: Mark Rowe
Seconded: Aleks Sladojevic
Motion: Passed

4.3.2 Eric Chan Report

MOTION: That Eric Chan's Report be accepted.
Mover: Aleks Sladojevic
Seconded: Tasman Vaughan
Motion: Passed

Item 5: Other Business

5.1 The ANUSA Bus (Tasman Vaughan)

- Next meeting a motion will be put forth to sell the Bus. Please have a think about arguments favour or against so we can discuss it at SRC 4.

Item 6: Date of next meeting and close

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council will be held on Tuesday 28th May 2013
6pm ANUSA Boardroom.

Meeting Closed: 8:36 pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Aleks Sladojevic

Staffing

Legal Officer

Unfortunately, the candidate we short-listed in the last round of interviews declined our offer of employment. As a result, we have readvertised the position and we will be commencing a second round of interviews in the next week or two. In the interim, we have arranged for the Youth Law Centre to provide two paralegals, for two afternoons each week, in order to assist students who come into ANUSA with legal inquiries.

Communications' Officer

We recently interviewed candidates to fill the position of Communications Officer. At the time of writing, we are formulating an offer of employment for one of those candidates. We are hoping to have that candidate commence employment in the next 4 to 5 weeks.

University Committees

Education Committee

- Phase I of the StudyAt replacement project has begun. The aim of the project is to rebuild the University's program finder and handbook functions and to make sure that information is accessible and clear to students.
- Colleges have reviewed their 2012 SELS results for courses with agreement rates of less than 50%. Main areas of concern in many of these courses include: last-minute staff changes, course design, course management, and insufficient support for early-career teachers.
- There is a lot of planning going on around transitioning to the new Flexible Double Degree model in the University, including the changes that will need to be made to the Bonus Points model. In 2014, academic bonus points will be applied to students who have studied Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Languages, Music, English or Indigenous Studies.
- A dynamic student experience model has been devised to provide a framework for assessing areas of strength and areas for improvement. The model is illustrated below.

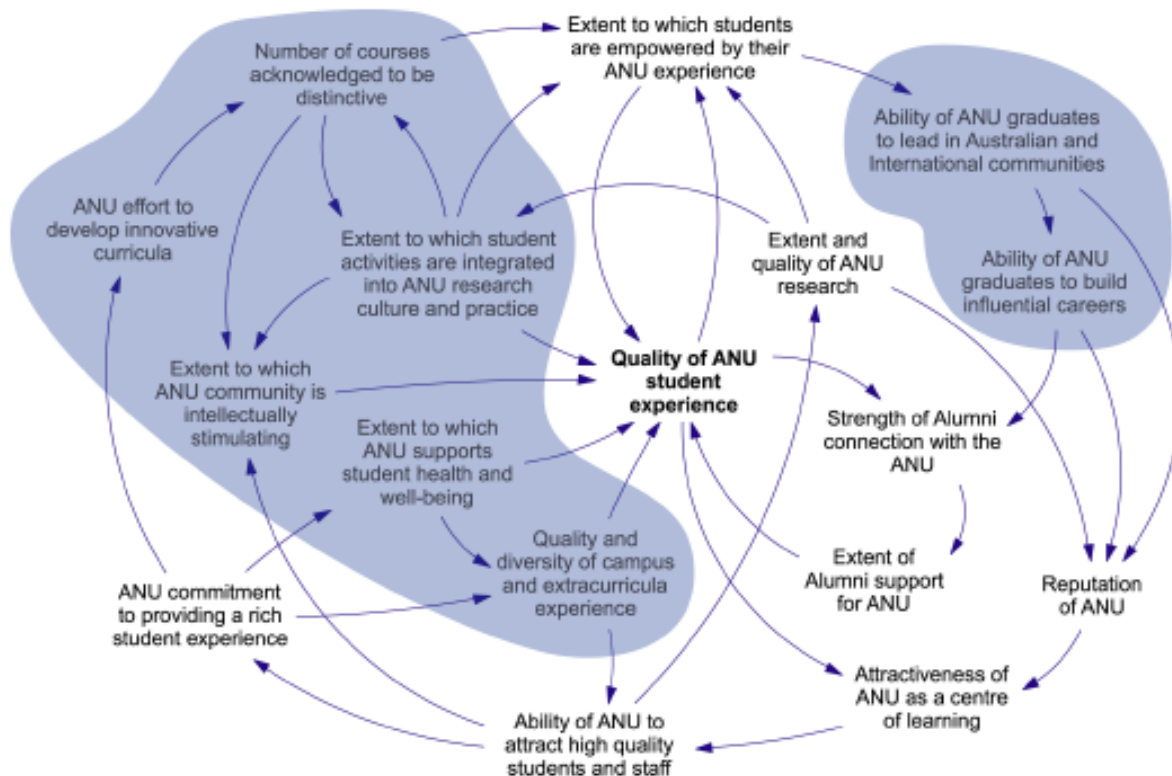


Figure 1: A dynamic model of the ANU Student Experience.

Student Experience

The second Student Experience Committee meeting was held on 18 April 2013. It was the first meeting chaired by Richard Baker, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Student Experience). Richard outlined his main focuses for the year, including:

- Building stronger alumni networks with the student community,
- Breaking down barriers between domestic and international students,
- Creating a more inclusive community and increasing support for Canberra students, and
- Dealing with violence on campus, especially alcohol-related violence.

The Registrar (Student Services) provided a review and feedback on O-Week. It is the first time the University has attempted a formal evaluation framework for O-Week. It took the form of focus groups and a survey. The UniSmart sessions and iANU app were largely received well by students. Areas of improvement included the VC's Welcome event and avoiding clashing events.

ANUSA put forward a motion at the meeting to hold a University-wide Mental Health Roundtable. The motion was passed. I am currently in the process of putting a proposal together for the roundtable, including background papers. I anticipate it being held

within the next two months. The aim is to bring together various stakeholders within the University to discuss mental health issues, available services and initiatives, and devising a forum for future collaboration. Richard will be chairing the roundtable.

The Academic Advising Charter, mentioned the last SRC and OGM, which was also posted on the ANUSA website for student feedback/comment is now being circulated to the Colleges for further comment. Thank you for all of you who provided feedback.

UniSafe

After its disestablishment 4 years ago, the Unisafe Committee finally reconvened on 16 April 2013.

The Committee's functions will include:

- Monitoring and reviewing student and staff safety
- Making recommendations on safety programs, policies and procedures
- Raising levels of awareness and promotion of safety
- Promoting the development of a risk reduction and pro-safety culture
- Reviewing and monitoring campus spaces with the view to increase safety
- Supporting campus community-based safety education programs

Issues raised at the meeting included:

- Violence, especially alcohol-related
- Sexual assault
- Safety of students on campus at night, particularly when returning from Civic
- The perception of ANU as a "safe campus"
- Running student-led initiatives and campaigns
- Rethinking the way information is communicated to staff and students
- How to deal with non-RSA compliant venues

Course Admissions and Awards

The next CAAC meeting is scheduled for 26 April.

Campaigns and Advocacy

What is ANUSA Week

The week beginning 29 April is "What is ANUSA" week. This campaign arose as an idea from the ANUSA Strategic Planning day on 17 March. The aim of the week is to have ANUSA representatives "on the ground" interacting with students, and acting as a source of information on the various things that ANUSA does. A schedule of events has

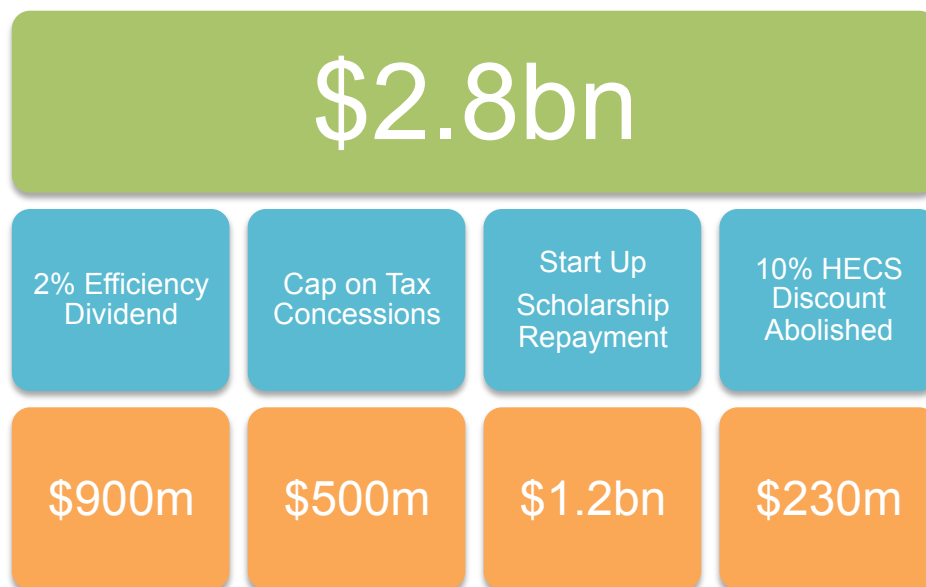
been planned for the week including a Collectives day on Monday, De-Stress Tuesday, Protest Wednesday and Clubs and Societies Thursday. We will be hosting a brunch, a 90s themed Student Space party, live music, and a barbeque. Bronwyn and Laurin will also be running a Centrelink, tax and welfare advice session in Student Space, alongside two paralegals attending from the Youth Law Centre.

We are also being visited by the Singaporean Management University Students' Association that week. It will provide a great opportunity to exchange information and ideas with an overseas students' association.

Fight for All Education Campaign

On 14 April, the Federal Government announced a significant downside in the amount of funding promised to the tertiary sector over the next two years. The rate of funding has considerably decreased. There have also been changes announced around the HECS 10% discount, the Centrelink start-up scholarship and education-related tax concessions.

The breakdown is as follows:



On 17 April, ANUSA hosted a public meeting to gauge students' responses to the announcement and further actions to be undertaken. A motion was passed at the meeting to hold a rally at 12pm on 1 May. Students will be assembling in Union Court and walking with a petition of protest to MP Andrew Leigh's office. This rally will form part of a broader "Fight for All Education" campaign. If anyone is interested in working

on the campaign, come along to the ANUSA Education Committee meetings. For more information, email Amy at sa.education@anu.edu.au.

ANUSA Mental Health Committee

ANUSA's Mental Health Committee began meeting in late term one and momentum has built in a very short space of time. The Committee has highlighted the following objectives and roles for the coming year:

- Advocacy,
- Awareness-raising,
- Community engagement,
- New, student-run projects and initiatives,
- Campaigning, and
- Provision of role models.

Concerns have been expressed about mental health stigmas and the lack of adequate services available to ANU students. The Committee will be undertaking a range of initiatives this year with the overarching goal of creating a stronger community around mental health issues.

I have also put a proposal forward to the ANU Student Experience Committee for a Mental Health Roundtable to be hosted by the University (see above). The goal of this roundtable will be for all the various ANU stakeholders to come together and from stronger channels of communication, begin devising a collaborative mental health strategy for the University, and to identify areas for improvement in the mental health support sphere.

Student Assistance

A new development in the Student Assistance Unit is the Food Aid program, which we are promoting via word of mouth. The Union is providing leftover meals at the end of each day which are being distributed in Student Space to students in need of them.

Bronwyn and Laurin, the Student Assistance Officers, are now spending two mornings each week in Student Space in order to increase accessibility of their services to students, and to provide an opportunity to promote these services to students who might otherwise not know about them.

Other

ANUSA Office

Following a big clean out, there is finally more working space available in the ANUSA office. The former Executive office has been set-aside for the Departments. The old legal office has been turned into a small meeting room that can be booked online, along with the ANUSA boardroom. See: <http://anusa.com.au/boardroom/>

SSAF Negotiations

We are still yet to sign a SSAF funding contract with the University. This has become a top priority and we are hoping for an outcome and transfer of funds in no more than one to two weeks.

TEQSA Panel

Since October last year, the University has been undertaking a re-accreditation process with TEQSA. The process has been long and drawn out, requiring large submissions of evidence and other paperwork. The outcome of the process, hopefully, will be to have the ANU reaccredited as an "Australian University". On 16 April I participated in an interview conducted by TEQSA officials.

ANUSA OGM and the Next AGM

The first ANUSA OGM for 2013 was held on 14 March. Unfortunately, the meeting did not reach quorum which was of great concern for several reasons, including the failure to pass important constitutional amendments. The Executive have been discussing some of the possible reasons for the low turn out as well as looking at ways to increase turn out at the next public meeting.

The next meeting is the AGM on 9 May and it is being held in the ANU Bar. We will be emailing clubs and societies, as well as contacting the Interhall committees to promote the meeting, in addition to traditional promotion avenues – the website, Facebook, Twitter, and postering.

Surveys

I am currently working on two surveys. The Academic Probation survey is likely to be run towards the end of the mid-year break and into second semester.

I am also working with Laurin, our Student Assistance Officer, to review and reform the Annual ANUSA Survey. Many of the questions that have been asked in the past are asked in the International and Domestic Student Barometer surveys. See <http://unistats.anu.edu.au/surveys/isb/> for more information. Responses to the 2012 survey exceeded 3300. Instead of re-asking students the same question, we are looking

at how the ANUSA survey can be tailored to a more ANUSA-oriented perspective. More updates to follow. If you're interested in getting involved, please email Laurin at laurin.milsom@anu.edu.au.

Resignations and New Reps

The following representatives have resigned from their positions: Stuart Ferrie (Queer* Officer) and Sanjay Govindan (CECS Representative). I would like to formally thank them for all the hard work and energy they have put into their roles throughout their term in office.

I would like to welcome Melanie McLeod as the incoming CASS Representative, and Klara Ndegwa and Sam Duncan as incoming Gen Reps. It is great to have you all on board and I look forward to working with you over the next six months!

ANU Enrolment Process

The University is currently undertaking a full review of the ANU enrolment process. There are currently four ways to enrol at the ANU and this often creates significant confusion and frustration amongst students. Some enrolment methods (e.g. lining up at Melville Hall) are out-dated and confusing. It would be valuable to get some student feedback, particularly from first and second years, on the existing enrolment processes. If any of the representatives would like to submit feedback, please email Aleks at sa.president@anu.edu.au.

VICE- PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tasman Vaughan

Double Degree working group

Work has begun on the implementation planning for the new double degree structure. It seems this project will be delivered successfully and I still believe it will offer really great opportunities for new and current first year students. It's also great to see all the senior academic college administrators working together so effectively.

Study@ replacement project

The new study@ is currently being developed by student services and external vendors. The designs for the new interface look great and all reports indicate that this should be a really effective search tool for courses and subjects at the ANU. My only concern is that this project has a very short time frame and may not be ready for its August Open Day deadline. I will continue to report to SRC on its progress.

Communications Officer

An offer of employment has been accepted by a new communications officer. Upon signing of contracts this week I will report further to SRC on the new staff member and immediate tasks to be completed by them. I also want to remind you all that the communications officer is employed to assist all of you with your communications too.

Legal advice

We have engaged Youth Law Centre to provide legal referral two afternoons per week until a Legal Officer is employed. They will also run seminars on legal issues for our community.

What is ANUSA? week

You all know about this. Lets all work super hard and make it a great week and engage our community.

Fund all education protest

This is tomorrow (Wednesday). Please make sure you can be there.

TREASURERS REPORT

Shan Verne-Liew

The State of Things

Everything is now set up! We're fully financially responsible and soon-to-have superb financial clarity, yeah!

- New reconciliations going well, and very efficiently (I pop in during the mornings, Srijan does the arvos)
- Reimbursements and invoices scanned online for more public accountability (almost done)
- Budget managers now fully implemented — the era of people wanting to start projects but finding out that their project budget has already been spent away by other people is at an end!
- We now have a system in place to deal with the need for flexibility — eliminating dodgy budgeting practices that tends to be 'normal' and 'expected' for Student Associations! (cheers to our Accountants for this)
- [Smaller details]. Yay!!!!

Although I think the bookshop still needs work (read 'BKSS' below)

New Shared Associations Bookkeeper — Srijan!

ANUSA, PARSA and Woroni now share a full time bookkeeper — Srijan! This means that the bookkeeper duties going forward have been moved from our Office Manager, Eleanor (who has been managing it for the last two-to-three years), to Srijan. This is great for the Association! More resources and time for bookkeeping means that we'll be able to have more up-do-date records of our spending, and it also means that we've been able to implement some swanky new policies for financial accountability (e.g. BKSS inventory stocktake, cash register reconciliation) that can operate into the long-term! It's exciting to think about how this means our current year, and now future years in the public and in ANUSA, when they scrutinise financial accountability, and ANUSA will have the resources to implement/adapt them! (subject to caveats)

Srijan comes from working at Victoria Police, where he worked in their Accounts Department issuing invoices, contacting suppliers and creditors, and sorting out payroll.

A good part of my whole week on the week after he arrived just involved training him on the ANUSA stuuf and helping him get around how SSAF funding works and its limitations, our cash reconciliations, reimbursements, and invoicing and payroll. Initially I had thought that a two-to-three hour session would've been enough but it took much, much, longer and it's a little crazy and its made me come to realise how steep *and deep* of a learning curve ANUSA's operations are when you get down to the technicalities. For this reason I think it's probably crucial to have an ongoing handover process for this position once next year's team is elected — last year things were very different and I never really got a handover last year besides being told 'ANUSA doesn't actually have any processes, things just happen it's just ***' — but now that we've got so much that's been clarified this year I think handover for this role should be at the very least as long as it took to help Srijan get around higher ed funding.

On another note, hooray! Srijan is now around everything — and he's hoping to have all of our reimbursements scanned and uploaded to Xero by 17 May — once it's up we'll be able to publicly publish online records to all of our reimbursements and transactions. There are special forms for our confidential welfare grants, to protect special information — but other than that I'm proud to say that this Association doesn't have any transactions during this year to hide.

SEEF

Hooray! SEEF is now set up! This wasn't too difficult on my end — just contacting people to set up the panel, advertising for applications, processing the applications, creating a system for approving

applications, writing funding agreements, and contacting and setting deadlines for the successful applicants, sending sad emails to the rejected applicants, answering initial applicant questions about how the criteria works and adjusting arrangements here/there.

There are quite a few things that we still need to sort out on the backend. 1) Approved SEEF applications from last year still need to go through an acquittal process, so that we can recover leftover funds. I'm onto this with Andrew Smith from the uni — it's pretty important to make sure that this money gets reinvested into SEEF. 2) Applications for 'equity consideration' allow for successful applicants to receive 100% of their funding, subject to a financial in-appropriability for applicants to be funded the 25% retrospectively — this is a new clause that we've put into the SEEF guidelines to make it more accessible to students — we haven't yet come across a situation where it's been applicable yet, but I'd like to have a system formally set up before that clause does come into play. I suspect that most likely equity considerations will be covered by our Students Assistance Officer, Laurin.

I will want us to transition into a more 'staff-operated' SEEF process in the coming months once Srijan has finished his backlog. Now that everything has been set up, I think it would be great for staff to be able to handle the day-to-day processing — which will help with continuation beyond this year and will also allow time to be spent on bringing other new things or improving existing things, etc.

SEEF now meets monthly, but since I'm only organising all the backend of it, questions about how the panel generally tends to behave as a collective and thoughtful group are probs most expertly answered by Liv and our GAC Representative Anirudh! ☺

Online GAC Resources

'Technically', this might be the Comms Officer's job, but since I actually had a moment of free time on Friday and over the weekend, and it's been left by the wayside (+ I've always wanted to do it), I've been gradually revamping all of the online resources available to Clubs & Societies from our ANUSA website. There's now a 'Guide to Applying for an ABN', and an ability to 'Book the ANUSA Boardroom for C/S Committee Meetings', (spread the word about that one) plus an ability online to 'Book the Student Space' courtesy of Tas' hire policy, plus also a prettier page for Equipment Hire.

FYI Some layout changes too. There are very good reasons why this page doesn't really get updated often (e.g. stability is good in many circumstances); at the same time keeping this page looking 'top-notch' is quite important, since (I don't have the number off the top of my head from two days ago) according to Google Analytics this page is responsible for *half* of all of our ANUSA website traffic. Pretty important! Check it! anusa.com.au/GAC ☺

2011 and 2012 Financial Reports

The reports for 2011 and 2012 are done — hooray! Huge congrats to our Office Manager Eleanor, who has been helping provide documentation/explanation for what happened with the transactions that took place in 2011 and 2012. No credit goes to my side beyond being annoying and pushy several times over the phone with our auditors and old accountants to get it done more quickly. I should have been pushy earlier on, and I think that's a lesson I've learnt re: these accounts. I suspect that, with bookkeeping moving from Eleanor to Srijan who will have more time, being able to explain/provide information re: activities during the previous year should turn into a more expedited process.

Prior Years

I've tasked our accountants to look back on our records to review our complex world of payroll, and they're hard at work! Some tasks (e.g. interpreting employment contracts) have in previous years have been left to ANUSA executives, but I want us to take a professional approach to this stuff — especially whenever there's money involved!

ANUSA Online Shop — Ticket Sales and Bookshop

The BKSS team have done a really great job responding to enquiries about how ticket sales are going. Annika and co have been forwarding details of the people who have bought French Collective play tickets to the organisers.

Right now we're (at the time of typing) we're selling tickets for three events: the French Ministry Play, the NUTS Play and the joint Bio+Chem Societies' Lab Coat Party. I kind of had to teach myself how to code layouts and set things up three weeks ago (which was a pretty inefficient learning process), but I think this is a really good service that BKSS Managers can continue to offer Clubs & Societies. I am super keen to get all of them trained up re: working with the online shop layouts, so that they can we can offer these services to Clubs & Societies especially during Bush Week. There are also efficiency things that we need to set up (but it will probably be done by the time this is presented: ha!)

Eric, Annika, Jedda and Caroline are working on reforming our entire bookshop system. This is really fantastic, as the process is a little inefficient right now. One of the most important things (maybe just in my opinion) will be, if available, finding an alternative system with functions that support the needs of the type of sales that we do!

We're in the process of getting the old booksellers paid for their sales — I have set up a system that will allow Srijan to process them efficiently once a week.

BKSS

The Managers are so great. They're now selling a variety of things in the Students Space — from muesli bars to fruit roll ups! And they've been keeping the place clean, managing the (existing) bookshop, working with equipment hire, despite all of the equipment that gets used, and a great place for students to be in, plus so much more.

After 'What is ANUSA Week' they will be rolling out some of the cool activities that they originally came up with during their interviews to benefit students — including origami folding, a DIY food event and a charge station for phones and laptops. Excitement!

Time Tracking

I am now time tracking! I think it's a hugely personal decision — and there are a lot of factors that make it specially confined to it being a personal decision. Personally though I am enjoying it so much! There also tends to be a lot of misconceptions regarding the Treasurer's role (e.g.. some people often ask 'Isn't processing reimbursements a big part of your job?') — so also partly I'm hoping that this will also clear up some of that ambiguity when I have amassed an extended period of data. My only regret is that I wasn't time tracking in the beginning of the year when we were setting up all of the Association's financial systems!

About a third of the time for this role generally gets spent chasing up smaller things not in this report (i.e. because they are too insubstantial and myriad and not very important), which is very interesting!

GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT

Sophia Stanley

Yoga:

- I have received great news! Yoga will continue to the end of the year! With ANU Sport and Rec covering the costs.
- Our wonderful Yoga instructor Gina, is very generously donating her fee to 'Bodhi' which is an organisation for Development, Health and Insight for remote and isolated areas in developing countries.
- I have brochures if anyone is interested in more information.
- The cold coin donations received will continue to go to Beyond Blue.
- I will report next SRC how much money has been donated so far.
- Yoga starts again tomorrow morning Wednesday 1st April 9am ANU Sport and Rec, and then continues in Union Court for Outdoor Yoga at 1030am- a What is ANUSA? Week special!! Please come!

Meetings:

- All meeting dates for this Term have been send out to ANUSA Representatives and ANUSA Mailing List. It has also been advertised in the Woroni
- I have also send out all the due dates for reports, please put these dates in your diary.

Elections:

- Disputes Committee and Probity officers Elections are happening this SRC, they have been promoted over Facebook, through the LSS, ISD and posters.
- Bush Week Directors and being elected at AGM.

AGM:

- There have been many changes to trying and ensure quorum is met
- **New location:** ANU Bar. From feedback I received from previous General Meeting was, it was hard to hear and generally uncomfortable. ANU Bar will hopefully make a better venue as furniture that can be easily moved, sound should be better and just generally a more comfortable environment.
- **Time change:** Previous General Meetings have started at 12pm. From the first OGM I learnt that people often come from class that ends at 12pm, therefore are running late. Also people are hungry at 12 and I found that people wanted to get something to eat first. Starting at 1230pm takes this into account.

- **Awareness:** All Clubs and Societies and Interhall Committees are being emailed, it has been advertised in Woroni, Facebook and Website.

Childcare Liaison Meeting:

- All directors of the different Childcares attended as well as Facilities and Services.
- Looking at ways to improve how Parents enrol their children. Looking at creating a common method for all childcares, instead of individual approaches. This is aimed at improving efficiency.

EDUCATION REPORT

Amy MacKinnon

Education Committee

- Has met formally 3 times since the beginning of the year and has had one meet and greet event
- The education committee has gone through a process of redefining its role within ANUSA and the university and I am currently in the process of drawing up a working document to be made available for comment with the vision to formalizing its role
- The committee had over 20 people at its last meeting and although I do not anticipate this surge in attendance being permanent the enthusiasm surrounding the committee is encouraging
- The committee has been discussing matters such as possible course cuts within the College of Arts and Social Sciences, higher education funding cuts and the coming election.
- Now that the committee is moving into full swing an agenda will be published for each meeting in advance and participants will be given the opportunity to add items for discussion
- The next meeting of the Education Committee will be on Wednesday the 8th of May in the ANUSA Boardroom

Stop the Cuts Rally

- Recently the Gillard government announced a \$2.8 million dollar cut to the tertiary sector that included:
 - Making the student start up scholarship a loan
 - Axing the 10% discount on student contributions to HELP when fees are paid up front
 - Applying a 2% efficiency dividend to the sector
- ANUSA held a public meeting on Wednesday the 17th of April to discuss the cuts and will be holding a rally on May 1st in protest
- The rally will start at 12pm in Union Court on Wednesday the 1st of May and will include a petition, live entertainment, speeches and a BBQ, the protest will then March to the office of the Hon. Andrew Leigh where he has agreed to accept our petition
- PARSA, the NTEU and NUS (Federal and State) have all expressed their support and the president of the UC Students association has agreed to meet with the ANUSA Executive to discuss their involvement

Mental Health Committee

- Mental Health Committee has met twice since the beginning of the semester and has gone through a process of identifying issues on campus on planning their activities for the rest of the semester

- The committee has now been divided into teams to work on a number of projects including the mental health guide, an awareness raising campaign and a universal lunch hour service market which will give local service providers the opportunity to advertise their services to students
- The committee has agreed to meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 4pm and the next meeting will be at 4pm on the 1st of May in the Brian Kenyon Student Space

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Beth Ritchie

Consultation for international women students, on Multicultural Centre for Women's Health (Vic) paper

MCWH have recently circulated a position paper on pregnancy related care under the OSHC scheme. Under the current deed, insurance providers are able to deny coverage of pregnancy related care for the first twelve months the student is in the country. Roughly 70% of all pregnancy related claims occur within these first twelve months, and pregnancy related claims account for between 30–40% of all claims under the scheme. The paper will be lobbying for the removal of these limits to coverage to ensure the health and academic opportunities of international women students are not adversely affected by unplanned pregnancies, or related health concerns.

The consultation was a coordinated effort between the Women's Officer, PARSA and ISD.

MCWH will be calling for endorsements of the final paper, and the Women's Department will hope to facilitate the endorsement of ANUSA, SHFPACT, and other relevant organisations.

Domestic Violence Campaign

The Women's Department have just launched our DV campaign. The campaign includes free training open to the ANU community, and a photo campaign to promote a broader understanding of what constitutes domestic and intimate partner violence, and the supports available to those affected.

The training ran on the Monday and Tuesday of Week 8, and was well attended by representatives from residential colleges and ANUSA.

Clothes swap for Youth Week

The Women's Officer was invited to run a clothes swap as part of the Youth Week 'No Need to Be Told' festival in Civic Square. The event was a good opportunity to connect with students outside of the University context, and donations on the day raised \$70 for the Women's Legal Centre ACT.

UniSafe Committee

While the Department was unable to secure a representative for the first UniSafe meeting of 2013, we are looking forward to using these forums as a chance to continue lobbying for important safety measures and issues on campus. Special thanks to Aleks for her role in ensuring the committee continues to run in 2013.

Budget:

DV Campaign:

- 70 x printed singlets- \$1150.60
- DVCS training- yet to be invoiced (roughly \$300 per session)
- Catering for training and room: \$127.30

Room updates:

- 3 x tables for the RR- \$297

Meetings and catering

\$25 per weekly meeting

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT

Daniel Perez-McVice

Fossil Free ANU freedom of information request

- Lodged an appeal
 - Pointing out the ways in which they'd mis-applied the Act
- Earlier they'd only given us access to the Woroni article about the ANU divesting from Metgasco (at the cost of \$565) out of the 56 documents that'd found that fit the parameters of our request
 - Now they've said that they'd be willing to release either certain portions of, or otherwise redacted versions of half the documents that they'd earlier refuse
- And they've are waiving the \$565 fee that they'd asked for in exchange for the release of the documents

And in news on the Fossil Free campaign beyond the ANU, the Uniting Church of NSW and the ACT have shown immense leadership in deciding to divest from fossil fuel companies. That makes them the first institution in Australia to decide to do this. Of course this is really encouraging for us: seeing that there are other people that don't want the institutions that are part of their lives to profit off of or contribute to trashing the planet.

Our skillshares started up again two weeks ago.

- Cider Brewing
- Hair-cutting and maintenance
- Next: Basic bike maintenance
- If you have any skills and are prepared to share them: get in contact with Steph Cox and Steph Willis.

Stalls at:

- Harvest Festival
- Youth Week
- What is ANUSA? Week

Plans/Events:

- Tabling a report to ANU council
 - Explaining why at length our argument for why they should divest from fossil fuel companies
- Mining the truth Documentary
 - Road trip around NSW that EC members went on
- Universal Lunch hour
- Bill McKibben
 - Coming to Canberra on the 5th of June
 - The Founder of 350.org
 - Great communicator of Science
 - And a great climate activist

- He's done a lot of work in popularising the idea of a Divestment campaign as a tool in challenging fossil fuel companies
- And he re-tweeted the news that the ANU had divested from Metgasco in February
- Beyond Coal and Gas Conference
- SoS in Launceston in June

Finanace

Subsidised bus trip to ASEN swarm in Sydney and baking supplies for food for planning day: \$49.

Subsidised transport for Indigenous elder travelling to Canberra from Tennant creek as part of a photography exhibition documenting an NT community that is faced with the prospect of a Nuclear waste dump being set up in their area: \$100.

Recurring fee of \$40 for the EC's use of the food Co-op's facilities for skillshares. 4 weeks' worth approved to begin with. Looking for additional non-financial ways of contributing.

\$30 for stall at Youth Week.

\$30 for Stall at Harvest Festival .

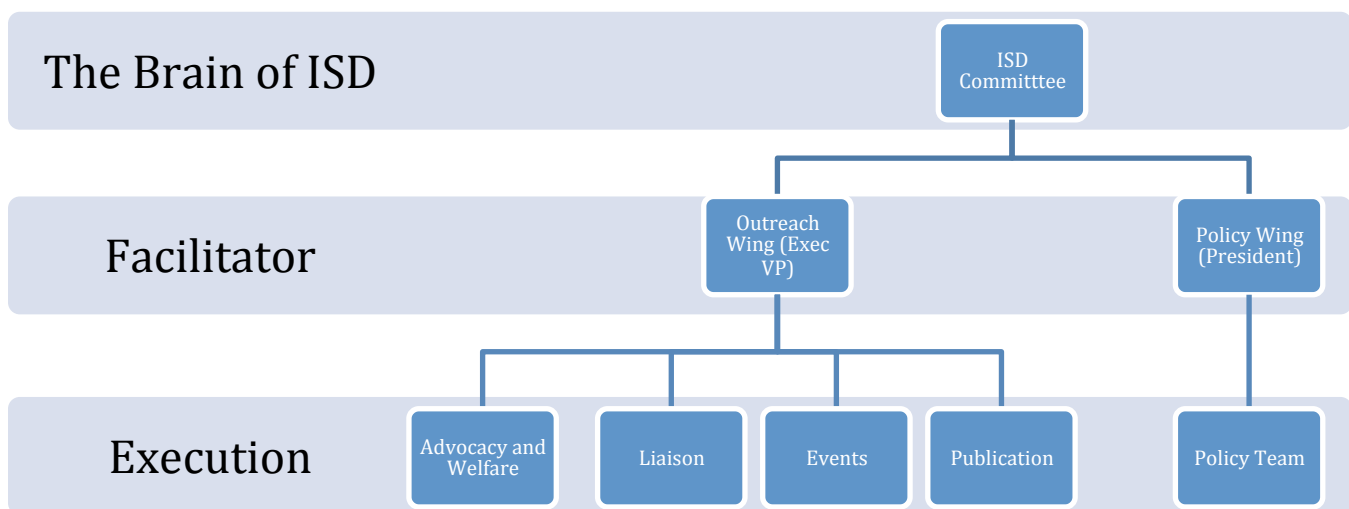
\$300 subsidising of travel for EC members travelling up to the Leard State Forest blockade.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DEPARTMENT (ISD) REPORT

Taufiq Suraidi

Change in Department Structure

ISD now has 2 wings in its functioning to better serve international students:



The Outreach Wing of the ISD will be geared towards engagement with International Students whilst the Policy Team will work under the ISD's Head of Department (ANUSA International Officer) on all matters that requires advocacy at the highest levels in University.

Committees where ISD is involved in:

ISD now sits in the following Committees:

1. University Policy Level –
 - a. Student Experience Committee (SEC);

- b. University Safety on Campus Committee;
 - c. Division of Registrar and Student Services:
 - i. Student Information Service Implementation Working Group Committee; and
 - ii. Student Experience and Transition Team Implementation Working Group Committee.
2. ANUSA –
- a. ANUSA Education Committee; and
 - b. ANUSA Mental Health Committee

Projects Done thus far...

1. In Week 8 (Wednesday), ISD hosted its last Fortnightly Networking Session
2. In Week 7, the International Students Human Rights Committee convened its first seating
 - a. Discussed about meeting structure and possible projects
3. In Week 7 (Monday), alongside the ANUSA Womens' Department ISD hosted a consultation session in Unilodge regarding the Multicultural Centre on Women's Health position paper on OSHC pregnancy-related coverage
4. In Week 6, the ISD accomplished the following projects:
 - a. ISD Harlem Shake; and
 - b. ISD's 3rd Fortnightly Networking Session (Guest speakers – ASLC Director and Senior Counselor of ANU Counseling service.
5. ISD Logo competition has closed on Week 8 Wednesday Evening
 - a. Professor Richard Baker, Dr Laura-Anne Bull and ANUSA International Officer are the judges for the competition
 - b. ISD will be unveiling its new logo in Week 10

Upcoming Project

1. In Week 9, ISD will be working with the Diversity Learning Community to host a discussion session in the Student Space. The topic of discussion is "International Student Engagement".

2. In Week 9, ISD is working closely with the other Departments and Collectives to have a presence on the Collective Day on Monday
3. In Week 10, ISD will be unveiling its new logo!

Remainder fund in Bank Account for the entire year: \$5953.68

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Vincci Lee

- International students aspect
 - Attended the ISD OGM
 - Distributed the International Students Guide to Burgmann
 - Interhall International Representative Network
 - Invited ISD President to one of our meetings earlier
 - Contacting the ISS/SIGN Mentor Program for info sesh for the international rep
 - Next Meeting 3 May (Friday) 2pm
 - Will hold a strategic session with Taufiq soon

- Mental Health
 - **Met with the Head of Counselling Centre, Ms Heather McLeod**
 - Discussed the current service provided by the Counselling Centre and what ANUSA can do
 - Make few suggestion to the Centre
 - Invited Ms McLeod to our next Mental Health Committee Meeting – promised to come
 - Being invited to their one of their coffee session
 - Will hold regular meetings with Ms McLeod in the future

- Weekly lunch date with Gen Rep
 - Will be announced again soon

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Eric Chan

What is ANUSA week – Banner:

- 1) Budget: \$70
- 2) Expenditure: \$31.84 plain white clove (8.00m), \$6.04 eyelet (14), \$16.9 paint = \$54.78
- 3) Progress: done with painting the major banner on 23 April, inserted eyelet on 26 April, expecting to be up on Sunday night (save time for postering on Monday morning)
- 4) The 8m clove is originally planned for painting more than 1 banner, but I might not have enough time to do so, will see if any chance to work something over the weekend
- 5) Left over will be used on next banner

What is ANUSA week - Mini Market Day (Thursday):

- 1) Organized by Social Committee, looking up for approximately 20 Clubs and Societies participating
- 2) Since Monday is the night carnival, there is a bit overlapping with the Mini Market Day and it could be combined if the Social Committee have had better planning
- 3) Late decision is another major problem for planning this event, since invitations were sent out only less than 2 week time, Clubs and Societies might not have enough time to plan and reject our offer
- 4) It might not be fair to all Clubs and Societies since Social Committee members mostly used personal channel to inform C/S committee, and most C/S did not know about the event before and after it happened

Bookshop Reform:

- 1) Annika, Caroline, Jedda, Shan and I had our first meeting on 9 April 2013 at Student Space.
- 2) We had gone through all the processes student space managers have to do when logging books
- 3) Concluded that the current system we are using is inefficient and incompetent.
- 4) A big change is needed to carry out as soon as possible.
- 5) Caroline created a spread sheet to test what does the new system to be like in priority order and it will be further assess in later reform.
- 6) Student Space Managers have been giving us a lot of useful recommendation.

- 7) In the meantime, Annika is working with Srijan (bookkeeper) with the payment for the books sold this year.
- 8) Second meeting will be on 29 April 2013
- 9) Expecting the reform to be done before the second semester starts.

Other items:

- 1) Cleaning ANUSA office on 8 April 2013
- 2) Help SSA with all the equipment they need and let them access to BKSS and ANUSA throughout study break and after office hours
- 3) Attended International Students' Department OGM on 19 April 2013
- 4) Helped ISD painting the Harlem Shake banner
- 5) Attended Sophia's What is ANUSA planning meeting on 15 April 2013
- 6) Helped cleaning the Student Space after Mexican party