



Meeting of The ANU Observer Council

Date: 6th March

Open of Meeting: 6:20

Minutes of Last Meeting:

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Item 1 - Attendance and Apologies

All councilor other than Julian without Apology

Addelle in Attendance

Item 2 - Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by ELiza

Item 3 - Previous Action Items

Whole Team: Push back appointment till next meeting

Doing

Editorial Team: Mention restorative justice in Week 2 meeting.

Not done. Lots of new hires

Item 4 - Reports

1. News Report - Adelle

There was not 1 a day, Ophel will take a lot of time and energy. Hiring has been a priority for me, finalising early this week

Eliza: how many people?

Adelle: 2 people

Jason: any rejections

Adelle: 1 probably, probably because of conflicts of interest. Some that have just not yet been dealt with.

Item 5 - Items for Discussion

1. Hires



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Eliza: We have some who have left and some who have joined, so we'll just do a complete list. Best way to do an up to date record.

New people

Anthea Dockrill

Anthony Lotric

Both very keen new journalists.

Some people are leaving us, we thank them for thier contribution.

Anyone new Kon?

Kon: Zac Tan, a masters student, he wants to join as a photographer, also has web management skills. So he may work with Stavros, but that is a future question.

Eliza: any work for us?

Kon: yes, of Kambri, weren't actually used. He does not want to be credited in his work. He wants to be anonymous

Eliza: crediting is new, so its not super an issue. So long as its not due to a conflict of interest, has he submitted his form?

Kon: yes

Jess: would not be ok for photojournalism.

Eliza: indeed.

Eliza: I approve that the appended list be approved.

Kon: will we have to remove them from the slack



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Eliza: only those being removed.

Eliza: I move that following being accepted as an exhaustive list of the Officers of Observer Notwithstanding any Elected Officials (See Appendix A)

Passes unanimously.

2. Reporting

Jason: I don't bi-fortnightly reporting is working.

Eliz: it's not clearly working great, perhaps due to lack of clarity as to meetings.

3. Risk re access to Facebook, Drive and Room.

Jason: this relates to the motion we just passed about a complete list of officers. I think it would be worthwhile doing a review into who has access to what. Leaks are really bad. It's also a problem if non-News people can access the Facebook messages.

Eliza: I support that. There is a lot of problems with the Page, to access the page you have to be able to access the messages.

Jess: is there a notifications off setting. We could just have a smaller number have access to the page,

KonL ELiza, you're not an admin

ELiza: I am the owner

Kon: what would happen if your fb went down

ELiza: it would transfer.

Jason: rationalizing who are editors and admins.

ELiza: this could relate to the issue of senior editors. It would be too laborious for it just to be editors.

Kon: also livestreamer.

ELiza: not something we can do in the short run.

Jason: yeah

ELiza: also if you see people have access to it who should not then trim them.

4. Approval of Zac Than to the organisation

Item 6 - Other Business



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6.1

Move to make an item, 6.2 confidentials

6.2 ANU Media

Jess: We got an email from Joe who runs media saying they have several communications from students about Respectful Relations, so we have been invited to a backroom meeting, on the condition it is off record. To get continuing coms on RR, we need to attend. We got further background, it is woroni's fault. Woroni used a list of contacts to make direct communications.

Eliza: Ben Gill has said that they have received multiple coms of the same nature .

Jess: so we can take two approaches to this, as a validation of our practice or problematic

Eliza: the compulsory nature of it is not good.

6.3 The Role of the Chair

ELiza: I have dropped the ball on many things. They are important things. I struggle to do them given a number of factors. SHame that Jules is not here. I have not, contacted Arbitration for stipends, and publish last years spending. I don't beleive in self-censure but you are welcome. I am realising the difficulty of our organisation. A news editor has a 1 in 3 chance to be the chair. I am considering the option of removing the rquirement of the chair being a news editor. Also maybe non-operational councillors.

Jess: Probalby good for sustainability. There may not be news editors willling to do it going forward.

Jason: I welcome this, actually. I think I've always supported this, I don't see the necessity of the Chair being an Editor. I also back non-operational Councillors, they can take a role in scrutinising. The concern that I would have is ensuring that Observer continues forever to put news at the centre of what it is and what it does. I think that can be achieved in other ways, but it's worthy of being remembered.

Eliza: I agree with all that, but I think objects help with that.

Kon: I understand the concerns here, from both sides.

Jason: its also too small

ELiza: too randoms would be great for that.

Actionable for investigation into changes to the constitution with Jason, it would have to be by March. Deadline of Sunday midnight.

6.4 New motion to give monday to SEEF

ELiza: I have received coms that the refund is \$1025.06. Turns out we overestimated the refund. We're saving 50 bucks.

Motion to transfer \$1025.06, rather than that amount previously determined to the SEEF committee.

ELiza moves, passes unanimously.

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Item 7 - Recall Actionables

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Eliza: to scope what FB access levels are available.

Appendix A

Adelle Millhouse

Jason Pover

Jessica Whiting

Eliza Croft

Konstantinos Katsanis

Julian Lee

Anthea Dockrill

Anthony Lotric

Surbhi Aurora

Skanda Panditharatne

Jessica Wu

Broneal Sarkosh

Tristan Khaw

Zac Than

Deepu Ashok



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