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Meeting of The ANU Observer Council

Date: 6th March

Open of Meeting: 5:26

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Item 1 - Attendance and Apologies

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Apologies from Eliza, Every other Councillor is Present.

Item 2 - Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by Jess.

Item 3 - Previous Action Items

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

Done

An action for jess to write a debrief document about the woroni article

Done

Eliza: to scope what FB access levels are available.

Jess: Eliza is not here

Editorial Team, carried over from last meeting: Mention restorative justice in Week 2 meeting.

Jess: Onus on us to do it, not uet done. Ophel is a priority.

Item 4 - Reports

1. News Report - Adelle

News Report – 20/03/19

Since my last report, we have published five articles, including two catchups. We have also published updates the Ophel Trial blog every week day. This is below the targeted output for Observer, but I am optimistic that we will be able to bring this number up in the coming weeks. The Ophel trial is still ongoing and consuming the majority of the News Team's time and energy. I am very proud of the quality and consistency of the daily blog, and want to especially thank Jess and Eliza for the work they've put in. This should be finished next week, allowing for the team to recover & return to a higher level of output for other news articles. We have now onboarded three newbies onto the News Team. All three have now published at least one article, and seem to be keen to get into the News properly. With the ending of the Trial, these reporters can be put on their own stories and start to become fully integrated to the team. I will be interviewing one more candidate for Reporter this week or early next week, which will conclude hiring for at least this term. Would love to talk about analytics, but I don't have access to that yet. Will attempt to have this fixed by the time of my next report.

Jason to jess: why is volume down?

Jess: My suggestion is that Ophel is taking a lot of labor. Last time we were doing this we did nothing

Jason: editor reporter ratio?

Jess: 2 to 1, Adelle is interviewing someone, not a sure thing. If we do take them on, we'll have to consider another editor.

Jules: the more output we do the more ssaf we can get.

Jess: We are operating at maximum right now.

Kon: also we have to be mindful of whether the new recruits stay on.

2. Digital Report - Kon

We have received a huge amount of applications for photography. In order to cut the numbers, I am going to be more selective and choose 1 or 2 more photographers. Interviews have been completed, I am just trying to decide who to



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take. Everyone else who applies will be receiving an email that we are not on the lookout, but if they are still interested they could apply next semester or next year. We are currently in need for videographers, as we need more manpower for livestreams and for the documentary series I am planning to start, beginning writing/production next term.

We are going to release an ad today about it, as well as informing that we are providing our services to ANU students and societies by livestreaming/recording their events.

This week we covered the Memorial Vigil for Christchurch and took photos of the court, prepared graphics for Ophel's trial and we are planning to livestream the OGM on Thursday.

Kon: lots of photography apps, we will reject most who apply now. We have too many photographers to videographers. Also we are going to advertise our services to societies, as well as advertise for new videographers. We covered the vigil yesterday. We are planning to livestream the ogm on wednesday.

kON, SOME photographers only want to do that, some may be open to that. Tristan is an example of someone who has done both in the past.

3. Chair's Report - Eliza

Not received

4. Secretary's Report -Jason

I found when we have to change the constitution. The deadline is 15 April.

5. Jules

Done the calcs for stipends, they are up on the website. Still have issues with contacting arbitration. Yall should get money in 2 and a half weeks. The other thing is I am catching up on treasurer things eliza could not do. I am not sure when we are getting SSAF.

Jason: others have got the money

Jules: ahr, I will look into it.

Motion for unminuted discussion, Jules, Jess seconds, passes

Item 5 - Items for Discussion



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1. Constitutional Reform

a. Terms of Reference

Jason: following from last meeting, Eliza moving to remove the requirement of a news editor as chair and get more non-editorial directors. Deadline is April 15. This will be difficult. Will check whether we need a GM before then. From what i know, we can prepare the change and do it afterwards. What do we want to change? If we want to be operational this year, this is not feasible. Is there anything you want to change? I want to change that payment goes through Arbitration. I want to get Council to do this. It's like going to the HC to get public servant payments.

Jules: it would make my lives easier. Public notice is still good. Honaria makes a lot of sense.

Motion to make Discussion unminuted to form committee of the whole, Jason, Jess Seconded, passes

Terms of Reference

Board makeup

The Chair

Honoraria and Stipend.

Digital Integration

b. Process

Jess: let's get on to organisation of the process.

Jason: I'm free weekends

Jess: I am not free this weekend

Kon: neither, and not next weekend

Jules: I am not free in 3 weekends.

Jason: Wednesday afternoon.

General consensus that this will be hard to achieve in the timeframe.

Jason to put calls out on General for people wanting to talk about constitutional reform

2. General Meeting

Jason: We have to have it in the semester.

Kon: later in the term



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Jules: later

Jason: what time then

Jess: Week 10

Jason: I will move towards that

Item 6 - Other Business

6.1 Kon, person to help me

Kon: not necessarily another editor, but maybe a deputy. It would be good to have someone I can discuss decisions with.

Jason: we can just allow you to co-opt. Anyone in mind?

Kon; Stavros, always reliable. Maybe some of the new people as they get experience. The experienced people are time poor.

Jess: let's leave you to do this, suss out where your team is at.

Jules: I need to train someone up in the SSAF process, maybe a reporter.

Jess: there are people in the news team who are potentially good, but early

Kon to talk to his team to work out who to deputise

Jules; I would like it before the semester break, sometime around the OGM.

Jason: maybe go to a news meeting

Jess: yeah, and then we can lowkey shoulder tap.

Jules to go to a news meeting to plug being assistant treasurer.

Motion to discuss in camera, jess, jules seconds, passes

6.2 Jason:

Jules to hold off payment until post OGM if Jason does not confirm that Arbitration is functional, moved Jason, Jules Seconded, passes

Item 7 - Recall Actionables

Jason: I will move towards organising a week 10 ogm

Kon to talk to his team to work out who to deputise

Jules to go to a news meeting to plug being assistant treasurer.

Jess's advice paper be open for comment for 2 weeks.

6:45