



THE ANU OBSERVER

Meeting of The ANU Observer Council

Date

Expected Open of Meeting: 2pm

Item 1 - Attendance and Apologies

Item 2 - Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by Eliza.

Item 3 - Previous Action Items

Item 4 - Reports

4.1 News Report

Elections: debates went well. Woroni not much, but active hinderance. Some stories out.

Eliza: Hit our goal 6-7 articles in a week, since beginning.

Jules: Nice traction.

4.2 Digital Report

The team is going well and is engaged. Everyone over the past two weeks had signed up to do at least an assignment each. Unfortunately, some assignments were not fulfilled because we eventually didn't end up hosting the Monday debate and the Residential Forum ended up not wanting to film the event. We covered the Trade War lecture on Monday, although we experienced technical difficulties with the frame rate. We also experienced technical difficulties with the sound for the Wednesday debate. These occurred while using the camera livestream setup, rather than the usual phone. I think for now, we will apply the strategy we followed on the Friday debate, to livestream the events with the phone and film them concurrently so we can have a good quality offline record. Finding an appropriate way to livestream, that will be both quick and reliable, has to be considered before the SSAF bid. We also attended the ANUSA OGM, but unfortunately it did not meet quorum.

4.3 Financial Report

- Contact has been made with the auditing firm, but we do not yet have a reply, despite several weeks having passed. I am intending to follow up.

- Attempts to obtain an assistant treasurer have, for now, failed, both applicants dropped out before taking the job.

- First SSAF meeting occurred on Tuesday. Informal discussion amongst Council has already occurred as to SSAF priorities going forward.

Jules: Increased stipends. We will be discussing with the university admin about reducing the costs of the office for this year.

Amended minutes.

Jules: We had a meeting with Zyl to use PARSA's financial controller as we need professional support. I suspect when we meet with Zyl next time to discuss about the panel, we would have another discussion about it.

4.4 Chair's Report

EI: Apologies for not submitting. SSAF meeting was good and saw the new format. We need to make sure documentation is strong and evidence based. Organise meeting with other student orgs to decide who will be in the panel. Throw some names of retired hacks. Someone who is not currently involved, but understands the organisation. Howard McLean, Louis Pope and feel free to chuck any names you think would be good.

Apologies for being behind on getting the secretary on board. I will give information about the office in the items of discussion.

Jules moves to accept reports.

EI: Passes.

Item 5 - Items for Decision

Item 6 - Items for Discussion

6.1 Office

EI: Nothing heard since Jason two weeks ago. Lots of emails and no response. Will call him on Monday. My proposal is that we should redistribute some of the money but wait to get the specifics for that. Use some of the money to buy furniture, couches, but also use the money to redistribute to stipends. Any questions?

Jules: Are we intending to ensure our property in the office?

EI: WI have a feeling we may be covered by ANU, but content insurance is quite cheap if we need to. I think it is covered though.

EI: The bid is not due till 22 of September so plenty of time. Disabilities officer has a few names to contact about the office in case we need to.

6.2 Secretary

EI: I need to arrange a meeting, but I've kept waiting on her and when I respond she has taken a while to respond so we haven't had a chance yet to catch up. I may get someone else to do it.

Jules: Me and Kon were discussing we are interested in catching up with her. Next week will be much more free.

EI: Thanks for that, I will give you her details.

6.3 SSAF Planning

Jules: This is something I was hoping to get into next weekend. At some point I will fly out and be away for most of the break. I would like a working day for SSAF. Administrative coordination, organising the actual structure of the SSAF bid and the writing of the bids. I am happy to take the second one, you the second one and the rest distributed to everyone else.

EI: I agree and it will be much easier to distribute widely. We only need to fill those things for things that are new. I don't think we need to involve reporters, I think just Council would be enough. They want them to be short and sweet.

Details about stipends and office, etc. We need a meeting for how much we are going to bid for. We know stipends and office top, but then how order.

Jules: I think start writing bids and then we will get a good picture of what priorities are.

Eli: When you get back>

Jules: 16?

Adelle: Too late to do that.

EI: I prefer next Saturday 1 till 5. Actually, I think we have something on then 11-3. Everyone check schedules, though.

6.4 Reflection Day

Kon: I was interested to have a day where we reflect on how we're going, like last Semester. Maybe one as Council, and one as Editors. A lot of us may not be here next year and we have to start thinking about how to inform the next leaders.

Eliza: Let's schedule that next week.

Item 7 - Other Business

7.1

Jules: SSAF agreement I was thinking that it was a 2 year extension.

EI: Only one year. It was going to be 2, but we wanted to be one year to be negotiated in a timely manner.

Jules: When it comes to extension planning it would be good to sit down with the new secretary treasurer and talk about it.

EI: We haven't had enough time having ssaf and discuss what is good and bad. The new team will be more prepared for next year.

Item 8 - Recall Actionables

Expected Close of Meeting: 2:19pm