



# THE ANU OBSERVER

## **Meeting of The ANU Observer Council**

Date 09/10/2019

Expected Open of Meeting: 5:19pm

### **Item 1 - Attendance and Apologies**

Apologies from Adelle

No apologies from Ash

### **Item 2 - Acknowledgement of Country**

Delivered by Eliza

### **Item 3 - Previous Action Items**

- **Eliza and Ash to call general meeting before 1 October. Done**
- **Konstantine to find his NetBank deets. Done**

### **Item 4 - Reports**

#### 4.1 News Report

- Eliza has mentioned that the catchup should be a week long assignment rather than something that is mocked up on Sunday through a call out. This will stop us from missing things, and generally make it more substantive. I agree that we should implement this by telling the person who is allocated the catchup to be aware of things that are happening during the week, and to try to have it done by Saturday.
- There are two major factors that have held up our news output over the last month or so. Firstly, some big news has come out, such as the assault on campus and the data breach update, which we then immediately reported on. Secondly, we have done some great investigative journalism, namely the Burgmann story and the Snowsports story. We need to keep in mind that we cannot rely on the former as we work towards the end of the Uni year.
- We should maybe put more effort into giving reporters a brief for the articles they are assigned, and ensuring they have as much information as early as possible. While it is important to ensure that they are given room to show initiative and learn for

themselves, I feel like this approach is the best way to train reporters and cuts down on editors having to rewrite articles. Eventually they should be able to do the bulk of the planning/research on their own.

Moved by Julian

Passed unanimously.

#### 4.2 Digital Report

- Livestreamed the ANUSA SRC, ANUSA SGM, and today we are livestreaming an event.

Moved by Julian

Passed unanimously.

#### 4.3 Financial Report

Jules: SSAF questions should be done, Stipends paid and honoraria postponed till the end of the year. I will make a post in general.

Eliza: I prefer end of the year anyway.

Jules: Tell team to resubmit anyway.

Moved by Konstantine.

Passed unanimously.

#### 4.4 Chair Report

Eliza: Sorry for not submitting a report. Not a whole to report. At present no news about the office, but I will chase it tomorrow. Not sure why.

General meeting has been called and we need to draft some new regulations and work out how elections will work out. That's a fun one; will do on the weekend.

Jules: I reckon council should discuss it next year and therefore make a temporary one.

Eliza: We will need to elect more arbitration people in the elections.

Jules: We have some interest already.

Eliza: I am considering whether I should put my hand up.

Jules: We cannot run while we are officers. During elections we are officers.

Moved by Jules.

Passed unanimously.

### **Item 5 - Items for Decision**

#### 5.1 - Returning Officer

Eliza: We need to appoint one in this meeting. Nominations close a week before the meeting.

Jules: Can we overrule the nomination thing by vote of council.

Eliza: Probably not, but if we change regulations we can do that.

We can take candidates from the floor when there are no candidates. Eben has been the returning officer and I reckon he should be.

Jules: I think he will be good.

**Eliza moves to appoint Eben Leaf as returning officer. He has graduated, labour hack and knows how to run our elections**

**Jules: Run scrutineer and elections in the past. I second that**

Passed unanimously.

## **Item 6 - Items for Discussion**

### 6.1 SSAF questions

Eliza: Will talk about them here and discuss them further after meeting. Will go to the presentation on the 22nd of October.

Times for meeting between 12-2:15; 15 min slots.

### 6.2 Succession planning

Jules: Kon has interest. I will hang around and help people moving forward, because you need training. Continuity will be valuable.

## **Item 7 - Other Business**

## **Item 8 - Recall Actionables**

Expected Close of Meeting: 5:37pm