

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting Opened at 1810

In attendance:

Eliza Croft
Michael Turvey
Skanda Panditharatne
Jason Pover
James Howarth
Tatsunori Yamaguchi
Laura Farag
Joel Baker
Adam Cass

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

Taken by Michael Turvey

1.2 Apologies

Rebecca Ganon - Digital Editor

Adeline Tinessia - Reporter

Late apologies received by Konstantinos and Taz

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising

2.1 Minutes from the Previous Meeting

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1N3rcZpOcZDfaUsIFyLWopaerGGq93jHLWUWmg4SG4-k/edit?usp=sharing>

Moved: Eliza Croft

Seconded: Michael Turvey

Approved unanimously by the Members present and voting.

Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising

3.1 Report of the Chair of the Editorial Board (Appendix A)

Jason: I'll take my report as read I just want to flag a few things. Regarding internal operations we apportioned responsibility within the editorial board. If anyone wants to consult regarding these areas you want to go to the individuals listed in Appendix A. We've also apportioned news areas for reporters. We'll break up into these teams later in the year.

Michael: What are we doing in O-Week?

Jason: We're doing a printed daily A3.

Eliza: Why are you chair?

Jason: So, Michael and Eliza have been appointed to the Council, congratulations to them, so therefore the 3 who don't have governance roles need to have a method for managing meetings. So the chair of the editorial board will cycle between the 3 of us, I'm the inaugural, every month. Skanda will come after me. That person does news meetings.

Mover: Michael Turvey

Seconded: James Howarth

Approved unanimously by the Members present and voting.

3.2 Report of the Chair of the Council (Appendix B)

Michael: We have a Council. It met. It's in charge. Nothing huge. Hiring is continuing. We should all have card access to the office next door by tomorrow (COP g032). We'll be doing big events in O-Week. Info sessions and market day stall. We'll be getting \$32k from SSAF.

Laura: Are we going to be hiring firsties?

Michael: Yep, we'll do 2 rounds. Right now we're hiring returners. We will also hire 4 or 5 new students. We will do training in the week before O-Week - the 8th and 9th.

Eliza: Times are quite uncertain right now.

Tats: Are we hiring new people for financial aspects?

Michael: Do you need new people?

Tats: Yes.

Michael: We will discuss at the next Council meeting. Ebe is in charge of hiring for Digital, I'm in charge for News, Council approves.

Mover: Jason Pover

Secunder: Skanda Panditharatne

Approved unanimously by the Members present and voting.

Item 4: Elections (if required)

No Elections to be held.

Item 5: Items for Resolution

No Items for Resolution.

Item 6: Items for Discussion

No Items for Discussion.

Item 7: Notices of Motions

7.1 Motion to read: That the Members of The ANU Observer approve the changes to the Constitution of The ANU Observer as presented for consideration on December 20, 2017. (Appendix C)

Moved: Michael Turvey - Editor

Seconded: Eliza Croft - Editor

Michael: This does everything we need to comply with the Council to receive funding. Elections will be open to all students. Elections for editors will be at General Meetings, not online. Some cosmetic changes in addition.

Eliza: Other important changes include that our constitution will now be approved by Council. That means future changes as well. In the interest of good governance the new constitution is very pared down because we don't want to bring small changes to the Council. Financial management and elections will be regulations so that we don't go through Council.

Jason: Is this constitution operative from this moment, or from when the Council approves it. Secondly, did I hear correctly that elections would be open to all members.

Eliza: This constitution will take effect once Council has approved it on January 30th.

Michael: There will be General Meeting same as last year. Every student who attends will have a vote. We can emplace eligibility requirements in our electoral regulations. This means we can make it so only those who have been involved can run for editor positions, etc.

Skanda: This will definitely go through Council?

Eliza: It's already been approved by Andrew Heath, Joel has provided him the necessary documentation. It would be shocking if the Council didn't approve it.

Jason: Is it a problem for Council that the elected officers have not been elected under this democratic constitution.

Eliza: We talked to Andrew about this. He said they would be fine with it for the first year. Given that even if we did go through the process, we only had 5 nominations, we wouldn't get more under our regulations. So it would not affect the result. Andrew is under the impression that Council does not mind. It terms of legal stuff, it's transitive.

Jason: I was just concerned with the Council's take on it.

Joel: Move to a vote, re-read the motion and preamble.

Approved unanimously by the Members present and voting.

Item 8: Other Business

Item 9: Date of next meeting and Close

The next meeting of the Members of The ANU Observer will be held on (to be decided, but will be in Term 1).

Expected close of meeting - 1845.