



# THE ANU OBSERVER

## **Meeting of The ANU Observer Board**

Date: 21/01/21

Opening of Meeting: 17:15

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

**Present:** Konstantinos Katsanis (Chair) - in-person  
Jacqueline Du (director) - via video conference  
Angus Brooks (director) - in-person  
Sam Wright (director) - via video conference  
Brandon How (director) - via video conference  
Helena Burke (director) - in-person  
Keeley Dickinson (director) - in-person  
Declan as an observer - via video conference

**Absent:**

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

Delivered by Konstantine.

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

### **Item 4 - Reports**

*Not required.*

**Chair Report: Konstantinos Katsanis**

**Secretary Report: Konstantinos Katsanis**

**News Content Executive Report: Helena Burke**

**Finance Executive Report: Jacqueline Du**

**Community Executive Report: Angus Brooks**

**Web Executive Report: Angus Brooks**

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

5.1 Removing Samuel Wright as financial trustee of the association. Maintain Konstantinos Katsanis, Jacqueline Du, Angus Brooks and Helena Burke as financial trustees.

**Motion passes unanimously.**

5.2 Approving Declan Milton as an Editor, as per the requirement of fulfilling the fourth Editor role casual vacancy. Will be starting his term on February 15.

**Motion passes unanimously.**

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

### 6.1 Visual Content Executive Replacement

Sam has resigned, effective Monday. Sam, would you like to say anything about this decision?

Sam: Full on year, would not be fair for me to continue as VCE given the amount of hours that the role demands, and that I'm given a stipend. Thank you to all of you guys for support, it has been good.

Angus: Are you going to stay as a Visual team member?

Sam: No, but I will be keen to hangout?

Angus: Yay.

Konstantine: would you like to still be part of Observer and take some time off?

Sam: I haven't given as much thought about the organisation as a whole, it's more about the stipend and role

Helena: I have been thinking about reaching out to staff who have taught photography etc to see if they know anyone who would be interested, Angus also suggested posting on Facebook, but before we do this do we know if Joseph is interested Brandon?

Brandon: When I last checked he wasn't keen but circumstances may have changed. What do we think of potentially merging visual content and news?

Konstantine: Difficult to coordinate - constitution changes, would require changes at a OGM.

Keeley: I'd be concerned about workload on news reporters - especially when we have very few news reporters at this time. Would require double workload from reporters etc. I would think visual is quite different from news in ways that we don't realise.

Brandon: I think we'd still have visual people, but news editors would assign tasks to visual team members. Same meetings, etc.

Helena: Do you think we could achieve this by using the news editor/visual content slack channel and shared meetings

Konstantine: Very technically challenging for video content, if an editor is doing visual work then they have to know how to do it. I worry about the video type of thing - very technical field and a lot of people just don't have the skill to do it. We have people like Bec who are comfortable to do graphics, but I think we should have a bigger focus on video.

Brandon: All fair points, I guess what I was thinking of can still be done if the team is separate. Just nominally separate and a lot closer communication. Also a bit worried about external hiring etc and ensuring that anyone hired understands the organisation and how it operates.

## **Item 7 - Other Business**

## **Item 8 - Recall Actionables**

Kon - Write a handover/VCE role description. After that, we have a meeting and we discuss different proposals about how to shape the role.

Brandon - to ask Jo about it. If Jo doesn't want to do it we can see at external hires

Closing of Meeting: 17:52