

2015-16 PRC Meeting #11 Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday 26th April 2016
5.30pm PARSA Boardroom**

Attendance: Pablo (CPMS Rep), Binota (Environment Officer), Bishal (Education Officer and CAP Rep), ZJ (CMBE), Michelle (General Rep), Ran (General Rep), Jerry (CBE Rep), Stanley (CECS Rep), Novie (General Rep), Akeel (General Rep), Farhan (General Rep), Alyssa (Acting Vice President, Women's Officer and CASS Rep), Tha (CPMS Rep), Dom (International Officer), Yekti (General Rep), Storm (General Rep), Defu (Treasurer, CBE Rep), Chris W (President, CMBE Rep), Chris O (General Secretary, CoL Rep), Shadid (General Rep) (joined late)

Apologies: Isobel, Sarah, Hannah

Absent: Olivia, Mohammah Shahedul Karim, Elaine

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Indigenous Australians

- a. Welcome to New PRC Members – Novie, Farhan and Akeel

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

3. President's report

As written, specifically highlighted the current Human Resources Review underway for both ANUSA and PARSA, and that a draft report has been released.

4. Treasurer's report

As distributed to PRC.

5. Executive/ Office reports

- a. **Vice President** – as written/ distributed to PRC

- b. **General Secretary** -

- i. Election results: outlining election results and issues. Issued raised with submitting applications on time and accounting for votes
- ii. Public Officer position. A requirement that PARSA update who holds this position as part of our legislative requirements, discussion re Mike as Public Officer.
- iii. Other activities: Report for mike probation's/ professional development, working on AGM which is taking place on the 27th, constitutional changes sent out via email and on website, drafting an article to consider publishing in Woroni regarding concerns from PARSA members.

- c. **Education Officer** –

- i. CSSA afternoon tea event with college director

- ii. Training program for postgraduate students
- d. **International Officer –**
 - i. Global Café and international event organisations. Next events: Singapore night market – bigger event than usual as incorporating variety of SE Asian countries, on the 28th April. Malaysia Global Café event, 6th May at B&G function room.
 - ii. Potential financial support for sports fair of \$1500 to support requests coming from student body.
 - iii. Assisting with Blue Mountains trip. Questions raised over the number of buses to the trip due to the level of interest. Delegation to CISA conference. President suggested applying to SEEF, as a collective, to top up CISA amounts for conference. Currently budgeted \$2,000 - \$3,000 for conference, although as conference in Darwin, this creates greater expense and so less representatives will be able to attend than in previous years. International Officer expecting a delegation of 4 PARSA members
- e. **Social Officer –** update provided by President: newly formed Social Committee meeting will be taking place tomorrow, all welcome.
- f. **Equity Officer**
- g. **Communications Officer**
 - i. College rep poster campaign, posters to go out next week.
 - ii. Newsletter to begin, going out at the beginning of each month
 - iii. Investigating wee chat account with the help of Defu, Stanley and other representatives that use this technology, in order to communicate with more PARSA students.
- h. **Environmental Officer –**
 - i. 2 events: Water Day and Clean Up Australia Day
 - ii. Contacting relevant stakeholders on and off campus, including interested student societies, such as students from island countries.
 - iii. Question raised about the Divestment movement and what role PARSA is planning in that.
- i. **Women’s Officer –** discussion of need for further counselling resourcing and currently undertaking discussions around domestic violence and sexual assault on campus.
- j. **Indigenous Australian Officer**
 - i. Close the Gap Health Conference occurred last week
 - ii. Tidbinbilla cultural day being planned, 40 hour cultural immersion trip being organised, Tjabal postgraduate dinner for all students event idea
 - iii. Reconciliation Action Plan discussed
 - iv. National Indigenous Legal Conference coming up in September

6. Business:

- a. **Election of Disputes Committee –**

4 nominations presented to RPC for Disputes Committee. Committee is required to have a minimum 3, max 5 members, including 1 external (non PARSA) member.

DECISION: Determined (by general consensus) that the external representative be a non-staff member, that PRC are invited to submit nominations before the next meeting, and that PARSA Members on the Appeals Committee will not be asked due to possible conflicts.

b. Election of one (1) vacant General Representative position

This position was an outstanding vacancy that the PRC decided they would co-opt someone to. Nominations were taken from the meeting.

Hannah Wood was nominated by Chris W, Seconded by ZJ. Hannah was not present but had accepted the nomination prior to the meeting.

Tim Silver was nominated by Dom, seconded by Bishal. Tim was not present at the meeting but as he ran in the recent by-election his interest in the role was assumed.

DECISION: Chris O selected as Returning Officer, Mike as scrutineer
Secret ballot was conducted which resulted in a tie of 9 votes each. Chris W, as Chair of the meeting has the deciding vote and votes to elect Hannah.

OUTCOME: Hannah co-opted as General Representative to the PRC.

c. Election for Communications Officer

This vacancy was raised after the previous officer resigned this year. In the interim the Executive appointed Tha to this role.

Nominations from the floor:

Chris W nominated Tha, seconded by ZJ. Tha is present and accepts the nomination.

Def nominated Storm who declines the nomination.

OUTCOME: PRC unanimously endorses Tha's nomination to the position of Communications Officer.

d. General Manager Report

Taken as written but highlighting: looking to replace Org Sync with a new system. This could be a potential cost of \$60,000 (to be shared with ANUSA). Postgraduate student space survey, yet to go out (now with survey group), results expected back in May. Survey has been incentivised through 10 gift vouchers of \$50/each

e. Director training – open for PRC members 17th and 18th of May

7. Other business

a. CHL advocacy – question raised consultations and PARSA involvement and representation of postgraduate students. Education Officer and President update PRC stating PARSA's advocacy with the Chancellery and student interests

b. PRC to suggest names for ANU 2025 strategy working groups – recommendations to be made to President ASAP.