



MINUTES

AGM

Monday 25 May 2015 10am
ANU Arts Centre

1: **Welcome to Country**

The Chair, Ben Niles, acknowledged and celebrated the First Australians on whose traditional lands we meet and whose cultures are among the oldest continuing cultures in human history.

The Chair also thanked everyone for attending and our Returning Officer, Dale Brosnahan.

2: **President's Report**

Ben Niles, PARSA President 2014-2015 presented his report that is available on the PARSA website.

Ben invited Hassan Riaz to talk to the meeting about the two day Knowledge Conference organised by himself and Omar Gao. Hassan advised that this was the first Conference organised by PARSA and that it was an overall positive experience. He said a lot was learned about how to improve the organisation of future conferences that he will be sharing in a document for future PARSA Executive to follow.

Having completed his report, the Chair motioned for the President's report to be accepted.

Moved: Ben Niles

Seconded: Fausto Villota Alvarado (all in favour all)

Following discussion, the Chair raised the motion that PARSA renew its membership with CISA Council (Council of International Students Australia).

Moved: Ben Niles

Seconded Kim-Marie Spence (all in favour)

The Chair motioned PARSA re-affiliate with CAPA (Council of Australian Postgraduate Students Association)

Moved: Ben Niles

Seconded: Chris Wilson (all in favour except one abstained)

The meeting agreed to send a four person delegation to the national CISA and CAPA Conferences. (all present raised their hands in favour)

3: Treasurer's Report

Chris Wilson, PARSA Treasurer, presented his report and 2014 Audited Financial Report that are available on the PARSA website.

The Treasurer put forward a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and audited accounts.

Moved: Chris Wilson

Seconded: Fausto Villota Alvarado (all in favour)

4: Returning Officer's Report

Dale Brosnahan, Returning Officer 2015, presented her report that is available on the PARSA website.

The Chair moved that the Returning Officer's report be accepted.

Moved: Ben Niles

Seconded: Kim-Marie Spence

5: Election Results

Dales Brosnahan presented the elections results for 2015 that was followed by questions and answers.

- Upul Wickramasinghe asked if the Returning Officer could provide specific results.
- Dale Brosnahan informed the meeting that a decision was made not to publicise specific results as there was an overwhelming request not to do so as it was causing stress.
- Upul noted it was in the Electoral Regulations to provide those results.
- Ben Niles said he became quite concerned about mental health and emotional stability as students were going into exam week and so it was for this reason that he supported the Returning Officer's decision.

The Chair moved the Election Results be accepted.

Moved: Ben Niles

Seconded: Chris Wilson

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE AGM CLOSED AT 11.45PM