



2015-16 PRC Meeting #13

Monday 11th July 2016 6.00pm

PARSA Boardroom

Attendance: Kim Marie, Olivia, Dominic, Chris Wilson, Sarah, Wendy, Isobel, Farhan, Chris Orchard, Pablo

Apologies: Alyssa, Tha, Michelle, Hannah, Defu, Binota

Absent: Miranda, Elaine, Hao, Xuan, Mohammad, Zaheer, Yekti, Shahid, Ran, Storm, Muhammad, Hannah, Akeel, Novie

Administrator: Mike (General Manager)

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Indigenous Australians

- Thank you to graduating PARSA members

2. Minutes

- Minutes: PRC meeting 12
 - Accepted, with Kim Marie abstaining
- Minutes: AGM
 - Passed with Kim Marie Abstaining

3. President's Report

- Chris Wilson summarised his report, specifically mentioning:
 - Vice Chancellor vision work
 - Involvement of PARSA in Working Groups on potential Union Court development
 - Meeting with Dep VC Academic
 - HDR will be involved in review of schools as a matter of course.
 - CHL campaign – Summary provided of its activities
 - Save Linguistics campaign (undergrad group) – we will support, no resources or staff involved.
 - **Action:** Chris W to get in touch with Jessie Johnson from postgrad linguistics dept. to discuss further
 - Handover planning proceeding with involvement from officers and staff
 - External consultant working with Exec and staff, focusing on:
 - Improve communications
 - Building trust
 - Policies for review
 - Bullying, Sexual harassment, discrimination
 - No feedback came in during past month
 - Motion to be put later in meeting to pass all three (*the was not raised again, so will need to be passed at August PRC*)
 - There's a new Government in town
 - Please read the link in President's report about future of HE

4. Treasurer's Report

- Tabling of Expenses
 - None tabled
- Chris summarised Treasurer's Report
 - **Action:** Request by PRC for portfolio spend graph to appear in future reports
- Paul Wadland, new Financial Controller, to start tomorrow
- Honoraria Discussion: Do Storm, Binota qualify to receive honoraria?
 - **Action:** Take question of honoraria for Storm, Binota to next exec meeting
- Report accepted by all present

5. Officers' Reports

- **Vice-President**
- **Gen Sec**
 - Review of AGM
 - Election
 - Nominations open Friday, July 29th. Elections to be held 15-19th of August.
 - Chris O provided explanation of optional preferential voting
 - Discussion amongst group of draft nomination form, provided at meeting. Chris O affirmed the following points:
 - unfilled positions can be filled ex-officio
 - you can't nominate yourself
 - if you win two positions, officer takes preference
 - Point raised: Does system prevent multiple voting?
 - **Action:** Chris O to check and ensure you can't
 - **Action:** Chris O will update form to clarify the following:
 - form suggests students can only run for one role. Will make clear students can run for more than one position;
 - clean up a number of typos pointed out;
 - form will make clear whether someone can nominate people to be on a ticket without the nominee's consent;
 - more detail to be provided in section on Gen Reps;
 - position descriptions will be posted on website
 - Handover
 - position description survey has been circulated
 - Chris O and GM to work on staff handover

- Chris O wants to have pre-meeting with officer candidates
 - Provide book which lists basic information about what PARSA does
 - Provide description of roles, what is expected; staff as well
 - post-election role of officer handover
 - Chris W has started booking appointments with key members of ANU staff
 - Retreat weekend scheduled for first weekend in September (new PRC can change the date if they like)
- **Social**
 - **Week and Bush Week**
 - PRC asked to introduce selves to new Communications, Marketing and Events officer, Shikha
 - Review of events
 - Mini-market day – there was a big turnout
 - Walking tour on Thursday (need 4 volunteers)
 - Friday is Cocktail Party 8-11 – dress smart (need 4 volunteers)
 - Bus tour (need 4 volunteers)
 - Market day (need many volunteers)
 - Winter Circus (need many volunteers)
 - Looking to invite charity to take part – possibly one with mental health focus
 - **Ball**
 - Taking place on 27 August at NGA – potential them is “Black” (to link it to a gallery exhibit)
- **Education**
- **Indigenous Australian**
 - **Cultural awareness trip this weekend**
 - Kim Marie would like to get feedback from people who attended to find out what are they getting from it
 - Attendance means there will likely be another one later this year
- **Environment**
- **International**
 - **CISA update**
 - PARSA wins CISA award, best international student association
 - Dominic elected VP of CISA, another PARSA member elected as Equity officer

- Next conference is in Canberra around this time next year. PARSA will want to play big part in this.
- Try to secure funding along with CIT and Study Canberra
- **Comms**
- **General Manager**
 - Referred PRC to his PRC report

6. Other Business

- Concern raised about number of elected officers present at the meeting
 - Clarification raised over what constitution mandates if members miss multiple meetings
 - Meeting attendance requirement needs to be made clear with new team and enforced at the start of the year
 - One solution is to remove people for PARSA for missing meetings - quorum is reduced if this happens
 - Questions raised over whether people have been asked why they are not attending. Not usually been a problem in the past. Is it people don't think it's worth their time? Mental health?
 - Point raised that last PRC had best attendance yet. Unclear what reasons are
 - Point raised over missing members and the lack of solidarity they have with those who attend PARSA meetings.

7. Finance requests

- Proposal: PARSA provide \$15000 funding for CHL Shut up and write camp for disadvantaged students.
 - Chris Wilson says he and Alyssa met with CHL student campaigners, HDR students are being overtly affected by changes to CHL, and they need help. Proposal by CHL students is for PARSA to fund a specific shut up and write event for CHL students to help them.
 - Point raised: what else is PARSA doing to support the campaign? PARSA isn't doing enough.
 - Chris Wilson says we are support campaign for ANU to pay for visa extension, transition costs. There are about 20 intensely committed activists; 3-5 leaders
 - Point raised: PARSA need to be doing more campaigning on this issues than paying for a Shut Up and Write
 - Chris W says this is what they have asked us for

- **Action:** CW will speak to campaigners and provide update to next PRC
 - Point raised: Is paying for this setting a precedent for all other students whose departments are facing cuts
 - Point raised: We need to make sure there are postgrads sitting on those committees.
 - Point raised: We are underutilising our resources to help them
 - Chris Wilson: Suggestion to new PARSA team will be to launch Education Committee to focus on campaigning.
 - **Decision:** Provide the funds, but ask campaigners what is the overall plan, and what more do they want PARSA to do, how much time and commitment it will take.
- **Proposal:** PARSA fund NILC lunch at Tjabal
 - **NILC Lunch at Tjabal**
 - Indigenous Australian Officer's dad wants to host to postgrad dinner that is open to all postgrads, targeted at law students.
 - Brought to PRC due to conflict of interest
 - Point raised: Can it be made an inaugural dinner in the future?
 - PRC unanimously approved use of relevant funds in Indigenous Australian Officer's portfolio to support the event
- **Next meeting, 8th of August, last meeting of this term**
 - **Meeting closed**



President's Report

- University update
 - Meetings
 - Union Court Working groups
 - i. Too many to name but meetings 1 and 2
 - ii. PARSA stakeholders meeting coming up
 - Library advisory committee update
 - i. Facilitates
 - CHL Students' group
 - i. PARSA doing more
 - Save Linguistics group
 - i. Initial talks
 - DD (E) Science
 - i. Flipped classes
 - DVC(A)
 - i. Student numbers in Sem 2
 - ii. HDL students to be involved in reviews of schools
 - Internal update
 - AGM
 - Hugely successful. Largest turnout in years!
 - Thank you for those who put in lots of work (Alyssa, Chris O, Defu, and Mike especially)
 - New staff
 - Paul (Financial Controller)
 - Shikha (Comms and Marketing)
 - External consultant
 - Exploring handover and communications
 - Policies
 - Thank you for the feedback propose passing today
 - Bullying
 - Discrimination
 - Sexual Harassment and Harassment
 - External update
 - Federal election

- Education -
<https://www.education.gov.au/news/consultation-future-higher-education-reform>