



# 2015-16 PRC Meeting #14

## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016 6.00pm

### PARSA Boardroom

**Attendance:** Kim-Marie, Dominic, Chris Wilson, Isobel, Chris Orchard, Defu, Alyssa, Binota, Michelle, Akeel, Storm, Tha

**Apologies/Absent:** Miranda, Elaine, Hao, Xuan, Mohammad, Zaheer, Yekti, Shahid, Ran, Muhammad, Hannah, Novie, Hannah, Olivia, Sarah, Wendy, Farhan, Pablo,

**Administrator:** Mike (General Manager) – attended second half of meeting; minutes taken by General Secretary

#### 1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Indigenous Australians

- Spoke about a cultural tour, hopes this will happen next year.

#### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

- Held over to next PRC, to be confirmed by those present.

#### 3. President's Report

- **University Update**

- ANU birthday, 70<sup>th</sup>, event last week
- VC announceables
  - New ANU vision, President says we need implementation phase and student involvement.
  - Indigenous Post-Doc scheme. Hard to find, new sponsorship position to make it work, to develop the positions. This is a first for ANU.
  - Seed funding to attract new staff, to get them as junior post-docs
  - Housing:
    - Stated commitment that everyone who wants to live on campus can live on campus, this explicitly includes the word "post-graduate"
    - Sold the accommodation on campus, except the University House.
    - However "Toad" etc are still ANU operated, but now privately operated. "Flagstaff Partners" – purchaser.
- Union court is to go ahead, earliest move will be August 2017.
- No change in Higher Education minister
- "Downstairs space, opens in August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Functions on Campus are now demanding 3 weeks (14 working days) in advance notice before an event may be organised (21 working days for events with alcohol)
  - ANU may not allow us to use their spaces, so other options may be used.

- **External update**

- **School reviews discussion**

- **Other**

- SAO on leave till September, temporary SAO in place
- New Admin Assistants required.
- ANU has decided that they don't want us to use their job search program anymore, so we will look at other mechanisms.
- Handover, documents due by the 19<sup>th</sup> of August.

- **PROPOSAL:** Payments to old Officers, to be given to encourage handover.
  - o Opened up to thoughts from the floor, no objections
  - o 3 weeks following election
  - o Approved: 8 For, 0 Against, 2 abstentions.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Update: "Nothing substantial happening"
- Tabling of Expenses
- Budget update
- VOTE: to accept the accounts: 8 For, 0 Against, 2 abstentions.

#### 5. Tabling of Executive Reports

##### • Vice President

- Took part in VC strategic group, discussion over HDR matters, how to make better experience for students
- "HDR processes" – Working on similar with University research committee
- Getting handover from Alyssa
- Working on the CHL matters.

##### • General Secretary

- Elections update
- Debate - considerable discussion about the debate format and how it has been organised.
- Explains the voting system

##### • Education Officer

- No report

##### • International Officer

- Global Cafes have gone very well.
  - o Goodwill between Indo, India, Pakistan societies, have good relationships with PARSA.
  - o Handling events and timetabling, large events., as been effected well by team.
  - o Next global café, funding is OK.
- Multicultural Festival, probably take place in October.
- CISA executive council for will be in office next week, training for them is being undertaken
  - o PARSA won Best International Students' Association and gets \$1000
    - Proposed to donate the money to CISA to help defray exec meeting costs.
    - VOTE: Approved, no abstentions.

##### • Social Officer

- Bush Week and O-Week went of very well. Many new people engaged.
- Subscriptions to the newsletter are way up following the events.
- 400 people attended the cocktail party
- PARSA Ball, being organised, staff will join, tickets are on sale
  - o 27<sup>th</sup> August
  - o 260 tickets sold

- **Equity Officer**

- No report

- **Communications Officer**

- No report

- **Environmental Officer**

- World Indigenous Peoples' Day, to be celebrated. To be held at Toad Hall.
- This should remain a Toad Hall event, as they have organised most of this already.

- **Indigenous Australian Officer**

- No report

- **Women's Officer**

- Consulted on sexual assault survey regarding post-grad student voices.
- Comedy Gala, went well enough
- As unofficial Equity Officer, Women's Officer has been talking to people on Equity Committee about important matters.
- Has reached out to Johns' students regarding the recent reports of sexual harassment.

## 6. CHL Students Report

- Two reps from CHL speak to meeting
  - o 180 students in CHL, accepted 18 new students despite cuts.
  - o It is an "intellectual wasteland"
  - o Things have been cancelled, morale is very low
  - o Staff have been laid off
  - o Refusal to assist with visa application fees.
  - o Inconsistent and refusals to extend PhD.
- PARSA funding for the Thesis Bootcamp, currently organising how to spend and allocate this.
- PARSA: Has gained access to the "Hit List". Has committed to organising consultation sessions with all the schools which face the cuts.

## 7. Other Business

- **PROPOSAL:** PRC to pass Anti-Sexual Harassment/Harassment/Bullying staff policies – Approved: For 8, No 0, 2 Abstentions.
- **PROPOSAL:** CSSA requests Sports Fair – CSSA requesting \$3,000-\$4,000.
  - o Discussion conclusions: CSSA must put in a SEEF application before next round. PARSA require more engagement, more and better participation in PARSA events, including the Multicultural Festival.
  - o **Amended proposal:** Provide \$1600 to CSSA Sports Fair for court bookings. Approved. **VOTE:** For 8, Against 2, 0 Abstentions
- **PROPOSAL:** Blue Week Committee, grant of \$1000 if SEEF application is made but is not successful. **VOTE:** For 8, No 0, 2 Abstentions.
- **PROPOSAL:** 10-30 tickets for Queer Ball to be provided by PARSA to members for free (\$300-\$900 asked for depending on tickets claimed)
  - o **Payment** to come out of Equity Portfolio.
  - o **VOTE:** For 9, Against 0, 1 Abstentions

- **PROPOSAL: Night Market:** Indonesia Students Association asking for \$2300 for help catering an ISA Night Market, as they will be giving away the food.
  - o Discussion conclusions: This funding request should be submitted through SEEF, as this is part of the reason for its existence.
  - o **Amended proposal:** Provide \$1000 if they submit SEEF bid If bid is successful, ISA will reimburse PARSA.
  - o VOTE: For 9, Against 0, 1 Abstentions

Meeting Closed: 8:30PM