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## PARSA OGM #2, 2016-17 – Unconfirmed Minutes

**Time:** Wednesday, September 26, 2017, 5:50 pm

**Location:** Scarth Room, University House, ANU

**Attendance:** Quorum of 20 was met.

**Chair:** Alyssa Shaw (President)

**Minute taker:** Hansika Chopra (General Secretary)

### 1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Indigenous Australians

### 2. Explanation of standing orders

- Standing orders summary:
  - Speakers may only address the meeting when called upon
  - Proxy votes not allowed
  - How to raise Points of Order
  - Time limits on speakers: not strictly enacted unless discussion waivers off the crux issue(s)

### 3. Business

- Three Special Resolutions (see APPENDIX)
  - **Chair:**
    - We have the ANU Observer with us, this meeting is live
    - **Special resolution #1:**
      - ANU has marked up “The ANU College of Medicine, Biology and environment as “The ANU College of Health and Medicine” and “The ANU College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences” as the “The ANU College of Science”
      - Special resolution aims to include college representative positions for both these colleges on the PRC in PARSA’s constitution and amend ss 2(2)(f) and 2(2)(g) accordingly (see appendix)
      - **MOTION: Approve changes to section 2(2)(f) and section 2(2)(g) of the constitution**
        - ❖ Moved: Zoe Tulip; Seconded: Bethany Ellis
        - ❖ Motion passes (21 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention)

- **Special Resolution #2:**
  - Amendment to the constitution to include the position of an HDR officer – a position accepted and voted upon by the membership in the AGM in May 2017. The following amendments are to formalize the position into the constitution
  - Amend s 6(2)(l) of the constitution to read “the Women’s Officer; and” and add s 6(2)(m) “the Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Officer”
  - **MOTION: Approve changes to s 6(2)(l) and add s 6(2)(m) of the constitution**
    - ❖ Moved: Patrick Halton, Seconded: Felicity Millar
    - ❖ Motion passes (21 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention)
  
- **Special Resolution #3:**
  - **Discussion (led by Chair):** Amend s 27 of the constitution (see appendix) for PRC to adopt “Stipend and Honoraria Regulation” which would provide for reasonable bona fide honoraria to student representatives when rendering services to the association in going over and beyond their prescribed roles.
  - **MOTION: Approve changes to s 27 of the constitution (as described in appendix)**
    - ❖ Moved: Tholi Sithole; Seconded: Ellen Riley
    - ❖ Motion passes (22 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

#### 4. Meeting Closed

## APPENDIX

### 1.

#### **PARSA – Notice of General Meeting**

**Members of ANU Postgraduate and Research Students' Association, Inc (PARSA) are invited to attend a General Meeting, which is to be held at 5:30pm on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.**

Three Special Resolutions will be put to a vote by members of PARSA on amending the organisation's constitution. A copy of the constitution is available on the PARSA website, [parsa.anu.edu.au](http://parsa.anu.edu.au).

For further information, contact General Secretary Hansika Chopra at [parsa.gensec@anu.edu.au](mailto:parsa.gensec@anu.edu.au)

#### **Special Resolution 1**

The following amendments to the Constitution shall be made:

- (1) The text in Section 2(2)(f) is deleted and replaced with "The ANU College of Health and Medicine; and"
- (2) The text in Section 2(2)(g) is deleted and replaced with "The ANU College of Science."

#### **Special Resolution 2**

The following amendments to the Constitution shall be made:

- (1) The text in Section 6(2)(l) is deleted and replaced with: "the Women's Officer; and"
- (2) Section 6(2)(m) is added with the following text: "the Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Officer."

#### **Special Resolution 3**

The following amendments to the Constitution shall be made:

- (1) In Section 11(7)(c), the phrase "as an honorarium" be deleted and replaced with "as stipend or honoraria;"
- (2) The text in Section 27 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

##### **"27 Stipend and Honoraria Payments**

- (1) The PRC must adopt a Stipend and Honoraria Regulation to provide for reasonable bone fide compensation to student representatives for services rendered to the Association.
- (2) This section 27 does not create a right in any person to receive any payment, and any payment is subject to the availability and allocation of funding to the Association.
- (3) The PRC must ensure that the Stipend and Honoraria Regulation is publicly available at all times on the PARSA website."