



## 2016-17 Ordinary General Meeting #1

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 5.30pm (opened at 5:45pm)

ANU Commons, Australian National University

**Attendance:** See Appendix 1 (Quorum of 20 was met)

**Administrator (Minute taker):** Mike Heffron (General Manager)

**Chair:** Alyssa Shaw (President)

### 1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Indigenous Australians

### 2. Explanation of meeting procedure

- Standing orders summary (see Appendix 4)
  - Speakers may only address the meeting when called upon
  - Proxy votes not allowed
  - How to raise Points of Order
  - Time limits on speakers

### 3. Business

- Special resolution (see Appendix 2)
  - Discussion (led by Chair)
    - Chair explains background of special resolution related to the Walker Review Recommendations (see Appendix 3)
    - If PARSA doesn't approve constitutional changes related to Special Resolution the University will implement changes but not let PARSA run the election.
    - Term of role is 12-15 months, as it is with PARSA elected officers
    - ANU Council member must be a enrolled postgraduate student
    - A postgraduate student running for PRC could also run for the ANU Council member position
    - Elected postgrad ANU Council member won't be member of PRC.
    - PRC can't mandate that anyone who is not a PRC member to do anything
    - ANUSA changed their constitution to reflect Walker Review recommendations regarding election of undergraduate ANU Council Member. Have stipulated that there should be regular meetings with the ANU Council Member should they not be elected member of ANUSA SRC
    - If there is a vacancy of the role mid-year, PARSA would run a by-election for the ANU Council role
    - PARSA will need to change our election regulations to address new changes to the constitution. These changes will be proposed at the next PRC meeting.
- Debate For/Against
  - Speakers For
    - There is currently a tension in the role between representing the interests of PARSA and the interests of the University.
    - It is a loss for PARSA if the ANU Council Member is not held accountable to the interests of postgraduates

- Under this proposal, ANU Council Members run at same time as PRC. More group logic to ANU Council Member elections running at the same time as our elections
- Speakers Against
  - (None)

**MOTION: Approve changes to Section 7 of the Constitution (see Appendix 2)**

- Moved: Wendy; Seconded: Dominic
- Motion passes (24 in favour, 0 Against, 0 abstentions)

**MOTION: Approve proposed changes to Section 13 of the Constitution (see Appendix 2)**

- Moved: Wendy; Seconded: Dominic
- Motion passes (23 in favour, 0 Against, 1 abstentions)

**4. Meeting closed**