



**PARSA**

ANU postgraduate &  
research students'  
association

## **Postgraduate and Research Students' Association (PARSA) 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes**

Friday 26 June 2020, 12pm  
via Zoom

### **1. Opening – Meeting opened at 12.07pm**

- a. Welcome by Chair
- b. Acknowledgement of Country

### **2. Standing Orders and Overview of AGM business**

- a. Explanation of Standing Orders
- b. Overview of AGM business
- c. Other business for noting

*Chair explained Standing Orders*

*Chair presented overview of AGM business*

### **3. Acceptance of previous AGM minutes (rule 29.2.1)**

*Motion: to accept the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, 28 June 2019, as an accurate and true statement of events*

*Moved by Chitresh and seconded by Apoorva*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **4. Board Report on Association Activities (rule 29.2.3)**

- a. Presentation on activities since previous AGM
- b. Report from the Board
- c. Questions and discussion

*President Utsav Gupta gave a presentation on PARSA activities since previous AGM*

*Motion: to accept the report from the Board*

*Moved by Swathi and seconded by Epi*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **5. Audited Financial Statement (rule 29.2.2)**

- a. Audit
- b. Questions and discussion

*Chair discussed Audited Financial Statement prepared by external auditors PKF*

*A member asked a question about COVID-19 emergency grants. The President provided an explanation of the COVID-19 Emergency Grants.*

*Motion: to note the PARSA audited financial statement for 2019*

*Moved by Eve and seconded by Kanishk*

*Motion passed unanimously*

## **6. Other business**

- a. Members are able to raise items of business not included in the agenda.

[Note: Members are asked to foreshadow other business in writing to the Chair prior to the meeting, or at the commencement of the meeting, to enable adequate time for discussion.]

*A number of questions were raised by members, and answered by the President, as follows:*

### **Q: How will ANU's financial situation impact PARSA?**

*PARSA's funds come from the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF), which is a fee the university charges each enrolled student. ANU's management of its finances doesn't affect the SSAF fund. PARSA funding will not be affected this year – the university has confirmed it will be providing the funds it has committed.*

*However, SSAF funds are distributed based on an assumption of a certain number of students. The SSAF funding availability will likely change next year, based on the number of expected enrolments.*

### **Q: How can we ensure HDR participation in decision-making in future PARSA work?**

*Participation in meetings is very important. There is also the opportunity to present ideas at HDR workshops.*

### **Q: Will PARSA's pattern of expenditure change? How will this impact on PARSA's financial health?**

*Yes, PARSA's expenditure will change. It is hard to predict how financial health will be impacted but PARSA is adopting different measures to manage PARSA's financial health, e.g. moving O-Week online.*

## **7. Meeting closed at 12.53pm.**