Minutes of the first meeting of the twenty second Postgraduate Representative Council (PRC), held on Wednesday 19th May 2010, in Seminar Room A of the Coombs Building, at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, at 1.30pm.

Present: Elise Adams, Robert Atcheson, Matthew Auckett, Christian Beardsley, Nazneen Chowdhury, Retna Hanani, Mohamed Azeem Haroon, Keron Kilip, Areti Metuamate, Sarlae McAlpine, Samuel Ritchie, Tejminder Sandhu, Junaid Ghani, Tomas O’Kane, Bhavani Parameswaran (for the start of the meeting), Ihsan Ullah.

By invitation: Melissa Lovell, Rhadika Patnala, Hammaad Qayyum

In attendance: Diane Hutchens

Appointment of Temporary Chair

Samuel Ritchie was appointed temporary Chair of the meeting.

Co-option of New Members

The following members were co-opted as General Representatives:

- Melissa Lovell
- Rhadika Patnala
- Hammaad Qayyum

Auckett/Chowdhury
Adams/McAlpine
Patnala/Haroon

Appointment of President

The following three students nominated for the vacant Presidency and each spoke briefly to introduce themselves and in support of his or her nomination. Nazneen Chowdhury and Matthew Auckett summarised their work for the organisation during their time on the PRC, while all three candidates spoke of their plans for the future, if elected. Following a secret ballot, Areti Metuamate was elected President and took the Chair.

Appointment of Officers

Vice-Presidents: Matthew Auckett, Retna Hanani, Mohamed Azeem Haroon and Sarlae McAlpine nominated for the 2 Vice-President positions. Elise Adams also nominated Nazneen Chowdhury, who subsequently withdrew her nomination.

Following a brief statement by each of the candidates, and a secret ballot, Mohamed Haroon and Sarlae McAlpine were declared the two PARSA Vice-Presidents for the 2010/11 term.

Treasurer: Christian Beardsley expressed interest in continuing in this position and was subsequently nominated by Robert Atcheson and seconded by Junaid Ghani. As Christian Beardsley was the only candidate, he was declared PARSA Treasurer.
**Equity Officer:** Robert Atcheson expressed interest in this position and his nomination was seconded by Elise Adams. As no other candidates nominated, Robert Atcheson was declared PARSA’s Equity Officer.

**Indigenous Officer:** Elise Adams volunteered to continue in this role for a second term, seconded by Nazneen Chowdhury, and was subsequently declared PARSA’s Indigenous Officer.

**Social Coordinator:** This position remained unfilled, and Areti Metuamate agreed to cover the responsibilities of the position until a volunteer could be appointed. This would be an agenda item for the next PRC meeting, which Areti planned to hold in early June. Before moving on to Any Other Business, Areti congratulated all the office holders on their appointments.

**Any Other Business**

**ANU Reconciliation Action Plan Committee:** Elise Adams reported that the Coordinator of the ANU RAP Committee had had an accident which explained the initial lack of contact, but that Elise had now received the information pack as a member of the Panel.

**Towards Best Practice Benchmarking Exercise:** Sarlae McAlpine and Tomas O’Kane had circulated to the former PRC a draft discussion paper – A starting point for proposed benchmarking exercise: services and representation by research by higher degree students – which PARSA had received from the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA), and had invited comments and suggestions. As none had been received, and as Sarlae and Tomas had read and supported the draft proposals, they would reply to CAPA by the deadline of 21st May.

**Skilled Migration List:** Robert Atcheson explained to members that the Minister for Immigration had issued a Media Release on 17th May, outlining the new skilled migration list, which excluded ‘low value education courses’ and solicitors and barristers were no longer included. As a solicitor himself, Robert had written to the Minister on this matter and urged PARSA to follow up on the exclusion of solicitors and barristers from the skilled occupation list.

As the Governor-General in Council will sign this recommendation in the near future, it was agreed that the PRC would be invited to comment on this issue by email, rather than waiting for the next meeting.

**Cheque Signatories:** As Areti Metuamate had now replaced Nazneen Chowdhury as President, it was necessary to change the signing authority at the Credit Union (Service One Members Banking [SOMB]), for signatures on cheques. It was therefore resolved that Nazneen’s signature be taken off the record at SOMB and that Areti Metuamate’s signature be recorded. The three signatories were thus:
Areti Metuamate as President  
Christian Beardsley as Treasurer  
Diane Hutchens as Administrator  
Auckett/Beardsley

Matters for the Next PRC Meeting:

Appointment of Social Coordinator  
Orientation Day on 12 July – information booth also to be staffed  
SIGN Mentoring Training Session Panel on 9 July  
Graduate Lounge Diary for July onwards  
Postgraduate student representation on ANU Committees  
PRC Three Team organisational set up

It was agreed that Areti would email the PRC, setting out these matters, in advance of the next PRC meeting.

Student Accommodation: It was agreed that Elise Adams would facilitate the meeting after the Discussion Forum on this issue on 27th May, to draft the structure of what needs to be addressed. The Administrator would circulate to the PARSA Accommodation Working Party the emails that students had sent in during July 2009, when the ANU had established a Review Panel to look more closely at student accommodation, and had invited comments on the issue.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm.
Minutes of the ninth meeting of the twenty second Postgraduate Representative Council [PRC], held in the Graduate Lounge of University House, on Thursday, 5th May 2011, at 12.30pm.

Present: Areti Metuamate (Chair), Robert Atcheson, Christian Beardsley, Amy Fu, Kiko De Guzman, Retna Hanani, Mohamed Azeem Haroon, Kelly Le, Jinmao Li, Yi Li, Imogen Mathew, Jonathan McCann, Helen McGowan, Tomas O’Kane, Amber Sen, Rajkumar Sookun.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Gaurav Mitra, Tejminder Sandhu, Nandita Sharma.


In attendance: Monica Fernandes, Diane Hutchens.

Acknowledgment of Indigenous Australians

The Chair acknowledged and celebrated the First Australians on whose traditional lands we meet, and whose cultures are among the oldest continuing cultures in human history.

Membership Matters

Co-options: The following students were co-opted as indicated:

Chris Browne, College of Engineering and Computer Science
Chathuri Dissanayake, Wayne Joseph, General Representative
Julie Melrose, College of Law Beardsley/De Guzman

The President extended a warm welcome to the newly co-opted members.

Director of Residential and Campus Communities – Luce Butlier Andrews

Areti welcomed the newly appointed Director of Residential and Campus Communities, Luce Butlier Andrews, and invited him to address the meeting and explain his role. Luce advised that this was a recent initiative of the University, designed to facilitate feedback from the students living on campus as well as privately. While there were apocryphal data concerning the accommodation experiences of students, Luce was committed to providing evidence based funding models to develop best practice in supporting all students. In this, he recognised that the needs of postgraduate students were different from those of undergraduates. In speaking to the role that he was developing, Luce drew attention to his open door policy and informed the meeting that he wanted to hear from students, that he was a resource to be used and an ally in the quest for better accommodation access for ANU students.
Luce envisaged conducting surveys and coordinating focus groups and saw collaboration with PARSA as an important feature of this information gathering, since the Association had the freedom to point to shortfalls in the current system of accommodation provision. Luce was also in a position to deal with specific complaints, and saw his overall role as addressing a current area of need, particularly for students who don’t live in residences.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2011, having been circulated electronically, were taken as read and were confirmed.  

Haroon/De Guzman

**President’s Report**

*University House:* Areti reported that the Master of University House had offered to give PARSA ten free memberships to the House if PARSA would match that by having ten members sign on. This gesture was part of the Master’s initiative to encourage more engagement between University House and the postgraduate student community. More information would be available in the future; it was considered appropriate that only members of the governing body would be sponsored by PARSA under this arrangement.

*AGM:* Because of the number of nominations already received, College representatives who planned to re-nominate for another term on the Council were encouraged to nominate for a General Representative position as well, in case they did not win nomination for the College position.

*SA4:* ANUSA and PARSA had met representatives of the University about the need to consult students in the management of the latest UniLodge accommodation facility, to help prevent problems students had had in the past with this type of accommodation. The President of ANUSA, Leah Ginnivan, would now sit on the relevant committee to provide the student perspective.

*Student Experience Survey:* The University had asked ANUSA and PARSA to run a survey seeking information on the overall student experience. Areti will forward a draft to the PRC to see if they want to proceed with the survey and what questions they would like asked.

*Constitutional changes:* These were being referred to the AGM on 12 May as part of the process by which PARSA hoped to gain charity status and thus be exempt from paying income tax.

*Executive Restructure:* Areti planned to table a paper at the AGM seeking approval to create two more Executive positions, *viz.* International Students Officer and Environmental Officer.
End of Council drinks: Members were invited to drinks at University House at 5pm for the outgoing PRC, following the AGM at lunchtime that day. Areti also formally expressed his thanks for the support of the governing body during his term of office.

Treasurer’s Report

Members noted the attached list of cheque expenditure since the meeting on 21st March 2011. Following discussion of the fee paid to the photographer for the College of Law event, this expenditure list was approved. De Guzman/Kelly


Members had before them the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2010 and agreed that these be forwarded to the AGM on 12th May. Fu/McGowan.

Grant Criteria

Members adopted the attached list of criteria to be applied to applications for grants from PARSA for student activities. McGowan/Haroon

CASS Report

Imogen Mathew, as the CASS representative on the PRC, reported that she was trying to encourage more support for postgraduate coursework students within the College by suggesting that the College run an induction program for coursework students, and review policy for that area. Imogen wanted to gauge the level of interest for this issue around the table and wondered if the lack of support for coursework students in the College was University wide. Azeem reported that the Crawford School had a good model for working with its coursework students and he invited Imogen to be in touch after the meeting. Imogen also sought information on how the degree courses were formulated and drew attention to the lack of oversight in this area. Imogen and Kelly planned a College meet and greet in late May or early June.

Student Accommodation Survey

Imogen was re-working a submission that PARSA had sent to the University Accommodation Services in 2010 which she was re-formatting to meet submission requirements for a new Treasury government enquiry. Imogen invited anyone who was interested in helping her with this work to be back in touch.

Crawford School Students’ Association

Nominations were now open for the governing body of this newly formed students’ association. The Crawford School administration has promised to contribute seed money for projects, once the association has been established. There will be an AGM at the end of May, along with an end of semester social.
Student Diaries

Helen McGowan suggested that PARSA and ANUSA publish a student diary in 2012.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm.

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Minutes of the seventh meeting of the twenty second Postgraduate Representative Council [PRC], held in the Graduate Lounge of University House, on Monday, 14th February 2011, at 12.30pm.

Present:  Areti Metuamate (Chair), Robert Atcheson, Kiko De Guzman, Retna Hanani, Mohamed Azeem Haroon, Stephanie Mutiara.

Apologies:  Apologies were received from Christian Beardsley, Kelly Le, Melissa Lovell, Muhammad Munib Nasim, Hamaad Khan.

By invitation:  Imogen Mathew, Yi Li, Raj Sookun.

In attendance:  Monica Fernandes, Diane Hutchens.

As the meeting was inquorate, no formal business could be approved.

Acknowledgment of Indigenous Australians

The Chair acknowledged and celebrated the First Australians on whose traditional lands we meet, and whose cultures are among the oldest continuing cultures in human history.

The President welcomed new members to the meeting and explained that they would be co-opted at a future meeting when a quorum of members was present.

President’s Report

Committee Representation:  Areti would circulate the list of committees which invited postgraduate student representation, giving members the opportunity to fill any current vacancies; Areti stressed that no previous experience was necessary.

Accommodation:  The meeting was informed that the ANU had access to the Lyneham Motor Inn, providing 116 beds, although the rooms were twin share, which was not an ideal study arrangement.  Areti was in close discussion with the ANU Executive on the longer term situation with respect to student accommodation and would keep the Council informed.  He wished to record that, although student accommodation was still problematic, this semester was the best of the last 3 with respect to housing students.

AGM:  Areti asked members to be aware that the term of this current Council ended at the Annual General Meeting in May and that they would need to consider whether or not they wished to re-nominate.  The profile of the Association had been raised significantly through the work of this Council and the appointment of PARSA’s Social and Marketing Manager, Monica Fernandes, and these efforts would continue.  Areti explained that the focus of the Association was on representation, advocacy and the facilitation of social activities.
Treasurer’s Report

Members noted the attached list of cheque expenditure since 30th November 2010, which would be formally noted at the next meeting. Areti also explained that the ANU had asked PARSA to draw down its significant reserves in order to qualify for a full grant in 2012. He asked the meeting to consider suggestions for activities and projects which would benefit postgraduate students and to bring ideas to the next meeting of the Council. Azeem was organising an event for students in the CBE and Robert would be doing something similar for Law students.

Monica drew members’ attention to the recently published Survival Guide, which outlined plans for social events so far this year. Monica had also set up Facebook and Tweeter accounts, which she would use to publicise events, in addition to the mailing list of PARSANews. Monica will ask Azeem/Tomas to call a team meeting after the ‘O’ Week barbecue this week, and would also talk to Robert about his ideas for a Multicultural Forum.

International Students Department (ISD)

PARSA had received a request from the International Students Department (ISD) of ANUSA for a sponsorship because of the increasing numbers of postgraduate students in the Department. ISD had limited funds from external sources. ISD was still dependent on ANUSA for funding, but would like to separate from that organisation. It was pointed out to the meeting that their independent status would reflect the national structure of peak student associations with CAPA, NUS and CISA. If ISD were to separate from ANUSA they could also look to applying to ANU directly for their own funds.

Members discussed whether a lump sum was appropriate rather than sponsorship of individual events, but it was agreed that an initial annual grant would provide more certainty in their forward planning.

First Edition of the New Woroni

Areti would be attending the launch of the new look new Woroni this afternoon, and reminded members that, with postgraduate student contributions welcomed, the work of PARSA would be more public than in the past.

Social and Communications Team Report

Monica was working with Tomas O’Kane and the Executive to design a new template for the PARSA website which it was hoped would be ready in a couple of months.

New flyers promoting PARSA had been designed and printed and members were asked to help distribute copies around the campus.
Monica also had plans to institute a quarterly newsletter with information about the PRC, student profiles and events on campus.

**Equity Team Report**

As Equity Officer, Robert reported that the last meeting had been held in November. Robert also represented postgraduate students on the Campus Planning Development Committee and advised that the Campus Master Plan was now on the website, signalling big changes to campus over the coming decades.

**University House**

As a member of the Board of Fellows of University House, Areti indicated the Master’s desire to increase student participation in the activities of the House, since 160 postgraduate students lived in the University House/Graduate House precinct.

**Indigenous Participation**

Retna Hanani’s appointment to the Indigenous Advocacy Officer vacancy would be ratified at the next meeting of the PRC. Further details of plans to increase indigenous participation would be reported as they became available.

**Farewell for Vice-Chancellor**

The Chancellor was hosting a farewell function for Professor Chubb on Friday, 25th February, and the Council agreed with Areti’s suggestion that PARSA present a gift to the VC on that occasion. Monica would look into organising a Certificate or a wall plaque, in connection with the School of Art, for such a presentation.

**Welcome to incoming Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Young**

Areti advised that PARSA will officially welcome the incoming Vice-Chancellor, after the ANU welcome, with a specific date yet to be set.

**Council of International Students Australia**

As its President, Robert Atcheson reported that this organisation now had its own website: [www.cisa.edu.au](http://www.cisa.edu.au)

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet had organised the inaugural International Students Festival, to be held on Saturday, 6th March 2011, at Darling Harbour in Sydney, from 11am – 6pm.
Reconvened meeting

Areti advised members that he would call a reconvened meeting of the PRC on Monday, 28th February, to approve matters not covered at today’s meeting because of a lack of quorum. He would circulate key action points for discussion prior to that meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.20pm.

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Minutes of the eighth meeting of the twenty second Postgraduate Representative Council [PRC], held in the Graduate Lounge of University House, on Monday, 21st March 2011, at 12.30pm.

Present:  Areti Metuamate (Chair), Robert Atcheson, Kiko De Guzman, Retna Hanani, Mohamed Azeem Haroon, Kelly Le, Yi Li, Imogen Mathew, Jonathan McCann, Amber Sen.

Apologies:  Apologies were received from Christian Beardsley, Amy Fu, Jinmao Li, Munib Nasam, Tomas O’Kane, Tejminder Sandhu.

By invitation: Helen McGowan, Gaurav Mitra, Nandita Sharma.

In attendance: Monica Fernandes, Diane Hutchens.

Acknowledgment of Indigenous Australians

The Chair acknowledged and celebrated the First Australians on whose traditional lands we meet, and whose cultures are among the oldest continuing cultures in human history.

Membership Matters

Resignation: Melissa Lovell had tendered her resignation from the PRC as she was now writing up her thesis. Areti placed on record the Association’s appreciation of Melissa’s work for postgraduates as a member of PARSÁ’s governing body, as a former President of PARSÁ and as a recent Treasurer of the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations.

Co-options: The following students were co-opted as General Representatives:

Helen McGowan, College of Law
Gaurav Mitra, CECS
Nandita Sharma, CECS

Le/Atcheson

The President extended a warm welcome to the newly co-opted members.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 14th and 28th February 2011, having been circulated electronically, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Atcheson/Hanani and Sen/Atcheson respectively
Business Arising from the Minutes

Robert Atcheson reported that there would be a social function for the College of Law postgraduate students on 7\textsuperscript{th} April.

President’s Report

\textit{Incoming Vice-Chancellor:} Areti reported on a dinner he and the ANUSA President, Leah Ginnivan, had hosted on 15\textsuperscript{th} March to welcome the incoming Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Young. The Vice-Chancellor had agreed to meet members of the postgraduate community in April to brief them on his strategic plan for the ANU. Areti was therefore planning a meeting of the postgraduate students on 20\textsuperscript{th} April from 12 noon – 2pm. As lunch would be provided and the venue was the Scarth Room of University House, RSVPs would be required. This was seen as an important opportunity to apprise the Vice-Chancellor of postgraduate student views and issues.

\textit{Replacement of office computer:} The meeting noted that the fourth computer in the PARS Office, which was provided for the use of the President for PARS business, was no longer functional nor supported by the ANU’s technical service, so Areti sought and was granted permission to replace it as necessary.

Treasurer’s Report

The attached list of cheque expenditure since the meeting on 14\textsuperscript{th} February 2011 was noted and approved by the meeting. It was agreed that if budget matters were to be discussed by the PRC, a copy of the current budget be provided. De Guzman/McCann

In Committee

The meeting went into Committee to discuss another financial matter. Atcheson/Kelly

Yi Li was appointed to the PRC Finance Committee to replace Elise Adams who was no longer in Canberra. Atcheson/Le

The meeting came out of Committee. Atcheson/De Guzman

Team Reports

The President explained the subdivision of the governing body into operational teams for the benefit of the newly co-opted members and asked them to contact the Administrator to volunteer for one of the teams.

\textit{Social and Communications Team:} Azeem Haroon, as Vice-President [Social], reported on a recent meeting and of plans to communicate more effectively and often between the 2 teams to keep more people involved more regularly, as team meeting attendance was
disappointing. Many events were planned in 2011. Meanwhile, the Social and Marketing Manager, Monica Fernandes, was working on updating the PARSA website and invited comments on the design. Members were also asked to supply Monica with a 200 word biography and picture to upload to the website.

**Equity Team:** The student legal officer, Don Malcolmson, was addressing postgraduate students at a Legal Forum this week, focussing on immigration and tenancy issues.

**Reports from Representatives on ANU Committees**

*Reconciliation Action Plan Committee:* Retna Hanani reported from a recent meeting of this Committee, drawing members’ attention to the particular difficulties experienced by indigenous students, not least because many were enrolled as distance students and thus were not on campus. It was therefore proposed to conduct a survey of these students to determine their needs, and as a means of informing the parameters of greater engagement with them. Areti and Monica agreed to help with the survey and Retna would circulate a draft to the Equity Team in due course for their comments.

*Subcommittee of the University Education Committee on Harassment and Bullying:* Azeem Haroon advised the meeting of the establishment of this subcommittee, to be chaired by the Dean of Students and Director of Student Equity, to review the complaint resolution procedures at the ANU, which were now 2 years overdue for such attention. Members were invited to familiarise themselves with the current policy and email Azeem with any suggestions for improvement and empowering students. The subcommittee was also considering an ‘End of Harassment and Bullying Day’ – an initiative of the Vice-Chancellor – to publicise this issue further.

*Environmental Management Planning Committee:* Kiko De Guzman urged members to participate in the events on campus organised by ANUGreen, which would also raise PARSA’s profile. Monica advised the meeting that she was contacting ANUGreen about their forthcoming events to determine how PARSA could be involved. Members were also reminded to collect PARSA tee shirts from the office if they were involved in campus activities for postgraduate students.

*CAP School Education Committees:* The meeting noted that Retna had been working as a student representative within the College, which was keen to support student representation on its Committees. There were four Schools within the College, each with an Education Committee and a position for a student representative; online elections were currently being held in the School of Culture, History and Language.

*Crawford School Students’ Association:* Kiko De Guzman advised members that the Crawford School had the largest concentration of postgraduate students, with 700 current enrolments, and that he was in the process of re-building the Crawford School Students’ Association, with support from the School and the ANU. Members agreed that it was important to establish a firm link with PARSA to ensure the long term viability of the new Association. Areti also encouraged College representatives on the PRC to meet with
their Deans, in their capacity as a representative of the body which is recognised by the Vice-Chancellor and the ANU Council as representing postgraduate students.

**University Access and Equity Committee:** Members noted that the UAEC had recently formed a subcommittee for Disability and that both students’ associations had positions on it.

The meeting closed at 2 pm.
Minutes of the reconvened seventh meeting of the twenty second Postgraduate Representative Council [PRC], held in the Graduate Lounge of University House, on Monday, 28\textsuperscript{th} February 2011, at 12.30pm.

Present:  Areti Metuamate (Chair), Robert Atcheson, Christian Beardsley, Amy Fu, Kiko De Guzman, Retna Hanani, Mohamed Azeem Haroon, Jonathan McCann, Stephanie Mutiara, Tomas O’Kane.

Apologies:  Apologies were received from Kelly Le, Tejminder Sandhu.

By invitation:  Yi Li, Imogen Mathew, Anuradha [Amber] Sen, Raj Sookun.

In attendance:  Diane Hutchens.

Acknowledgment of Indigenous Australians

The Chair acknowledged and celebrated the First Australians on whose traditional lands we meet, and whose cultures are among the oldest continuing cultures in human history.

Membership Matters

Resignations:  The following resignations were received, as indicated:

- Greg Bradford  General Representative
- Hammaad Khan  General Representative
- Keron Kilip  College Representative
- Samuel Ritchie  General Representative
- Ihsan Ullah  College Representative

Co-options:  The following students were co-opted, as indicated:

- Yi Li  College Representative [CBE]  de Guzman/Hanani
- Imogen Mathew  College Representative [CASS]
- Anuradha [Amber] Sen  General Representative [CAP]
- Rajkumar Sookun  General Representative [CAP]  Beardsley/Atcheson

The President extended a warm welcome to the newly co-opted members.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30\textsuperscript{th} November 2010, having been circulated electronically, were taken as read and were confirmed.  Beardsley/de Guzman
Ratification of decisions taken at meeting on 14th February

Areti had circulated the following five points of discussion via email and had invited comment prior to the meeting. Following further consideration at the meeting, the following points were passed as a block resolution. Fu/de Guzman

1. That PARSA purchase a gift for the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Chubb, AC, to the value of $200;

2. That PARSA host a welcome dinner for the new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Young, some time in March or April (date to be confirmed with the new VC’s Office);

3. That Retna Hanani be formally appointed the Indigenous Advocacy Officer for PARSA until the end of May 2011, when a new PRC will be elected;

4. That Yi Li, Imogen Mathew and Rajkumar Sookun be co-opted as new members of the PRC, keeping in mind that there are now 9 vacancies on the PRC; and

5. That the Executive be charged with negotiating an amount to sponsor the International Students’ Department in line with their request for sponsorship for 2011.

Treasurer’s Report

The attached list of cheque expenditure since the meeting on 30th November 2010 was approved by the meeting. Mathew/Hanani

President’s Report

Areti pointed out that there were several vacancies on the PRC, in particular for College representatives in Business and Economics, Engineering and Computer Science, and Law. He invited members to ask around their areas for possible recruits to fill these vacancies

Areti also reminded members of the $1,000 allocated for each College from the PARSA budget to host a function, be it a morning tea, dinner or cocktail party, e.g., as a means of encouraging postgraduate students within the Colleges to socialise, and to raise PARSA’s profile across campus. Azeem was organising a function for the College of Business and Economics, while Christian was planning a social event for the College of Medicine, Biology and Environment.

Committee Vacancies

The President had circulated the list of ANU Committees on which postgraduate representation was invited, and members were asked to volunteer to fill in the vacancies.
Tenancy Issues

Amy Fu drew attention to the issues that some students were having over accommodation and tenancy. Areti pointed out that Monica was arranging for the Student Legal Officer to hold an information session on issues of relevance to postgraduate students, and that Monica could ask him to include tenancy matters in that session.

Draft website template

A template of the draft PARSA website was tabled at the meeting and members were asked for feedback on the content. Tomas also planned to hold a meeting of the Social and Communications Team to discuss this further.

The meeting closed at 1.15pm