2015-16 PRC Meeting #15
Monday 8th August 2016 6.00pm
PARSA Boardroom

Attendance: Kim-Marie, Dominic, Chris Wilson, Isobel, Chris Orchard, Defu, Alyssa, Binota, Michelle, Akeel, Storm, Tha, Novie
Apologies/Absent: Miranda, Elaine, Hao, Xuan, Mohammad, Zaheer, Yekti, Shahid, Ran, Muhammad, Hannah, 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, 70th, event last week
     - VC announceables
       o New ANU vision, President says we need implementation phase and student involvement.
       o Indigenous Post-Doc scheme. Hard to find, new sponsorship position to make it work, to develop the positions. This is a first for ANU.
       o 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 22nd.
     - 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)
       o 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 19th of August.
- **PROPOSAL**: Payments to old Officers, to be given to encourage handover.
  - Opened up to thoughts from the floor, no objections
  - 3 weeks following election
  - 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.
       - Goodwill between Indo, India, Pakistan societies, have good relationships with PARSA.
       - Handling events and timetabling, large events., as been effected well by team.
       - 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
       - 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
       - 27th August
       - 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