

WORONI

Australian National University Student Media

Minutes Template: General Meeting
19 September, 4pm, Graneek Room, Chifley Library

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting open: 4:08pm

Acknowledgement of Country: Kanika Kirpalani

Apologies received from: Zoe Cameron: Art Editor

Item 2: Minutes from 8 August General Meeting

Motion: "To accept the approve draft minutes from 8 August General Meeting"

Moved: Kat Carrington

Seconded: Jasper Lindell

Status of motion: Passed unanimously

Item 3: Editor Reports

Editor-in-Chief's Report

Chair moved to Kat

Motion: "That the Editor-in-Chief's report be accepted."

Moved: Howard Maclean

Seconded: Ashley Weng

Status of motion: Passed unanimously

Managing Editor's Report

Motion: "That the Managing Editor's report be accepted."

Speaking for or against the motion:

Moved: James Atkinson

Seconded: Oscar Jolly

Status of motion: Passed unanimously

Deputy Editor-in-Chief's Report

Motion: "That the Deputy Editor-in-Chief's report be accepted."

Moved: Rashna Farrukh

Seconded: James Atkinson

Status of motion: Passed unanimously

Content Editor's Report

Motion: "That the Content Editor's report be accepted."

Moved: Linda Chen

Seconded: Nicole Jackson

Status of motion: Passed unanimously

News Editor's Report

Motion: "That the News Editor's report be accepted."

Speaking for or against the motion:

Moved: Linda Chen

Seconded: Joel Baker

Status of motion: Passed unanimously

Joel Baker: Congratulations on the good coverage of stupol. In your article on Natasha Kumar you referred to her campaign as naïve can I have that clarified

Jasper Lindell: We felt that it was naïve because of the the limited engagement of the campaign compared to the other candidates, the policy wasn't as developed or highly thought out. Naïve seemed like the best description.

Joel Baker: Cool, thanks that was all.

Television Editor's Report

Motion: "That the Television Editor's report be accepted."

Moved: Kat Carrington

Seconded: James Atkinson

Status of motion: Passed unanimously

Art Editor's Report

Motion: "That the Art Editor's report be accepted."

Moved: Ben Lawrence

Seconded: Oscar Jolly

Status of motion: Passed unanimously

Radio Editor's Report

Motion: "That the Radio Editor's report be accepted."

Speaking for or against the motion:

Moved: Jasper Lindell

Seconded: Ollie Brown

Status of motion: Passed unanimously

Item 4: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice

Kanika Kirpalani moves the chair to Jasper Lindell

4.1 Motion: That the Association authorise the payment of honoraria to the members of the Board - Kanika Kirpalani, Nathalie Rosales Cheng, Katherine Carrington, James Atkinson, Jasper Lindell, Oscar Jolly, Zoe O'Leary Cameron, and Linda Chen. This amount should total AUD \$1,500 per Editor for work completed between 18th June to 18th September.

Moved: Kat Carrington

Seconded: Kanika Kirpalani

Speaking for or against the motion:

For: Kat Carrington

Honoraria shouldn't reflect the amount of hours completed but rather a something that is tokenistic of the Editors contributions to the organisations. It is evident that Editors do so much for the organisation and this is reflective in each platform, the workshops and panels. The overall standard of work that *Woroni* produces is always a reflection of the efforts of the Board of Editors. As a reference here are an outline of hours from some of our editors:

Hours between 11th-17th September were Kanika on 42 hours, Jasper on 42 Hours, Zoe on 25 hours, James on 41.5 hours, Linda on 25 hours, and Kat on 18.5 hours. Hours were not received from Nat or Oscar.

Seconder: Kanika Kirpalani

Like Kat said everyone has been working really hard this term, often with different impacts on emotional and mental health. I think our editors really should be acknowledged in some way for the amount of work they do and how much they put into this association.

Ben Creelman: Transparency has been good and this is good work from executive and the Board.

Status of motion: Passed unanimously

4.2

Special Resolution: That the members of the association vote and accept the changes to the the new constitution.

Moved: Nathalie Rosales-Cheng

Seconded: Kanika Kirpalani

Speaking for or against the motion:

For: Nathalie Rosales-Cheng

This constitutional amendment process has been a long project at *Woroni* for over a year. It has spanned three different Boards countless, rewrites, consultations with members and changes. I received the constitution as part of my handover in its draft form, this was new draft had not changed the meaning of the constitution but rather adjusted the wording to ensure that it was accessible to all of its members. There have been a few key changes and these can be found in Reference J, "Summary of Changes" of the agenda and available both on the website under General Meeting 4 notice and the documents provided. Essentially the key changes such as our election process have been approved by the members and The ANU Council previously. A lot of the changes increase transparency and accountability for the organisation which is always important and beneficial. It has been a long few months, and with this new constitution, *Woroni* can continue to grow and improve the governance of the association as a whole for future Boards and members.

Seconder: Kanika Kirpalani

Kanika Kirpalani: It's really important that we make the constitution accessible to all its members and the changes within the new constitution will only improve the association for here onwards.

Nathalie Rosales-Cheng: Are there any further questions about the new constitution before we move to a vote?

Eliza Croft: In section 7.4 what happens if the dates for the last day of the examination period do not line up with 12 calendar months for the Board?

Nathalie Rosales-Cheng: This is something that Andrew and I discussed during our meetings and I was advised to leave it in there. Unsure it could be something we take into consideration next year if we believe it is an issue.

Kanika Kirpalani: We will now move to a vote on the new constitution. All those in favour of the changes made and the new constitution please raise their hand.

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstention: 5

Status of motion: passed

4.3

Motion: Election of ordinary member of the Association to join Grievances and Disputes.

Moved: Kanika Kirpalani

Seconded: James Atkinson

Kanika Kirpalani: We have been advised by our returning officer to appoint a new member to the Panel due to the recent ineligibility of the member elected by members of the association during a general meeting. The Grievance and Disputes panel is made up of a returning officer appointed by the university, a member appointed by the Board and a member appointed by members at a general meeting. Therefore, we will be electing a new member today.

Nick Durous: May I just ask who was it and why?

Ben Creelman: Due to circumstances, I have been asked to step down.

Kanika Kirpalani: Are there any nominations from the floor?

Rashna Farrukh: I would like to nominate myself for the grievance and disputes panel.

Kanika Kirpalani: Is there anyone else who would like to nominate themselves? Seeing there are no other nominations we will move to a vote. All those in favour of Rashna on the Grievances and Disputes Panel please raise your hand.

For: 18 in favour
Against: 0
Abstentions: 4
Status of motion: passed

Rashna Farrukh: Thank you, this is really important, and excited for all the disputes that will come my way.

Eliza Croft: Could you disclose your conflicts of interests?

Rashna Farrukh: I have friends on the current board.

Item 5: Other business

None.

Item 6: Meeting close

Meeting close: 4:56