

WORONI

Australian National University Student Media

Minutes: General Meeting
13/3/2019, 6:00pm, Room 3.04 Marie Reay Teaching Centre

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting open: 6:12 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Country:

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people, and pay my respects to their elders, past and present, and extend that respect to emerging elders. I would also like to extend this respect to any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples that we have in the room with us today.

I would also like to note that this land, which we benefit from occupying, was stolen and that sovereignty was never ceded. It is also important to point out that we, as people involved in student media, are incredibly privileged to have this platform. It is important to think about how we can use this platform to lift the voices of Indigenous people, their history and their culture and to always remember that in the production and distribution of our content.

Present: Benjamin Lawrence, Isabella Di Mattina-Beven, Julia Faragher, Adrian Schmidt, Canada Gavin, Erin Ronge, Ruth Purcell, Bryana Smith, Phoebe Lupton, Kathryn Lee, Luke Minihan, Tarsha Dickenson, Riddhi Mehta, Jaime Howell, Savannah Benson, Abigail Manning, Stefanie Kam, Sang Yeop (Noah) Yim, Alisha Nagle, Georgia Kamvissis, Jonathan Tjandra, Claudia Weatherall, Shae Iqbal, Kida Lin, Sheawin Leong.

Apologies received from: Steph David

Item 2: Minutes from previous Ordinary General Meeting

Motion: "To accept the draft minutes from the September General Meeting"

Speaking for or against the motion:

Moved: Claudia Weatherall

Seconded: Savannah Benson

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Status of motion: Passed

Item 3: Minutes from previous Special General Meeting

Motion: "To accept the draft minutes from the October General Meeting"

Speaking for or against the motion:

Isabella Di Mattina-Beven: Why were the minutes from the September general meeting not passed at the October general meeting?

Benjamin Lawrence: The decision was made at the time to postpone the passage of the minutes so that the discussion at the SGM could solely focus on the proposed constitutional amendments and the corresponding transition of the newspaper to a magazine format.

Moved: Claudia Weatherall

Seconded: Jaime Howell

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Status of motion: Passed

Chair passed to Jonathan Tjandra, his chairing was not subject to dissent.

Item 4: Editor Reports

Editor-in-Chief's Report

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

Speaking for or against the motion:

Noah Yim: I will take my report mostly as read, I just want to flag that it's been quite a busy summer break. There has been work done on a number of extra publications, such as the student survival guide in collaboration with ANUSA. I want to thank Ben for coordinating the move into the kambri offices, Steph for the creation of the new radio studio in record time, Jonathan for his work in designing the survival guide. I also want to thank Georgie and Alisha for the creation of the magazine.

Moved: Isabella Di Mattina-Beven

Seconded: Claudia Weatherall

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Status of motion: Passed

Chair passed to Noah Yim, his chairing was not subject to dissent.

Managing Editor's Report

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

Report was taken as read.

Speaking for or against the motion:

Moved: Benjamin Lawrence
Seconded: Claudia Weatherall

For: 25
Against: 0
Abstention: 0
Status of motion: Passed

Deputy Editor-in-Chief's Report

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

Speaking for or against the motion:

Benjamin Lawrence: I'm going to quickly go through each of the highlights of my report. Tonight I brought a couple of the bound annals which I talk about in the archiving project for everyone to look at. I want to thank the folks at Elite Bookbinding who actually did some binding for us back some time ago, and they've done a brilliant job for us.

Elections are coming up and the dates are in my report, email me or talk to me if you are thinking about it or have questions. Bureaucracy attached to changing our constitution is still taking up my time, but the policy review is nearly finished. We have now moved into the Kambri office – although there are still some things to do, the space is operational. I really want to acknowledge all of the hard work which Jonathan did on the student survival guide. It was a really good publication which looked amazing, however the ongoing viability of the project is something we need to examine in a little more depth.

Finally, I want to draw everyone's attention to the news portal which went live over the summer break. This was created in response to some concerns raised in feedback sessions about the place of news in the new printed format and the organisation. Thanks to ED. over in New Acton for being so helpful and making it happen. Thanks everyone.

Moved: Benjamin Lawrence
Seconded: Savannah Benson

For: 25
Against: 0
Abstention: 0
Status of motion: Passed

Content Editor's Report

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

Report was taken as read.

Speaking for or against the motion:

Moved: Jonathan Tjandra
Seconded: Benjamin Lawrence

For: 24
Against: 0
Abstention: 0
Status of motion: Passed

News Editor's Report

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

Report was taken as read. Noting that if there are any news tips please let Bella know.

Speaking for or against the motion:

Moved: Jonathan Tjandra
Seconded: Alisha Nagle

For: 24
Against: 0
Abstention: 0
Status of motion: Passed

Television Editor's Report

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

Speaking for or against the motion:

Julia Faragher: Under the topic of external relations: we got a really enthusiastic response from Art not Apart and will be filming there this weekend. Also I attended the NEWS conference with some of the other editors and that was a great opportunity.

Moved: Jaime Howell

Seconded: Jonathan Tjandra

For: 24

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Status of motion: Passed

Art Editor's Report

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

Report was taken as read.

Speaking for or against the motion:

Moved: Jonathan Tjandra

Seconded: Isabella Di Mattina-Beven

For: 24

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Status of motion: Passed

Radio Editor's Report

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

Alisha Nagle: Has anything happened with getting a radio frequency?

Jonathan Tjandra: Nothing has happened at this stage.

Speaking for or against the motion:

Moved: Jonathan Tjandra

Seconded: Savannah Benson

For: 24

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Status of motion: Passed

Item 5: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice

5.1 Editor Honoraria Term Four 2018

Motion: "That the Association authorise the final payment of honoraria to the members of the Semester 2 2018 Board, Mia Jessurun, Benjamin Lawrence, Jonathan Tjandra, Sophie Bear, Steph David, Alisha Nagle, Noah Yim and William He. This amount should total AUD \$1575 per Editor for work completed between 7 September 2018 and 18 November 2018."

Speaking for or against the motion:

Benjamin Lawrence: This motion is regarding awarding honoraria to the members of the previous editors, who I had the pleasure and privilege of working with, as is the current board. Both groups work so incredibly hard to make everything Woroni produces happen and support each of their teams for success. Compared to some of the other student editors in Australia and some of the other student leaders at ANU this is not much at all, and certainly doesn't provide anything close to a real wage or payment for the number of hours each and every editor puts in.

Moved: Benjamin Lawrence
Seconded: Jonathan Tjandra

For: 24
Against: 0
Abstention: 0
Status of motion: Passed

5.2 Amendment to Electoral Regulations

Motion: "That the members of the association vote and accept the changes to the Electoral Regulations."

Speaking for or against the motion:

Benjamin Lawrence: All of the details prompting the review of the electoral regulations can be found in the agenda. It is quite an overdue reform and makes a lot of processes substantially more clear. The major highlights are the reforms which bring all references into line with the new ANUSM Constitution, the lowering of the electoral spending allowance from \$70 down to \$50, and the introduction of a clear appeals process.

Moved: Benjamin Lawrence
Seconded: Jonathan Tjandra

For: 24
Against: 0
Abstention: 0
Status of motion: Passed

Item 6: Other business

None

Item 7: Meeting close

Meeting close: 6:33 p.m.