

# WORONI

Australian National University Student Media

ANUSM OGM 2 2017 MINUTES

Wednesday 29 April, 2017

5pm, MCCT4

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting open at 5.28pm

Acknowledgement of Country: Bronte

Apologies: Kanika Kirpalani

Item 2: Minutes from last OGM

Motion: "That the minutes from the General Meeting be accepted."

Moved: Bronte McHenry

Seconded: Arun Murali

Status: Passed unanimously

Bronte moved chair to Kat

Item 3: Reports

Item 3a: Editor-in-Chief Report

Nick Blood: Is Corrections Policy going to go up on the website?

Bronte: Yes, I am just making some minor adjustments and will get it reapproved and upload it again.

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

Moved: Tom Kesina

Seconded: Nick Blood

Status: Passed unanimously

Item 3b: Deputy Editor Report

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

Moved: Nathan Cleary

Seconded: Poppy Perry

Status: Passed unanimously

### Item 3c: Managing Editor Report

Kat:

24,674.13 Wages, Salary and Honoraria This includes:

2016 Sub-editor: \$3,800

2016 Editor payment: \$5,749.44

2017 Editor payment: \$10,958.88

Admin Assistant: \$4,435.81

Ben Creelman: Who did the website money go to?

Kat: to ED

Ben: When will annual budget be presented?

Kat: at the AGM

Nick Blood: How is the archiving of Woroni going?

Kat: Arun is looking into it.

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

Moved: Tom Kesina

Seconded: Liz

Status: Passed unanimously

### Item 3d: Content Editor's Report

Motion: That the Content Editor Report be accepted.

Moved: Tom Kesina

Seconded: Alex Green

Status: Passed unanimously

### Item 3e: News Editor Report

Motion: That the News Editor's Report be accepted.

Moved: Bella

Seconded: Alex Green

Status: Passed unanimously

### Item 3f: Radio Editor's Report

Motion: That the Radio Editor's Report be accepted.

Moved: Nick Blood

Seconded: Georgia

Status: Passed unanimously

### Item 3g: TV Editor Report

Nick Blood: It says in the report that any student can come with an idea and TV will do it. How will this work?

Kat: Yes, this is true. We will implement this in semester two.

Motion: That the TV Editor's Report be accepted.

Moved: James

Seconded: Bella

Status: Passed unanimously

Item 3h: Art Editor's Report

Tom Kesina: Is the branding of Woroni integrating well with the new website?

Joanne: Yep, going really well.

Motion: That the Art Editor's Report be accepted.

Moved: Loretta

Seconded: Oscar

Status: Passed unanimously

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Item 4: Constitutional Reform Notice

Item 4a: Motion 1

"That the constitution:

- be altered to include a definition for 'Office Bearers' in section 2. This added definition is listed in section 2.k of the proposed constitution.
- be altered to include a definition for 'Postgraduate student' in section 2. This added definition is listed in section 2.l of the proposed constitution.
- be altered to include a definition for 'Publication' in section 2. This added definition is listed in section 2.m of the proposed constitution."

Speaking for or against:

For: Bronte McHenry: We want to add to the backbone of the constitution by adding these definitions. Post Grad definition works on debunking the idea that Woroni is not for post-grad students. Publication definition is for acknowledging the wider scope of Woroni.

For: Ben Creelman: I think these definitions are a good idea. Maybe we should look at changing the undergraduate definition to align with ANUSA's definition.

Moved: Bronte McHenry

Seconded: Finn Pedersen

Status: Passed unanimously

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Item 4b: Motion 2

"That the constitution be altered to include 'radio' within section 3.a (Objects)."

Speaking for or against:

For: Bronte McHenry: Objects are very important for Woroni. It drives everything we do. Obviously radio is very important and we want to add it in.

For: Nick Blood: Sound great. Is multimedia cover TV side of it?

Answer: Bronte McHenry: Does include TV and photography.

Moved: Bronte McHenry

Seconded: Oscar Jolly

Status: Passed unanimously

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Kat moves chair to Jasper

Item 4c: Motion 3

"That the constitution be altered in section 7.4.3.e to require the Managing Editor to present a financial report to the Board at the end of every academic term."

Speaking for or against:

For: Bronte: At the moment it doesn't requires the managing editor to read a report at the end of each term. It is important that once every term Kat sits down with the board and just explain what each line in the budget means. So we are all on top and understand how Woroni is going.

For: Kat: There was a culture that the managing editor would just read out the bank statements. This motion is very important to financial stability and integrity of Woroni.

For: Ben Creelman: I am for this, but we need to make academic term clear.

Right of reply: Bronte: Maybe we could add dates and times into the definitions section. We will flag it for the AGM.

Moved: Bronte McHenry

Seconded: Kat Carrington

Status: Passed unanimously

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Jasper passes the chair to Kat

#### Item 4d: Motion 4

"That the constitution:

- be altered in section 7.3.1.d (Board of Editors) to remove the general editor positions and replace them with the role specific positions of Content Editor, News Editor, Television Editor, Radio Editor and Art Editor. These definitions are listed in sections 7.3.1.d, 7.3.1.e, 7.3.1.f, 7.3.1.g and 7.3.1.h of the proposed constitution.
- be altered in section 7.5 to remove the definition for the general editor position and replace it with role specific duties for the Content Editor, News Editor, Television Editor, Radio Editor and Art Editor. These duties are listed in sections 7.4.4, 7.4.5, 7.4.6, 7.4.7 and 7.4.8 of the proposed constitution."

Speaking for or against:

For: Bronte: What we are talking about is not direct elections, yet, but creating roles for the general editors. Executive will remain as it is, but we want to require that these specific roles are in place. This allows a guarantee, for example, that Radio will carry on. Same thing for TV. We want the hard work to pass onto the next editors who fulfil that certain role. At the moment the general editor position is really vague, so we want add this.

Question: Poppy Perry: Would this mean we would not have two radio editors?

Against: Ben Creelman: I'm not against named positions, I am against this because I think these changes should not go in the constitution. The constitution is hard to change with a 21-day period. I would be inclined to be for this motion if we defined these changes in regulation rather than in the constitution. I like the names, I just don't like where they are.

Right of Reply: Bronte McHenry: This would mean that only one editor would look after each portfolio. Ideally we could have two for each, but we just do not have the capital to fund that. To Ben, I don't see there being any other possible position that we could create in the near future. All the smaller projects fall under other editorial positions, so I think the constitution is the place for it.

Moved: Bronte McHenry

Seconded: Finn Pedersen

Status:

For: 17

Against: 1 Ben Creelman

Abstain: 2

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#### Item 4e: Motion 5

“That the constitution be amended in section 7.7.2 to require an internal election of a new Editor-in-Chief at least two days prior to the commencement of the nomination period. This amendment is listed in section 7.6.1 of the proposed constitution.”

Speaking for or against:

For: Bronte: This means that an editor-in-chief will require 6 months experience before that are allowed to run for this position. I don't think this position is more sustainable than 6 months. Means that someone with no experience can't just run.

Against: Ben: I don't agree with the justification that they have to be an editor in the past. I think editor-in-chief should move to a direct election, because it has specific roles and responsibilities.

For: Tom Kesina: If the role isn't currently sustainable I agree that the editor-in-chief should

Question: Nick Blood: Is there a chance where a post-graduate student with relevant journalism experience is shut out?

Question: Alex Green: Has this not been a thing in the past?

Reply: Bronte: It has just happened in the past but this will formalise the process to ensure the institutional memory is maintained. To Nick, no they can still run for editor. To Ben, its what happens and it works so we want it to continue.

Question: Ben: Has this been a problem in the past? If it is not broken don't fix it.

Reply: Bronte: We want to make positive changes not just changes that fix problems. We want to ensure things are done well.

Status of Motion:

Pass

For: all with one abstention [Ben Creelman]

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Item 4f: Motion 6:

“That the constitution:

- be amended in section 7.6 to clarify that the positions members can nominate for are those of the outgoing editors. This amendment is listed in section 7.5 of the proposed constitution.
- be amended in section 7.5 to include an item that restricts editors to the portfolios for which they are elected, with the exception of the Editor-in-Chief who is elected internally by the Board. This addition is listed in section 7.5.2 of the proposed constitution.”

Speaking for or against:

For: Bronte: The reason we should have direct election is because a) a lot of people run and want news and no one wants content editor and then the board is in immediate conflict. b) it is fundamentally important that someone wanting to be radio doesn't have to compete against someone who wants content. Separate elections will also allow more people to run because you are not shutting anyone out - make an election of skill rather than "make news great again".

For: Tom Kesina: Direct elections are good. You get people you want.

Question: Tom Kesina: What will happen if no one runs?

Reply: Bronte McHenry: To Tom – Yes! Power to the people. In terms of no one running, we will get editors to encourage people. But if still no one runs we will open the application to casual vacancy.

Moved: Bronte McHenry

Seconded: Finn Pedersen

Status of Motion: Pass unanimously

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Item 4g: Motion 7:

"That the constitution be amended in section 7.7.2 to require the position of Deputy Editor-in-Chief to be filled through direct election by members of the Association. This amendment is listed in section 7.6.2 of the proposed constitution."

Speaking for or against:

For: Bronte: At the moment we want to make deputy that flexible and innovative role. This will enable a certain flexibility.

Question: Ben Creelman: Just clarifying that we are moving Deputy to 12 months.

Reply: Bronte: Yes. This will mean big changes can happen because there is a time frame to do that.

Moved: Bronte McHenry

Seconded: Finn Pedersen

Status of Motion: Pass unanimously

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Item h: Motion 8:

"That the constitution:

- be amended in section 7.6.5 to require separate ballots to be distributed for each position in every election. This will be broken up into two items to reflect the difference between an election where a Managing Editor is elected, and when they

are not. These amendments are listed in sections 7.5.6 and 7.5.7 in the proposed constitution.

- be amended in section 7.6.6 to require the posting of the list of the positions available, as well as separate polls for each position. These amendments are listed in sections 7.5.8.c and 7.5.8.g in the proposed constitution.
- be amended in section 7.6.9.b to clarify that the editor with the most votes in their respective polls will be elected to the Board. This amendment is listed in section 7.5.12.b of the proposed constitution.”

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Speaking for or against:

For: Bronte McHenry: This is I suppose just wording to allow the direct election system to work.

Moved: Bronte McHenry

Seconded: Finn Pedersen

Status of Motion: Pass unanimously

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Item I: Motion 9

“That the constitution be amended to move item 7.6.7.d so it reads as the first requirement for nominations. This is due to it being misleading as the final item listed. The item in question reads: ‘be invited by email at least five (5) weeks prior to the opening of the poll. Invitation must be sent by the Returning Officer via email to all ordinary members of the Association.’ In short, 7.6.7.d moves up to be listed as 7.5.9.a.”

Speaking for or against:

For: Bronte: This essentially is the order of how nominations work.

Moved: Bronte McHenry

Seconded: Finn Pedersen

Status of Motion: Pass unanimously

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Item J: Motion 10

“To amend the constitution in section 7.6.7.c to move this item to its own line for additional clarity. The item in question reads: ‘following the close of nomination period, each nomination is to be displayed online (excluding student number) during the two (2) weeks prior to the opening of the poll and be viewed online by all voting ordinary members of the Association prior to casting their ballots.’ In short, 7.6.7.c moves to be listed as 7.5.10.”



Moved: Bronte McHenry  
Seconded: Finn Pedersen  
Status of Motion: Pass unanimously

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Item K: Motion 11

“That the constitution be amended in section 7.6.7.a to require the example of work submitted by nominees to be relevant to the position they are running for. This amendment is listed in section 7.5.9.b.”

Moved: Bronte McHenry  
Seconded: Finn Pedersen  
Status of Motion: Pass unanimously

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Kat passes chair back to Bronte

Item 5: Tom Kesina Amendments  
See Reference A below.

Item 5a:  
Tom Kesina Amendment 1  
Mover: Tom Kesina  
Secunder: Ben Creelman  
Status of motion: Pass unanimously

Item 5b: Tom Kesina Amendment 2  
Mover: Tom Kesina  
Secunder: Ben Creelman  
Status of motion: Pass all besides 1 abstention [Finn Pedersen]

Item 5c: Tom Kesina Amendment 3  
Mover: Tom Kesina  
Secunder: Kat Carrington  
Status of motion: Pass all besides 1 abstention

Item 5d: Tom Kesina Amendment 4  
Mover: Tom Kesina  
Secunder: Kat Carrington

Item 6:

Special Resolution: That the Association adapt the proposed constitution with Tom Kesina's four amendments:

Mover: Arun Murali

Seconder: Joanne Leong

Status of motion: Pass unanimously

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Item 7: Meeting Close

The Annual General Meeting of the Association is scheduled to be on 24<sup>nd</sup> May 2017, location to be confirmed.

Meeting Close: 6:38pm

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TOM KESINA AMENDMENTS (Reference A)

Amendment 1

Remove associate members from constitution

Reasons: Associate members are mentioned once in the constitution, and do not exist given they are not mentioned elsewhere.

Changes: Mentions of associate members are removed

Section 5.43 will be changed to

'Rights of ~~associate and~~ honorary life members  
~~Associate and~~ Honorary life members shall not vote at any meeting or election of the Association, shall not count towards quorum, and shall not be eligible for election to the Board, but shall otherwise have rights equal to ordinary members'

Section 5.5 will be changed to

'Membership fee  
There is no fee payable for membership of the Association as an ordinary;  
~~associate~~ or honorary life member.'

Removal of gendered pronouns from constitution

Reasons: There are people who do not use he/she pronouns, I think it's nice to use gender neutral pronouns instead.

Changes: he/she is replaced with they

Section 5.1(b) will be changed to:

'b) has not notified the Deputy Editor-in-Chief, in writing, that they do not wish to be a member'

## Amendment 2

### Empowering ordinary members to vote on ANUSM regulations

Reasons: Currently, the ANUSM board control both the regulations and orders (this is like policy) of the Association. This means that the general membership has no explicit say in how ANUSM elections are run (which is pretty important), nor can they even change the rules that govern General Meetings. Giving ordinary members the ability to have a say in how ANUSM is run will encourage participation at general meetings and will dovetail in nicely with a requirements to hold one per term/teaching period.

Changes: Regulations will changeable by General Meetings only, orders will be renamed to policies and will continue to be approved by the Board.

Section 23 will be replaced by:

'23. The Association may, by resolution of a General Meeting, make or amend such Regulations to govern the operation of particular aspects of the Association's affairs. These regulations must be advertised and made available to all members. These regulations must include, but are not necessarily limited to standing orders that govern the conduct of any Meeting of the Association or its members, as well as methods by which meetings and elections are to be advertised, and electoral regulations to govern the conduct of any election held by the Association. These policies must be advertised and made available to all members.'

24. Subject to this Constitution and any Regulations under Section 23, the Board may make such Policies as it sees fit to assist the convenient conduct of the Association's business. These policies must be advertised and made available to all members.'

Section 14.7 will be changed to:

'A General Meeting must be run in accordance with the Standing Orders as determined by a General Meeting of the Association.'

Sections 7.82(b), 10(a), 19(b), 27.2(a) will be amended so that the word 'order' will be replaced by the word 'policy' to reflect the changes to Section 23/24.

## Amendment 3

### Requiring one General Meeting per teaching period with appropriate reporting requirements

Reasons: ANUSM receives a significant amount of student money, and should make itself available to the ordinary members to answer questions and criticism more than once a year. Additionally, these General Meetings should have all members of the Board delivering reports.

Changes: The ANUSM board will be required to hold one General Meeting per term/teaching period, and each Board member will be required to present reports at those meetings.

Section 14 will be changed to:

A General Meeting of the Association shall be called by the Deputy Editor-in-Chief at the direction of the Board, or upon receipt of a written request signed by at least twenty (20) ordinary members. **At least one General Meeting must be held in each academic term of the Academic year.** There is no limit to the number of general meetings which may be held each year.

Section 14.9 will be inserted:

**Excepting the ANUSM AGM, each ANUSM board member must deliver a report at every compulsory General Meeting where they must detail their recent activities. Written versions of those reports must be made available to members two (2) academic days before the General Meeting.**

Miscellaneous changes

- Fixing spelling/grammar mistakes
  - 7.1, 7.2 - '...in a General Meeting'
  - 7.4.2 - '...in a General Meeting'
  - 26.2 - refers to subsections '27.1, 27.2, and 27.3' when it should be 26.X

Amendment 4

- Change section 1 to 'The name of the Association is "Australian National University Student Media Incorporated"