



AGENDA – ANUSA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (OGM) 2 2024

Wednesday, 8 August 2024

6:15pm, HA GO53, Zoom

<https://anu.zoom.us/j/83860025809?pwd=mCboLenpelJNOwi7kMNAv0MkZxw1KP.1>

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Apologies

1.3 Chair outlines standing orders for the meeting (please also see the following:

<https://anusa.com.au/pageassets/about/meetings/ANUSA-Standing-Orders-Guide.pdf>)

Item 2: Passing the previous meetings minutes

2.1  MINUTES of OGM 1

Mover: Sam

Seconded: Phoenix

Item 3: Reports

3.1 Treasurer's report (W. Burfoot) [Reference A]

Mover

Item 4: Motions on notice

Motion 4.1: ANUSA Budget 2024

The meeting approves the budget in reference B.

Mover: Will Burfoot

Seconded: Phoenix O'Neill

4.2 Shorter Meetings

Preamble

Speaking only for myself, I am skeptical of many manifestations of so-called 'identity politics' (to be clear, I also think areas of discrimination like racism, sexism and homophobia are still much much bigger problems in society today). But I completely reject the idea that making institutions easier for disabled people, as well as everyone else, is cynical identity politics. It's actually a moral necessity. It's also a political one, because our debates are better when more people participate in them, and students are represented better when their elected representatives are actually participating in the process.

Motion

Amend the Standing Orders by adding a new subsection 5.2 to read “New agenda items shall not be discussed after 10PM. New speeches shall not be made after that time, but existing speeches may be finished and agenda items under consideration may be voted on. This time can be extended by vote of 2/3rds of the meeting and should be extended if the meeting started substantially late.”

Mover: Sarah Strange

Seconder: Griffin

amendment to 4.2: add to motion text

Amend standing orders Schedule 1 to read:

ITEM 1: MEETING OPENS, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM 2: MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING

ITEM 3: ELECTIONS (IF REQUIRED)

ITEM 4: NOTICES OF MOTIONS

ITEM 5: ITEMS FOR RESOLUTION

ITEM 6: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ITEM 7: REPORTS AND MATTERS ARISING

ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 9: DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND CLOSE

Mover: Carter

Seconder: Chris

Amendment 2

“At 10PM there is an automatic vote to either end or extend the meeting time. The vote is by majority. If this vote is to extend the meeting, the meeting continues and an identical vote will take place one hour later. If the vote is to end the meeting then new agenda items shall not be discussed, and new speeches shall not be made, but existing speeches may be finished and agenda items under consideration may be voted on.”

Mover: Skye

Seconder:

4.3

Motion: Clubs Regulations

Calls upon the General Meeting to approve changes to the Clubs Regulations in link below:
CLUBS REGULATIONS - draft amendments.docx

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10Ha5pw_dZogtxTz8mjbidfPX-kzE73el/edit?usp=sharing&oid=104127557932074334205&rtpof=true&sd=true

Mover: Seungbin

Secunder: Phoenix

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4.4

The ANU's two faces: an SRI review on one side and their new Defense Institute on the other.

Preamble

The ANU has recently announced the creation of a new 'Defense Institute'. In their own words,

“The Institute provides a ‘front door’ to direct enquiries and serves as a hub for fostering collaboration and partnerships between the ANU, the Defence sector and industry leaders.”

<https://defenceinstitute.anu.edu.au/>

These ‘industry leaders’ they mention? Weapons companies like Boeing, BAE Systems, Thales, and Lockheed Martin, whose weapons are being used to commit genocide against the Palestinians. To be precise, Thales produces drones that are used to surveil and target Palestinians, Boeing provides the IDF with the bombs that are dropped on Gaza, Lockheed Martin manufactures the F-35 and F-16 fighter jets being used in the bombing campaign and BAE Systems supplies various munitions as well as the white phosphorus which has been used to maim and murder people in Gaza.

The ANU's \$1 million of direct investments into these companies is only the tip of the iceberg. The research partnerships that our university undertakes with these companies is the main game. The establishment of the Defense Institute is an explicit move to expand and deepen these partnerships. These weapons companies need research resources - research technology and people who can carry out this research - to advance and improve the destructive capabilities of their products, and the ANU is more than happy to lend them a helping hand.

Again, in the ANU's own words,

“The ANU Defence Institute will facilitate a closer working relationship between researchers and educators at the University and Defence, allowing organisations to tap into expert knowledge across a range of disciplines at the

ANU.”

<https://www.anu.edu.au/research/research-innovation-news/anu-announces-new-defence-institute>

The announcement coincided with the ANU launching a review into their socially responsible investment (SRI) portfolio. Any attempts by the ANU to convince students that they are taking feedback on their investments in weapons companies seriously are farcical in a context where the university is so enthusiastically throwing more resources into these companies. Even if the university were to concede on cutting a few direct investments, it would leave the vast bulk of their ties - the research partnerships - unsevered.

Motions

ANUSA acknowledges that university-led review processes will not convince the ANU to cut any significant ties to weapons companies that are complicit in the genocide in Gaza

ANUSA adopts the orientation of mobilising pro-Palestine students and building protests against the ANU’s ties to genocide as the only strategy which can push the Palestine movement forward on campus.

Mover: Carter Chryse

Secunder: EI

4.5 ANUSA Endorses Penny Wong Protest

Penny Wong has been invited by the ANU to once again give a lecture on campus on August 19th. Students are protesting against this speaking engagement.

In press release after press release, Minister Wong has never admitted Israel's guilt in the genocide in Gaza. At best she mentions a humanitarian crisis. She has continued to call Australia a strident supporter of Israel. She has continually supported Israel's "right to defend itself", a total mischaracterisation of the slaughter of largely civilian targets in Gaza.

It reveals the priorities of the ANU that they have invited Penny Wong to speak twice during a period in which she has overseen a government policy of support for a genocide. She should not be warmly welcomed by students on this campus. It is the responsibility of ANUSA to mobilise students to show Minister Wong and the ANU that her pro-Israel actions as foreign minister are not accepted.

This protest serves the movement for a free Palestine in continuing to express pro-Palestine sentiment to the broader community and to expose the deplorable behaviour of Minister Wong in her office as foreign minister. ANUSA must support this action as a body committed to the freedom of the Palestinian people.

Motions

- ANUSA endorses the protest against Penny Wong at Llewelyn Hall on August 19th 6:30pm
- ANUSA commits to promoting this rally to students through emails, social media and any other means available
- ANUSA will provide support to the protest organisers on the day of the protest by providing megaphones, marshals and a PA if required

Mover: Nick Reich

Seconder:

4.6 Referendum

In pursuance of this policy and section 13(3)(b) of the ANUSA Constitution, the meeting instructs the Executive to implement a referendum concurrently with the 2024 ANUSA Elections on the following question:

“Do you think ANU should cut all financial and research ties with the State of Israel, including the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, all investments in weapons companies, and the Australian Signals Directorate?

Yes

No”

Mover: Harriet Ryder

Seconded: Skye

Amendment: (friendly)

Replace the text of the question to “Do you think ANU should withdraw all current investments in the weapons industry and make no further investments into the weapons industry?”

Mover: Phoenix

Seconded:

[Reference A]

OGM 2 Treasurer report

Reporting of Executive approvals on procurements

As per the financial policy framework I passed last semester the Treasurer is now obligated to report to general meetings of the Association when the executive provides approval for procurements above \$5000. To this end we have had three such approvals given, they are;

\$26,591.18 - Workers compensation insurance premium

\$23,210 - MSL subscription fee

\$36,718 - NUS affiliation fee

Expenditure report

The Australian National University Students' Association Incorporated

For the period 1 December 2023 to 7 August 2024

Account	1 Dec 2023-7 Aug 2024	1 Dec 2022-7 Aug 2023
SSAF Expenses		
Accounting/Bookkeeping - Xero	1,285.21	1,086.12
Auditing	11,677.27	10,677.27
Bank Fees with GST	292.23	250.03
Bank Fees without GST	951.04	669.21
BKSS Food/Consumables	42,009.82	45,556.02
BKSS Non-food	6,982.42	3,712.72
Motor Vehicle expenses	14,391.92	8,001.20
Bush Week - Events	21,071.38	15,998.83
Bush Week Merchandise	2,467.52	0.00
Club Funding	93,953.17	101,505.67
Clubs Council Grants Committee	215.44	0.00
College Representatives	202.43	0.00
Committee projects - General	0.00	30.55
Departments & Collectives	69,711.61	73,267.35
Education Committee	5,238.72	4,113.69

Equipment Expense	(613.45)	1,144.86
Fees & Subscriptions	34,150.39	57,430.93
Friday Night Party Expenses	0.00	490.91
Honoraria	1,775.00	3,670.00
IT Support & Equipment	2,547.30	2,023.32
Leadership and Professional Development	18,847.66	20,929.78
Legal Expenses & Consultancy	30,256.08	15,685.85
Marketing & Communications - Advertising	149.99	905.98
Marketing & Communications - Diary	0.00	4,690.00
Marketing & Communications - Printing	1,538.37	9,838.13
Marketing & Communications - Software Subs	508.61	199.00
Meeting Expenses	109.09	611.44
Membership Solutions Limited	23,210.00	0.00
NUS	0.00	41,600.00
Other Employee Expense	9,004.37	10,463.33
Other Events	0.00	3,224.85
O-Week Events	56,306.88	86,673.02
O-Week Food purchases	0.00	71.51
O-Week Merchandise	0.00	5,327.18
Parenting Room	0.00	1,462.33
Printer	698.72	159.65
Department - Honoraria	1,395.00	3,470.00
Department - Stipends	107,847.80	101,570.48
Department - Superannuation	11,911.20	11,035.19
Salaries and Wages	911,437.06	645,456.74
Salaries and Wages - ANUSA Exec & Officers	162,530.44	135,042.39
Salaries and Wages - BKSS	44,871.89	44,229.61
Salaries and Wages - Event Coordinators	24,944.18	23,110.14
Superannuation Expense	147,287.81	105,891.26
Superannuation Expense - ANUSA Exec & Officers	17,655.09	14,001.83
Superannuation Expense - BKSS	4,724.12	5,065.23
Superannuation Expense - Event Coordinators	3,374.21	2,451.69

SAT Purchases - Grocery Vouchers	4,750.00	20,825.00
SAT Purchases - Student Meals & Others	28,835.03	5,631.30
Student Assistance Team Grants	62,438.95	40,423.08
Skill Up	4,940.00	0.00
Staff Amenities	339.90	751.42
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	1,897.55	1,490.41
Student Engagement	5,264.58	8,112.54
Utilities	2,274.61	2,411.55
Workers Compensation Insurance	24,173.80	33,004.38
Total SSAF Expenses	2,021,832.41	1,735,444.97
SSAF Surplus/ Deficits	1,238,802.56	(428,503.67)

Other Income

Bus hire revenue	1,095.00	72.73
Interest Income	684.04	18,374.07
Miscellaneous (Sundry) Income	7,936.56	23,272.64
Bush-Week Income	10,040.39	9,485.00
Other Grant Funding	850.00	5,000.00
O-Week Income	32,415.91	34,718.56
Ticket/Event Sales - Bush Week	0.00	305.91
Ticket/Event Sales - O Week	842.79	29,923.16
Ticket/Event Sales - Others	0.00	6,059.77
Total Other Income	53,864.69	127,211.84

Other Expenses

Non SSAF Expenses		
Events Non-SSAF	0.00	5,498.00
Total Non SSAF Expenses	0.00	5,498.00
Other Student Grants	10,810.00	0.00
Social Profolio	3,512.27	0.00
Birth Control Subsidy	15,198.07	0.00
SEEF Grants	39,955.36	6,500.00

Parents and Carers	1,100.61	0.00
Other Administration Fee	0.00	443.00
Shut Up and Write program	6,018.20	990.91
Total Other Expenses	76,594.51	13,431.91
Net Profit	1,216,072.74	(314,723.74)

[Reference B]

OGM 2 Budget

Introduction:

This document serves as the basis for expenditure for the ANU Students Association for 2024. This budget will be updated at subsequent Ordinary General Meetings of the association to allow movements in funding.

Section 22 of the ANUSA constitution outlines for the process for approval of the budget.

Budget (2)

The budget of the Association must be presented by the Treasurer to the first General Meeting held in the first Teaching Period of the Academic Year.

(3) The provisional budget of the Association for the next Financial Year must be presented by the Treasurer, or the incoming Treasurer as the Treasurer sees fit, at a General Meeting held in the fourth Teaching Period of the Academic Year.

(4) The budget or provisional Budget may only be amended by:

(a) a simple majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting; or (b) a simple majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the SRC, but by no more than one per cent (1%) of the Annual Budget of expected expenses in any calendar month.

ANUSA is funded primarily by SSAF, Student Services and Amenities Fee, which is allocated by the university in consultation with students through the Student Services Council. As a recipient of SSAF ANUSA must follow relevant legislation governing its use. The ANU has transitioned to a three-year funding agreement for SSAF recipients, replacing one-year agreements which were a significant burden every year to prepare and submit proposals and enter into negotiations with the university. I hope these three-year agreements will free up more time to focus on matters that matter for students and provide greater stability and financial security for our union

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au, this budget serves as part of my commitment to improve the transparency and accountability of ANUSA so students know how their union operates.

Preparation of the budget

The budget consists of 37-line items which outline expenditure in certain areas. The sum of these lines provides a gross operating expenditure, which is the amount approved for spending. Note that this gross figure is higher than our 2024 SSAF allocation, but this does not mean we will be in deficit. Instead, we allow expenditure in certain areas greater than our forecasted expenditure to provide flexibility across the budget. This budget will then be updated at OGM's as we go through the year as we get a better idea of how spending is unfolding in different areas. We expect to be in an operating surplus in 2024. Additional funds are raised from the sale of tickets, O-week, Bush week, and interest income.

Reserves

ANUSA maintains considerable financial reserves derived from our non-SSAF income, these provide security and certainty that our operations can continue. Following my financial policy update in semester 1 we are now beginning the process to invest a portion of our reserves.

Budget

Accounting and bookkeeping: \$1800

This is used for services that allow us to maintain proper financial records

Auditing: \$15,000

As required in our constitution the treasurer must arrange for an external audit, this line allows for this expenditure.

Bank Fees: \$2000

BKSS Consumables: \$95,000

The BKSS is one of the most popular services ANUSA offers students; we continue to see strong demand from students and are consistently looking for ways to utilize funding most effectively.

BKSS non-consumables: \$5000

This line is for capital expenditure for the BKSS, such as toasters, kettles etc. This line is lower than previous years after considerable investment in the BKSS since 2022.

Vehicle Expenses: \$14,000

ANUSA owns a bus and Ute, this covers related expenditures on parking, registration, fuel and insurance which has experienced high inflation this year.

Bush week: \$20,000

The Clubs Officer organizes Bush Week each year as a welcome to new students and a return to semester 2. The Association receives income particularly from market day stallholders which offsets the considerable costs of organizing the week.

Clubs Funding: \$190,000

ANUSA is responsible for the governance and funding of the many varied clubs on campus. While we have seen club grants pick back up, further increases to clubs funding will need to be joined by regulation changes to meet the demands of clubs and societies.

Clubs Training/Events: \$20,000

To ensure our clubs are able to run the Clubs Officer provides training for club executives, this amount also includes the annual Union Ball which is open to all students and serves as a celebration of the many fantastic clubs.

Representatives Shared funding: \$5000

This amount is for college representatives and general representatives to run events and campaigns with respect to their portfolios.

Consultancy and Legal Expenses: \$50,000

This amount will allow for the governance review taking place this year which will bring our constitution and regulation in line with our new position as the single student union on campus.

Departments and Collectives: \$123,000

ANUSA has 7 departments, each headed by a department officer, which provide advocacy and support for their respective groups. This year I redesigned the funding arrangements which allow departments to access up to \$15,000 in general funding, resulting in more departments having access to more funding.

Education Welfare Action Group: \$9,000

EWAG is a committee established in the constitution that focuses on political issues affecting students, most of this line has been used by the counter course guide and the rest will go towards supporting various campaigns and protests.

Equipment: \$10,000

Cameras, microphones, tables. All things equipment that aid our activities across our entire range of functions.

Fees and Subscriptions: \$70,000

Most of this cost is due to the overlap between the use of Qpay and MSL. The transition between these platforms is slow but once completed the functionality of Qpay will provide benefits to most of our operations.

IT Support/Equipment: \$5,000

Staff/Representatives training: \$50,100

This line includes training and professional development for our staff and representatives. As an example, the executive must have first aid qualifications and AICD management training. Our staff must have modern industry standard training. This line also includes Natcon delegate ticket costs, as well as other conferences ANUSA attends including Sencon

Marketing and Communications: \$12,000

Includes merchandise costs, printing costs, software, and general advertising of ANUSA.

Meeting Expenses: \$3,000

Last year this was exclusively spent on food before SRC and other meetings, this year because of the change in venue we can now bring the food directly to the SRC.

National Union of Students: \$40,000

The NUS is the peak representative body for students in Australia, by affiliating to it ANU students can contribute to, and be represented in national campaign that affect them. The NUS plays a critical role in advocating for policy that has real impacts on students.

O-Week: \$55,000

One of the biggest weeks on campus, ANUSA through the Clubs Officer organizes O-week, the largest cost of which is market day. O-week presents a massive opportunity for ANUSA to connect with students as they come to the ANU.

Employee Expenses: \$20,000

Parents and Carers Committee: \$10,000

This amount will be used by the Parents and Carers Officer and committee to run events and build community. This is the first full year we have budgeted for the Parents and Carers role and so as the year goes on we hope to learn how to better support this group of students.

Office Supplies: \$7,750

Replacement and maintenance: \$3,000

Salaries and Wages/Workers compensation Insurance: \$2,269,923

This amount includes ANUSA honoraria which is set at \$7,500 for the year.

Student Extra-circular Engagement Fund: \$100,000

ANUSA has assumed responsibility for SEEF, this amount is administered to support events, conferences, and other programs that benefit students.

Shut Up and Write Program: \$25,340

SUW is a program to support Postgraduate students, we have a coordinator who runs these evenings. They represent an important service ANUSA can provide postgrads.

Social Portfolio: \$20,000

This amount is used by our events team to deliver events to engage with the postgraduate and HDR communities, as the single student union we are still looking for ways to properly serve and connect with these communities.

Skill Up: \$10,000

Skill Up is a fantastic program which provides skills and qualifications to students. We saw high demand for this program last year and look forward to helping those who enter.

Student Assistance Team – Grants & Purchases: \$181,880

We have four different grants available for all students: the ANUSA Assistance Grant, ANUSA Medical Grant, ANUSA Carers Grant, and the Accommodation Assistance Program. This covers our transport vouchers and grocery voucher programs, as well as the lunches we provide at the food co-op.

We expect to see significant increased demand for these because of cost-of-living pressures as well as eligibility expansion to all students.

Student Engagement: \$21,500

Last year this line allowed for expenditure on the Invasion Day protest, Less-Stresstival, and NatCon travel stipends. Along the same line this budget line allows for the realization of different programs and ideas throughout the year.

Telephone: \$400

Utilities: \$5,000

Budget Table:

Budget Line	2024 expenditure
Accounting and Bookkeeping	\$1,800.00
Auditing	\$15,000.00
Bank Fees	\$2,000.00
BKSS Consumables	\$95,000.00
BKSS Non-consumables	\$5,000.00
Vehicle Expenses	\$14,000.00
Bush week	\$20,000.00
Clubs funding	\$190,000.00
Clubs training/events	\$20,000.00
Representative project funding	\$5,000.00
Consultancy and Legal Expenses	\$50,000.00
Departments & Collectives	\$123,000.00
Welfare Education Action Group	\$9,000.00
Elections	\$1,000.00
Equipment	\$10,000.00
Fees and Subscriptions	\$70,000.00
IT Support & Equipment	\$5,000.00
Staff/Representatives Training	\$50,100.00
Marketing & Communications	\$12,000.00
Meeting Expenses	\$3,000.00
Nation Union of Students	\$40,000.00
O-week	\$55,000.00
Employee Expenses	\$20,000.00

Parent and Carers portfolio	\$10,000.00
Office supplies	\$7,750.00
Replacement & Maintenance	\$3,000.00
Salaries and Wagers/Workers comp	\$2,269,922.67
Student Extra-curricular Engagement fund	\$100,000.00
Shut up and Write Program	\$25,340.00
Social Portfolio	\$20,000.00
Skill up	\$10,000.00
Student Assistance Team - Grants & Purchases	\$181,880.00
Student Engagement	\$21,500.00
Telephone	\$400.00
Utilites	\$5,000.00
Gross Operating Expenditure	\$3,470,692.67