



THE ANU OBSERVER

Agenda for Meeting of The ANU Observer Board Meeting

Date: 07/08/2024

Opening of meeting: 6:00pm

Item 1-Attendance

James
Maddy
Ryan
Rowey
Shé
Mackenzie
Amy
Anneysha

Item 2 - Acknowledgement of Country

By James Weatherman

I wish to acknowledge the Ngunnawal peoples as traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We also acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region, and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

Item 3 - Items for Decision

Item 4: Things to discuss

4.1 - Uploading minutes

James: I have been working with Anneysha to get last Semester's minutes finalised and posted on the website.

4.2- COI's for org

Rowey: Fergus brought up conflicts of interest as he was approached by ANUSA and they asked him to run for them. He asked if he should fill out COI. I said he should, as we need to publish everyone's COIs. I will give everyone a form at the next news meeting.

Ryan: Let's great a folder on the drive to keep track on all of the updated copies.

Board: Sounds good.

4.3- Observer lanyards or other merch for events

Rowey: Something that came up on the day that the encampment got moved. It got really hairy over the fact that we did not have anything to distinguish us from the protesters for the police. It would be worth investing in something like a high vis vest.

Mackenzie: I have been looking at merch. The idea was fleeces and bucket hats.

Ryan: Lanyards will need to be prioritised over this. Can you come to the next board meeting with quotes?

Mackenzie: Yes, I can.

4.3.1 - New posters for Market Day

Anneysha: I was at market day and I wanted to bring up our pop up posters. It says 'we do news' etc. It does not have 'ANU Observer' or the website link near the top. There were pretty visuals but not substance.

Shé: Mac, it might be worth you and I collaborating on that.

4.4- Maya's slack

Ryan: Maya's slack was deactivated.

Anneysha: It must have gone down since market day, because I remember putting her back on it then.

Rowey: Yes, that is what happened.

Anneysha: I will have a look on my end, and come back to you before next meeting.

4.5 - meeting with uni

Ryan: There are three things on Friday: first, Amy and Rowey and I are meeting with Woroni over the election (Charlie is available at 2pm); second, I need to meet with Shé for another interview after Woroni; third, then we are also meeting with ANU at 9am.

Maddy: ANU Finance wants to meet with us about our audit being late. It does feel like it is all finally moving.

Ryan: Thank you for sorting that over the break.

4.6 - ANUSA election

Ryan: We are meeting with Charlie from Woroni on Friday. For the election, we will be working with them on the debate. I have spoken to Rowey and Amy about us reframing our editorial angle for the election. Shé, if you are not available that is fine, but if you could come that would be great – the central feature is the live stream debate – if you cannot come there will be other opportunities.

Shé: I should be able to make it.

Ryan: Last year the livestream went for three and a half hours.

Shé: It's definitely possible to do that amount of time. I will have to prepare though.

4.7 - Saffron slack?

Ryan: Is Saffron back?

Rowey:

4.8 - James resignation

James: I am leaving in three weeks due to too many other commitments. We can do a casual vacancy.

4.9 - Shé hiring

Shé: I am still yet to get a date for the interviews. Either tomorrow or Friday.

4.10 - future of Observer

Ryan: I wanted to gauge who is staying? I am leaving at the end of the year. We do have Nuria and Sophie coming back. We have reclaimed Maya and Saffron. We have a pretty good pool of people at the moment.

Maddy: I will stay until the end of next semester. Sophie has said she is interested, but I am also friends with the treasurer of Ursies who is interested.

Rowey: Sophie can slot back into her editorial role.

Shé: I am staying.

Anneysha: I am staying.

Mackenzie: I'll be staying until the end of next semester.

Rowey: I was thinking of leaving at the end of the year. I think it is important to start planning for people to fill the boots who are passionate about the role. Though, now knowing that both Amy and Ryan are graduating, I might stay on next semester.

Amy: Before I leave I want to help in developing basic training for reporters.

Ryan: Fear not, we have so much talent.

4.11 payment for last period

Maddy: We are due in three weeks for the end of period 4.

Anneysha: I am good to put the numbers up on the website.

Maddy: Also, next week I will invoice for P3 of SSAF.

4.12 podcast interest

Mackenzie: I have interests from Darcy Davitt and Urja. They both want to host, we need someone to edit.

Amy: I could edit the podcast, Darcy Franklin does not have the time though.

Ryan: We only need someone next semester. Amy, would you be open to staying on to edit remotely?

Amy: Yes, I would.

Ryan: Also, Darcy can be mentored by Will over the semester.

Shé: It is worth keeping Amy as a back up.

Item 5-Other Business

Meeting closed:

7:05pm.

Next board meeting:

21/08/2024