



THE ANU OBSERVER

General Meeting 2026-05-11

Agenda

Location: ANU Observer Office and Zoom Hybrid

1/25 Childers Street

Time: 1900

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country spoken by Pat Hill

I wish to acknowledge the Ngunnawal and Ngambri 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. Sovereignty was never ceded. I'd like to acknowledge that storytelling and knowledge sharing has been taking place on this Country for time immemorial, and I would like to pay my respects to the strong and enduring cultures of the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples, and extend that respect to any other Country where people may be joining us from today.

1.2 Apologies:

Anish Singhal
Anneysha Sarkar

Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting including Matters Arising

Moved by: Pat

Seconded: Saffron

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Item 3: Reports and Matters Arising

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- 3.3 Report of the Visual Content Executive (Appendix C)
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- 3.6 Report of the Secretary (Appendix F)
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Appendix A: Report of the Chair of the Board and Appendix B: Report of the Chair of the Editorial Committee combined. Prepared by Saffron Geyle.

Hi everyone, I hope you're all doing well tonight. It has been such a pleasure serving as Editor-in-Chief so far, and I couldn't be more excited and proud of what we have achieved over this semester. Stepping into this role has been both challenging and so rewarding, and I simply could not have done it without our dedicated team.

We started off the semester with a handful of reporters, as a majority of our team graduated at the end of last year and over the break. However, that was quickly turned around with a thorough and efficient hiring process run by myself and the editors. We are privileged to have welcomed nine new reporters into our news team since. I'd like to give a special shoutout and thanks to these new reporters, as they have been nothing but hardworking and diligent additions

to our team this semester. You guys have been working so incredibly hard over this semester, with Observer having 28 articles published so far, which is over two a week. Each article is accompanied and completed with incredible graphics from our visual team members.

We've had a great semester of breaking news and investigative pieces, with our reporters Will and Maddie recently interviewing the student bringing action against the ANU and UniLodge for black mould found in her room. Earlier in the year, one of our reporters, Anushka, interviewed MLA Thomas Emerson on his advocacy, and we recently had our reporter Brooke write an article on the 4Corners episode on the ANAO's report surrounding Renew ANU, which was written in a one-day turnaround. Overall, it has been an honour to witness the dedication and passion for student news from our team this year, and I am looking forward to seeing more of this throughout the year. I would also like to give a special thanks to Harry, who has taken on the task of managing our social media, revamping our design and uploading our articles promptly to increase accessibility and engagement for our student community.

Our IAC coverage has also been great this semester, with our reporters and photographers covering IAC Debating and BNO thus far. We have also had some really exciting projects that will be coming up soon, including the release of our digital newsletter and the revival of our podcast! I'd like to give a huge thanks to our Visual Executive and the Editors for making this work, and we're really looking forward to getting this up and running, and out to you all! We will also be getting working journalists to come in and chat to our reporters later in the semester, and we are looking forward to collaborating with more ANU organisations and groups in the coming weeks. Thanks to our Website Executive, Anneysha, we are also expecting to launch our new and improved website in the second half of the year! Thank you Anneysha for all of your hard work and dedication in solving the 2025 website crash, and for creating this new website as our exciting new solution!

Finally, I am especially grateful for our team for all of their hard work and dedication over the past semester, and I would like to thank the editors, reporters, visual team and the board for being such an uplifting, dedicated and passionate group of people whom I am honoured to have worked with so far. I would like to especially thank Sarah and Eduardo for their ongoing commitment and support as a team this semester, you are both such dedicated editors and hard workers behind the scenes, I cannot imagine this semester without you both.

I would like to thank Eduardo, who is our outgoing editor this semester, for all of his work on the editorial team over the past year. We are looking forward to having you on as a reporter, and are looking forward to working with you for the rest of the year. I would also like to give a huge thanks to our outgoing Website Executive, Anneysha, who will be leaving us later on in the semester, and who has worked so diligently for Observer over the past two years, through website crashes and email viruses, we are so lucky to have had you on board with us, and we wish you the best in your journey forward!

I am so proud of what we have achieved in our semester so far as a team, and I cannot wait to see what we achieve next!

Thank you!

Appendix B(1): Report of the Editorial Committee. Prepared by Sarah McCrea.

This semester has been my first as an Editor at *Observer* and it's been a really positive, really busy one. With the *Observer* having well over two dozen articles out so far this semester and many new reporters joining the team, I've been focused primarily on day to day operations, including remaining active in the newsroom, supporting our engagements in the community and with stakeholders, and keeping clear lines of communication internally and externally.

To me, what we've done most successfully this semester is variety. In terms of articles, we've had explainers, investigative works, interviews, breaking news pieces, articles on campus life, and more. We've also expanded our social media presence, as well as having on-the-ground reporting with collaboration from our visual team and news team at events like BNO.

I want to acknowledge the work that everyone at the *Observer* contributes to on the daily, from our reporters skillfully and swiftly producing articles, to our visual team creating stunning graphics and photography. Thank you to our Board members as well. Anushkaa for her work as visual exec, managing communication between the teams as well as completing work of her own - such as going to BNO last week. Pat for her work as Secretary, especially all the work that's gone into this OGM. Sophie for her work as Community Exec, managing the office, and helping the people, and contributing to the positive environment at the *Observer*. Anish for managing the financial side of *Observer* with incredible knowledge. Thank you especially to Saffron for being such an amazing Editor-in-Chief. Aside from what is clear to all at the *Observer*, the amount of work she does behind the scenes is just insane

And onto our outgoing Board members. Anneysa, thank you for being a talented and dedicated web exec, and I wish you all the best upon graduation. And Eduardo, thank you for being a positive, creative, and enthusiastic part of the Editorial team.

As a team, this Semester we've proved yet again that we deliver our goal of "accurate, detailed, and timely coverage" and so much more.

Appendix B(2): Report of the Editorial Committee. Prepared by Eduardo Caceres-Sandoval.

It's been a real privilege to serve as one of the editors at ANU Observer from Semester 2 2025 to Semester 1 2026. As my term ends, I'd like to say that it was, this semester that especially reminded me why student journalism matters. We took on a lot of new reporters, but they got onto things really quickly. They didn't chase easy stories. They've been asking the tough questions, interviewing students, staff and public figures, and producing articles that have been a joy to edit.

The ANU's been through a tumultuous couple of years, especially with a changing executive, course cuts and the encroachment of the private sector upon our education, as well as AI now

changing the very meaning of what we do at ANU as students. I applaud the coverage of our reporters from last year and this year, who've covered these topics with nuance and precision, keeping ANU students aware. The articles that I got to edit did this perfectly. As part of my report, I'd like to dedicate my speech to the highlights of our coverage. .

From last year: Editing Katharina's (who was only here on exchange), article "The Rise and Fall of Genevive Bell", Sarah and Fergus's "Recovering from Renew: Who can Really Hold ANU to Account" and another of Sarah's "The Crown Jewel of Poor Governance" which I worked with her on. As well as Pat's Chat Am I in Trouble? The ANU's policy towards GenAI.

From this year, Sophie's STEM Students Defend ANU Connections to Military Contractors and ANU Removing 'Inclusive Teaching Requirements' from EAPs were both articles I also got to edit. I also especially look forward to seeing Roland and Dylan's coverage on the relationship between ANU and Anthropic.

Of course, our other function as a student news organisation is informing students on things they should know. Our new reporters have done that exceptionally well, for example, Mia's explainer on ANUSA's Birth Control Subsidies.

In terms of pushing the editorial standards and boundaries, I found that the always creatively named and entertaining pieces of Anushka's that I edited, including: Hi My Mum did not book my appointment and Loves Grows (where my telstra tower goes), serve as excellent examples of how the Observer can continue staying informative- while being entertaining to read- especially on topics that aren't breaking news. I think it's a good direction, and its one that definitely needs to be experimented with more.

Outside of the editing work, I've endeavoured to get a few journalists in to talk with our new reporters about their work. Of that, significant progress has been made and I've confirmed two for semester 2, both from the Canberra times. I've also made progress on four more, one each from the AFR, SBS, Creative Media Publishing, and Business News. CMP being based in Melbourne, and Business News in Perth. My selection of these journalists was based on giving our reporters a wider breadth of experience outside just the traditional Canberra media and political circuit. I'll continue working on this until the official end of my term, but once it ends, I'll hand over these contacts to Saffron and Sarah to choose and schedule as they see fit. I hope that these will be excellent training and networking opportunities for our new reporters.

On working as a team of editors, it's been nothing but fun. Saffron and Sarah are always on the ball. We've endeavoured to have an efficient allocation of edits as a group, and it's lightened the workload between us all.

As I end my term, I can't help but think of all the potential that awaits the ANU Observer under the helm of these two, and our future third editor sitting in this very crowd. Thank you.

Appendix C: Report of the Visual Content Executive. Prepared by Anushkaa Ahuja.

Good evening everyone.

Stepping into the role of Visual Content Executive this term has honestly been both exciting and intimidating. Observer has been shaped by years of commitment from previous executives and team members, and after working under She's guidance last term, I knew I had big shoes to fill.

At the same time, this term came with its own challenges. We experienced a major rollout of members, with many of our creatives graduating or moving on to different priorities. So a large part of this semester became about rebuilding, reimagining, and figuring out what the next visual era of Observer could look like.

One of my biggest goals this year was simple: putting Observer out there. Not just as a publication people occasionally hear about, but as a creative and journalistic space people actively engage with and recognise.

We already had a strong presence through our website and Facebook, but I believed Instagram had the potential to connect with students in a much more immediate and engaging way. To help bring that vision to life, we brought on a Social Media Manager (shoutout to Harry) and through a lot of creative back-and-forth, we developed a layout and posting style that captured Observer's minimalist journalistic identity while still feeling dynamic and accessible.

Since then, posting has become far more consistent alongside our website and Facebook schedule, and engagement has genuinely skyrocketed. Since our first article post back in April, we've seen a 7689% increase in Instagram interactions. Which is honestly insane.

This term has also shown just how strong collaboration within Observer can be. During breaking stories like Julie Bishop's resignation, both the visual and news teams came together incredibly quickly to report, design, and publish updates for the wider ANU community within minutes of the news breaking.

Despite working with a smaller visual team this term, every single member has shown incredible dedication and consistency in showing up, meeting deadlines, and actively contributing to discussions about the creative future of Observer. We've also collaborated closely with IAC throughout the semester, covering photography for events such as IAC Debating, being on the frontlines doing photography and videography for BNO, and also covered the student accommodation crisis forum alongside ANUSA and The Greens.

And moving forward, our focus remains the same: visibility, creativity, and growth. We're currently discussing new initiatives including regular digital newsletters and a comeback of our well-received newspaper – spoiler alerts, watch this space.

Overall, I'm incredibly grateful to the visual team, the news team, and everyone at Observer who has supported this term's work. I'm really excited to see where we take Observer next.

Thank you.

Appendix D: Report of the Web Executive. Prepared by Anneysha Sarkar.

My final semester as Web Executive at ANU Observer marks the end of nearly three years in the role. It has been an incredible learning experience, and I would like to thank all incoming and outgoing editors and board members for their support and collaboration throughout this time.

This semester has been a significant period of development and consolidation for the Web portfolio. Alongside my ongoing responsibilities maintaining the website infrastructure, managing systems, and inducting new members, I have focused on several key initiatives:

- Website Infrastructure & Handover

A major focus this semester has been rebuilding and improving our website infrastructure to support long-term stability and continuity. I have also developed a structured handover process for future Web Executives. In addition, preparations are underway for a significant website refresh, representing a major step forward for Observer's digital presence.

- Newsletter Systems

I contributed to setting up the technical systems for our upcoming newsletter initiative. Thanks to the work of the broader team, the newsletter is close to launch, and readers will soon begin receiving updates directly via email.

- Cybersecurity Workshops

This semester we also ran our first small cybersecurity workshop with news reporters. The session focused on digital safety and practical awareness, and we hope to continue and expand these workshops in future semesters.

Appendix E: Report of the Community Executive. Prepared by Sophie Blewitt.

Hi everyone!

I've been very lucky to step into the role of Community Executive this semester. It's been very rewarding and given me a lovely opportunity to get to know everyone better, as well as to know their tea orders. Thanks to Urja, who taught me everything I know about being Community Exec, I have spent this semester providing the snacks at meetings and keeping the Observer office clean, as well as getting our lovely new staff access to the office. I have also attempted to decorate the newsroom in the spirit of old-fashioned newscasting, brightened up with the faces of all our staff. I'm hoping to spend the rest of my term making the space a lovely working environment, with plans to decorate the newsroom table a bit more and perhaps source a few more chairs, if needed. I will be organising a social in the coming weeks to celebrate the incredible semester that Observer has had so far.

I am very grateful for the editors, especially Saffron, who have given me incredible guidance, and for Anish for handling all of the financials. Shoutout to Urja, again, who worked here last year as Community Exec and gave me a wonderful handover. This has been a straightforward job only because of all the help I've been given from the Board generally, especially the guidance in balancing being a reporter with these responsibilities. I'm very proud to contribute to Observer and I hope to make the space we work in a comfortable, generative space, where our reporters can continue to produce incredible journalism. It's been so exciting and special to contribute in this small way to the work that we do, and I can't wait to see what the rest of 2026 has in store for us.

Thank you!

Appendix F: Report of the Secretary. Prepared by Patricia Hill.

Hello everyone,

I stepped into the role of Secretary a few weeks into this semester, and following Saffron, have had very big shoes to fill! I have loved the opportunity to contribute more to the Observer outside of the newsroom. We have had a great semester at Observer, and from a governance perspective, it has been super positive. As a Board, we have had a pretty straight forward semester in terms of interpreting and applying our Constitution, so my role has been largely writing the agenda and minutes for our meetings. We have consistently held Board meetings every fortnight this semester, and have had transparent and timely minutes to follow. As a Secretary, I oversaw the filling of one casual vacancy- being Sophie as Community Exec! At our most recent Board meeting, we voted on a change to our financial policy which will be discussed later today! I ensured both of these votes were done in a fair and Constitutional manner.

I have focused a lot of my attention this Semester on reviewing our Constitution, and have identified a few areas where we can strengthen our governance, which we will discuss today. As Secretary the most important thing for me is ensuring the Observer operates in a transparent way, and continues to reflect the values and standards of the university.

I would like to thank everyone in Observer for creating and maintaining such a high standard of governance and community. As an organisation, our workplace is something to be proud of, particularly to our newer members who have really hit the ground running with such a positive attitude.

To our editors, and Editor-in-Chief, thank you for all of the insane amounts of work that you do. Thank you for answering all of my questions stepping into this role, and having such a high level of oversight to ensure everything Observer does is to such a high standard. For the rest of the year, my focus is going to be on implementing any changes we vote on tonight, and review this updated Constitution holistically to identify more areas for improvement. I really want to focus on strengthening the Observer's Constitution even more, and ensuring it continues to evolve and reflect the interests of the student community.

Thank you to everyone for showing up tonight, and allowing us to keep producing great journalism!

Appendix G: Report of the Finance Executive. Prepared by Anish Singhal.

Hi everyone!

This is my second semester as Finance Executive at ANU Observer, and my focus has remained on maintaining Observer's strong financial governance.

Over the past six months, I have been working on an internal spending review to find efficiencies, such as reviewing our recurring subscriptions. The financial system I set up earlier this year has continued to work well for managing payments, reimbursements, and university liaison. I also renewed Observer's lease and worked with team heads to track spending against the 2025 budget and adjust allocations where needed. Additionally, I liaise with the ANU

Observer Arbitration Panel to coordinate honoraria and allowance payments to the officers of The Observer.

My primary goal for the next 3-4 months before my tenure ends is to make Observer's financials more structured and increase transparency within and outside of The Observer. I am working on creating more documentation, setting clearer reporting timelines, and making sure all processes are clearly documented for a smooth handover.

Thank you so much to everyone here today! If there is an area or a new idea that you think The Observer should explore, please get in touch with the board, and I'll do my best to look at different ways to support those ideas :)

Item 4: Items for Decision

Item 4.1 Election

Returning Officer: Tom Foley.

4.1.1 Outcome of Election

Editor x 1

Outcome: Anushka

Returning officer's decision as legitimate: Yes

Moved by: Pat

Seconded: Sarah

Item 4.2 Motion to Amend s.1.2.3 of the ANU Observer Constitution

Current: s.1.2.3 These interpretations may both be overruled by a majority vote at a General Meeting.

Proposed Amendment

s.1.2.3 These interpretations may both be overruled by a special resolution at a General Meeting, as proscribed under Section 16.1 of this Constitution.

Rationale

To keep interpretations in line with Observer standards of decision-making, as set out in s.15.5.2 and s.16.1.

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat

Second: Eduardo

Item 4.3 Motion to Add s.4.31 (f) to the ANU Observer Constitution

Proposed Amendment

f) Payment Policy, describing the payment of allowances and Honoraria to be compliant with SSAF permitted purposes.

Rationale

To account for transparency in Observer's finances and spending as a student organisation.

Passed by majority.

Moved: Pat

Second: Saffron

Item 4.3 Motion to Remove s.7.5.3 of the ANU Observer Constitution

Current

s.7.5.3 Section 7.6.3. may be ruled out by decision of the board.

Proposed Amendment

Removal.

Rationale

Consistency and clarity within the Observer Constitution.

Passed by majority.

Moved: Pat

Second: Pia

Item 4.4 Motion to Amend s.10.3.1 of the ANU Observer Constitution

Current:

s.10.3.1. Elected Officials will hold their positions from 1 December in the year of their election, until 30 November the following year.

Proposed Amendment

s.10.3.1 Elected Officials will hold their positions for a whole term (which will be a full year).

Rationale

As Observer is a student-run organisation, many Elected Officials enter their term mid-way through the year due to degree plans, exchange opportunities, or graduations. This amendment would ensure that the terms of Elected Officials reflect a true year of service, as well as allow them to enter the role in the semester following their election. This minimises the reliance on casual vacancies.

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat

Second: Sarah

Item 4.5 Motion to Add s.10.3.1.1 to the ANU Observer Constitution

Proposed Amendment

s.10.3.1.1 Casual vacancies which are filled by decision of the Board, will hold their position for a whole term from the semester in which they're elected (which will be a full year).

Rationale

To be in line with s.10.3.1.

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat

Second: Sophie

Item 4.6 Motion to Amend s.10.4.1 of the ANU Observer Constitution

Current

s.10.4.1 Elected Officials may be removed by a motion of no confidence, as specified in section 13.5.

Proposed Amendment

s.10.4.1 Elected Officials may be removed by a Special Resolution at a General Meeting, or by a 75% vote of the Board only in cases of urgent misconduct, subject to ratification at the next General Meeting.

Rationale

To allow for removal mechanisms for Board members, ensuring it remains representative of Observer's standards.

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat

Second: Ava

Item 4.7 Motion to Amend s.10.5.1 of the ANU Observer Constitution

Current

s.10.5. Casual Vacancies

10.5.1. Should any Elected Official position become vacant, the position may be filled by a unanimous vote of the Board.

10.5.2. If the Board does not fill the position, the position must be filled at the next General Meeting through an election in accordance with the Electoral Regulations.

Proposed Amendment

s.10.5.1 Should any Elected Official position become vacant, the position may be filled by a majority vote of the Board.

Rationale

To ease in filling vacancies promptly and efficiently, and to bring it in line with the current decision-making procedures within the Constitution (i.e. ss.4.1.2, 6.1.4, 8.7.1).

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat

Second: Anushka

Item 4.8 Motion to Amend s.11.4.1 of the ANU Observer Constitution

Current

s.11.4.1 Officers may be removed by a decision of the Board.

Proposed Amendment

Officers may be removed by a majority decision of the Board.

Rationale

This amendment is not substantive, as a decision of the Board is already assumed to be a majority decision under s.6.1.4. However, this amendment is proposed so as to give the Constitution greater clarity for the student community.

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat

Second: Saffron

Item 4.9 Motion to Amend s.13.1.1 of the ANU Observer Constitution

Current

s.13.1.1 There shall be annual elections for the all Elected Official positions in Semester 2 conducted in accordance with the Election Regulations.

Proposed Amendment

s.13.1.1 There shall be elections at each General Meeting, subject to positions needing to be filled under s.10.3.1 and 10.3.1.1 of this Constitution.

Rationale

To allow positions to be filled via election as they arise. This way, a position that comes up in Semester 1 does not have to be filled via casual vacancy until the Semester 2 OGM.

Question regarding the duration of the terms. Clarification it was for the period of two semesters.

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat

Second: Nurul

Item 4.10 Motion to Add s.13.1.6 to the ANU Observer Constitution

Proposed Amendment

13.1.6 Votes may be cast in person at the General Meeting or by electronic means as prescribed in the Electoral Regulations, provided all members are given equal opportunity to vote.

Passed by majority

Move: Pat

Second: Pia

Item 4.11 Motion to Add s.13.1.7 to the ANU Observer Constitution

Proposed Amendment

13.1.7 When running for an elected position on the ANU Observer Board, an officer's position will be deemed ineligible were they found to have conducted any form of bribery, intimidation, or false statements to ensure their elected position.

Rationale

To ensure elections reflect the interests of voting students, and to prevent any vote-stacking which may prevent the Observer from achieving its Objects under s.1.4 of the Constitution.

Passed by majority
Moved: Pat
Second: Anushkaa

Item 4.12 Motion to Add s.13.1.7 (a) to the ANU Observer Constitution

Proposed Amendment

- a) Investigations into such allegations will be conducted by the Arbitration Panel.

Passed by Majority
Move: Pat
Second: Nurul

Item 4.13 Motion to Add s.14.3.7 to the ANU Observer Constitution

Proposed Amendment

4.3.7- The Arbitration Panel may deliberate on the removal of any member of the Executive Board Team for serious misconduct.

Rationale

The current item outlines the powers of the Arbitration Panel. Currently, the panel has powers to remove any officer, meaning news team members or anyone on our honoraria roll, however, this does not apply to members of the executive board. This amendment ensures the accountability of Board members.

Question regarding who sat on the arbitration panel. Answer- the arbitration panel is five independent law students who deal with any matters arising. Their contact details are on our website.

Passed by majority
Moved: Pat
Second: Saffron

Item 4.14 Motion to Add s.14.3.7 a) to the ANU Observer Constitution

Proposed Amendment

Addition of 14.3.7 a) This deliberation is subject to appeal at a General Meeting.

Passed by majority
Moved: Pat
Second: Maddie

Item 4.15 Motion to Amend s.15.5.1(b) of the ANU Observer Constitution

Current

s.15.5.1(b) Votes on resolutions to dismiss Officers should be conducted upon written, anonymous ballots.

Proposed Amendment

s.15.5.1(b) Votes on resolutions to dismiss Officers should be conducted upon written, or electronic, anonymous ballots.

Rationale

To bring the Constitution in line with current election methods.

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat

Second: Will

Item 5: Items for Decision- Addition to the ANU Observer Constitution

Item 5.1 Proposed Addition of Section 18 to the ANU Observer Constitution

Proposed Amendment

Section 18: Compliance with Funding Agreements.

Rationale

To ensure our Constitution remains up to standard, we propose the addition of Section 18 of the ANU Observer Constitution- "*Compliance with Funding Agreements*". The following items are proposed to be included. While this section is not strictly required, *Observer* is committed to ensuring transparency over our conduct in relation to funding agreements.

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat

Second: Sarah

Item 5.2 Proposed Addition of s.18.1 to the ANU Observer Constitution

Proposed Amendment

Section 18.1 The ANU Observer must not use any funds, either directly or indirectly, for the following purposes;

- a) The purchase or supply alcohol, or;

- b) To support a political party, or;

- c) To support the election of a person as a member of a Commonwealth or state or territory parliament, or as a member of a local government body.

- d) For any purpose not accounted for in s.18.2

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat

Second: Saffron

Item 5.3 Proposed Addition of s.18.2 to the ANU Observer Constitution

Proposed Amendment

Section.18.2 The ANU Observer must only use funds for the purposes set out in its SSAF Agreement for the relevant period.

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat
Second: Anushka

Item 5.4 Proposed Addition of s.18.3 and subsections to the ANU Observer Constitution

Proposed Amendment

Section 18.3.1 Regarding the management of ANU Observer funds and accounts;

a) The Observer must ensure that funds received are paid into an account with the Observer's name, to which only the Observer controls, with an authorised deposit-taking institution authorised under the *Banking Act 1959 (Cth)* to carry on banking business in Australia, which is solely used for receipt of the Funds and interest (the Account);

b) The ANU Observer must notify the ANU, prior to the receipts of any Funds, of the details of the Account; and

c) If the ANU Observer changes accounts, it must notify the ANU and provide details of the Account, and comply with s.18.3.1(a).

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat
Second: Saffron

Item 5.6 Proposed Addition of s.18.3.2 and subsections to the ANU Observer Constitution

Proposed Amendment

Section 18.3.2 Regarding the accounting of ANU Observer funds;

a) The ANU Observer must keep appropriate records of receipts and expenditures of Funds to the standard they are all identifiable and ascertainable.

b) The ANU Observer must keep records in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat
Second: Ava

Item 5.7 Proposed Addition of s.18.4 to the ANU Observer Constitution

Proposed Amendment

Section 18.4 The ANU Observer must ensure that all Reports submitted to the ANU are available on the front page of its website within a reasonable time.

Passed by majority

Moved: Pat
Second: Charlotte

Item 6: Items for Discussion

Item 6.1 Honoraria

As a Board, we passed the following amendment to our Finance policy.

“Board members are not eligible to receive honoraria for the payment periods that they receive allowance payments for.”

Item 6.2

Question: Are executive meetings the same as Board meetings? And are the minutes available, they aren't a constitutional requirement?

Answer: The minutes are required under our obligations as a student organisation. They are available on our website. Executive meetings are the same Board meetings.

Item 7: Other Business

We are meeting our SSAF Obligations.

Moved: Pat

Seconded: Saffron

Item 8: Date of next meeting and Close of Meeting

Close of meeting: 8:04pm

Date of next meeting: Next Semester!