



THE ANU OBSERVER

Meeting of The ANU Observer Council

11-09-2019

Expected Open of Meeting: 6:20pm

Item 1 - Attendance and Apologies

Adelle and Ash sent apologies.

Item 2 - Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by Eliza.

Item 3 - Previous Action Items

Konstantinos Contact Doco people and Backup the Google Drive and Observer Documents.

Kon: sent a few emails to doco people; backup has not been done yet but will be done tonight

Jules to give Eliza docs to print by 10 September.

Jules: Get documents soon, but probably not by tomorrow.

Jules: Emailed John, probably next week.

Eliza: Tuesday I can do it. Hopefully then.

Jules: The receipts look good.

Jules to flag 11 September date with John.

Eliza to print and hand in 11 September.

Jules to contact Arbitration re: allowances and honoraria

Jules: Not yet. I still have questions, trying to figure out how to calculate Jess' stipend.

Eliza: She was here till the first day of the semester, so stipend till then.

Jules: Yep, will need to do the calculations.

Jules: looks like people might have been paid like \$10 too little last year

Eliza: that's not a big issue, people had the chance to comment and also our system rounds down

Jules: There were lots of splits because of people coming and going.

Konstantinos to contact Ash

Eliza: Yep all done.

Item 4 - Reports

4.1 News Report

Eliza: It's been quiet, but we had a busy wednesday with SRC two weeks ago and couple of days ago got the Burg drama. Meeting with James tomorrow and all the issues with media have calmed down. Any questions?

4.2 Digital Report

Nothing significant to report. I had a talk with Stavors today and he seems to be quite busy. He is going to help to recruit the new web team, as he may not continue to next year. I am currently working on our digital budget (SSAF) for next year.

4.3 Financial Report

Jules: Nothing substantial. All the documentation is done, I will just need to receive all receipts and compile together. We still have two weeks for SSAF.

Eliza: COB Monday 16th for SSAF.

4.4 Chair's Report

Eliza: APologies for not submitting one. Only real update is office. Apologetic response from Jason (in Slack). He was on leave for a few weeks, but gave us a cost estimate. \$9380 a year, but did not mention how much the remainder of the year. Only 3 months of rent left. How we are going to spend the \$200 later.

SSAF: I am meeting with Maddy Wang tomorrow. If anyone has anything to raise, please tell me. We desparately need to be paid more, so pls back us up. That's what I will be pitching.

Jules: ANUSA leaders are underpaid.

Eliza: Curious to see what ANUSA has to see. Interesting to see what the big players say as SSAF is not gonna increase as a pool. They can't keep expanding their bids, as we do.

Moved by Jules.

Item 5 - Items for Decision

Item 6 - Items for Discussion

Item 7 - Other Business

Spare \$2000

Eliza: if rent is going to be \$9380 it would be good to allow 500-600 to get extra money for furniture. Get some fun things. This creates a spare \$2000 leftover. Options:

1. We put it in Honoraria and allowances and increase everyone's pay. Editor's allowance up by 300 bucks. Everyone else proportiannly.
2. We use that money to bulk buy some merchandise and buy us a lot of shirts.
3. In favour most: we use our equipment budget to buy laptop and extra two grants to buy a desktop computer for the office. It is a good option because the computer is an item for the office and have the flexibility of the laptop.

Jules: I prefer the third option; prevents having to re-jig the budget

Konstantinos: I like all the options. I think the third one is an attractive option; it would give us the flexibility to get something now.

Action: Konstantinos to buy laptop

Spending money

Eliza: We have some money that we were supposed to purchase and buy those items and put them in the SSAF documentation. Short sleeve t shirts and subs to Canberra Times.

Konstantine: Good to proceed

Everyone: Yes

Eliza: Konstantine, let me know if you have any changes in mind. I will order those on the weekend.

Action: Eliza to order new T-Shirts

Action: Eliza to purchase CT subscription

Item 8 - Recall Actionables

Action: Jules to compile Audit docs

Eliza to print and hand in docs

Action: Eliza to order new T-Shirts

Action: Eliza to purchase CT subscription

Action: Konstantinos to buy laptop

Jules to invoice ANU for SSAF

Jules to contact Arbitration

Expected Close of Meeting: 6:44pm