

GUPSA - Board Meeting	
Meeting time and date:	Friday 20 March 12pm-1pm
Meeting venue:	N16 1.44 & Online
Attendees 1. Cassidy Winter (CW) 2. Julia Robertson (JR) 3. Tracy Meehan (TM) 4. Kargen Rajaratnam (KR) 5. Blanche Alexander (BA) 6. Natasha Nyikole (NN) 7. Holly Hawkins (HH) - Board Secretary	

	Meeting open - TM opened the meeting at 12:00pm
1.	Acknowledgement of Country - TM delivered the Acknowledgement of Country
2.	Apologies & Proxies - None were received
3.	Previous minutes & matters arising Motion: Motion to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting. Moved: CSW Seconded: TM Motion: Carried, Unanimous.
4.	Grant Funding Request - CW questioned if GUPSA had previously provided funding for this program

	event. - HH confirmed that either SRC or GUPSA or both had provided funding yes, in recent years. - BA asked for more information about attendance numbers and what the impact of the event is. - HH will seek more information from the applicant. Tabled until more information is provided.
5.	Staff Report - HH provided an overview of the submitted report. - No questions.
6.	Board Vacancies - HH spoke to the current vacancies on the board, with two additional positions now available due to study workload pressures. - HH proposed that instead of an E-ballot election process, we ask for nominations and appoint as permitted in the constitution. - All in agreeance with this process. - HH to start the process asap.
7.	Food & Discount meal and coffee cards - HH spoke to the initiative and told board members to request cards if they would like to give any out to students.
8.	Any Other Business - CW mentioned that she has been impressed with the Chill n Grill roll out and is pleased to see that it's so successful. - CW raised concerns that the other meal drops were too high cost per head and were not in line with what was discussed in the planning sessions and did not align with the purpose. - CW asked if the high cost is a barrier to getting more food for more students and wondered if the food trucks meant students were missing the

	opportunity to connect. - There was a broad agreement. - BA gave an update from the Indigenous Research Unit and highlighted that there was an upcoming Writing Retreat, there would be a call for abstracts for the upcoming research symposium. Outcomes to be announced in May. - BA will share more details about the upcoming event with the board when information is available. - KR asked for an update on the editing workshops and services. - HH provided a brief update but will provide more details in the next meeting. - JR highlighted that the HDR Consultative Committee will be running Mental Health & Wellbeing sessions for HDR students and will share more information when that is released.
9.	Meeting closed 12:29pm