Student Representative Council - Board Meeting	
Meeting time and date:	22 July 2026, 10-12pm
Meeting venue:	**N16_1.44 + Online**
Attendees 1. Spencer Holzheimer (SH) 2. Connor Widdowson (CW) 3. Daniel Connor (DC) 4. Archie Howgate (AH) 5. Olivia Walden (OW) 6. Kyle Low (KL) 7. Kore Opie (KO) 8. Mariska Simpson (MS) 9. Lana Browne (LB) 10. Holly Hawkins (HH) – Manager, Student Associations Governance / Board Secretary 11. Jenna Corby (JC)– Student Associations Manager Operations	
Apologies Nil	

	Meeting open **Time: 9:59**
1.	Acknowledgement of Country - SH opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country
2.	Apologies & Proxies - NA

3.	Previous minutes & matters arising - **No comments** **Motion: Motion to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.** **Moved: OW** **Seconded: AH** **Motion: Carried, unanimous**
4.	**Standing Agenda Items for noting** - **Chair's Report** - **SH** started the report reflecting on Edcon - **AH** 'Heard it went off' - **SH** confirmed that yes, they had to cancel the conference early due to security concerns. - **SH** noted that the other discussion item is the AI discussion. SH gave an update on the progress of the AI statement and further discussions. - **SH s**hared a document in the board chat containing motions and a petition. - **SH** spoke to the motions he'd repared, presenting a holistic approach to this matter. - **SH** noted he would like to request documents and conduct opinion polling, etc. - **SH** relayed that he had spoken with several people asking for draft policies, but these have not been provided. Noting that university seems to appreciate student representatives, but not those who are asking the questions. Access to the requested documents has been deemed "unfeasible." - **KL** asked whether a written chair's report could be provided in the future. - **Staff Report** - Reps reviewed the report, no comments
5.	**Expanded Support for End of Trimester and Exam Period** – **AH** spoke to this agenda item and would like to see expanded support for

	end of trimester and exam period – Would like to see 'fun snack' expansion also i.e. sugary – **OW** noted that she was on campus late a lot over the end of tri and exam period and there were no food options – **OW** asked if theres capacity for an SRC dinner service on a Thursday night from week 10 to 2nd week of exams. – **AH** Noted that we could target based on when exams are happening etc. – **SH** stated that we could even promote via clubs/ co-host with cultural clubs – **LB** would like to see quick re-heat meals available after hours. – **SH** noted that it gives people a reason to study on campus and confirmed that he agrees with all of this [motion]. **Motion: That the SRC expands existing student support initiatives during peak assessment periods, including the examination period, as well as offering a dinner service once a week during this period.** **Moved: AH** **Seconded: SH** **Motion: Carried** **For: AH, SH, CW, DC, OW, LB, MS, KO** **Against: -** **Abstain: KL** **ACTION: Expand snack/meals after hours from week 10 – second week of exams. Host 1 x per week dinner during these weeks.**
6.	**NUS Affiliation** – **DC** noted that he didn't think this will be a contentious issue. – **DC** explained that he's connected with NUS about securing a discount in the fees. – **DC** noted that the SRC was unable to have delegates at the last conference because we had not paid the fee. – **HH** clarified the finance issue.

	– **SH** suggested that the board makes a continuing statement that staff seek a reduced fee each year. – **KO** suggested that the SRC does not seek a fee waiver and pay the full fee to the Student Organisation [NUS]. – **SH** disagreed, stating that we should seek the fee waiver, because there are unions with a lot more income but still seek a fee waiver. – **SH** stated that it should be budgeted appropriately for each year. – **SH** added that we should be sending the editor of GRIFFITTI and support student media having a presence at the conference. – This started an unrelated converstation to NUS affiliation. – **OW** suggesting that it's tabled until there is more information available. – **KO** noting it should be revisited when costings are available. – **KL** no matter what happens, we need to ensure that we have invoices paid. **ACTION** – Next meeting agenda GRIFFITTI discussion & what's next.
7.	**Motion for SRC elections to be held in-person to ensure preferential voting** – **KO** stated that they put this motion forward because there have been previous discussions about this. Believes, we should have a fair, democratic election via in-person voting this year. – **MS** stated that she doesn't believe in-person voting is equitable in any capacity. It excludes online students and questioned whether we'd employ people to host ballots and whether they'd be available on all campuses. Appreciates the value of democracy but questioned how this approach is equitable and fair. – **KO** noted that UQ and QUT use an external Returning Officer (RO). – **SH** noted we have a number of campuses by comparison to UQ & QUT. – **AH** stated that we have a very large online cohort. – **KL** stated that preferential voting is properly democratic. – **SH** stated that he doesn't disagree with preferential voting but is against in-person voting. – **HH** gave an estimate of staff costs and the limitations that exist for this motion. – **MS** queried who would be checking the ballots. – **LB** suggested there is surely a way to turn it into a form.

	– **KL** noted that ideally there would be an online voting option. Raised the question of how to make elections properly democratic now. – **CW** noted that he appreciates the points raised by KL and KO, but would much rather the group represent all students and believes, there's got to be a better way to engage online students in elections. – **JC** suggested that a few options could be costed. – **SH** noted that he's identified three issues: whether voting is in-person, what system is used, and what system is needed to elect delegates. Believes it's agreed that preferential voting cannot be achieved for this election cycle. – **KL** stated that he doesn't think the current election method is democratic and believes this matters going forward. – **LB** suggested going to the University to investigate, noting we may have to accept a less-than-ideal system in the meantime. – **JC** confirmed that we've had NUS delegates in the past. – **SH** added that if we're moving toward portfolio roles, we should see how that plays out first. **Motion: That this motion be tabled.** **Moved: SH** **Seconded: DC** **Motion: Carried** **For: AH, SH, CW, DC, OW, LB, MS** **Against: -** **Abstain: KL, KO** **ACTION: Staff to cost options and present at the next meeting.**
8.	**Griffith SRC supports the National Day of Action against Hanson** - **KL** Self-explanatory motion, this is in response to the rise of Pauline Hanson, which is a pressing national issue. The attacks One Nation is waging are against the students we represent. They are attacking people's rights and identities, representing the extreme right wing.

	- **KL** proposed that we promote and support it via our socials. Raised the broader question of how we will challenge far-right policy beyond this. - **DC** Confirmed support for it. - **KL** Asked if the board could discuss this further. - **OW** Asked what the day of action entails. - **KL** Explained it's a protest, and the plans are still evolving. Currently it involves a rally in the city, with student unions and clubs on campuses promoting it to students, ideally bringing along contingents of attendees. - **LB** Noted that Griffith is a fairly left-leaning university. - **CW** Agreed there would likely be a lot of support for it. - **KL** Sees this as an opportunity to discuss the various political points in response, noting there will be students who support One Nation, whom we also represent. - **SH** Believes there is a shared sentiment towards Pauline Hanson and supports the National Day of Action. **Motion: The SRC will support the protest and post about it on our Instagram page.** **Moved: KL** **Seconded: OW** **Motion: Carried, unanimous** **ACTION: Staff to promote post on socials.**
9.	**Advocacy for Chinese Student Amidst Huge Floods** - **OW** Spoke to this agenda item. There have been 39 deaths, and hundreds of thousands displaced or otherwise significantly affected. Given that we have several international students and the scale of this tragedy, it's important to release a statement standing in solidarity, along with wellbeing connections, acknowledgement, and support. - **CW** Suggested we include numbers for relevant support services. - **LB** Agreed this makes sense and more broadly suggested also recognising other natural disasters and providing support for those. Noted that there may be financial burdens on students whose families have been affected. - Stated that it is hard to fully comprehend the effects.

	Motion: SRC release a statement on this tragedy, and stand in solidarity with Chinese students **Moved: OW** **Seconded: CW** **Motion: Carried, Unanimous** **ACTION: Staff to draft statement with OW and post on socials/website.**
10.	**Outstanding Updates** **Possum boxes** - **JC** stated that the recommendation is to use smaller fauna boxes, as possums aren't necessarily in need of homes. - **LB** suggested we could also do insect hotels and frog hotels. - **JC** outlined that boxes cost $250–450 each; the Griffith team can install them, which should be very cost-effective. - Boxes can be painted with specific paint. - This information is for GU campuses only and JC has not yet reached out to BCC, as this is a separate matter. - **JC** asked for guidance on the student benefit / SSAF alignment. - **SH** reflected that the costs are higher than expected. Suggested the local Men's Shed could construct the boxes, and then we could hold an event where students assemble and paint them - turning it into a group activity. - **JC** clarified this means the goal is an engagement activity. - **JC** noted there are cheaper options available, but these lack the wildlife expertise and durability needed to withstand the elements. **Library** - **JC** noted that there's been some progress on library conversations. Chargers will be possible, but bean bags will require a bigger conversation. **Gender Health Gap Bursary** - **JC** We have the budget, and we've rewritten a position description for an advocacy role that will be responsible for bursaries like this one.

11.	**Operations T1 review and budget update** - **JC** spoke to the T1 and budget overview. - **AH** asked if staff are already preparing for City campus expansion. - **JC** confirmed that yes, preparing as much as possible.
12.	**SESC Update** - **HH** gave an update from the SESC re Learnwise endorsement, opt out approach and that it's proposed for all courses from T3. - **LB** reflected that they did a course with it embedded and it was very helpful.
	- **LB left the meeting 11:39**
13	**Election Dates Confirmation** - No comments **Motion: To approve the election dates.** **Moved: SH** **Seconded: DC** **Motion: Carried, Unanimous**
14	**Student Matter** **This portion of the meeting was held *in camera*** [redacted]

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15	**Student Governance Review & SSAF allocations** **This portion of the meeting was held *in camera*** [redacted]
16.	**Meeting close** **12:06**

Summary of Motions

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Motion: To approve the election dates.	**All**		