GUPSA Board Meeting

Friday 15 August, 2025

GUPSA - Board Meeting	
Meeting time and date:	3 July 1pm – 2:20pm
Meeting venue:	**Online Microsoft Teams**
Attendees 1. Wajiha Sarfraz (WS) 2. Tracy Meehan (TM) 3. Nilay Sarker (NS) 4. Carla Sofia Meiggs Cortez (CMC) 5. Susan Teather (ST)	
Observers 1. Michael Carden - GUPSA Support and Events Coordinator (MC) 2. Jenna Corby – Student Associations Manager (JC)	

	Meeting open Meeting opened at 1:03pm by the chair Tracy Meehan (TM) (WS was feeling unwell and TM had offered to Chair)
1.	**Acknowledgement of Country** • TM Delivered the Acknowledgement of Country
2.	**Apologies & Proxies** • Apology received for Adel Abdelfattah, proxy to Nilay. • Apology received for Cassidy Winter, proxy to Tracy. • MC advised the Board that Drishti and Sirwaich have finished their studies at Griffith and are no longer students here. According to the constitution they are no longer members of the Board.

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3.	**Previous minutes & matters arising** • MC advised the board that Tracy's online student support item from the last meeting had been carried forward due to lack of quorum at the previous. **Motion: Motion to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.** **Moved: WS** **Seconded: NS** **Motion Carried unanimous**
4.	**Online Student Support** • TM spoke to her proposal. • MC proposed that the next item, the Digital Collective funding request, be incorporated into this discussion as it covered the same ground. • JC spoke to what the SRC had decide about the similar proposal from the DC for undergrad digital students. • After further discussion the following motion was put. **Motion: That GUPSA provide 100 x $50 vouchers for online students as per the Digital Student Collective funding request** **Moved: TM** **Seconded: ST** **Motion Carried unanimous**
5.	**Digital Collective Funding Request** • Was incorporated into the previous item on Online Student Support
6.	**CAPA SCM and Gradcon**

	• MC spoke on the upcoming CAPA Special Council Meeting being held at UQ 21 August hosted by the postgrad association there, APS. GUPSA needs an accredited delegate, others can attend as well but must have an accredited delegate authorised to vote. The SCM is followed by a national HDR plenary. We need someone to be our accredited delegate • MC also spoke on Gradcon, a national postgrad association networking conference being held at UQ 22 August. It's a chance for GUPSA Board members to meet counterparts • NS expressed interest in being the GUPSA delegate to the CAPA SCM. WS said she had been interested but was reluctant as she was unwell. • The Board accepted the offer by NS to attend the SCM as official GUPSA delegate • MC will complete the delegate accreditation form for NS and send to CAPA. MC will also email the Board re attending Gradcon and then register everyone interested in attending
7.	**Queensland Collaboration** • MC reported that the APS at UQ had contacted GUPSA and the QUT postgrad association about further networking after Gradcon, including meetings. The Sunshine Coast postgrad association have proposed a picnic or coffee catchup with other SEQ postgrad associations in November.
8.	**Vote for Palestine** • The SRC is holding a meeting of students to hold a vote on Palestine 20 August at Nathan. • Need to post the meeting notice on GUPSA socials. MC advised he doesn't have access and need to wait until Sophie back from leave next week.

	• JC gave some additional information. It's part of a national event across universities and auspiced by NUS and other national organisations. Mitch has access to socials in Sophie's absence. **ACTION:** MC to get SRC posts shared to GUPSA socials

9.	**General Business**
	• JC reported on 2 SRC initiatives about the following issues:
	  ○ Changes to Translink means the Altandi shuttle will stop operating. The intercampus bus to MG campus will be replaced by shuttle which will no longer stop at GRIDD or MG bus station
	  ○ Griffith Accommodation is planning to demolish college buildings and replace them
	• WS expressed appreciation for TM taking on the Chair role for the meeting

10.	**Scheduling of next meeting** • 1pm Thursday 4 September 2025.
11.	**Meeting close** 1:58pm