

Date: 24th April 2024

Location: N78_4.26 & Microsoft Teams

Chair: Iqira Saeed

Minute Taker: Cory Everdell

Attendees:

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| - Cassidy Winter | LGBTIQ+ Officer |
| - Minh Anh Huynh | Sustainability Officer |
| - Charlie Tran | Communications Officer |
| - Iqira Saeed | Research Officer |
| - Tracy Meehan | Online Officer |
| - Sanika Pujari | Women's Officer |
| - Kanchana Wijesekera | Carers Officer |
| - Drishti Madaan | Coursework Officer |
| - Jushal Saini | International Officer (from 11.24am) |

Observers

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| - Cory Everdell | Student Associations Manager |
| - Jenna Corby | Advocacy & Engagement Coordinator |
| - Chantelle Hollenbach | Student Associations Officer |

Apologies

- Apologies received from Kate Kingston

Meeting Commenced at 11.05am

Acknowledgment of Country

- Iqira gave acknowledgement of country.

Agenda Item 1: Previous Minutes

- Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes from 9th February 2024 as being true and correct.
 - o Moved: Cassidy
 - o Seconded: Kanchana
 - o Carried

Agenda Item 2: New GUPSA Board Members

- The board welcomed new board members Tracy Meehan (Online Officer) & Drishti Madaan (Coursework Officer) to GUPSA.

Agenda Item 3: Welfare Subcommittee Update

- Cassidy updated the board on the Welfare Subcommittee brainstorming session ideas for the board to consider.
 - o Introducing student pantry at the Queensland Conservatorium and Mt Gravatt campuses. GUPSA board was supportive of this.
 - o Nathan Pantry
 - Introducing a limit on items that can be taken each day? Board's preference was for a limit of 3 items.
 - Consistency of service. GUPSA board supportive of changing this to one set day per week so students can plan for this. Discussion was held around frequency of service and benefit to students who access campus on different days of the week. This idea to be further explored with Welfare Subcommittee.
 - o Zero Waste Station to provide soap, body wash etc to students in reusable containers. Board was supportive of this idea but requested costings to be put together. Requested limits like the Nathan pantry limits.

Agenda Item 4: Student Satisfaction Survey

- Michael referred to the Monash Graduate Association student survey previously sent to the board and requested if GUPSA would like to participate and have this sent out to Griffith postgraduate students.
- Board was in favour of this and requested that GCAP are also notified so that Gold Coast students can share their experiences.
- Motion: To include GUPSA in the annual Monash Student Satisfaction Survey together with GCAP.
 - o Moved: Cassidy
 - o Seconded: Charlie
 - o Carried

Agenda Item 5: Small Events Application -Emerging Industry Leaders Program

- Michael introduced the funding application from the HDR Careers space for catering for the Emerging Industry Leaders Program. Requesting \$400 from GUPSA. It was noted that GCAP have already approved funding for Gold Coast postgraduate students.
- Motion: To approve the funding request for the HDR Emerging Industry Leaders Program
 - o Moved: Charlie
 - o Seconded: Kanchana
 - o In favour: 8
 - o Against: 0

- Abstained: 1
- Carried

Graduate Visa Update

- Charlie updated the board on the VISA 485 issues. Previously, GUPSA signed a joint statement with 13 other Australian Universities against the changes. Given the amendment to these VISA's has not been formalised and impacts a large number of postgraduate students, Charlie has been in contact with the other involved universities that signed the letter to promote and develop a stronger platform between universities to voice their dissent before the changes are announced mid-2024.
- With this, the universities are continuing to develop a framework for further collaboration and share reports. Charlie referred to the "Reviewing the Detrimental Impact to Australia's Future of the Federal Government's Migration Strategy" prepared by the Monash Graduate Association.
- Actions: Charlie to write social media & website blurbs to share with their students to make them aware.
- Motion: To share this information with Griffith Postgraduate community through the GUPSA social media channels and website.
 - Moved: Charlie
 - Seconded: Cassidy
 - Carried

Faires Fair Campaign

- Charlie updated the board on the Fares Fair campaign led by the QUT Guild. GUPSA has supported this campaign together with the SRC in sending a letter to the State Minister for Transport – Bart Mellish. GUPSA has also communicated this with students via GUPSA's social media accounts. Charlie mentioned there will be future meetings between the student associations who have supported this and invited other GUPSA members to attend.

General Business

- Green Impact Program - Minh has signed up for this program and invited any other GUPSA members who are interested to join.
- AUSLAN Classes – GUPSA board supportive of offering classes to postgraduate students in the same format as joint SRC/GUPSA first aid and CPR courses.
- Events – Drishti requested to be involved in the SRC events subcommittee – Cory to add Drishti.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 29th May, time to be confirmed in GUPSA Teams channel.

Meeting closed at 12.31pm

Signed



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