

Date: 20th October 2023

Location: N53_-1.21 & Microsoft Teams

Chair: Daniel de Vries

Minute Taker: Cory Everdell

Attendees:

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| - Daniel de Vries | Coursework Officer |
| - Jessica Gundolf | Women's Officer |
| - Samuel King | Indigenous Officer |
| - Kate Kingston | Disability Officer |
| - Geoff Ebbs | Sustainability Officer |
| - Marian Sassoli | International Officer |
| - Cassidy Winter | LGBTIQ+ Officer |
| - Charlie Tran | Communications Officer |

Observers

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| - Cory Everdell | Board Secretary |
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Apologies

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| - Bogdan Mamaev | Research Officer (Proxy assigned to Charlie Tran) |
| - Catherine Sanders | Online Officer |

Meeting Commenced at 2.06pm

Acknowledgment of Country

- D. de Vries gave acknowledgement of country.

Agenda Item 1: Previous Minutes

- Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes from 23rd August 2023 as being true and correct
 - o Moved: C. Winter
 - o Seconded: M. Sassoli
 - o Carried

Agenda Item 2: Repair Café Funding

- Proposal was put to the Sustainability Committee – initially supportive but then unsupportive.
- Discussion – ensuring that GUPSA is getting recognition for supporting the initiative. Advocacy for future repair café's at a University level. Would be worth writing a formal letter from the GUPSA board in support of the right to repair café to apply some pressure for the University to fund in future years. Geoff to draft this letter together with Charlie and Cassidy.
 - Motion: To approve \$1,000 to support one more Repair Café at the Nathan Campus
 - Moved: G. Ebbs
 - Seconded: C. Tran
 - Carried

Agenda Item 3: GUPSA Surplus Funds Distribution

- A group of students have written to the HDR Consultative Committee to request GUPSA spend their funding on cost-of-living support and 2 possible solutions were tabled:
 - Proposal 1
 - Assisting postgrads in need to assist with cost of living through vouchers.
 - Proposal 2
 - Food support for students in the form of a dinner or food vouchers
 - Discussion – is this support to assist students in the short term or long term?
 - Coffees, dinners for 2024
 - Possible process for a voucher system:
 - All students are invited to apply for the funds based on need.
- Decision for the remainder of 2023 funding
 - Motion: To use the remaining GUPSA funds to host a student support dinner to be held at Nathan campus in November.
 - Moved: C. Winter
 - Seconded: G. Ebbs
 - Carried

Agenda Item 4: Recommendations for the 2024 GUPSA Board

- C. Tran outlined his recommendations for the incoming 2024 GUPSA Board
 - Handoff report to incoming members will be a good idea – brain dump of ideas from outgoing board members to assist incoming board members
 - All continuing members to attend training so they can give insights to new board members
- Motion: To adopt the handover document
 - Moved: C. Winter
 - Seconded: C. tran
 - Carried

Other Business

GUPSA Elections

- Complaint came through from Postgrad student regarding 2023 Annual GUPSA Elections. Health Services Management students were initially unable to vote & students could nominate for multiple positions
 - o GUPSA stance – wanting students be involved. Not allowing multiple nominations would stand against this.

Next Meeting

- The 2024 GUPSA board will decide on the next meeting time and place after they commence on 1st November 2023.

Meeting closed at 3.17pm.