Griffith University Student Representative Council

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 16 September 2024
Location: N53_0.61 / Microsoft Teams
Chair: Mariska Simpson

Attendees

- Mariska Simpson	Committee Member, Nathan
- Kaitlyn Mariam Cherian	President, Nathan
- Alysia Busk	Indigenous Officer
- Tennille Kelly	President, Digital
- Sara Cunningham	Committee Member, Mt Gravatt
- Emily Parker	President, QCAD

Observers

- Cory Everdell	SRC Board Secretary
- Jenna Corby	Advocacy & Engagement Coordinator

Meeting Commenced 3.23pm

Acknowledgement of Country

- Alicia gave acknowledgement of country.

Attendance/Apologies/Proxies

- Apologies received from Anna Brandon, Timothy Szoke (proxy assigned to Tennille Kelly) & Alicia Brdjanovic.

Previous Minutes

- Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes from 26 August 2024 as being true and correct.
  - Moved: Emily
  - Seconded: Kaitlyn
  - Carried

Agenda Item 1: Griffith University Strategy Consultation

- Emily, Sara & Cory attended briefing session held by DVCE, Registrar, VC Marketing on the draft Griffith Strategy. Over 600 students were consulted and provided input, along with staff and external stakeholders.
- Feedback from student leaders included criticism of the timing of the Treasury Building announcement, questions around how a campus in India would work, as well as the need to be bold and brave in the research area.
- SRC & GUPSA board members will have the opportunity to view the draft strategy and provide feedback.
- Actions – Cory to share Strategy presentation slides with SRC board and confirm deadline for feedback with DVCE.

Agenda Item 2: Griffith University City Campus – Treasury Building

- Mariska raised the need for the SRC to be involved in the development process for the Treasury Building so that the SRC can have a space to assist students, and provide a student voice to the project.
- Discussion was held around study spaces, public transportation and how the use of the space will be managed for members of the public. Griffith specific shuttle bus to the Treasury site would be unlikely given the amount of public transport that already exists in the city.
- Cory has met briefly with the project manager who has noted the need for a Student Associations space in the building, including space and storage requirements.
- Actions – Cory to request student input on Treasury building development as well as regular updates on the development of the site.

Agenda Item 3: Digital Student Survey Results

- Tennille spoke to the Digital Student Survey results – there were 219 responses and all students who responded were given a $30 grocery voucher to assist with cost of living.
- A common concern is that the University system does not support students who work during the day. Hard to do group work outside of work hours. Overall theme – cultural problem across all campuses – not just online. 148 out of the 219 respondents (68%) study online due to work commitments – with cost of living becoming more important which may see this increase in future.

Agenda Item 4: SRC Strategic Plan

- Mariska summarised the meeting to explore SRC subcommittees in 2025 held on 10th September attended by Tennille, Mariska, Timothy, Sara and Anna.

- Draft process has been established – 3 step process which starts with giving all students that relate to a specific subcommittee the opportunity to join, then engaging with existing student clubs/collectives, then targeted communications.
- Identified that First Nations, Digital & Mt Gravatt subcommittees need to be established by the 2025 board.
- **Actions: Each campus committee to prepare a handover document for incoming SRC which includes progress/achievements in 2024 and recommendations for 2025.**

Agenda Item 5: SRC & Clubs Collaborations

- Cory proposed a process to allow student clubs to officially request assistance from the SRC to provide support. Previously this has been a very ad hoc process – this new process will give all clubs an opportunity to request assistance if they wish.
- Process includes a round of applications in the lead up to each trimester where clubs will be required to propose an event collaboration/idea that they have, what support they would like and which campus it would be held on. The SRC board will then review the applications and decide on the events they will support. The Clubs team would submit the applications to the SRC board and manage the questions, rather than the applications being made directly to the board. The SRC board were supportive of the idea, with the following suggestions:
    - Allowing a process for clubs to request promotion of their club through SRC social media and email channels (if they aren't needing event assistance) – helping to raise the profile of clubs.
    - Ensure there is a way to keep the process equitable across campuses so that all events aren't occurring at Nathan.
    - Process for clubs to request an event is already time consuming – this process needs to be easy for club leaders to complete.

Other Business

- Nil

Next Meeting

- 28th or 29th October - to be confirmed on Teams.

Meeting Closed 4.01pm

Meeting Chair: ______________________ **Date:** 8.11.24