



Griffith University Student Representative Council

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 1st July 2024

Location: N53_-1.20 / Microsoft Teams

Chair: Emily Parker

Attendees

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| - Emily Parker | President, QCAD |
| - Amrindersingh Madan | President, Nathan |
| - Tennille Kelly | President, Digital |
| - Ella Beard | President, QCGU |
| - Alysia Busk | Indigenous Officer |
| - Fahmo Mohamud Hassan | Committee Member, Logan |
| - Mariska Simpson | Committee Member, Logan |
| - Timothy Szoke | Committee Member, Digital |
| - Sara Cunningham | Committee Member, Mt Gravatt |

Apologies

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| - Alicia Brdjanovic | President, Mt Gravatt |
| - Gretel Alejano | Committee Member, Digital |
| - Kaitlin Cherian | Committee Member, Nathan |

Observers

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| - Cory Everdell | SRC Board Secretary |
| - Jenna Corby | Advocacy and Engagement Coordinator |

Meeting Commenced 11.06am

- Emily welcomed Timothy Szoke and Ella Beard to their first meeting of the board. Emily also acknowledged that this would be Archie's last meeting as Nathan President due to his upcoming graduation at the end of July.

Acknowledgement of Country

- Emily gave acknowledgement to country.

Attendance/Apologies/Proxies

- Apologies received from Alicia Brdjanovic (proxy assigned to Sarah Cunningham), Kaitlin Cherian (proxy assigned to Amrindersingh Madan) & Gretel Alejano.

Previous Minutes

- Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes from 21st May 2024 as being true and correct.
 - o Moved: Archie
 - o Seconded: Mariska
 - o Carried

Agenda Item 1: T2 Welcome Events

- Sara confirmed the trimester 2 welcome events, organised by the Student Transition and Mentoring Team. Events will run across each campus with welcome breakfasts from 8.15am, official proceedings from 9am – 9.30am including a Welcome to Country ceremony. Sara invited SRC board members to attend these if they are available:
 - o Logan – Monday 8th July
 - o Nathan – Wed 10th July
 - o MG/QCAD Thurs 11th July

Agenda Item 2: NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremonies

- Sara shared information regarding the Griffith NAIDOC week flag raising ceremonies which are also occurring in O-Week and invited board members to attend if available:
 - o Logan – Tuesday 9th July, 9.15am (also livestreamed)
 - o Mt Gravatt – Wednesday 10th July, 9.30am

Agenda Item 3: T2 Merch Approach

- Cory confirmed the approach to SRC stalls and merchandise for T2 which includes a higher focus on commencing students engaging with the stalls, and communicating to returning students that they are welcome to come back in week 1 to receive any remaining merchandise.
- The board suggested easy ways to manage the student lists to make this process efficient.
- Cory confirmed that Digital campus students can sign up to receive merch packs via post.

Agenda Item 4: Online Health & Wellness Centre

- Jenna summarised the SSAF funding proposal submitted by Health, Counselling & Wellbeing relating to an upgrade to the Online Health & Wellness Centre website. This proposal was among other SSAF applications from other areas of the University and was not approved.
- Feedback regarding the current website/services from the board included:
 - o The website is not easy to access, and appointments aren't always available in the timeframe stated on the website.
 - o Having to fill out questionnaires prior to appointments can be overwhelming and a barrier for students.

- Current website is difficult to navigate and find relevant information. Online students cannot access certain services (i.e psychology sessions).
- Suggestions for profiles of counselling staff so that students can work out who would be best suitable for their needs.
- Not personable – SDG's not as relevant as services (location on the page).
- Jenna to draft summary of feedback on behalf of the SRC for Emily to raise at next meeting with the DVCE in August.

Agenda Item 5: Welfare Update

- Jenna updated the board on updates to Welfare supports for students
 - Nathan Pantry
 - Previously there was ideas from the SRC/GUPSA boards to change the Nathan pantry to a market style setup. With communicating a limit to 3 items, this has changed behaviours and students are using this more appropriately. Jenna and the team will continue to monitor usage of the Nathan pantry across T2.
 - The board commented that students knowing the pantry is stocked regularly means they can rely on the items, which reduces the fear of missing out.
 - New marketing materials coming through for pantry.
 - Foodbank coming to the Nathan campus in week 4 to deliver a food market event aimed at International Students (funded by Allianz). Pantry staples mostly, with a small amount of fresh produce. Domestic students are also welcome to attend.
- 40 cartons of Yarn'n toilet paper have been purchased for all pantries. Yarn'n is an Indigenous owned company which donate 50% of profits to First Nations Education.
- Staffing – existing staff ordering goods, stocking the pantries, period dispensers, moving items between campuses is putting a strain on staff workloads as this is not part of their core work. Jenna proposed using HEPP funding to stock pantries so that existing budgeted SSAF funds can be used to pay staff to manage stock and logistics across campuses.
 - Sara & Alicia asked about SRC reps volunteering their time to do this. Proposal is for employing current Griffith students to do this role casually.
 - Jenna to put costings and proposal together to present to the board at the next board meeting.

Other Business

- SRC Rep/Casual Staff Duties
 - Cory confirmed split of duties between SRC representatives and casual staff members moving forward.
- Student Communications
 - Logan NAIDOC week flag raising – livestream event to be communicated via socials.
 - Week 4 foodbank pantry - once graphics are available from Foodbank.
 - T2 SRC merchandise communications – pushing to new students only.

Next Meeting

- Monday 29th July, 9.30am

Meeting Closed 12.04pm

Meeting Chair:



Date:

8.11.24