Griffith University Student Representative Council

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 26 August 2024
Location: N53_0.62 / Microsoft Teams
Chair: Emily Parker & Mariska Simpson

Attendees

- Emily Parker — President, QCAD
- Tennille Kelly — President, Digital
- Mariska Simpson — Committee Member, Nathan
- Timothy Szoke — Committee Member, Digital
- Sara Cunningham — Committee Member, Mt Gravatt
- Alicia Brdjanovic — President, Mt Gravatt

Apologies

- Alysia Busk — Indigenous Officer
- Jenna Corby — Advocacy and Engagement Coordinator
- Kaitlin Cherian — President, Nathan
- Anna Brandon — Committee Member, Nathan

Observers

- Cory Everdell — SRC Board Secretary
- Emma Standen — President, Griffith Journal

Meeting Commenced 9.37am

- EP welcomed everyone and invited other board members to chair the meeting. Mariska offered to chair the second half of the meeting.

Acknowledgement of Country

- MS gave acknowledgement of country.

Attendance/Apologies/Proxies

- Apologies received from Alysia Busk, Tennille Kelly (from 9.55am – proxy assigned to Timothy Szoke), Anna Brandon & Jenna Corby.

Previous Minutes

- Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes from 29 July 2024 as being true and correct.
    - Moved: SC
    - Seconded: AB
    - Carried

Agenda Item 1: SRC Committee Member Updates

- Queensland Conservatorium – Ella Beard has resigned from their position due to being offered their dream job in London – congratulations Ella!
- Mt Gravatt – Chantelle Saxon no longer has the capacity to be part of the MG committee and has revoked her position on the board.
- Nathan – Anna Brandon completed induction on 22nd August.

Agenda Item 2: Mt Gravatt Campus Exit

- AB & SC to meet with Mt Gravatt Head of Campus on September 2nd to gain clarity on transition to Nathan and how this will be communicated with students.
    - Action: AB & SC to report back to the board with a summary of this meeting
- AB, SC & EP met with Ellen Thompson (Manager, Griffith Sport) on 2nd August to discuss impact on students if sporting facilities are no longer operational after MG exit. There are no plans to create similar sporting facilities at the Nathan campus in the near future – Griffith Sport likely having to rent community facilities for student club usage which will potentially have an impact on SSAF distribution in future years.
- Emily brought above issues to the meeting with Phillip Stork (Vice President, Future Students & Strategic Communication) and Deanna Riach (Deputy Registrar) on 8th September – Phillip indicated that Griffith is in discussion with Brisbane City Council to operate the sporting facilities once the campus closes.
- EP mentioned she will be attending a meeting with senior leaders regarding the Griffith University Strategic Plan on September 16th and offered an invitation to other board members.
    - Action: CE to follow up with board and invite members to September 16th Meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Food Relief Updates

- Mt Gravatt - AB
    - There has been positive feedback after the Mt Gravatt food pantry has started. Wanting to see some clarity on how many items students can take in comparison to each other. SC requested food prep items (bowls, cups) so students can prepare food from the pantry on campus.
    - SC reported students are taking boxes early in the morning and loading up their cars.
        - Action: CE to discuss comms of pantry items, purchasing food prep items and casual start times with JC.
        - Action: CE to discuss branded SRC food prep item quotes with SO.
- South Bank - EP
    - QCAD SRC committee have claimed a new space which offers students a low sensory space and access to food support with dimmed lights, bean bags
    - New outdoor seating & tables have activated the courtyard space, with more students seen sitting outside.
- Nathan - MS
    - Stocking of pantry has been consistent through regular Coles deliveries and casual staff support. Students are taking an appropriate number of items from the pantry.

Agenda Item 4: Security Concerns

- AB & SC reported members of the public are using the old Mt Gravatt Residential Colleges to sleep
- SC reported a student was followed on the bus from QCAD campus to Nathan campus.
- Discussion was held around students being aware of reporting mechanisms.
    - Action: CE to follow up with Security Manager to provide updates to the board – awareness of MG & ways to alert security of concerns.
    - Action: CE to discuss creation of posters with Safe Campuses

Agenda Item 5: SRC Strategic Plan

- SC requested a Mt Gravatt subcommittee be formed due to the ongoing changes to the exit strategy and necessary communications with students.
- TS requested an Online subcommittee be formed as online students are concerned about losing their representation with the changes to the constitution.
- CE on behalf of AB requested an Indigenous subcommittee be formed.
    - Action: CE to organise subcommittee specific meeting for SRC board.

Other Business

- Nil

Next Meeting

- Monday 16th September, 3.15pm

Meeting Closed 10.39am

Meeting Chair: ______________________ **Date:** 8.11.24