Griffith University Student Representative Council

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 29 July 2024
Location: N53_0.56 / Microsoft Teams
Chair: Emily Parker

Attendees

• Emily Parker	President, QCAD
• Tennille Kelly	President, Digital
• Mariska Simpson	Committee Member, Logan
• Timothy Szoke	Committee Member, Digital
• Sara Cunningham	Committee Member, Mt Gravatt
• Kaitlin Cherian	Committee Member, Nathan
• Alicia Brdjanovic	President, Mt Gravatt

Apologies

• Gretel Alejano	Committee Member, Digital
• Ella Beard	President, QCGU
• Amrindersingh Madan	President, Nathan
• Alysia Busk	Indigenous Officer
• Cory Everdell	SRC Board Secretary
• Fahmo Mohamud Hassan	Committee Member, Logan

Observers

• Jenna Corby	Advocacy and Engagement Coordinator (Minutes)

Meeting Commenced 9.36am

- EP welcomed everyone and acknowledged work of Board members in strategic planning in the previous week.

Acknowledgement of Country

- EP gave acknowledgement of country.

Attendance/Apologies/Proxies

- Apologies received from Alysia Busk (proxy assigned to Mariska Simpson) and Cory Everdell (Secretary).

Previous Minutes

- Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes from 1 July 2024 as being true and correct.
  - Moved: AB
  - Seconded: TK
  - Carried

Agenda Item 1: Nathan Committee President vacancy

- MS and KC nominated for President role
- Board voted anonymously
- Vote 5 to 3 in favour of KC
- There is now a vacancy in Nathan Committee, the nominee from last election with highest vote has been contacted to see if they are still interested, once they have confirmed yes/no, the Board can directly appoint a student to the role for the remainder of term.
      - Action: CE to follow-up with nominee.

Agenda Item 2: Campus Updates

- Digital
  - TK shared online trivia is proving to be a fun way to engage students online, Digital Campus Collective has been established through Clubs at Griffith to improve engagement and support for Digital students. Digital specific comms also commencing this Trimester.
- Mount Gravatt
  - AB shared that there have been lots of students on campus in the early weeks of Trimester 2. MG Committee meeting at end of week to confirm plans for T2.
  - SC shared that there was really good engagement on Discovery Days at MG, lots of merch and lots of conversations were shared with MG students. Fruit boxes continue to be snapped up quickly.
- Nathan
  - KC shared that on campus events seem to be engaging more people, there appear to be more students on campus this trimester than T1. Students have requested thought be given to what days events / supports are provided to accommodate as many students timetables as possible. Feedback received about Uni Bar meals being a bit repetitive, less flexible than previous years' menu offerings.
  - MS shared that new approach to merch (checking off commencing students only) presented some technology and logistical challenges but this was managed by staff allowing MS to engage with students – further consideration required for 2025.
- Indigenous Rep

- MS shared on behalf of AB re questions about First Nations students' consultation and involvement in Instagram posts related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander matters, as well as lack of communication from the University regarding Welcome to Country events and the SRC Indigenous Officer not being invited / finding out the day of.
    - Action: JC to follow-up with AB regarding Instagram concerns.
    - For further discussion: As the Indigenous Officer position is not included in the new SRC Constitution the Board is to consider how First Nations student's voices will be included under new Board structure, and how the Board can support the inclusion and elevation of First Nations' students participation and voices in all University business.
- Southbank
  - EP shared about advocacy work currently being undertaken to address cohort concerns across both QCAD and QCGU regarding timetabling, program structure, student consultation etc, and the opportunities this has highlighted for reporting concerns directly to decision makers. Red Bull DJ present in Week 1 – needs consideration given small space and intensity of sound.
    - Action: SC to provide feedback via Orientation team re DJ, JC will also provide feedback via What's On team who are usually responsible for booking DJ.

Agenda Item 3: On the House Period Projects

- JC shared proposal from On the House who will be piloting a free-period product initiative in Brisbane in 2025. The business and products are funded by selling advertising spots on the period product packaging. Two advertisers currently confirmed are Princess Polly and HiSmile. On the House are seeking locations to pilot – requirements are a space to store products, and a space for free products to be accessed. 1000 products will be provided per trial site during the pilot. Southbank (central location) and Nathan (student numbers) campuses are currently the preferred locations for pilot.
  - Board agreed that they are happy to support to move to next step providing:
    - The location of where products are available on campus is considered to improve access (i.e not co-located with existing free period products).
    - The marketing and comms for On the House are gender inclusive.
    - Action: JC to follow-up with On the House to advise of above and confirm next steps.

Agenda Item 4: Stats

- JC shared infographic overview of Advocacy and Welfare statistics for Trimester 1. Period products not included as still working out best way to report, free legal advice also not pictured (was accessed 16 times in T1).
- JC highlighted that legal service and resume review program are two that would benefit from review and improvements, will table for future meeting.
- EP noted this would be good to communicate with students (see Agenda Item 6 for actions).

        - Action: JC to table free legal advice service, and Resume Review Program for future Board meeting/s.

Agenda Item 5: Pantry

- JC shared proposal to utilise SSAF funding currently allocated to the student pantry to employ casual staff (student employment opportunity) to assist with pantry and period product stock management to improve consistency and reach. Allocation of additional HEPPP funding to cover costs of stocking pantries across all campuses.
    - Moved: KC
    - Seconded: AB
    - Carried
        - Action: MG Committee are discussing student pantry at their meeting on Friday, AB to contact JC if any information required prior to meeting. JC and team, to assist with any actions requiring follow-up after MG meeting.
        - Action: JC to engage additional casual staff to assist with pantry.
        - Action: JC to instruct team making pantry purchases to only cost to HEPPP for remainder of the year.

Agenda Item 6: Student Communications

- EP suggested a change to structure of future meetings to focus on:
    - Opportunities for other reps to Chair or practice leadership skills,
    - Strategic, mid-term, and operational goals
    - Improving communication with students about what we are doing
        - Action: JC to work with Sophie O'Brien (Marketing and Comms) to share Advocacy and Welfare T1 stats with students via Instagram, SRC website, and physical flyer.

Other Business

- EP gave a shout out to TS for his work reviewing and providing feedback on Griffith's website.

Next Meeting

- Monday 26 August, 9.30am

Meeting Closed 10.34pm

Meeting Chair:

Date: 8.11.24