



Griffith University Student Representative Council Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 30 April 2025

Location: N16_1.44 / Microsoft Teams

Chair: Mariska Simpson

Attendees

- Spencer Holzheimer
- Kore Opie
- Kyle Low
- Evelyn Erdenibat
- Anna Brandon (until 12.53pm)
- Mariska Simpson
- Simarjot Kaur

Observers

- Cory Everdell - SRC Board Secretary

Meeting Commenced 12.10pm

Acknowledgement of Country

- Evelyn gave Acknowledgement of Country.

Apologies/Proxies

- Jenna Corby

Previous Minutes

- Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes from 26th March 2025 as being true and correct.
 - Moved: Mariska
 - Seconded: Kore
 - Carried

Register of Actions and Matters Arising

- Clubs/SRC Collaboration Proposals – Twilight Markets
 - Cory confirmed updated registration numbers as requested by the board in the previous meeting.
 - Motion: To approve \$1,000 for food as originally requested by the Mutual Aid Society & Rainbow Society for the Twilight Markets event on Friday 2nd May.
 - Moved: Spencer
 - Seconded: Evelyn
 - Carried
- Sub-committee Workshop Update – Student Voice
 - Mariska hasn't received any specific feedback from students and requested that a poster which asks for feedback is put up in the GUMURRI area.
- Policy Review Subcommittee
 - Spencer presented guiding documents for the proposed Policy Review Subcommittee to the board. Subcommittee has been designed to operate independently from the SRC, with a focus on enhancing student involvement in the policy review process - particularly by working more closely with staff involved with policies.
 - The subcommittee has been created to overcome a gap in student involvement regarding students who are on committees and drafting/reviewing/ approving policies. Spencer identified two general types of student involvement/student voice:
 - 1. General feedback (surveys, forums, co-design lab etc) which is used by staff during development/reviews.
 - 2. Student representatives on key decision-making bodies discussing/approving finalised policies.
 - Discussion was held about the possibility for GUPSA to be involved at a later stage, to support the subcommittee operating beyond the term of a single SRC board term.
 - Action:
 - Cory to review subcommittee proposal with Spencer
 - Spencer to provide an executive summary to the board prior to the next meeting
- Accommodation Feedback
 - Kyle presented the draft media release to the board, summarising the feedback provided by students in the anonymous feedback form.
 - Discussion was held regarding changes to the draft, including being specific in how the data was collected (anonymous form vs survey), and contact details.
 - Actions

- Kyle to edit release for final approval by the SRC board
- Spencer to raise this as an agenda item at the next Student Experience Subcommittee.

Agenda Item 1: Board Chairperson Appointment

- The board discussed waiting until the two new board members were present before appointing the new board chairperson so that they could be part of the decision-making process.
- Motion: To wait until the next SRC board meeting to appoint the new board chairperson
 - Moved: Mariska
 - Seconded: Spencer
 - Carried
- The board approved Mariska Simon to chair the remainder of this meeting.

Agenda Item 2: SRC Board Casual Vacancy Appointments

- Cory presented an overview of the expressions of interest for the two vacant board positions - 40 applicants for the 2 vacant roles.
- A request made by the Digital Students Collective for the SRC board to advocate for online campus students by offering positions to online students prior to on-campus students. The board discussed the benefits of having students representing different campuses.
- Anna raised that she will be departing at the end of trimester 1 and that the board considers a 3rd student to appoint from Trimester 2 onwards.
- Motion: That the Griffith SRC appoint Chloe Forbes from QCGU to represent the South Bank with a term lasting until a formal election in 2025
 - Moved: Spencer
 - Seconded: Mariska
 - Carried
- Motion: For the SRC board to vote between Kiara Harley-Craig, Isa Bowen and Caitlin Gilson for the 2nd vacant SRC board member position.
 - Moved: Mariska
 - Seconded: Spencer
 - Carried
 - Kaitlin Gilson: 1 vote in favour
 - Isa Bowen: 1 vote in favour
 - Kira Harley-Craig: 2 votes in favour
- Motion: To appoint Kiara Harley-Craig to the SRC board

- Moved: Mariska
- Seconded: Sim
- In favour: 2
- Abstain: 4
- Against: 0
- Carried

Agenda Item 3: Reviving Griffitti

- Emma Standen from the Griffith Journal presented a proposal to revive the Griffitti student magazine as a platform to connect students and highlight student leadership.
- The proposal includes two trial editions (early and late Trimester 2) to assess student interest in an on-campus publication focused on Griffith University student-related news. Feedback will be gathered via QR codes on physical copies.
- A request was made for graphic design support and \$858 to cover printing costs for both editions.
- The board discussed potential story contributions from students. The publication will be managed by Griffith Journal members with input from the SRC board. The board expressed support for a student-run magazine, similar to those at QUT and UQ, recognising it as an opportunity to engage students regarding relevant issues. While Griffith is not seen as a particularly political campus, the initiative was viewed as a valuable student engagement tool.
- Motion: To approve the proposal to revive the student-led magazine: Griffitti as presented.
 - Moved: Kyle
 - Seconded: Kore
 - In favour: 5
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: Spencer

Agenda Item 4: Cuts Forum

- Kore outlined plans to hold a forum at the Nathan campus to gather student feedback on the impacts from the staff redundancies/restructures on Thursday 1st May.
- Kore, Kyle, and Spencer will begin the forum by explaining the nature of the restructure and the University's rationale, followed by an open discussion for students to share their experiences. The forum will also provide updates on the ongoing campaign and maintain a “stay updated” list for continued engagement.

- Actions
 - o Cory to organise for the forum to be livestreamed on the SRC Instagram account.

Agenda Item 5: SRC Opposes the destruction of Victoria Park

- Kyle introduced discussion on the government's \$7.1 billion Olympics budget, including the proposed \$3.785 billion Olympic stadium at Victoria Park, questioning whether funds would be better allocated to address the cost-of-living crisis, which directly impacts students.
- Kore highlighted that government spending could be redirected to better support students. Mariska raised questioned how broadly the SRC should engage with political issues versus focusing on student-specific concerns.
- Discussion was held regarding balancing activism with the SRC's core responsibilities and exploring alternative avenues for expressing these topics, such as Griffitti.
- Motion: To approve a SRC social media post that opposes the Victoria Park redevelopment
 - o Moved: Kore
 - o Seconded: Kyle
 - o In favour: 3
 - o Against: 3
 - o Abstain: 0
- Actions: Cory to email a poll to all SRC board members so that a decision can be made on this topic.

Other Business

- Nil.

Next Meeting

- To be decided via Microsoft Teams poll pending new board member availability.

Meeting Closed 2.03pm

Summary of Motions

Motion Moved	For	Against	Abstained
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To appoint Kiara Harley-Craig to the SRC board with a term lasting until a formal election in 2025	Mariska Simpson Simarjot Kaur	-	Spencer Holzheimer Kore Opie Kyle Low Evelyn Erdenebat
To approve the Griffith Journal proposal as presented	Kore Opie Kyle Low Evelyn Erdenebat	-	Spencer Holzheimer

	Mariska Simpson Simarjot Kaur		
To approve the opposition of the Victoria Park redevelopment on the SRC socials	Kore Opie Kyle Low Simarjot Kaur	Mariska Simpson Spencer Holzheim rEvelyn Erdenebat	-