



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
HELD 4.30 PM, THURSDAY 12TH MARCH AT THE NATHAN CAMPUS UNIBAR.**

1. WELCOME

The meeting opened at 4:46pm. Chairperson was Saira Khan.

- Present: Naresh Thulluri, Hintsa Mebrahtu, Luke Powell, Alex Thompson, Aishwarya Singh, Saira Khan, Jasmin Gross, Kun Hing Yong, MUYESAIER TUDI, Barbara Trad, Arvind Jaysukhbhai Thummar, Jay Rajeshbhai Mavani, Pratik Chanchad, . Ariyani, Dita Putri, Hernindyasti Dwitya Hapsari, Swari Wiraputri, Parth Navnit Patel, Ngoc Hieu Nhi Phan, Namuuntsetseg Namdag, Jasdeep Singh, Oluchi Mbachu, Irfaan Peerun, Hadi Fatehigelab, Mohammad Ramezani, Malin Backman, Yahui Che, Muhammad Waqar, Stefanie Buchholz, Madhvi Bijlwan, Rahat Shabir, Md. Hafiz Hosen, Raphael Mayau, Gargi Mendke, Rianon Zaman, Nadia Afrin, Peyush Pande, Mayank Chaturvedi, Utkarsh Jadli, Mansi Doshi, Emmakita Geia

Guests: Michael Carden, Cory Everdell (Staff)

Total: 43 (41 students)

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land past, future and emerging.

3. APOLOGIES AND PROXIES

Apologies: Nil

There were no proxies.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25TH AUGUST 2016.

The Chair read out the minutes of the last SGM which was held on 27 October, 2016. Michael Carden present at this meeting and can confirm the minutes are correct.

Motion: To approve the previous SGM minutes from 27th October 2016 as they stand based on Michael Carden's verification.

Moved: Alex Thompson

Second: Malin Backman

FOR: 26

AGAINST:0

ABSTAIN: 1

Motion Passed

5. MOTIONS VOTED ON:

Motion 1:

That the proposed new constitution for GUPSA be adopted

Rationale: The current constitution does not contain board positions that represent the wide variety of Griffith Postgraduate groups. It also needed some updates to positions, processes and changing the GUPSA board term to be in line with the SRC (1st Nov – 31st October). The current GUPSA constitution has not been reviewed since 2016.

The Chair introduced the motion calling for mover and seconder.

Points raised from Postgraduate students attending the meeting:

- Question asked about why there wasn't a Domestic Officer position

- Issues raised about how postgrad students are informed that a board meeting is taking place
- GUPSA to publish minutes on website moving forward

The Chair introduced the motion calling for mover and seconder

Moved: Muhammad Waqar

Seconded: Luke Powell

YES – 19

NO – 0

ABSTENATIONS - 3

7 students chose to not vote or abstain.

Motion 2:

That the term of GUPSA board members voted in at the 2020 elections is extended until October 31st, 2021 to align with the new electoral cycle and Board term as set down in the new constitution taking effect in 2021.

The Chair introduced the motion calling for mover and seconder

Moved: Alex Thompson

Seconded: Luke Powell

YES – 20

NO – 0

ABSTENATIONS – 4

6 students chose not to vote or abstain from voting.

6. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further official business, the meeting closed at 5:26pm.