



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
HELD 4.45 PM, THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016 UNIBAR, NATHAN.**

**1. WELCOME**

The meeting opened at 4:55pm. Jo Ruksenas was in the Chair.

Present: Mateja Mihinjac, Shirley Kaupa, Lesedi Mashumba, Monica Yadeun, Liese Coulter, Jo Ruksenas, Andres Pazmino Jaramillo, Chau Tran, Nawar Abdulmajeed, James Onsarigo, Vikran Khangebam, Shanuka Senarath, Annalise Taylor, Yuliana Saparkina, Longzhou Zhang, Samuel Wanyaga, Yulia Dewita, Lee Tang, Hasti Abbasi, Leticia Canal Vieira, Reza Arab, Patricia Boso, Manyun Zhang, Jane Nenkova, Juan Tao, Saurabh Bhardwaj

Guests: Michael Carden, Ross Symonds

Total: 28 (26 Students)

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

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

**3. APOLOGIES AND PROXIES**

Apologies: Jason McNeil

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 25 August, 2016. Andres Pazmino raised a correction under Item 3 Apologies and Proxies. He held a proxy at the meeting from Eduardo Jordan not Eduardo Pazmino. These minutes as amended were then moved approved and correct by Liese Coulter, seconded by Andres Pazmino, and confirmed by unanimous vote of the meeting without abstention.

## **5. MOTIONS VOTED ON:**

### **Motion 1:**

That the proposed new constitution for GUPSA be adopted

Rationale: The current constitution is out of date and either contradicts current operations of both the organisation and the university or is irrelevant to current organisational and university procedures. The current GUPSA constitution has not been reviewed since 2003.

The Chair introduced the motion calling for mover and seconder

Moved: Andres Pazmino

Seconded: Monica Yadeun

There were no speakers for or against.

Attendees voted by show of hands. After two attempts which did not match total votes in the room, the motion was carried on the third vote

YES – 24

NO - 2

No abstentions

## **6. MEETING CLOSE**

There being no further official business, the meeting closed at 5:15pm.