

Date: Friday 29th April 2022

Location: Microsoft Teams

Chair: Daniel de Vries

Minute Taker: Cory Everdell

Attendees:

- Aarthi Ganapathy Research Officer
- Daniel de Vries Coursework Officer
- Saira Khan Carers Officer
- Narelle Hawken Women's Officer
- Kate Kingston Disability Officer
- Marysa De Silva International Officer
- Grace Sholl LGBTIQ+ Officer
- Geoff Ebbs Sustainability Officer
- Reb Madsen Online Officer

Apologies

- Michael Carden GUPSA Support and Events Coordinator
- Chantelle Hollenbach Student Associations Officer

Meeting Commenced at 12.03pm

AGENDA ITEM 1: Acknowledgment of Country

- D. de Vries made acknowledgement of country.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Previous Minutes

- Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes from 9th February 2022 as being true and correct
 - o Moved: A. Ganapathy
 - o Seconded: N. Hawken

- Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3: Welcome New Members

- D. de Vries welcomed and introduced new members:
 - Geoff Ebbs: Sustainability Officer
 - Grace Sholl: LGBTIQ+ Officer

AGENDA ITEM 4: Fruitbox Program

- C. Everdell gave an overview of the current fresh fruit & vegetable program that is being run by the SRC:
 - Free fresh fruit & vegetable boxes delivered weekly to the Logan, Nathan & South Bank campuses
 - Boxes suitable for one person for one week
 - Fantastic feedback so far from undergraduate students
- Discussion
 - R. Madsen – to promote to online students who can participate if they live close to campus (remind them so they know)
- Motion: For GUPSA to support the Fruitbox Program for Trimester 1, 2022 as a trial. To evaluate at the conclusion of Trimester 1.
 - Moved: A. Ganapathy
 - Seconded: D. de Vries
 - Carried

AGENDA ITEM 5: GUPSA Events Summary

- C. Everdell gave update on the GUPSA events & activities so far in Trimester 1, 2022
 - 26 GUPSA/SRC joint events
 - 8 GUPSA specific events
 - 1,914 participants

AGENDA ITEM 6: CAPA Update

- S. Khan gave an update to the current CAPA (Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations) issues
 - Have held 2 meetings so far, 1st meeting not recognized by the board
 - Same issues are continuing, Melbourne University involving lawyers for a response
 - CAPA also setting up meetings with politicians and key stakeholders to discuss postgraduate specific issues around the country

AGENDA ITEM 6: Board Member Reports

- Daniel

- Would like to see a summary of the GUPSA YTD spend at the next meeting
- Geoff
 - Has been discussing with staff and students in the Nathan co-design lab
- Aarthi
 - Wanted to say a massive thanks to Michael Carden for his advocacy work in the school of Psychology. There have been big changes in culture with HDR meetings, a new HDR convenor.
 - The rest of the board also congratulated Michael on his work in this space.
- Reb
 - Master of teaching issues – has referred students to GUPSA advocacy service
 - Attended learning & teaching committee meeting – new digital master plan which incorporates an integration of all the systems at Griffith to make it streamlined for students.
 - Currently investigating membership on a working group for academic integrity which is being assembled by the University.
- Grace
 - Brought up the issue of having to prove they have a mental health disability/illness.
 - Aarthi brought up the fact that 70% of students for one psychology assignment had claimed mental health as a reason for an extension – worrying number but also hard to know if all are genuine.
- Kate
 - One of three students on the equity committee – not seeing much action at this stage. Did not feel welcome at the meeting.

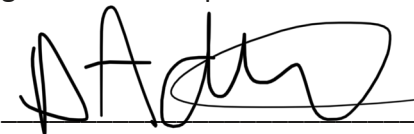
GENERAL BUSINESS

- Nil

Next Meeting

- Week beginning 30th May – to be finalised on Microsoft Teams

Meeting closed at 1.00pm

Signed  Date: 18 No V 2022