

Date: Tuesday 23rd November 2021

Location: Microsoft Teams

Chair: Aarthi Ganapathy

Minute Taker: Cory Everdell

Attendees:

- Aarthi Ganapathy Research Officer
- Daniel de Vries Coursework Officer
- Saira Khan Carers Officer
- Narelle Hawken Women's Officer
- Rebecca Madsen Online Officer
- Kate Kingston Disability Officer
- Marysa De Silva International Officer
- Cory Everdell Student Associations Manager (secretary & staff observer)
- Chantelle Hollenbach Student Associations Officer
- Michael Carden GUPSA Support and Events Coordinator

Apologies

- Nil

Meeting Commenced at 1.31pm

AGENDA ITEM 1: Acknowledgment of Country

- S. Khan made acknowledgement of country.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Board Chair Scheduling

- C. Everdell explained that GUPSA has a rotating chair between the Research Officer, Coursework Officer and Online Officer (1 person per trimester):
 - o Trimester 3: Aarthi
 - o Trimester 1: Daniel
 - o Trimester 2: Reb

AGENDA ITEM 3: Filling Vacant GUPSA Positions

- C. Everdell went through the process of filling current vacancies on the GUPSA board in line with the GUPSA Constitution. Discussions around timing to ensure the most amount of Postgrad students can see the nominations and have time to nominate.
- C. Everdell to send T1, 2022 election timeline via email for approval by the GUPSA board.

AGENDA ITEM 4: 2022 GUPSA Services/Events

- Aarthi
 - Emergency funding for HDR students
 - Payments don't always come fortnightly from Griffith (Michael to look into this further with payroll)
 - More care hampers throughout the year
- Saira
 - Continue to fill gaps left by the Welfare team (Centrelink & rental assistance/advice)
 - Casual childcare
- Marysa
 - Ways to support international students as they start to come back into Australia
 - Michael to set up meeting with International Student Advisors & GUPSA
- Narelle
 - Forums for floating business ideas
 - Seminars by women – breaking out of glass ceiling
 - Domestic Violence/MATE training
- Reb
 - Online awareness of clubs
 - Online platform for students to connect
 - Student integrity – protecting the whistle-blower & updating advocacy section of GUPSA website to include anonymity
- Daniel
 - Women in the workplace – Jess Kahl from “Dream Big Australia”
 - Postgrad Mentoring
 - VYGO mentoring – tweaking or removing (further discussions to be had)
 - Industry Mentoring Program – undergrad heavy – work on increasing postgrad numbers. Michael to organise meeting with mentoring team & GUPSA
 - Consultation with postgrad students
 - More healthy food boxes
- Kate
 - Increase free coffees
 - Captioning for deaf students – better implementation

AGENDA ITEM 5: Staff/Board Member Reports

- Cory
 - Interviewing to fill Marketing & Communications Coordinator position soon – will be good for GUPSA to have this role filled
 - Nathan Masterplan – consultation with Nathan students around future state

- Michael
 - o GUPSA end of year party registrations looking good
 - o Spike in advocacy cases for this late in the year
- Chantelle
 - o To organise Uber vouchers for end of year party


GENERAL BUSINESS

- GUPSA shirt restock: colour choices. To put into teams thread

Next Meeting

- To be decided once final 2022 SSAF allocation has been advised by Griffith Finance.

Meeting closed at 3.01pm

Signed  Date: