



GSA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 31st July 2024

4:00pm – 7:00pm

Room 198-L1-102 | Zoom

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Chair	Ethan Chou (President)
Board Members in attendance	Jesse Gardner-Russell (General Secretary) Yingchen Zhao (Treasurer) Junyi (Johnny) Zheng (Vice President) Yujia (Lucy) Zhang Amin Abedini Bolor Jamiyandagva Deli Zhou
Staff Members in attendance	Sajal Goundar (CEO) Kelvin Hoang (Manager, Business Operations & Finance) Lily Day (Co-Manager, Policy & Advocacy) Hiruni Walimunige (Co-Manager, Policy & Advocacy) Munaf Bhatkar (Manager, Student Engagement) Kavisha Garg (Governance & Executive Officer, Minute Taker)
Observers	None
Absent	None
1 – FORMAL MATTERS	Presenter, Time allocated
1a. Welcome & Acknowledgment	President 15 min
The President opened the meeting at 4:06pm with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all members.	
1b. Attendance	
All members except Deli Zhou are present for the meeting and the quorum is achieved.	
1c. Declarations of Interest	
The General Secretary declared that there is an inherent or actual conflict of interest as he is the Board Chair of CAPA.	
1d. Minutes & Follow-up log actions	
Motion: The minutes of the GSA Board meeting held on 26th June 2024 be accepted with no amendments.	
Moved: Ethan Chou (President)	
Seconded: Jesse Gardner-Russell (General Secretary)	
Motion carried with Deli Zhou absent and no one against. All other members in favour.	
1e. Procedural Motion: That the meeting move in camera.	
All members in favour, no one abstaining, no one against. Motion carries.	

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<p>2 – BOARD REPORTING</p> <p>2a. President’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The President noted that any proposal by representatives needs to be consulted with the P&A managers for Representative Councillors, the SE manager for Faculty Councillors, and both teams if there is a collaboration before receiving the President’s approval. - Created a 30th birthday celebration reel for socials. - Peer mentoring program collaboration opportunity with the Faculty of Engineering. - Potential spot on the MU Sport Board; an EOI email will be sent soon. - No questions were raised. <p>2b. General Secretary’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mainly assisting with closing out the academic integrity work and the graduate research training work. - Working on engaging additional stakeholders for the Industry Night event. - No questions were raised. <p>2c. Vice-President’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first FC Meeting was held great participation from all FC members. - Attended MU Sport’s Strategic Plan for Sport Vision Workshop. - Connected with LGBTIQA+ advisors at the Office of the Provost for collaborative initiatives with university stakeholders. - First Grad Group Working Group Meeting on 11th September. - Plan to attend the Learning and Teaching Initiatives Committee meeting in August. - No questions were raised. - The CEO appreciated the Vice President’s efforts in chairing the FC meeting. <p>2d. Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worked on the revised budget with the MBOF. - Communicated with Social Impact Team at PwC about a potential collaboration with GSA. - To chair the new Electoral Regulations Working Group. - Bolor Jamiyandagva to act as a proxy for the Strategic Plan Working Group, as the Treasurer may not be able to attend the regular working group meetings during business hours. - No questions were raised. <p>2e. Yujia Lucy Zhang’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended the misconduct meeting. - Went with the Events and Activities Officer to the Faculty of Business to present during Orientation Week. - Decided to host the first official meeting on August 8th, with the second one scheduled for early October. - Lucy will resign from GSA Board as due to her personal health situation, she is unable to pursue further studies and thus will no longer be a graduate 	<p>Board Members 30 min</p>
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<p>student at the University and will confirm the completion date to the General Secretary.</p> <p>2f. Bolor Jamiyandagva’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended a couple of committee meetings such as APC and TALQAC. - Will be more involved in person for events and meetings. - Planning to attend the Student Education Forum in August. - No questions were raised. <p>2g. Amin Abedini’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be part of the electoral regulations working group. - Couldn’t attend the Selection Procedures Committee meeting. - No questions were raised. <p>Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA)</p> <p>Outcome: Board informed on the work carried out by AMSA and the relevance to GSA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amin Abedini provided background on AMSA and the motion. - The President inquired whether medical students receive any compensation for rural placements. Amin Abedini noted that while accommodation support is provided by the university, there is no compensation for transportation. - Amin Abedini clarified that while GSA will assist with advocacy and policy support, no funding is expected from GSA. The focus is on urging the Medical School to consider transportation concessions and subsidies. <p>Moved: Ethan Chou (President)</p> <p>Seconded: Junyi (Johnny) Zheng (Vice President)</p> <p>All members are in favour, with Amin Abedini abstaining, and no one against. Motion carries.</p> <p>2h. Deli Zhou’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assisted the team with O-Week preparations and encouraged students to sign up for GSA membership. - Attended the FC and RC meetings. - The President and General Secretary appreciated Deli’s efforts in attending all events and encouraged her to reach out to university stakeholders to connect with GSA. - No questions were raised. 	
<p>3 – MATTERS FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE & FACULTY COUNCILS</p> <p>3a. Minutes of Representative Council Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting held on 24th July 2024 <p>3b. Recommendations from the Representative Council for Board consideration.</p> <p>Outcome: Discussed the recommendations from RC Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No recommendations were made. <p>3c. Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held on 17th July 2024. 	<p>To Be Noted 5 mins</p>

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<p>3d. Recommendations from the Faculty Council for Board consideration. Outcome: Discussed the recommendations from FC Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No recommendations were made. 	
<p>4- MATTERS FROM WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>Outcome: GSA Board informed about the work and recommendations from the working groups.</p> <p>4a. Minutes & Recommendations from Grad Group Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Meeting held in July 2024 <p>4b. Minutes & Recommendations from Strategic Plan Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held on 19th July 2024 and president updated on the summary of work done by the working group. - No questions were raised. <p>4c. Minutes & Recommendations from International Graduate Students Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Meeting held in July 2024 	<p>To Be Noted 5 mins</p> <p>Vice-President</p> <p>President</p> <p>Yujia (Lucy) Zhang</p>
<p>5– OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>5a. Questions and other business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No other matters were discussed. <p>5b. Meeting to move in camera.</p> <p>Procedural Motion: That the meeting move in camera. All members in favour, no one abstaining, no one against. Motion carries.</p>	<p>President 10 min</p>
<p>6 – CLOSED SESSION (In-camera)</p> <p>No in-camera session was held.</p>	<p>Board</p>
<p>Close of Meeting: 7:06 PM</p>	
<p>Next Board Meeting – 28th August 2024</p>	