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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) Amin Abedini Yutong Cheng Deli Zhou Mevuni Wanigasooriya	
Staff Members in attendance	Sajal Goundar (CEO) Munaf Bhatkar (Manager, Student Engagement) Kavisha Garg (Governance & Executive Officer, Minute Taker)	
Apologies	None	
1 – FORMAL MATTERS 1a. Welcome & Acknowledgment The President opened the meeting at 5:08 PM with an Acknowledgement of Country. 1b. Attendance All members were in attendance and the quorum was achieved. 1c. Declarations of Interest No new declarations were made. 1d. Minutes from Previous Board Meeting Motion: The minutes of the GSA Board Meeting held on 26 th February 2025 be accepted with no amendments. Moved: Ethan Chou (President) Seconded: Jesse Gardner-Russell (General Secretary) All in favour, no one abstaining, no one against. Motion carried. 1e. Follow-up log actions The action items were discussed, and progress reports were noted. 1f. Other Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">Circular resolutions for ratification: None 1g. Procedural Motion: That the meeting move in camera. All in favour, no one abstaining, no one against. Motion carried.		Presenter, Time allocated
		President 10 min
2 – BOARD REPORTING 2a. President’s Report		Board Members 30 min

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- Met with the Chancellor this month.
- The Flexi Space campaign is ongoing. A meeting with research students went well, leading to a structured plan for the next discussion. The team is now awaiting the meeting date.
- A response to the Vice Chancellor's protest regulation was discussed in a meeting with the VC, where we outlined our stance and next steps. The discussion was well received.

2b. General Secretary's Report

- Attended the Academic Board meeting, where discussions focused on the Academic Board Model Review and potential structural changes.
- Participated in the MU Sport Governance Review, where challenges around advocacy were discussed.
- Will be working on EBA and SSAF negotiations.

2c. Vice-President's Report

- The final FC meeting of the term took place, providing an opportunity to reflect on achievements, discuss remaining plans, and gather feedback on the new funding model.
- Mevuni Wanigasooriya was invited to attend the upcoming Grad Group Working Group meeting to further discussions on policy review.

2d. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer shared the Board Skills Matrix template.
- Members provided suggestions and the updated template will be shared with board members within two weeks.

2e. Amin Abedini's Report

- Participated in the FRAC meeting.
- The SPC voted on the endorsement of Melbourne Online offerings for public health subjects, including the MPH program.

2f. Deli Zhou's Report

- Participated in the Student Scam Working Group, promoting GSA video to raise awareness about student scams. The group discussed an action plan for the year, including launching a Scam Awareness Week.
- Deli Zhou and the Women's Officer are representing GSA at the Melbourne Student Forum.

2g. Yutong Cheng's Report

- Working on the sustainability section for the GSA Annual Report in collaboration with the E&S Officer and former E&S Officer. We are meeting with the CEO to discuss the initial draft.
- Represented GSA at TALQAC and APC meetings alongside Mevuni Wanigasooriya. Will engage with P&A to gather insights and contribute ideas.
- Received an email from the President to chair the International Student Working Group and have scheduled a meeting with the Events & Advocacy Officer to discuss it further.

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2h. Mevuni Wanigasooriya's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will work on the Grad Group Policy along with the General Secretary. 	
3 – MATTERS FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE & FACULTY COUNCILS 3a. Minutes of Representative Council Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held on 19th March 2025. 3b. Recommendations from the Representative Council for Board consideration. Outcome: Discussed the recommendations from RC Meeting. Mevuni Wanigasooriya and Deli Zhou left the meeting at 9:00PM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The RC endorsed that the university management should strike out the specific rule VC Emma Johnston refers to in the new protest policy. GSA's approach will involve consultation to propose amendments or a revised version of the rule. - The President noted that the induction program for the newly elected representatives is being revamped. 3c. Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held on 25th March 2025. 3d. Recommendations from the Faculty Council for Board consideration. Outcome: Discussed the recommendations from FC Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Events and Advocacy Officer will send the unconfirmed minutes, and once approved by the Vice President, they will be circulated with the Board. Handover documents will also be sent to members, followed by an analysis of their feedback on the term, which will then be shared with the Board. 	To Be Noted 10 mins
4 – MATTERS FROM WORKING GROUPS Outcome: Board informed about the work and recommendations from the working groups. 4a. Minutes & Recommendations from Grad Group Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Meeting held in March. 4b. Minutes & Recommendations from International Graduate Students Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Meeting held in March. - The President confirmed that Benhao Gu will be joining the working group. 	To Be Noted Vice-President President
5– OTHER BUSINESS 5a. Questions and other business. No other items were discussed. 5b. Meeting to move in camera. Procedural Motion: That the meeting move in camera.	President 5 min



GSA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 26th March 2025

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Room 198-L1-141 | Zoom

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All in favour, no one abstaining, no one against. Motion carried.	
Close of Meeting 9:21 PM	
Next Board Meeting – 30th April 2025	