



## GSA Annual General Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

1:00pm-2:00pm

Gryphon Gallery | Zoom

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Chair	Jesse Gardner-Russell (President)
Staff Members	Sajal Goundar (CEO) Kelvin Hoang (Manager Business Operations & Finance) Kavisha Garg (Governance & Executive Officer, Minute Taker)
Returning Officer	Stephen Luntz
Attendance	Yingchen Zhao (General Secretary) Rosalie Joy Ritter-Jones (Vice-President) Junyi Johnny Zheng (Treasurer) Amin Abedini Bolor Jamiyandagva Yujia (Lucy) Zhang Devyani Vadke Ethan Chou Sakshi Chawla Reymond Pepito Carmela Barcelona Jieyi Wang Scott Arthurson Ariel Teo Ashan Wanasinghe Chenyu Zhao Dineth Mudalige Farwa Abbas Gagana Weerasinghe Ming Xue Mingya Xu Mohoua Sobnam Paranya Chueayen Radhik Rammohan Aurora Greane Negin Jalilinejad Qianyu Zhang Shomdutta Roy Md Shahriar Haque Andi Xu Shuai Shao Aanchal B Ginevra Greco Josh Awramenko Kyung Min Kim Lakvin Fernando Marcie Di Bartolomeo



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	Vinayak Agarwal Taylor Broadbent Tanmay Kabir Munkhzul Milkhaabaatar
<b><u>Formal Matters</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome &amp; Acknowledgment The Chair opened the meeting at 1:11pm with an Acknowledgement of Country.</li><li>• Attendance The chair acknowledged the presence of all members, including general members, faculty counsellors, representative counsellors, and board members, both physically and through Zoom, and confirmed that the meeting had reached the required quorum.</li><li>• Minutes <b>Motion:</b> The minutes of the AGM held on 18 May 2023 be accepted with no amendments. <b>Moved:</b> Jesse Gardner-Russell (President) <b>Seconded:</b> Yingchen Zhao (General Secretary) The motion carries with 77% in favour, 0% against, and 23% abstaining.</li></ul>	
<b><u>Special Business</u></b>	
<b>1. <u>Annexure A (Proposed New Constitution)</u></b> <p>The General Secretary presented constitutional amendments, involving a transition in the compensation system for Faculty Council members from sitting allowance fees to honorarium payments. Furthermore, there's a proposal to reduce the term of office for board members from three years to two and introducing a clause to regarding board eligibility to mitigate conflicts of interest. These changes are carefully proposed with an understanding of GSA's strategic goals and operational needs after various rounds of consultation with members and graduate students. Additionally, adjustments were made to rectify and clarify language, and terminologies were updated as well.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the current Constitution of the Association be revoked in its entirety and replaced with a new Constitution as attached and marked Annexure A.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Jesse Gardner-Russell (President) <b>Seconded:</b> Yujia (Lucy) Zhang (Board Member)</p> <p>The motion carries through a special resolution with 82% in favour, 0% against, and 18% abstaining.</p>	
<b><u>Other Business</u></b>	
<b>2. <u>Finance Report</u></b> <p>The Treasurer highlighted the financials for the year 2023 of GSA and addressed inquiries regarding the organization's finances, including profit and loss statements and plans on how to better utilize funding ahead.</p>	

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**Motion:** The Audited financial statements of GSA for the year 2023 be accepted with no amendments.

**Moved:** Junyi Johnny Zheng (Treasurer)

**Seconded:** Yujia (Lucy) Zhang (Board Member)

The motion carries with 75% in favour, 0% against, and 25% abstaining.

**Motion:** The GSA Board recommend the appointment of Accru Melbourne as the auditors for 2024.

**Moved:** Junyi Johnny Zheng (Treasurer)

**Seconded:** Carmela Barcelona

The motion carries with 80% in favour, 0% against, and 20% abstaining.

### 3. Annual Report

The Chair acknowledged that the annual report for 2023 highlights significant achievements of the GSA in 2023. The chair addressed inquiries raised regarding the annual report.

**Motion:** The Annual report for the year 2023 be accepted and noted.

**Moved:** Jesse Gardner-Russell (President)

**Seconded:** Bolor Jamiyandagva (Board Member)

The motion carries with 87% in favour, 0% against, and 13% abstaining.

### 4. Honorarium

The MBOF highlighted the changes made to the Honorarium memo including an increase in the minimum office work hours for board officers and corresponding adjustments to the annual honorarium amounts.

**Motion:** The membership approve the Honorarium Payment Memo with no amendments for the term May 2024 to May 2025.

**Moved:** Jesse Gardner-Russell, President

**Seconded:** Carmela Barcelona

The motion carries with 84% in favour, 0% against, and 16% abstaining.

### 5. Concluding Remarks

The Chair thanked everyone who participated in the Annual General Meeting and extended thanks to the outgoing GSA Board, Representative Council Members, and Faculty Council Members. The Chair also extended thanks to the CEO and the staff members for their continuous support.

- Announcement of Election Results

The Returning Officer announced the Election Results for the GSA Board, Representative Council, and Faculty Council for the term 2024-2025.

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GSA Board:

- Ethan Chou
- Deli Zhou

Representative Councillors:

- Activities Officer - Ginevra Greco
- Disability and Equity Officer - Yu Carina Si-Lok
- Education (Coursework) Officer - Will McHenry
- Education (Research) Officer - Scott Arthurson
- Environment and Sustainability Officer - Sakshi Chawla
- Families Officer - Munkhzul Milkhaabaatar
- Health and Welfare Officer - Huilin Qiu
- International Officer - Aanchal Vinay Balse
- Queer Officer - MJ Bentley
- Women's Officer - Taylor Broadbent
- Southbank Officer - Kyung Min (Mandy) Kim

*First Nations Officer position remains vacant and will be advertised to be filled via casual vacancy.*

Faculty Councillors:

- Arts Faculty - Shixin Wang, Nadira Natasya
- Business and Economics Faculty - Vinayak Agarwal, Jieyi Wang
- Engineering and IT Faculty - Wei Liang Lee, Farid Fazel Mojtahedi
- Law Faculty - Oyunzul Oyunbaatar, Saskia Kusumawardani
- Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences Faculty - Emma Tam, Jordan Di Natale
- Science Faculty - Benhao Gu, Ha Ninh Nguyen
- Architecture, Building and Planning Faculty - Arnav Goyal, Sagun Anand
- Education Faculty - Siti Fathonah Wijayanti, Benjamin Cronshaw
- Fine Arts and Music Faculty - Fan Bu

*Second faculty rep for Fine Arts and Music faculty remains vacant and will be advertised to be filled via casual vacancy.*

The meeting closed at 1.57pm.