

Annual General Meeting Minutes

27 May 2021 12 noon to 1.00 pm

Via Zoom

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Attendance	Jeremy Waite (President and Chair)		
	Staff: Rachna Muddagouni (CEO); Sajal Goundar (MBOF); Tevita Lesuma (MSE); Natasha Abrahams (MPA); Lisa Hadaway; Liana Moore (minute taker); Stephen Luntz (Returning Officer)		Time allocated
	Members: Akshay Agarwal, Saeid Charani, Madeleine Charisis, Tze Jian Chin, Lilian Day (General Secretary), Emily De Wind (Vice President), Jordan Di Natale, Reuben Dyer, Phoebe Fitzpatrick, Joseph Fulwood, Ruby Gardner-Russell, Kush Garg, Jenslie George, Lia Fernanda Grimmer Perez Lynton Gunn, Paul Hanley, Matthew Harper-Gomm, Giulia Holland, Juzaili Jalaludin, William Kabira, Subah Kamal, Brendan Laws, Lilian Ly, Kevin Mao, Cara Margetts, Behannis Mena Chalas, Armin Naghdi, Ishali Nagwekar, Rachael Noble, Winifred O'Malley-Welby, Lauren Ramsey, Isadora Reynolds, Monica Sestito, Joshua Sibbing, Rick Spencer, Xiangyu Su, Thanujah Thambimuthu, Irena Trifena, Megan van Vegten, Paola Villanueva, Josephine Wong, Mia Zentari		
Welcome & Acknowledgment	Meeting opened at 12:04pm. President (JW) acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live and work, paying respects to Elders past, present and emerging. President (JW) welcomed all members in attendance and suggested a change to the Agenda order to move the reports (Agenda items 2a, 2b, 2c) to the end of the meeting – no objections were raised.		
Apologies	Afsaneh Seifinaji		
1a. Minutes & Fo	ollow-up log actions		
Motion: The amendmen Moved: Pre	e minutes of the AGM held on 5 June 2020 be accepted with no		5 min
97.06% yes	; 0% no; 2.94% abstain – motion carries.		
2. Finance Repo	ort		
On behalf of CFO the CEO tabled the Finance reports for 2020, which were independently audited by Accru Melbourne. CEO gave an overview, including a breakdown of the income & expenses. (Refer Annual Report).		CEO for CFO	10 min
no amendn Moved: Ge Seconded:	e Audited financial statements of GSA for the year 2020 be accepted with nents. neral Secretary (LD) Vice President (EDW) 0% no; 0% abstain – motion carries.		



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	Motion: The GSA Council recommend the appointment of Accru Melbourne as the auditors for 2021. Moved: Mia Zentari Seconded: Brendan Laws 96.67% yes; 3.33% no; 0% abstain – motion carries.		
4.	Annual Report		
	Motion: The Annual report for the year 2020 be accepted and noted. Moved: Vice President (EDW) Seconded: Isadora Reynolds		5 min
	100% yes; 0% no; 0% abstain – motion carries.		
5.	Honorarium Motion: The membership approve the Honorarium Payment Memo with no amendments for GSA Board and Representative Council for the term (June 2021 to May 2022). Moved: Monica Sestito Seconded: Isadora Reynolds	CEO for CFO	5 min
	87.5% yes; 0% no; 12.5% abstain – motion carries.		
6. the G	Thanking of GSA Council Members and announcement of new members elected on to SA Council.		5 min
President thanked Council members finishing their term and noted the change from current structure to new Board and Representative Council. President invited Returning Officer to announce election results.			
Retui	ning Officer announced Board Members:		
Lilian Day; William Kabira; Xiangyu Su; Emily De Wind; Maitreyee Phadke; Jeremy Waite; Phoebe Fitzpatrick; Matthew Harper-Gomm.			
Retu	ning Officer announced Representative Council Members:		
Activities Officer – Ruby Gardner-Russell			
Women's Officer – Madeleine Charisis			
International Officer – Afsaneh Seifinaji			
Health & Welfare Officer – Lia Fernanda Grimmer Perez			
Education (Coursework) Officer – Brendan Laws			
Education (Research) Officer – Monica Sestito			
Environment & Sustainability Officer – Saeid Charani Shandiz			
rgRI	IQ Officer – Rick Spencer		



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No nominations for Indigenous Officer and only nomination for Families Officer withdrew so those positions are unfilled.		
Returning Officer noted that for all Board positions only one person nominated, therefore these have been elected unopposed and can be declared. Returning Officer announced Board Positions:		
President – Jeremy Waite		
General Secretary – Lilian Day		
Vice President – Emily De Wind		
Treasurer – William Kabira		
2a. President's Report		30min
Jeremy reflected on the 2019-2020 GSA Council term and GSA achievements, thanked GSA partners and University staff, thanked all members for their resilience, passion and support over a challenging time for everyone, and expressed condolences on behalf of GSA for all those affected by the COVID pandemic.		
2b. Secretary's report		
Lily summarised the achievements of GSA, her achievements as General Secretary, and thanked those she worked with over the 2019-2020 term, including fellow Councillors, GSA staff, and graduate students.		
2c. Office Bearers report		
Vice President Emily reflected on the 2019-2020 term and her highlights from this time, thanked Council Members and staff she worked with, and thanked outgoing Council Members and congratulated incoming Board and Representative Council Members.		
Outgoing Council Members present (Education (Coursework and Research) Officer Mia Zentari, LGTIQ Officer Isadora Reynolds, Council Member Lynton Gunn) reflected on their GSA Council term, thanked everyone for their support, said farewell and wished incoming office bearers and Board/Council Members well.		
Re-elected Council Members present (Matthew Harper-Gomm, William Kabira, Lia Fernanda Grimmer Perez, Ruby Gardner-Russell) reflected on their 2020-2021 GSA Council term and thanked everyone for their support.		
Meeting closed 12.57pm		