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Board Members in attendance	Jeremy Waite – President and Chair Emily De Wind, Lilian Day, Phoebe Fitzpatrick, Matthew Harper-Gomm, William Kabira, Yingchen Zhao, Junyi Johnny Zheng	
Other Attendees	Rachna Muddagouni - CEO Sajal Goundar – Manager Business Operations Natasha Abrahams – Manager Policy, Advocacy/Campaigns Kerry Tucker – Manager Student Engagement Liana Moore– Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)	
Representative Council Observers	None	
Absent	N/A	
Leave of Absence	N/A	
Meeting commenced at 4.01pm		
1 – FORMAL MATTERS		Responsible person, time Allocated
<p>1a. Welcome & Acknowledgment</p> <p>The President delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.</p> <p>President reminded that all relevant GSA policies apply, including but not limited to Privacy, Code of Ethics and Conduct, and Respectful Workplace.</p> <p>1b. Attendance</p> <p>President noted attendance, welcoming Junyi Johnny Zheng to his first Board meeting.</p> <p>1c. Declarations of Interest</p> <p><i>Refer to Board Policies</i></p> <p><i>2 conflict of interest related to final in camera (Jeremy and Matt)</i></p> <p>1d. Minutes & Follow-up log actions (Attachment 2a)</p> <p>Motion: The minutes of the GSA Board meeting held on 23 September 2021 be accepted with no amendments. Moved: Lilian Day Seconded: Emily De Wind 6 in favour, no one against, 2 abstaining (Yingchen Zhao, Johnny Zheng) – motion carries</p> <p>1e. Matters for Approval</p> <p><i>List all the matters of approval with clear documentation as received.</i></p> <p><i>Circulars for formal approval:</i> N/A</p> <p><i>Circulars for noting:</i></p> <p><i>Attachment 3a – 9 October 2021</i></p> <p>FRAC Membership</p> <p>Motion: The Board agrees for Yingchen Zhao and Johnny Zheng to be appointed as FRAC committee members for the duration of their current term. Passed unanimously</p>		President 5 minutes

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<p><i>Attachment 3b - 19 October 2021</i> Increased COVID-19 Safety Measures for Graduate Students Motion: The Board endorses both the Platform and Action items listed in the proposal from the Education Coursework Officer titled, "GSA Supports Increased COVID-19 Safety Measures for Graduate Students" Passed unanimously</p>	
<p>2 – BOARD REPORTING</p> <p>2a President Update on GSA Board, RC, external stakeholder issues and other meetings (Attachment 4a)</p> <p>President presented report, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy focus – graduate researcher issues, COVID-safe return to campus, sexual misconduct survey, and ongoing international student issues. Positives to note for graduate research students with win on COVID leave and stipend extensions and international students with expanding of mental health resources and increasing optimism regarding return to Australia • New student precinct – began on new committee and following discussions with Board appointed Phoebe Fitzpatrick • Matters approved executively – as noted, to be highlighted under Representative Council matters • Stakeholder engagement – CISA recently held AGM, looking forward to engaging with new Executive and happy to report that Faculty Council Member Megan van Vegten is now part of CISA Executive in role of Public Relations Officer. Engaging with NTEU in relation to issues around return to campus and fighting casualisation of staff. <p>2b General Secretary Update and any changes to operations discussed (Attachment 5a, 5b)</p> <p>GenSec presented report, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onboarding and training of new Representative and Faculty Council member, which will continue with 3 new Representative Council members incoming (one already elected, two elections upcoming). • First Faculty Council meeting held with 5 current members and went well, with action items as included in the Working group action items. <p>GenSec tabled Working Group Action Items, reporting that all is going smoothly. GenSec noted the items included from the first Faculty Council meeting, largely advocacy and awareness items. FRAC items from October to be updated but will be regular items.</p> <p>2c Vice President Report (Attachment 6)</p> <p>VP presented report, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grad Groups forum – another held last week, special thanks to Johnny and Yingchen, as well as Maddie from Rep Council, for note taking. • Elected Representatives meetings – mostly about COVID vaccination mandate and related issues, have received assurances this won't fall on teaching staff to enforce. UniMelb is conducting audits of air quality and ventilation and will be taking a reasonable approach to those who don't wish to be vaccinated. Some communication, which is positive, and GSA will continue to advocate for students and ensure a safe return to campus <p>2d Treasurer Report (Attachment 7)</p> <p>Treasurer presented report, highlighting work on Investment Proposal and working with CEO and International Officer to support the International Student Support Package Proposal. Treasurer noted meeting with Education (Coursework) Officer to discuss Health Before Profits Campaign and make some amendments recommended by Board.</p>	<p>Board Members</p> <p>45 min</p>

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<p>2e Phoebe Fitzpatrick Report (Attachment 8)</p> <p>PF presented report highlighting assisting Manager Student Engagement with student drop-in sessions with attendance slowly picking up and moving forward looking to introduce topics for each session so there is more direction.</p> <p>2f Matthew Harper-Gomm Report (Attachment 9)</p> <p>MHG presented report noting regular activities and highlighting meetings attended.</p> <p>2g Yingchen Zhao (Attachment 10)</p> <p>YZ presented report, highlighting attendance at training and inductions that have assisted in becoming familiar and gaining confidence as a board member and attendance at Grad Groups forum that helped provide an understanding of how GSA can assist grad groups in future.</p> <p>2h Junyi Johnny Zheng (verbal report – first meeting)</p> <p>JZ gave an overview of activities to date including training and inductions and attendance at FRAC Subcommittee and Grad Groups Forum, which were both amazing learning opportunities, as well as attendance at International Graduate Students Subcommittee meeting. JZ noted he is looking forward to orientation planning and is passionate about first nations issues and happy to take on any related activities.</p>	
<p>3 – MATTERS FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL</p> <p>3a Meeting Minutes (Attachment 11)</p> <p>The minutes of the GSA Representative Council meeting held on 21 October 2021 tabled for noting.</p> <p>3b Recommendations from the Representative Council for Board consideration (Attachment 12a, 12b)</p> <p>President outlined two matters from Representative Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attachment 12a Environmental Policy Proposal – draft policy that received preliminary endorsement from Representative Council, feedback being collected through to early November. Board members should ensure they read this policy and send any comments through to Environment and Sustainability Officer before the deadline. Attachment 12b Climate Action Motion – as noted in President’s Report, this was endorsed executively <p>President highlighted the importance of Board raising concerns and providing feedback on Representative Council recommendations in early stages so issues can be addressed before they are brought to Board. President called for questions, none to note.</p> <p>3c Questions and other business from observers</p> <p>No observers in attendance</p>	<p>President and other members</p> <p>15 min</p>
<p>4 – STAFF REPORTING</p> <p>4a Meeting to move in camera</p> <p>Procedural Motion: That the meeting move in camera All in favour, no one against, no one abstaining – motion passed.</p> <p>Meeting moved in camera at 4.26pm</p>	<p>President</p> <p>5 min</p>
<p>GSA Board Chair and members thank all observers for their time and interest.</p>	
<p>Next Board Meeting 25 November 2021</p>	