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<b>Board Members in attendance</b>	Jesse Gardner-Russell – President and Chair Yingchen Zhao, Emily De Wind, Matthew Harper-Gomm, Junyi (Johnny) Zheng, Nidhi Sikka	
<b>Other Attendees</b>	Jeremy Waite – Interim Chief Executive Officer Sajal Goundar – Chief Financial & Operating Officer Dr Zachary Greig – Program Director Student Services Eren Muller – Minute Taker	
<b>Representative Council Observers</b>	Matthew King - Education (Coursework) Officer	
<b>Faculty Council Observers</b>	N/A	
<b>Absent</b>	Bianca Jewell	
<b>Leave of Absence</b>	Phoebe Fitzpatrick	
<b>1 – FORMAL MATTERS</b>		Responsible person, time Allocated
<b>1a. Welcome &amp; Acknowledgment</b>		
President welcomed new Board Members Junyi (Jonny) Zheng and Nidhi Sikka.		
<b>1b. Attendance</b>		
<b>1c. Declarations of Interest</b>		
<i>Refer to Board Policies</i>		
<b>1d. Minutes &amp; Follow-up log actions (Attachment 1d)</b>		
<b>Motion:</b> The minutes of the GSA Board meeting held on 30 June, 2022 be accepted with no amendments.		
<b>Moved:</b> Jesse Gardner-Russell		
<b>Seconded:</b> Yingchen Zhao		
4 in favour, two abstaining (Johnny Zheng, Nidhi Sikka), two absent (Phoebe Fitzpatrick, Bianca Jewell) – motion carries.		President 5 minutes
<b>1e. Other Items</b>		
<i>Circulars for formal approval:</i>		
N/A		
<i>Circulars for noting:</i>		
N/A		
<b>1d. Matters for Approval</b>		
<i>List all the matters of approval with clear documentation as received.</i>		
<i>Circulars for formal approval: N/A</i>		
<i>Circulars for noting:</i>		
<b>Meeting to move in camera:</b>		
<b>Moved:</b> All Board Members vote in favour to move in camera. 6 in favour, two absent (Phoebe Fitzpatrick, Bianca Jewell) – motion carries.		
Observers leave meeting, invited to return for out of camera session, 6:00pm – <i>Noted.</i>		

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<p><b>2 – BOARD REPORTING – (Attachment 5a-h)</b></p> <p><b>2a President Update on GSA Board, RC, external stakeholder issues and other meetings (Attachment 5a)</b></p> <p>President noted that it is good to have so many Representative Council members in attendance.</p> <p>President tabled report, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working extensively with General Secretary working on dates of the Faculty Council Elections, ensure regulations are followed.</li> <li>• Engagement in GSA Orientation scheduling, encouraging Representative Council members involvement. The GSA Orientation events have been highly successful and fully booked out.</li> <li>• SSAF Funding - Will be working closely with GSA Executive and Management team in coming months on our SSAF funding agreement strategies.</li> <li>• Advocacy – Working closely with the Policy and Advocacy in selecting new Committee Reps for several key departments. Worked with Health &amp; Welfare and the Women’s Officer to address safety concerns for students studying in the Medical Research Precinct late at night. We have developed key action items which were raised at the Elected Reps meeting in July.</li> <li>• COVID-19 surveys and discussions held with the Disabilities and Equity officer, indicated that students were most concerned about COVID-19 when considering returning to campus. GSA are liaising with the University to consider stricter mask wearing at Elected Reps, Academic Board and Stop1.</li> <li>• Stakeholders – Meetings with key stakeholders at committee and advisory groups.</li> <li>• Will be working closely with GSA Executive and Management team in coming months on our SSAF funding agreement strategies.</li> </ul> <p><b>2b Gen Secretary Report (Attachment 5b)</b></p> <p>GenSec tabled report, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance of EBA Negotiation meetings in June and July.</li> <li>• Chaired FRAC meeting.</li> <li>• Attended discussion with the Chancellery regarding proposed rescission to the University Vaccination Policy.</li> <li>• Physical handover with former General Secretary, Lily Day.</li> <li>• Ongoing administrative work including collating Conflict of Interest Declarations, weekly email updates, actioning leave requests and Board Member changes.</li> </ul> <p><b>2c Vice President Report (Attachment 5c)</b></p> <p>Vice President tabled report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance of various training and onboarding events to help grow skills as a GSA Board member, and better represent Graduate students.</li> <li>• Viewing minutes of various meetings including July FRAC meeting.</li> <li>• Meeting with Interim CEO.</li> <li>• One issue that has been raised to me is that the Graduate Education Society is having problems with their Faculty around placements. Will discuss with the Education Officer and report at next Board meeting.  <b>President:</b> Clarified that the problem is around teaching students.  <b>Vice President:</b> Confirmed the problem is around teaching students.</li> </ul>	<p>Board Members 15 min</p>
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<p><b>2d Treasurer Report (Attachment 5d)</b> Treasurer tabled report, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended first FRAC meeting in role as Board Treasurer.</li> <li>• Meetings with the CFOO, discussion 2022 Budget</li> <li>• Would like to highlight the Travel Budget to the Board. Should you wish to attend a Conference that is of benefit to portfolio/s, recommended you apply. The Travel Budget will help support approved applications in areas of travel, conference, accommodation and meals. For further information, contact the GSA Board President and CFOO who can assist with the process.</li> </ul> <p><b>2e Bianca Jewell Report (Attachment 5e)</b> Board Member BJ – Absent</p> <p><b>2f Juyni (Johnny) Zheng Report (Verbal Update)</b> Board Member Johnny Zheng newly onboarded, provided verbal update, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance of Orientation events.</li> <li>• Planning to be part of the Melbourne Plus core design nation working group</li> <li>• Planning to be engaged with Student welfare.</li> <li>• Participation in the engagement of appointing a First Nations Officer.</li> </ul> <p><b>President:</b> Advised the Board, that the Melbourne Plus is the replacement of the Leaders in the Community Award. Will be great to have Johnny attend as a representative as GSA Board member, being a good outcome to Graduate students. <b>President:</b> Advised the Board should they have committee/s in areas of specific Interest that you would like to focus on, please approach the President, as happy to accommodate and delegate committee role to Board members.</p> <p><b>2g Phoebe Fitzpatrick (Attachment 5g)</b> Board Member PF Absent – LoA</p> <p><b>2h Nidhi Sikka (Verbal Update)</b> Board Member Nidhi Sikka newly onboarded, provided verbal update, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked Board for their support and looking forward to role as Board Member.</li> <li>• Attendance of Orientation events.</li> </ul> <p><b>President:</b> Advised Board, looking forward to working with Nidhi, acknowledging Nidhi's skills and knowledge.</p>	
<p><b>3 – MATTERS FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>3a. Minutes of Representative Council Meeting (Attachment 6a)</b> The minutes of the GSA Representative Council meeting held on 21 July 2022 will be circulated when available.</p>	<p>President 5 min</p>
<p><b>Meeting concluded. 6:20pm</b></p>	<p>President 5 min</p>
<p><b>Next Board Meeting – Thursday, 25 August 2022</b></p>	