

Thursday 24 November 2022 3.00pm – 7.00pm

Responsible

person, time

Allocated

President 5 minutes

Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we meet and work on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to the Elders, past and present and recognize the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait people in this land.

Board Members in attendance	Jesse Gardner-Russell – President and Chair Yingchen Zhao, Junyi (Johnny) Zheng, Matthew Harper-Gomm
Other Attendees	Jeremy Waite – Interim Chief Executive Officer Sajal Goundar – Chief Financial & Operating Officer Eren Muller – Minute Taker
Representative Council Observers	N/A
Faculty Council Observers	N/A
Absent	Rosalie Ritter-Jones
Leave of Absence	Nidhi Sikka

1 - FORMAL MATTERS

1a. Welcome & Acknowledgment

President opened meeting at 4:04pm with welcome and acknowledgment.

1b. Attendance

1c. Declarations of Interest

Refer to Board Policies

1d. Minutes & Follow-up log actions (Attachment 1d)

Motion: The minutes of the GSA Board meeting held on 27 October 2022 be accepted

without amendment.

Moved: President, Jesse Gardner-Russell **Seconded:** Treasurer, Junyi (Johnny) Zheng

4 in favour - Motion Carries

1e. Other Items

Matters for Approval

Motion: That Rosalie Ritter-Jones to be granted a leave of absence under s 9.14 of the GSA

Constitution for the day 24/11/2022.

Moved: President, Jesse Gardner-Russell

Seconded: General Secretary, Yingchen Zhao

Motion is passed with 4 in favour, two abstentions (Board Member Nidhi Sikka, Board

Member Rosalie Ritter-Jones)

Circulars for noting:

Motion: Leave of Absence for Jean Luan Yong - 17/11/2022 RC Meeting.

Moved: General Secretary, Yingchen Zhao **Seconded:** Board Member, Nidhi Sikka

Motion Passed with a majority of those in favour

Motion: That Nidhi Sikka to be granted a leave of absence under s 9.14 of the GSA

Constitution for the day 24/11/2022.

Moved: General Secretary, Yingchen Zhao
Seconded: President, Jesse Gardner-Russell

Motion is Passed with 5 in favour, one abstention (Board Member Nidhi Sikka)

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Motion: That Bridie Cochrane-Holley to be granted a leave of absence under s

9.14 of the GSA Constitution from 28/11/2022 to 16/12/2022.

Moved: General Secretary, Yingchen Zhao **Seconded:** Board Member, Rosalie Ritter-Jones

Motion is Passed with 5 in favour

1f. Meeting to move in camera

Procedural Motion: That the meeting move in camera

All Board Members vote in favour to move in camera - Motion carries

Observers invited to attend for out of camera session, 6:00pm – Noted.

6 - BOARD REPORTING - (Attachments 6a-e)

6a. President Update on GSA Board, RC, external stakeholder issues and other meetings (Attachment 6a)

President tabled report - the President reported that he had a very busy and productive month, with the focus on CEO recruitment, Policy and Advocacy Manager recruitment and continuing implementation of the Faculty Council, highlighting:

- Advocacy FaresFair Campaign due to the CAPA ACM occurring on the 24th of November, the President decided to freeze actions on the Fares Fair Campaign until the ACM is over. This is due to the inner CAPA turmoil which could see the campaign becoming overly politicised and generate risk to the campaign's effectiveness.
- The President has closed out case by case advocacy cases progressively. Currently
 the President is working on an issue regarding classes held on Saturdays in the Arts
 facility.
- Faculty Council input towards the Graduate Welcome Ceremony was positively received by the university and is aligned with the university's survey data from students and deans. This has resulted in the creation of a working group for a joint GSA-Student Life Graduate Welcome for orientation which we will be working closely on.
- Tuesday the 8th of November, the Vice Chancellor announced that the Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Science (FVAS), will be disestablished and the two schools within the faculty, merged into the Faculty of Science. Additionally, the University has proposed to cease the operations of the U-VET facility. This has the ability for massive repercussion on DVM students. The President has been working on a Joint Statement with the NTEU and has attended NTEU rallies and spoken out against the changes. I will be working closely with DVM student leaders and the NTEU on this issue over the coming weeks.
- The President has attended and represented the GSA at RESPECT at Melbourne, Graduate Welcome Meeting and at NTEU events regarding DVM students.
- The President met with key stakeholders including PVC Student Life, PVC Research, Tim Brabazon, Amanda Benson, and is planning to meet with PVC Education as soon as possible.

Board Members 20 mins



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6b. General Secretary Report (Attachment 6b)

General Secretary tabled report, highlighting:

- Attendance at NTEU events with the President.
- Arrangement of Casual Vacancy Elections for the Board and onboarding new Board member.
- Met with CEO Recruiter, with Board members completed the Recruitment Shortlist.
- Policy and Advocacy Manager Interviews.
- Preparation of the Grad Group Working Group.
- Student Campus Experience Steering Committee.
- Amendment of LoA Policy with the CEO. Seeking Board approval for the amended LoA Policy (Attachment 6b ii).

Motion: The Board accept the amended Leave of Absence Policy with no amendments.

Moved: General Secretary, Yinchen Zhao **Seconded:** President, Jesse Gardner-Russell 4 in favour, 2 absent – Motion carries

6c. Vice President Report (Attachment 6c)

Vice President tabled report, highlighting:

Attendance of meetings including, FRAC Board, CEO.

6d. Treasurer Report (Attachment 6d)

Treasurer tabled report, highlighting:

- Grad Groups utilisation of GSA fundings and room for improvement in student engagement through GG events and activities.
- Attendance of meetings including, FRAC Board, CEO.

6e. Nidhi Sikka (Attachment 6e)

No Items to report.

6f. Rosalie Ritter-Jones

No Items to report.

7 - MATTERS FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

7a. Minutes of Representative Council Meeting (Attachment 7a)

The minutes of the GSA Representative Council meeting is rescheduled to 1st December to meet quorum - *Noted*

• RC Minutes, to be noted, post meeting - Noted

7b. Recommendations from the Representative Council for Board consideration

No recommendations for November

8 - MATTERS FROM THE FACULTY COUNCIL

8a. Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting (Attachment 8a)

The minutes of the GSA Faculty Council meeting held on 6 October 2022 to be noted - *Noted*

8b. Recommendations from the Faculty Council for Board consideration

No recommendations for November

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Meeting concluded 8:00pm
Next Board Meeting – January 2023 (Date to be Confirmed)