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Board Members in attendance	Jesse Gardner-Russell – President and Chair Yingchen Zhao, Matthew Harper-Gomm (part), Rosalie Ritter-Jones, Bolor Jamiyandagva, Yujia (Lucy) Zhang, Nidhi Sikka	
Apologies		
Other Attendees	Sajal Goundar – Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Danielle How – Manager Business Operations & Finance (MBOF) Christina Murambi – Manager Policy & Advocacy Kerry Tucker – Manger Engagement & Comms Maddy Sawant – HR & OHS Officer Eren Muller – Minute Taker	
Representative Council Observers	None	
Faculty Council Observers	None	
Absent (other attendees)	Junyi (Johnny) Zheng - LoA	
	<p>1 – FORMAL MATTERS</p> <p>1a. Welcome & Acknowledgment</p> <p>The President opened meeting at 4:27pm with welcome and acknowledgment.</p> <p>The President reminded board members to forward identified Conflict of Interest/s to the General Secretary – <i>Noted</i></p> <p>1b. Attendance</p> <p>1c. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No new declarations. <i>Refer to Board Policies</i></p> <p>1d. Minutes & Follow-up log actions (Attachment 1d)</p> <p>Motion: The minutes of the GSA Board meeting held on 30 March 2023 be accepted without amendment.</p> <p>Moved: President, Jesse Gardner-Russell</p> <p>Seconded: Vice President, Matthew Harper-Gomm</p> <p>Motion is Passed with all in favour, no one against.</p> <p><i>Circulars for ratification:</i></p> <p>No items for ratification.</p> <p><i>Circular resolutions for ratification:</i></p> <p>Motion: That Johnny Zheng to be granted a leave of absence under s 9.14 of the GSA Constitution from 24/04/2023 to 28/04/2023.</p> <p>Motioned: General Secretary</p> <p>Seconded: President</p> <p>Motion is Passed with 7 in favour, 1 abstained (Johnny Zheng), no one against.</p> <p>RATIFIED</p>	<p>Responsible person, time Allocated</p> <p>President 5 minutes</p>

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<p>5 – BOARD REPORTING – (Attachment 5a-g)</p> <p>5a. President Update on GSA Board, RC, external stakeholder issues and other meetings (Attachment 5a)</p> <p>The President summarised a very busy month including, closing off many governance items.</p> <p>The President reported that the GSA Elections have concluded and praised the candidates for their hard work. This is the final board report of this term as GSA President. The President is looking forward to planning the training of the new reps and building an even stronger and more cohesive team for the 2023-2024 term. The President’s priority is to be focussed on the AGM and the Annual Report.</p> <p>Action Log (Priorities: Red = High, Orange = Medium, Green = Low).</p> <p>High priority - Governance Action Items for noting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSAF Agreement – President is looking forward to the SSAF Agreement being signed off. • Grad Group – Club Double Affiliations, to be pursued by the Grad Group Working Group. The Outcome of SSAF negotiation was to investigate double affiliations of clubs with UMSU and GSA. With new UMSU CEO beginning after Easter and SSAF agreements expected to be signed by then, it is worth investigating this item after their new CEO is in place. Good time for GSA to pursue this due to UMSU’s pause on new club affiliations for another semester. • Strategic Plan Review – the President advised TOR drafted for the Board Review. Developing plan to utilise newDemocracy principals to send a random email to 1000-5000 graduate students to participate in an online 3-hour response and review of the strategic plan – to discuss in WG. • Strategic Planning 2025 – 2030 – the President is planning 2024 work for the board, after review. Important for governance and direction setting. • Review into Governance Changes/New Constitution – Part of necessary audits into polices and practices. <p>High priority – Engaged and Healthy Communities Item for noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Werribee Campus Orientation Event – The President Raised item with CEO – great space to collaborate with new International Officer (DVM Student) on and build our profile at Werribee. <p>High priority – Engaged and Healthy Communities Item for noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of Living, Housing Rights – Workshops – The President will investigate whether other organisations have a program and if we can innovate and collaborate on this. <p>High priority - Advocacy Items for noting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dual Delivery/Online Lecture Recordings – Decision made to take extra time to prepare stronger report – present week 8. • In Viva Examinations – Appointed to RTP policy working group to advocate here. • Implementation of new Committee Representative model – Phase implementation is in progress. • Graduate Welcome – Investigating why GSA was not invited. 	<p>Board 10 min</p>
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High priority - Representation Item for noting:

- Elected Reps – Meeting scheduled for April. Will report to Board.

CEO: Thanked the President for his hard work and dedication to students, looking forward to working with the President for another term.

5b. General Secretary Report (Attachment 5b)

The General Secretary’s report is noted as read.

The General Secretary highlighted:

- Constitution and electoral regulation
- Strategic Planning 2025-2030.
- Revision of email updates, met with Representative and Faculty Council members to gain feedback for best way forward. Updates will now be sent out each fortnight.
- Chancellor meetings – General Secretary to meet with the Policy and Advocacy Manager to identify RC members, especially members who have a focus on Advocacy projects, amplifying student voices.
 - Today’s meeting with Chancellor and Disability and Equity Representative Council member, Bridie Cochrane-Holley went very well. Bridie captured the audience with her presentation on Dual Learning, presenting very well receiving very good feedback.

5c. Vice President Report

The Vice President provided a verbal report. Noting this is his last meeting as Board Member.

The Vice President’s focus in coming weeks:

- Handover to elected Vice President.
- Faculty Meeting held earlier this month, will be wrapping up FC items and include with the Handover items to new Vice President.

President: thanked the Vice President for their hard work and dedication to the Board and graduate students.

5d. Treasurer Report

The Treasurer’s report is note as read.

The Treasurer’s focus for next month:

- Newly elected student representative onboarding.
- Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Business Process Review

Treasurer: advised he will be focusing on reviewing other relevant policies involving GSA finances and working with the MBOF and the CEO on the interim review of GSA organisation processes.

5e. Nidhi Sikka

The Board Member’s report is noted as read, no items to note.

Board Member Nidhi Sikka’s focus for next month:

- Sustainability including:
 - Breakfast Events – discussion with the Sustainability Officer, recommendation to find solutions towards not using “disposable items” to serve food and switch to reusable cutleries.

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- Planning of the GSA Ball. Would like the opportunity to participate acquiring knowledge of the process and organising.
- Representation - PTV Working Group – Commenced with a PTV Working Group last year, would like to restart the working group and consider ways on how we plan to move forward.
- Stakeholders - SPC Committee – Would like to get started soon and introduce to the respective stakeholders to assist in the organisation where possible.

5f. Rosalie Ritter-Jones

The Board Member’s report is noted as read, no items to note.

Board Member Rosalie Ritter-Jones’ focus for next month:

- Election – completed election campaign in an effort to ensure organisation stability.
- Rosalie would like to be involved in Strategic Planning, being part of the Working Group.
- GSA Ball Planning.
- NewDemocracy – attended the NewDemocracy session.

5g. Bolor Jamiyandagva

The Board Member’s report is noted as read, no items to note.

Board Member Bolor Jamiyandagva’s focus for next month:

- Strategic Plan Review – The Review Team has not met yet to review the strategic plan however will prioritise this in the coming month.
- TALQAC Academic Board Committee – once the date is confirmed, will participate in advocating for the graduate students and their rights in TALQAC.
- Melbourne Plus Community of Practice meeting – scheduled for 26 April will report at next Board meeting.

5h. Yujia (Lucy) Zhang

The Board Member’s report is noted as read, no items to note.

Board Member Lucy Zhang’s focus for next month:

- Health Promotion Grants.
- Annual Report.

Complaints or work-bullying: Board Member Lucy Zhang discussed alleged bullying claim published on international student platform.

General Secretary: advised the board when initial complaint lodged that policy and process was followed to mitigate risks, however the claimant ceased communications following the HR Officer reaching out to claimant.

CEO: advised the board, the new policy and process of Complaints Management Framework and Code of Ethics and Conduct will ensure a clear process is followed going forward to resolve issues and concerns that may arise. The board will also look further into ways to address complaints from students, staff or other members.

President: highlighted the importance of following process and procedures to navigate challenging situations to mitigate risks that include the safety and wellbeing of students, council members and staff.

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<p>6 – MATTERS FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL</p> <p>6a. Minutes of Representative Council Meeting (Attachment 6a) The minutes of the GSA Representative Council meeting held on 20 April 2023, to be noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC Minutes, noted. <p>President: advised that the Minutes for the RC meeting held on 20 April will be circulated to the Board for circular motion.</p> <p>6b. Recommendations from the Representative Council for Board consideration <i>No Representative Council items for Board consideration in April.</i></p>	<p>President 5 min</p>
<p>7 – MATTERS FROM THE FACULTY COUNCIL</p> <p>7a. Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting - March The minutes of the GSA Faculty Council meeting held on 20 April 2023, to be noted.</p> <p>Vice President: advised that the Minutes for the Faculty Council meeting held in on 12th April will be circulated to the Board for circular motion.</p> <p>7b. Recommendations from the Faculty Council for Board consideration <i>No recommendations for Board consideration in April</i></p>	<p>Vice President 5 min</p>
<p>8 – OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>8a. Questions and other business from observers No observers.</p> <p>8b. Meeting to move in camera Procedural Motion: That the meeting move in camera</p>	<p>President 5 min</p>
<p>Meeting concluded 7:37pm</p>	
<p>Next Board Meeting – 28 June 2023</p>	