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Board Members in attendance	Jesse Gardner-Russell – President and Chair Yingchen Zhao, Junyi (Johnny) Zheng, Nidhi Sikka, Bolor Jamiyandagva, Yujia (Lucy) Zhang, Amin Abedini.	
Apologies	Sajal Goundar – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	
Other Attendees	Kelvin Hoang – 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)	Rosalie Ritter-Jones - LoA	
	<p>1 – FORMAL MATTERS</p> <p>1a. Welcome & Acknowledgment</p> <p>The President opened meeting at 4:06pm 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 27 April 2023 be accepted without amendment. Moved: President, Jesse Gardner-Russell Seconded: Board Member, Bolor Jamiyandagva Motion is Passed with all in favour, no one against.</p> <p><i>Circulars for ratification:</i> No items for ratification.</p> <p><i>Circular resolutions for ratification:</i> Motion: That Rosalie Ritter-Jones to be granted a leave of absence under s 9.14 of the GSA Constitution for the day 28/06/2023. Moved: General Secretary, Yinghen Zhao Seconded: Board Member, Nidhi Sikka Motion is passed: All in favour, one abstained (Board Member Rosalie Ritter-Jones), no one against. RATIFIED</p> <p>Motion: That the GSA Board endorse the work of the disability & equity officer to review the Student Equity and Disability Support (SEDS) Report and GSA to provide appropriate staffing support for the collection of student testimonials.</p>	<p>Responsible person, time Allocated</p> <p>President 5 minutes</p>

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<p>Moved: General Secretary, Yinghen Zhao Seconded: Board Member, Nidhi Sikka, Motion is passed: All in favour, no one abstained, no one against. RATIFIED</p> <p>Motion: the board endorse to adopt the Complaints Management Framework & Code of Ethics & Conduct with amendments to cover Faculty Council members, and change the wording from "and" to "or" on pp.77. Moved: General Secretary, Yinghen Zhao Seconded: Board Member, Nidhi Sikka Motion is passed: All in favour, no one abstained, no one against. RATIFIED</p> <p>Motion: That Yingchen Zhao to be granted a leave of absence under s 9.14 of the GSA Constitution from 03 July 2023 to 21 July 2023. Moved: President, Jesse Gardner-Russell Seconded: Vice President, Rosalie Ritter-Jones Motion is passed: All in favour, one abstained (Yingchen Zhao), no one against. RATIFIED</p> <p>Motion: That the GSA Board Approves the use of the GSA Board Travel Allowance for the GSA President to attend the GradCon held from July 3-4 2023. Moved: General Secretary, Yingchen Zhao Seconded: Board Member, Amin Abedini Motion is passed: All in favour, one abstained (Jesse Gardner-Russell), no one against. RATIFIED</p> <p>Yujia (Lucy) Zhang left meeting at 6:08pm</p>	
<p>2 – BOARD REPORTING – (Attachment 2a-g) 2a. President Update on GSA Board, RC, external stakeholder issues and other meetings (Attachment 2a)</p> <p>The President summarised a busy month including: The SSAF Agreement has been signed. Likewise, the second Melbourne Student Forum (MSF) was held. Our positive relationship with the Office of the Provost has developed throughout this process and believe it will lead to positive outcomes for GSA to augment its advocacy through the MSF. The GSA representative training was a great success and work has begun on a range of Working Group Terms of References which are in the process of being finalised, which will be actioned on the CEO’s return from leave.</p> <p>The President noted major highlights including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President and GSA CEO met with UMSU CEO and President. • President and GSA CEO met with Director MU Sport. • President and GSA CEP met with the DVC People and Community. • President working on Terms of References for working groups. They will be finalised for the next Board meeting. 	<p>Board 20 min</p>

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<p>Board Member Amin Abedini: sought clarity if the Working Group for Advocacy will have an opt-out option. Due to nature of Advocacy, graduates would have passion for some advocacy causes, and once resolved may not need to be involved further.</p> <p>President: confirmed each Working Group will have standing members, and can invite graduates who may for example have one issue seeking to address. Once is resolved they can opt-out of Working Group.</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"> • CEO performance management committee – key item for 2023. <p>High priority – Engaged and Healthy Communities Item for noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan Review and Strategic Planning WG – TOR to be implemented after Board Endorsement and CEO returns from leave. Developing plan to utilise newDemocracy principles to send email to 1000-5000 graduate students to participate in an online 3 hour response and review of the strategic plan – to discuss in WG. <p>High priority - Advocacy Items for noting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of new Committee Representative model – Phase implementation is in progress. Delivered training pack for new reps on this item. Appointing is in progress. <p>High priority - Representation Item for noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected Reps – Delivered our key reports from Disabilities and Equity Officer. <p>Bolor Jamiyandagva left meeting at 6:20pm</p> <p>2a i. Motion to review the impacts of the U-Vet/Faculty of Science changes for voting (Attachment 2a i)</p> <p>Motion: That the GSA Board endorse a review in DVM placement teaching and learning standards as a result of the 2022 decision to lease the U-VET Animal Hospital to Greencross Pet Wellness Company and move to a fully distributed placement model.</p> <p>Moved: President</p> <p>Seconded: Board Member, Amin Abedini</p> <p>Motion is Passed with 5 in favour, 3 absent - Rosalie Ritter-Jones, Bolor Jamiyandagva, Yujia (Lucy) Zhang, Amin Abedini.</p> <p>2a ii. Motion to wind up the Robert Menzies Institute Campaign for voting (Attachment 2a ii)</p> <p>Motion: That the GSA dis-establishes the campaign against the Menzies Institute, and ceases providing funding for campaign events and materials, promoting campaign events through the GSA’s networks and endorses a review into all Robert Menzies Institute Campaign social media/website in relation to the disestablishment of the campaign.</p> <p>Moved: President</p> <p>Seconded: Board Member, Amin Abedini</p> <p>Motion is Passed with 5 in favour, 3 absent - Rosalie Ritter-Jones, Bolor Jamiyandagva, Yujia (Lucy) Zhang.</p> <p>Items for Noting</p> <p>2a iii. Chancellery’s Global Strategy, for noting (Attachment 2a iii)</p> <p>The President advised board members the Chancellery’s Global Strategy aligns with the International Working Group, for international student engagement and experience. The</p>	
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University is committing a lot of resources into global strategy. One of the area's the University is committed to is to help foster a sense of connection and community for international students, as a lot of evidence suggested in the lasted student survey is that many international students reported a sense of loneliness. International students can feel very isolated as they do not come to the university with established friendship networks that domestic students usually have.

2a iv. Mental Health & Wellbeing Reference Group, for noting (Attachment 2a iv)

The University is also looking into a Wellbeing Checking App. If you would like further information please ask the President and will be provided.

The President stated he would like to ensure board members are informed and included in these topics. Should you wish to be involved or promote, it is encouraged, including to voice your opinion or ask questions.

5b. General Secretary Report (Attachment 2b)

The General Secretary's report is noted as read.

The General Secretary highlighted:

- Election, Onboarding
- 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.
- General Secretary will send out email seeking board, RC and FC for conflict-of-interest declarations.
- Issues identified with Casual Elections/Returning Officer. The Board discussed the issues identified in the process at the June Representative Council meeting. The President and General Secretary will observe the upcoming election process at the July Board meeting, recommending Board Members also observe. The General Secretary advised that the Board should be made aware of the problem existing in the governance, in terms of the election procedures. The board will discuss further should issues arise with election process at the July Board meeting – *Noted*.

Board Member, Nidhi Sikka: enquired of the Representative Council meeting links.

President and General Secretary: advised Nidhi of the administration procedure changes for the Representative Council meetings. The Policy and Advocacy Team are now managing the administrative role for the Representative Council meetings including creation of calendar appts/invitations, collecting RC Reports, Agenda and Minutes. The Documents will continue to be accessible on the Representative Council, Meeting, Documents – in SharePoint. The P&A Team will ensure going forward, to invite board members to the Representative Council meetings and ensure all board members have access to the Representative Council 'Meetings' in SharePoint – *Noted*.

2c. Vice President Report

The Vice President's report is noted as read.

The Vice President's focus in coming weeks:

- Faculty Council planning, meetings and Faculty Orientations – See attached Faculty Council Guide.

Note: agenda and relevant documentation will be made available for access through SharePoint: <https://unimelbcloud.sharepoint.com/teams/GSAFacultyCouncil>

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<p>2d. Treasurer Report No items to note.</p> <p>The Treasurer’s focus for next month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise the Representative Council Expenditure Policy. Assisting MBOF in the review of established finance processes. <p>2e. Nidhi Sikka The Board Member’s report included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the previous Environmental & Sustainability Officer. <p>Board Member Nidhi Sikka’s focus for next month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability including assisting the new Environmental & Sustainability Officer FRAC member <p>2f. Bolor Jamiyandagva No items to note.</p> <p>2f. Yujia (Lucy) Zhang No items to note.</p> <p>2f. Amin Abedini No items to note.</p>	
<p>3 – MATTERS FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL</p> <p>3a. Minutes of Representative Council Meeting (Attachment 3a) The minutes of the GSA Representative Council meeting held on 21 June 2023, to be noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RC Minutes, noted. <p>3b. Recommendations from the Representative Council for Board consideration <i>No Representative Council items for Board consideration in June.</i></p>	<p>President 5 min</p>
<p>4 – MATTERS FROM THE FACULTY COUNCIL</p> <p>4a. Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting - June No meeting/minutes in June</p> <p>4b. Recommendations from the Faculty Council for Board consideration <i>No recommendations for Board consideration in June.</i></p>	<p>Vice President 5 min</p>
<p>Meeting concluded 7:17pm</p>	
<p>Next Board Meeting – Wednesday 26 July 2023</p>	