



**Arc @ UNSW limited**  
**PGC MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday 17 June 2024**  
**Hybrid (Arc Training Rooms/TEAMS)**  
**4:00 pm**

**Present:** Tony Le (PGC President), Salauddin Pathan Akash, Sidra Sarwat, Nitharsaa Ambalavanar, Anuvinda Sreenivas, Daiana Venancio, Gurpreet Hansra, Yifan (Vicky) Yu in-part

**Apologies:** Ada Choi, Anushka Anchan, Ervan Herkusuma, Nicole Zhao

**Attendance:** N/A

**Absent:** N/A

**1. MEETING OPENING**

The meeting opened at 4:06pm.

**1.1. Acknowledgement of Country**

Completed by the PGC President.

**1.2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from A. Choi, A. Anchan, E. Herkusuma and N. Zhao

**RESOLUTION**

THAT the apologies received from A. Choi, A. Anchan, E. Herkusuma and N. Zhao are accepted.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Conflicts of interest disclosure**

N/A

**1.4. Previous Minutes**

**1.4.1. Confirmation: 20 May 2024**

**RESOLUTION**

THAT the minutes from the PGC meeting held on 20 May 2024 are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED**

**1.4.2. Matters arising/ action list**

The action list was noted.

**1.5. Meeting administration**

**1.5.1. Selection of meeting observer.**

Anuvinda Sreenivas.

*Order was suspended with leave of the Council. The minutes reflect the meeting order.*

### **1.5.2. Items flagged for immediate discussion**

### **4.8 PGC Paddington Campus Officer – Yifan (Vicky) Yu**

Vicky presented her vision and event plan to the PGC for the Paddington Office:

- There are two scheduled events. The first is an art installation for creation in July and display in October. The other is TBC.
- Provide networking opportunities for new, current, and alumni students in Term 3.

Feedback and discussion:

- The Council provided suggestions for planning, resourcing, seeking student feedback and event promotion. The SRC Paddington Officer, Design Society and UNSW Student Service were noted as suggested contacts.
- An update will be provided at the next meeting.

## **2. MATTERS FOR DECISION**

N/A

## **3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **3.1. Venues for PGC Social Mixers**

The paper was taken as read.

Discussions:

The Council discussed ways to increase student participation in PGC Social Mixers. A change of venue or time was considered.

### **ACTION**

*A poll will be set up to understand the preferences of postgraduate students to inform future PGC Social Mixers.*

## **4. OFFICE BEARER REPORTS**

### **4.1. President**

The report was taken as read.

Discussions:

- The Research Office, International Office, as well as the work of the Council, were thanked with regards to lobbying for change to the Temporary Graduate Visa Issue.
- The PGC was asked to review the responsibilities and tasks of the Council positions in the Charter which requires an update for 2025.
- The PGC was asked to update their handover documents where relevant.
- The PGC was asked to consider their individual contributions to the Annual Report for 2024.
- The Postgraduate Series will host events through July and August. The PGC were asked to share the Postgraduate Series link across their social media channels.

### **ACTIONS**

- *THAT the PGC review the responsibilities and tasks of the Council positions in the Charter.*

- *THAT the PGC consider their handover documents where relevant and their contribution to the 2024 Annual Report.*
- *THAT the PGC share the Postgraduate Series link across their social media channels.*

#### **4.2. General Secretary**

The report was taken as read.

Discussions:

- The General Secretary reiterated the importance of promoting the Postgraduate Series within networks across all platforms.
- The Council were asked to attend the series to represent PGC, including the PGC Townhall at the end of T2.
- Students from Canberra will consider attending the workshop on 29 July. With 3-4 weeks' notice it will be possible to bring approximately 20 students to Sydney events. The PGC Townhall and O-Week were discussed as options for a visit from Canberra students.

#### **4.3. Equity Vice President**

The report was taken as read.

Discussions:

- The Gendered Violence Working Reference Group for students met for their first meeting. The PGC will be updated with the group's progress.
- The IDAHOBIT cupcakes and coffee event was attended by 30 individuals. Planning for the Suicide Prevention Walk is in progress. The Regional Diversity event has funding but has not been planned yet.
- PGC will assist Arc in organising Sextember with the UNSW Health Promotion Unit.
- The Wellbeing Guide is being updated by marketing and the PG Parents Guide is with the EDI division for feedback. Both guides will be shared with the PGC for feedback before they are published.
- Promotion of avenues for victims of Gendered Violence to seek support was discussed, including addition of resources to the website.

#### **4.4. International Vice President**

The report was taken as read.

Discussions:

- Several meetings were attended in relation to the Temporary Visa issue. There are 13 days remaining for submissions to support the proposed age revision.
- Met with International Student Representatives the formation of a State-Level International Student Representative Body.
- A soccer event is scheduled on 28 June with both an inside and outside venue.
- A webpage for the International Office was launched which is open to student testimonials.
- The relevant NSW Minister will be followed up regarding travel concession fares for international students.

#### **4.5. Research Vice President**

The report was taken as read.

Discussions:

- A volunteer must host the PGC stall at the Term 2 HDR Welcome on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **4.6. Coursework Vice President**

The report was taken as read.

N/A

#### **4.7. Canberra Officer**

The report was taken as read.

Discussions:

- The “Nurturing Respectful Relationships in Education & the Workplace” took place on 12 June at UNSW Canberra to discuss gender violence.
- A PGC Catch Up event is planned with students and their families at the Australian National Gallery. A trip is proposed for UNSW Sydney students to visit Canberra in August.

#### **4.8. Paddington Officer**

Flagged as an item for immediate discussion as Yifan had to leave before the meeting had finished.

#### **5. MATTERS FOR NOTING [discussed only on exception basis]**

N/A

#### **6. Q&A (if any)**

N/A

#### **7. MEETING FINALISATION**

##### **7.1. Meeting evaluation**

The meeting finished half an hour earlier, apologies were presented and the Paddington Officer made a presentation, all reports were discussed except for research and coursework reports.

##### **7.2. Next meeting date: 15 July**

##### **7.3. Meeting close**

The meeting closed at 5:24pm.



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PGC President Signature – Tony Le  
15/07/2024