



Arc @ UNSW limited
PGC MEETING MINUTES
Monday 18 March 2024
Hybrid (Arc Training Rooms/TEAMS)
4:00 pm

Present: Tony Le (PGC President), Salauddin Pathan Akash, Daiana Venancio, Sidra Sarwat, Anushka Anchan, Ada Choi, Anuvinda Sreenivas, Gurpreet Hansra, Nicole Zhao

Apologies: Ervan Herkusuma

Attendance: Ziming Gong, Claudia Mardones

Absent: Nitharsaa Ambalavanar

1. MEETING OPENING

The meeting opened at 4:09pm.

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Completed by the PGC President.

1.2. Apologies

An apology was received from E. Herkusuma.

RESOLUTION

THAT the apology received from E. Herkusuma is accepted.

CARRIED

1.3. Conflicts of interest disclosure

N/A

1.4. Previous Minutes

1.4.1. Confirmation: 19 February 2024

RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes from the PGC meeting held on 19 February 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

G. Hansra was appointed as the meeting observer.

1.5.2. Items flagged for immediate discussion

N/A

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

N/A

3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1. Draft Terms of Reference for the Group of Eight Postgraduate Student Representative Collective

The paper was taken as read.

No amendments to the draft terms of reference were raised by the PGC.

3.2. Monthly PGC Pub

The paper was taken as read.

Discussions:

- It was suggested that each Officer rotates in hosting the PGC Pub and that it is held monthly.
- Coffee catchups will also be delivered monthly.
- The recent coffee catchup experienced low attendance on the day despite the tickets being sold out on Eventbrite.
- There is a need to improve PGC social media and marketing to increase event participation.
- The coffee catchups should be experimented at different locations to find one that has the greatest foot traffic.

4. OFFICE BEARER REPORTS

4.1. President

The report was taken as read.

Discussions:

- The PGC President will share some general notes of the UNSW meetings they have attended with the PGC, so Officers are also aware.
- There has been a request to check with GRS on the number of students affected by the proposed graduate Visa changes. The Group of Eight (GO8) has also released a few media statements on the issue and have raised that they are against the Visa changes.
- The PGC President provided a brief overview of the UNSW senior leadership team structure to the Council.

4.2. General Secretary

The report was taken as read.

Discussions:

- A new marketing team member has been sought and the General Secretary will discuss with them ways to improve PGC's marketing and social media presence.
- Applications for Subcommittee members will close and reopen in T2.
- The PGC Pub event should be organised on-campus. The General Secretary will discuss with each Office the dissemination of budgets towards the PGC Pub events and Officer availabilities to host the event each month.
- The PGC Townhall is targeted towards postgraduate students versus internal members.
- There is a need to recruit more members for the PGC Marketing Subcommittee

4.3. Equity Vice President

The report was taken as read.

The Cultural Diversity event will be held on 26 March and help is needed from PGC Officers to promote the event as registrations have been low.

4.4. International Vice President

The report was taken as read.

4.5. Research Vice President

The report was taken as read.

The Wine and Cheese event has sold out of tickets, and help is needed from PGC Officers to assist with the event on the day.

4.6. Coursework Vice President

The report was taken as read.

4.7. Canberra Officer

The report was taken as read.

The Canberra Officer sought help from the Equity Vice President to advertise the upcoming gendered violence panel event.

4.8. Paddington Officer

N/A

4.9. Media & Communications

N/A

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

5.1. Response from Government to the PGC on its Concerns with the Proposed Changes to the Temporary Graduate Visa

The paper was taken as read.

6. Q&A (if any)

PGC Officers are welcome to submit marketing requests once the new Marketing Subcommittee member's access is set up.

7. MEETING FINALISATION

7.1. Meeting evaluation

The Council discussed the key points in relation to the matters proposed, noting that there were several important issues.

7.2. Next meeting date: 15 April 2024

7.3. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 5:40pm.



PGC President Signature – Tony Le

Date: 24/04/2024