



A meeting of the

Postgraduate Students' Association

Held in the
Postgraduate lounge
Level 4 Kate Edgar
Information Commons
On 26th June,
2015, at 9:00am

1. Personnel Matters:

Chair of the Meeting: Mohamed Alansari

Presents: Chiara, Wendy, Lucia, Piyush, Amir, Camelle, Andrea, Natalie, Jo Administrator, Dharani, Mabingo, Denver, Eryn, Jingjing, William, Christine

Apologies: Ankit, Jia

Absent: Samin, Kariappa

Agenda Items 9.05 am

1. Adoption of Previous Minutes
Second: Camelle
Approved
2. Vote new members
None
3. PG Lounge access and security (Eryn)
 - The lounge is open from 7 am to 10 pm, from Monday to Friday. Strata café' does not kick anybody out; they just check and inform the students there that they are going to close.
 - PG students should not let anybody in; Jo will put a paper on the door to remind that and we will add it both on Facebook and in the next newsletter. If it doesn't work, we will send an email to the PGSA mailing list.
4. PGSA membership list (Jo)
 - Students can be part of the PGSA as far as they are active students. At the moment their name is not automatically dropped after they finish their studies. Jo can administrate that and check the list once a year.
 - The idea is to remove members that are not anymore active students after 1 year they finish their studies; and to make the list review every year (one month before the AGM, which is on April).
 - Make a change on the constitution: add an extra clause about that and vote it on the next AGM
 - Jo will also check about the "verification list", that in in the mailing list and that is useless.
5. PhD review (Mohammed)
 - We will discuss the document better at the next meeting.

- Read the file Mo has sent us – about the changes on the PhD’s status and program. Send him an email with any comment, concern, observation, in the following 2 weeks. The BoGS will gather to discuss the changes and approve them on 7 august.

6. Scholarships

The number and the annual amount of the UoA Doctoral scholarship have been increased to 200 scholarships p/a and to 27.000 \$.

7. Events report (Wendy/ Eryn)

- Movie night – 50% of people
- Writing retreat
- Next Thursday: Pub quiz @ shadows
- T-shirts for the board – Eryn asked for a quote. The color will be blue or black and white.

Treasurer’s Report (Ankitt):

- We have \$... in online account and \$... in Go account as of June ..., 2015.
(Ankitt has apologized)

Feedback from Committee Meetings:

- A. *Board of Graduate Studies (BOGS) - (Mohamed/Camelle)*
- B. *Doctoral Skills Programme (DSP) - (Christine/Piyush/Claudia)*
- C. *Student Consultative group - (Mohamed/Camelle/Eryn)*
Best tutor award
- D. *Doctoral Morning Tea (DMT) - (Chiara/Camelle)*
- E. *Research Committee - (Mohamed)*
Number of summer scholarships will be increased
- F. *UoA Ethics Committee – (Natalie)*
- G. *Library – (Jingjing)*
- H. *Master’s Exit Survey – (Mohamed)*
- I. *Health and Safety Working group – (Amir)*

Other Items:

- G. *New Members*
- H. *Other affiliated PGSA’s*
- I. *Communications (Facebook/Twitter/Newsletter) - (Amir/Jingjing)*
New ideas about things to include in the newsletter: forthcoming events, feedback of events, nice stories, scholarships, funding, etc...
- K. *New Matters Arising*

Meeting Adjourned 10.01 am