



A meeting of the

Postgraduate Students' Association

Held in the
Postgraduate lounge
Level 4 Kate Edgar
Information Commons
On 2nd October,
2015, at 9:00am

1. Personnel Matters:

Chair of the Meeting: Eryn

Presents: Chiara, Lars, Andrea, Camelle, Jo, Dharani, Lucia, Amir, Eryn, Denver, William, Ankit, Wendy, Christine

Apologies: Mabingo, Mohamed

Absent: Jingjing, Jia, Piyush, Samin

Agenda Items 9.10 am

1. Adoption of Previous Minutes
Second: Andrea
18 September - passed
2. Vote new members
 - Lars, Faculty of Arts - approved
3. Voting on events (Eryn)
 - Speaker-Spark series event, Campus - approved
 - Grafton event - approved
4. Voting on advertisement to go out via Facebook and Newsletter (Mohamed)
 - A Chinese doctoral student from Epsom would like us to circulate her advertisement, so she can find other Chinese students to involve in her research project.
 - The board decline any spam through the mailing list.
 - The board also decline any advertisement on Facebook and Newsletter – no private advertisements should go through PGSA’s channels.
5. PGSA board membership (Chiara).
 - We have four voting members from FMHS, Science, and Engineering but our constitution requires us to have three voting members from those faculties
 - We will not ask anybody to step down from the board
 - We will no longer accept voting members from the faculties that have already plenty of representatives. They can still become parts of the board but they will not be allowed to vote, and I will give the priority to other members when sitting on committees
 - New board members should rather sit in the events committee
 - Each group with 4 members will chose a non-voting member among itself
 - Contact Natalie and ask her if she is still happy to sit in the board
 - Lucia ask to be a non-voting member

6. Exposure updates (Andrea/Jo).

- Volunteers to help out from 12 to 15 of October, especially on 12
- Next meeting is on Monday

Treasurer's Report (Ankitt):

- We have \$ 250 in online account and \$ 8.450 in Go account as of October 2nd, 2015.
- Ankit will prepare a draft for an economic plan of 2016. The events team will send him a rough idea/time table with the events of next year. The draft economic plan will circulate before the next board meeting

Events' Report (Wendy/Eryn)

- Submit ideas for next year events

Speaker event – possibly on 16 October?

- Confirm speakers

Yoga

- Next Friday, 9 October, the Loft on Beach Road

Diwali Fest

- The Indian society asked for helping out with the Diwali Fest
- Idea: put together the next social event (social dance) with this cultural event
- This event should happen on 16 October, so the Speaker event should be moved

End of the year event – 23 October, at 6pm

- A task list will be sent via email for helping out during the event, h. 4.30/5pm

November

- Volunteering event on Wahiheke island

Communications' Report (Amir/Jingjing)

- Newsletter: send it out on Monday
- Today: send out the Speaker series advertisement
- Screen advertisements around campus? For screening advertising in the IC send the material to Jo with two days advance; for advertising in the other campuses, at least one week advance
- Format of the newsletter: check the rates of opening and check the title of the newsletter, then decide which format is better (html/pdf)

Feedback from Committee Meetings:

- A. *Board of Graduate Studies (BOGS) - (Mohamed/Camelle)*

- B. *Doctoral Skills Programme (DSP) - (Christine/Piyush/Claudia)*
 - More stickers for the Induction day
- C. *Student Consultative group - (Mohamed/Camelle/Eryn)*
- D. *Doctoral Morning Tea (DMT) - (Chiara/Camelle)*
 - 15 October, I-space: PGSA panel: introduce yourself, talk about advocacy, events, GTA survey
- E. *Research Committee - (Mohamed)*
- 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*
- K. *New Matters Arising*
 - GTS survey: organize a social event/tea event for people who are teaching, within each campus. Eryn will update the board

Meeting Adjourned 9.47 am