



A meeting of the
Postgraduate Students' Association

Held in the
Postgraduate lounge
Level 4 Kate Edgar
Information Commons
On 16th October,
2015, at 9:00am

1. Personnel Matters:

Chair of the Meeting: Mohamed,

Presents: Chiara, Lars, Andrea, Jo, Lucia, Amir, Denver, William, Wendy, Piyush, Jingjing

Apologies: Mabingo, Camelle, Dharani, Eryn, Ankit,

Absent: Jia, Samin, Christine, Natalie

Agenda Items 9.03 am

1. Adoption of Previous Minutes
2 October - passed
2. Vote new members
 - none
3. Voting on events (Eryn)
 - The application for the events planned for 2016 will close on 1st November 2015
 - Mo will call for a board meeting within the next 2/3 weeks, to bring new ideas and elaborate the plan. The plan will be based on monthly events, we do not need to define the exact date at this stage. We agree that October should be devoted to the Exposure organisation and to the end of the year events – so no other events will be planned.
 - Volunteering event – postponed to 21 November:
The request for a new date came from the University's Property Services, in coordination with the University Reserves manager and PGSA wasn't in a position to say no. We will work with Wine Sciences (a part of the University's Chemistry department, located primarily at Goldies Estate), on the estate working on the side to restore it to native wetland (continuing work from last year). No PGSA funding has been requested for anything alcohol-related (though the wine-sciences program and property services will likely provide a portion of wine at lunch as a way to thank us for the efforts, all falling under the alcohol licensing of the winery and property).
4. Voting on advertisement to go out via Facebook and Newsletter (Mohamed)
5. Voting on supervision survey (Mohammed).
 - Caroline Dealey asked for it, to improve the supervision for PhD students
 - It will be send out before the end of this year
 - Mo will talk to Amir to decide for a good date to send it out
 - First: Chiara; second: Amir; the survey is approved.

6. Exposure updates (Andrea/Jo).
 - Exposure ended yesterday, and it went very well.
 - Post-Exposure meeting will be next week. The participants asked for the panel comments and scores.

Treasurer's Report (Ankitt):

- We have \$ 250 in online account and \$ 8.000 in Go account as of October 16th, 2015.

Events' Report (Wendy/Eryn)

- Prepare ideas for next year events

Yoga

- It was very good, 80% participants. Next one is 8 November, at the Loft on Beach Road

Diwali Fest

- Today at 3pm. There will be dance, henna and food

End of the year event – 22 October, at 6pm

- The new location is Shadows bar, as Strata café was too expensive
- A task list will be send via email for helping out during the event, h. 4.30/5pm

November

- Waitakere hiking: 7 November
- Postponed because of the end of the year event
- It will be 10 dollars for pgsa members
- Event approved

October 22nd @ Old Government house: Research Evaluation Seminar

Communications' Report (Amir/Jingjing)

- Newsletter: Jingjing will be away from January to April
- Mo will send out an email to find a new newsletter representative
- Amir seems to be keen

Feedback from Committee Meetings:

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

- Next meeting is on Monday.
- Topics: provisional year goals, to be improved and tight for next year; thesis with publications

B. *Doctoral Skills Programme (DSP) - (Christine/Piyush/Claudia)*

- C. *Student Consultative group - (Mohamed/Camelle/Eryn)*
 - The meeting are finished for this year; nothing relative to postgrad was discussed, only some issues with the emails
- D. *Doctoral Morning Tea (DMT) - (Chiara/Camelle)*
 - 15 October, I-space: very well, different questions and requests from students
- 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*
 - Scholarships for Doctoral students: according to the new regulation there is only one round per year; current doctoral student without a scholarship they cannot apply. The don’t’ have an answer for resolving that issue, most probably each faculty will be asked to provide scholarships for this students

Meeting Adjourned 9.47 am