



A meeting of the
Postgraduate Students' Association

Held in the
Postgraduate lounge
Level 4 Kate Edgar
Information Commons
On 13th October,
2015, at 9:00am

1. Personnel Matters:

Chair of the Meeting: Mohamed

Presents: Chiara, Lars, Andrea, Jo, Amir, Denver, William, Wendy, Eryn, Dharani, Rachel, Ankit, Samin, Camelle, Safal

Apologies: Mabingo, Lucia, Natalie, Jingjing

Absent: Piyush

Agenda Items 9.03 am

1. Adoption of Previous Minutes - 30 October
 - Andrea: second - passed
2. Vote new members
 - Rachel (Science): approved into the board
 - Safal: new member form Medical Health Science
3. PGSA supervision survey report (Mohammed).
 - 321 students have answered to the survey, postgrad and doctoral students.
 - The results are submitted to Caroline Dealey (head of Postgrad studies)
4. DMT: Doctoral Academic Career Module
 - Charlene is asking: keep it or not?
 - Yes, as students are asking about it even within each Faculty
5. Voting on events (Wendy)
 - Waiheke Island Xmas event
Boat tickets were paid 30 dollars per person;
Camelle: second – event approved
 - Event in New Market, 26 November
The event is the space across new New Market campus, then will move into the campus for the snacks;
Camelle: second
The event is approved under the condition that the body of the text that is in the webpage of even bride is copied into the event form
 - Grafton Campus event: Amazing race
The race is inside the Domain park, then will move in the campus for the snacks;

Advisements have already been spread, but send the event form asap for approval;
Send the risk assessment form to Jo, for Mj at Campus Life;
Camelle: second
The event is approved under the condition that the body of the text that is in the webpage of even bride is copied into the event form

Treasurer's Report (Ankitt):

- We have \$ 154.88 in online account and \$ 115.01 in Go account as of November 13th, 2015
- There is a delay for the grant, most probably it will arrive next week: Campus Life is checking for the details and bank account of pgsa.

Events' Report (Wendy/Eryn)

Yoga

- It was very good, very positive feedback
- Next yoga event will be next year

Waitaker Range excursion

- 40 people, plus 10 on the waiting list
- We kept in the budget, plus we had 400 dollars revenue
- Highly recommended for next year!

Communications' Report (Amir/Jingjing)

- Newsletter: next newsletter will be out on February
- The School of Graduate Studies proposed to add a section "Did you know...?" within the newsletter. Each of us is asked to propose a question/some questions to add. Plus a possible answer (btw the answer will be found on the spot).
- Add also the section "Have you got a question for the pgsa...?"
- Chiara: find the document with the description of the role of the Communication team.

Feedback from Committee Meetings:

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

- Next meeting is on Monday.
- Topics: supervision report, provisional year goals, safety assessment report (compulsory form next year for all students)

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

C. Student Consultative group - (Mohamed/Camelle/Eryn)

- The meeting are finished for this year

- D. *Doctoral Morning Tea (DMT) - (Chiara/Camelle)*
 - Today after the board meeting, I-space: Vice Chancellor and Caroline Dealey
- 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. They are considering also the cases of the students in between the transitory phase. It seems that the scholarship will be increased to 27000 \$ also for the students who currently hold it.
 - Next year Mohammed and Ankit are stepping down. Their chair will be vacant, together with the positions in the Board of Graduate Studies and Research Committee; also the chair for Exposure will be vacant. If someone is interested on taking the positions, he/she will work together with the current chair for the next 2 months, to be ready on January.

Meeting Adjourned 9.45 am