



A meeting of the

**Postgraduate Students' Association**

Held in the  
Postgraduate lounge  
Level 4 Kate Edgar  
Information Commons  
On 18<sup>th</sup> March,  
2016, at 9:00am

## **1. Personnel Matters:**

**Chair of the Meeting:** Eryn

**Presents:** Chiara, Mohamed, Safal, Rachel, Chenmu, Bhavna, Andrea, Piyush, Arwin, Chris, Lyam, Jo admin, Arezoo, Lucia, Savory, Pauls

**Apologies:** Amir, Jingjing

**Absent:** Ankit, Wendy, Seren, Kerryanne

**Resign:** William Schierding, Lucia Du, Dharani Sontam, Denver Britto, Alfdaniels Mabingo, Natalie Germann, Samin Aref

## **Agenda Items 9.10 am**

1. Adoption of Previous Minutes – 4 March 2016
  - Piyush, Rachel: second - passed
2. Vote new members
  - Liam Rayford (Arts): confirmed (events committee)
  - Chris Owens (Arts): confirmed (events committee)
  - Pauls Davis (Engineering): confirmed (events committee)
  - Arwin Arwin (Business): first day attending the board meeting
1. April newsletter items – U21 and Indian society:
  - Advertise the positions in Exposure committee
  - Advertisement of U21 (conference in Mexico) – approved
  - Advertise audition for the Indian Society play on women harassment – approved
  - Email Amir to insert these items in the next newsletter
2. Available roles in 2016:
  - a. Executive committee positions: Secretary, Events Head
    - One person interested in the position as Events Head – to vote
    - Secretary position: email/contact Chiara
  - b. Committee representatives: Research, DMT
    - One person interested in DMT position – to vote
  - c. Exposure representatives
    - Some people interested – advertise it and to vote
  - d. Events committee secretary – Chris

Send a private email to Eryn if interested in one of these positions.

Vote online before next meeting for the people interested.

### **Treasurer's Report (Ankitt):**

- We have \$ 200 (savings) in online account and \$ 8600 in Go account as of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016
- Reimbursements for orientation BBQ, done.

### **Events' Report (Wendy/Eryn)**

#### Writing retreat

- Booked at Strata café for this month retreat
- The location will change from next time if the feedback is negative

#### Rangitoto event

- 2 April 2016, maybe to push later on the month
- Proposal: run a pre-event to train the new events committee members who will guide the group, in order to minimize the risks. The pre-event should involve 4 people/100 dollars
- Eryn will send pre-event and event forms online for voting soon

#### 2015 events survey + 2016 members' choice

- Survey to send to all PGSA members, to vote on the events of last year and to decide for the events of this year (for 2/3 events). The board will select 5/6 options that will be send to the members. Amir and Eryn will take care of the survey.

#### Exposure (October)

- Any research student can participate (MA, PHD). We have been asked for more representatives from PGSA board. If anyone is interested email to Jo.

#### LED talk, Leadership talks

- Next talk: 7 April 2016, tickets 14 dollars
- PGSA can subsidize students: tickets will be 10 dollars and PGSA will cover 4 dollars each student. Maximum participants: around 70
- Advertise it on PGSA newsletter: approved
- Subsidize tickets: approved

### **Communications' Report (Amir/Jingjing)**

- Newsletter: send items to Amir for the next newsletter
- Communication from Amir: he is looking for someone to help him to clean the website. It doesn't take long. Andrea, Bavhna and Chris are happy to help him out (contact Amir via email)
- Revision of the policy for advertising items/newletter/facebook/twitter:
  - a. We will vote for external advertisements (non PGSA related) for newsletter, twitter, Facebook

- b. Amir, Jo, Andrea will coordinate the regular advertisements on Facebook/twitter that does not need to be voted (DMT, exposure, academic readings, etc..)

**Feedback from Committee Meetings:**

- A. *Board of Graduate Studies (BOGS) - (Mohamed/Piyush)*
- B. *Doctoral Skills Programme (DSP) - (Andrea/Piyush)*
- Quantitative skill workshop idea – rejected by Arts and Education faculties. They propose it should be organised within each faculty.
  - Workshop for programming
- C. *Student Consultative group - (Mohamed /Eryn)*
- Brainstorming ideas for this year
  - Next meeting is on March
- D. *Doctoral Morning Tea (DMT) - (Chiara/xxx)*
- Yesterday: in Grafton
- E. *Research Committee - (Mohamed)*
- Discussion about scholarships, fees, supervision, change of policies
- F. *UoA Ethics Committee – (Safal)*
- Discussion of applications
- G. *Library – (Jingjing)*
- Chiara: new head of Library services, they will look for more “royalty friendly” publications for the exams, they are digitalising the materials and the readings used for the exams
- H. *Exposure –*

**Other Items:**

- GTA and TA positions: recommend to contact PGSA representatives for questions and issues
- SPARK: it has asked if PGSA is interested in advertising events and collaborating to one of the speech/events. Approved.

**Meeting Adjourned 9.56 am**