Annual General Meeting of the PGSA

Postgraduate Students’ Association

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Level 4 Kate Edgar
Information Commons
April 9th, 2015
11:30am
Annual General Meeting Agenda

9 April 2015

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1. Opening: Welcome by Colleen McMilin (Chair) – 12pm

The Postgraduate Students' Association is an incorporated society dedicated to strengthening the postgraduate community at the University of Auckland. The Association is run by a Board of volunteer representatives from each faculty across the University.

Our vision is to create and foster a sense of identity and community for all Postgraduate Students at the University of Auckland and provide an effective voice promoting the distinct and unique academic, professional and social interest of postgraduates within the University and the wider community.

2. Introduction of current board members
   - Will Schierding (Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences), Vice-Chair
   - Christine Liang (Faculty of Science)
   - Matt Proctor (Faculty of Engineering), Outgoing Treasurer
   - Ankit Aggarwal (Faculty of Business), Treasurer
   - Chiara Mannoni (Faculty of Arts), Secretary
   - Patrick Flamm (Faculty of Arts)
   - Jinging Zhao (Faculty of Arts)
   - Amir Rastar (Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences)
   - Natalie Germann (Faculty of Science)
   - Camelle Pink (NICAI)
   - Alfdaniels Mbingo (NICAI)
   - Eryn Kwon (Faculty of Engineering), Events Head
   - Mohamed Alansari (Faculty of Education)

3. Minutes of the previous PGSA Annual General Meeting May 23rd 2014 - PASSED

4. Statement of Accounts by Matt Proctor (Outgoing Treasurer)
   - The The PGSA received its base funding from The University of Auckland through Campus Life in 2014. In addition, funds are raised through events. The budget is drafted, proposed and managed by the Board and on a yearly basis.
PGSA Statement of Accounts for year ended 31st December 2014

Statement of Financial Performance

INCOME
Contribution from The University of Auckland $ 94,364.90
Bank Interest $ 42.69
Events Fees $ 9,929.56
Total Gross Income $ 104,337.15

LESS

People Costs $ 2,214.00
Fees $ 786.25
Asset Costs $ 2,849.00
Communications $ 639.00
Consumables $ 121.59
Entertainment $ 750.00
Fuel $ 840.46
Hire of Equipment and Facilities $ 9,405.84
Advertising & Hospitality $ 9,334.82
Party Supplies $ 113.76
Periodicals, Royalties & Subs $ 1,085.00
Prizes, Scholarships & Student Expenses $ 22,341.75
Property Costs $ 53,565.00
Repair & Maintenance $ 1,170.00
Software $ -
Stationery, Photocopying & Printing $ 190.73
Subcontracts & Contributions $ -
Tax $ 615.81
Total Operating Expenses $ 103,812.01

Total Expenses $ 101,598.01

NET Surplus for the Period $ 2,739.14

Statement of Movements In Equity

Total Equity at beginning of period $ 1,440.16
Total Recognised Revenue and Expenses $ 2,739.14
Total Equity at end of period $ 4,179.30

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS
Cash $ 3,645.30
PA System $ 534.00
Total Assets $ 4,179.30

LESS

Total Liabilities $ -

Total Equity $ 4,179.30

NET ASSETS / (Liabilities) $ -
• In 2015 we submitted a club grant in the amount of almost $38,000

Motion to pass accounts - PASSED

5. Annual Report 2014 (Chair)

In order to achieve this vision, we run social events such as the postgraduate orientation and end-of-semester parties.

• Events in 2014
  o Orientation 1 BBQ
  o Rangitoto Volcanology Tour
  o Fishing Trip
  o Volunteer Events
  o Sporting Events
  o Movie Nights x 2
  o Car Servicing x 2
  o Ski Trip
  o Kite Surfing
  o End of the Year Event – Costume Contest
  o Tongariro Crossing
  o Christmas on Waiheke
  o Events on Other Campuses
  o Writing Seminars x 2
  o Doctoral Morning Teas with AUSA/School of Graduate Studies
  o Represent Postgraduate Students on various University Committees, such as:
    ▪ Board of Graduate Studies (2 representatives)
    ▪ Ethics Committee (1 representative)
    ▪ Student Research Committee (1 representative)
    ▪ Student Consultative Committee (2 representatives)
    ▪ Library Committee (1 representative)
    ▪ Doctoral Skill Programme (2 representatives)
    ▪ Doctoral Morning Tea Programme (2 representatives)
    ▪ Exposure
    ▪ Master’s Exit Survey
    ▪ Health and Safety Provisional Year Goal Working Committee

• Upcoming Events 2015
  o Writing Seminar(s)
  o Yoga
  o Pub Quiz(zes)
  o Orientation 2 Wine and Cheese Event
  o Speaking Events
  o Movie Night
  o Car Servicing
  o Volunteer Opportunities
  o Events at Epsom, Grafton, Newmarket and Tamaki

• Always looking for new committed board members, especially from underrepresented faculties (i.e. Business, Science and Education)

6. General business – NONE

7. Close – 12:15pm