

PGSA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Time: March 30th, 2017, 5:00pm

Venue: Strata Café, Level 4, IC

Chair of Meeting: Eryn Kwon

Present: Around 50 PGSA members including PGSA board members

Agenda Items:

1. Opening, welcome speech and some quiz questions for people's knowledge of PGSA. Small gifts were given to people who answered correctly (Eryn).
2. Report on PGSA activities and achievements in 2016 (Eryn).
3. Treasure's report on 2016 finance:
PGSA was under budget for 2016. No overdraft or deficit (Yinming).
4. PGSA Constitution changes voting
The proposed changes (see below) were approved with no opposition (Chenmu).
5. 2017 Events Plans
Proposed events were shared with PGSA members who attended AGM (Braham).
6. Outgoing recognition to PGSA board members who served in 2016 (Eryn).

PGSA AGM Adjourned, passed onto Charisma for the second half of the event.

Proposed Changes to the PGSA Constitution (last updated: March 21, 2017 / 6:21pm) This overview was prepared by Chenmu Wang, the current PGSA Secretary, based on the template created by Christ Owens, the former PGSA Secretary. Contact: chenmu.wang@auckland.ac.nz.

The proposed Constitutional amendments will be passed on to the Executive for revisions. If they are passed by the Executive, Members will be given written notice at least fourteen days before they will go to a vote at the Annual General Meeting on March 30, 2017. A Constitutional vote at the Annual General Meeting is binding.

Key: **Add** **Change** **Delete**

Presented Article	Current Constitution	Proposed Change	Commentary
1.1	The University of Auckland Postgraduate Students' Association is constituted by resolution dated the 27th day April of 2016	The University of Auckland Postgraduate Students' Association is constituted by resolution dated the 30th day March of 2017	Change of resolution date
8.1	The register of current members will include at least the following details of each member: name, faculty, degree, University of Auckland student ID number, email address, date of joining and tentative date of expiry.	The register of current members will include at least the following details of each member: name, faculty, degree, University of Auckland student ID number, email address, date of joining and tentative date of graduation.	Change the term "date of expiry" to "date of graduation".
12.5	The minutes of any meeting shall be made available for individual inspection by any Member within fourteen (14) days of a request being received by the Secretary. Composition	The minutes of any meeting shall be made available for individual inspection by any Member within fourteen (14) days of a request being received by the Secretary.	Deletion of unnecessary word.
13.1 (a)	Three (3) representatives of	Three (3) representatives of	Add a word for clarification.

	the Faculties of Arts, Science, Engineering, and Medical and Health Science; and	the Faculties of Arts, Science, Engineering, and Medical and Health Science each ; and	
13.1 (b)	Two (2) representatives of the National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries, the Faculties of Law and Education, and the Business School; and	Two (2) representatives of the National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries, the Faculties of Law and Education, and the Business School each ; and	Add a word for clarification.
13.3	Vacancies may arise through expiry of current term of office in terms of section 13.12 (a) and (b) of the PGSA Constitution, voluntary resignation, or dismissal in terms of section 13.28 and 13.29 of the PGSA Constitution. Members are required to write the Board to affect their resignation.	Vacancies may arise through expiry of the current term of office in terms of section 13.12 of the PGSA Constitution, voluntary resignation, or dismissal in terms of section 13.28 and 13.29 of the PGSA Constitution. Members are required to write the Board to affect their resignation with a minimum of two weeks of notice.	Grammar mistake correction. Deletion of inaccurate signposts since there are not (a) and (b) in article 13.12. Add a time require for resignation.
13.6	Nominations received from individual Postgraduate students in terms of section 13.2 (b) must be forwarded to the "New Members Officer."	Nominations received from individual Postgraduate students in terms of section 13.2 (b) must be forwarded to the "Membership Officer."	Change the term "New Members Officer" to "Membership Officer". Membership officer is responsible for more tasks than new membership officer.
13.11	If objection shave been received the Board must consider these objections and discuss them at the	If objections have been received the Board must consider these objections and discuss them at the	Change of confusing word.

	next Board meeting and may vote on the appointment. The referees supplied, however, in terms of 13.7 (e) must be contacted prior to such a vote.	next Board meeting and may vote on the appointment. The referees supplied, however, in terms of 13.7 (e) must be contacted prior to such a vote.	
13.15	At the first meeting of the Board after the Annual General Meeting at which it is appointed its members shall elect from among themselves; a President, a Vice President, an Events Head, a Communications Head, a Secretary and a Treasurer	At the first meeting of the Board after the Annual General Meeting at which it is appointed its members shall elect from among themselves; a President, a Vice President, an Events Head, a Communications Head, a Secretary and a Treasurer. All official positions will be voted through balloting system, which will be tallied. PGSA Administrator will count the vote.	Clarifying the voting procedure.
13.16	The Executive Committee of the Board will comprise of the President, Vice President, Communications Head, Secretary and Treasurer and shall have the power to make decisions about and implement matters agreed upon by the Board; other such members can be appointed to the Executive Committee as the Board sees fit.	The Executive Committee of the Board shall have the power to make decisions about and implement matters agreed upon by the Board; other such members can be appointed to the Executive Committee as the Board sees fit.	Deletion of unnecessary repetition.
13.22 (a) iii	The President is	The President is	Removal of PGSA

	<p>responsible for determining and formulating the agenda items for Board meetings with the assistance of the Board Vice President and PGSA Administrator. This duty may be assigned to the PGSA Administrator.</p>	<p>responsible for determining and formulating the agenda items for Board meetings with the assistance of the Board Vice President and the Secretary.</p>	<p>Administrator's duty of preparing meeting agenda.</p>
13.23	<p>A meeting of Board members may be called on not less than two (2) days' notice given by the President. By unanimous agreement the Board members may meet at any time. Holding Meeting</p>	<p>A meeting of Board members may be called on not less than two (2) days' notice given by the President. By unanimous agreement the Board members may meet at any time.</p>	<p>Deletion of unnecessary words.</p>
13.25	<p>If business is required to be transacted and due to time or other constraints having regard to all circumstances it is not reasonably practical to hold a meeting the Board may conduct business by telephone, email, or internet poll providing that:</p>	<p>If a business is required to be transacted and due to time or other constraints having regard to all circumstances it is not reasonably practical to hold a meeting the Board may conduct the business by telephone, email, or internet poll providing that:</p>	<p>Grammar mistake correction.</p>
13.27	<p>Each Board member has one vote. The President may exercise a casting vote. A resolution is passed if agreed by all members present or if a majority of votes cast is in favour of it.</p>	<p>Each Board member has one vote. The President may exercise a casting vote. A resolution is passed if agreed by all members present or if a majority of votes cast is in favour of it.</p>	<p>Clarifying the field of application of the article.</p>

	<p>A member present is presumed to have agreed and voted in favour of a resolution unless the member expressly dissents or votes against. Voting is capped to the number of Faculty Representatives as stated in Articles 13.1 (a) and (b).</p>	<p>A member present is presumed to have agreed and voted in favour of a resolution unless the member expressly dissents or votes against. Voting is capped to the number of Faculty Representatives as stated in Articles 13.1 (a) and (b). (This article is for agenda items only, for board member election see 13.15)</p>	
15.3	<p>At least fourteen (14) days before the General Meeting at which any such proposal is to be considered the Secretary shall post written notice of the proposed motion, of the reasons for the proposal, and of any recommendations from the Board in respect of it to all Members.</p>	<p>At least fourteen (14) days before the General Meeting at which any such proposal is to be considered the Secretary shall post a written notice of the proposed motion, of the reasons for the proposal, and of any recommendations from the Board in respect of it to all Members.</p>	<p>Grammar mistake correction.</p>