



## **PARSA Postgraduate Representative Council (PRC)**

### **Education Committee 2**

**Date: Wednesday, 11 May 2022**

**Time: 3:10pm**

**Location: PARSA Boardroom and on Zoom**

#### **Part 1 Procedural Items**

##### **1 Attendance and apologies**

Attending: Gunjan Dixit (Chair), Tristan Yip, Ruonan Chen, Zhangcheng Qiang, Siddharth Mittal, Akrti Tyagi, Moon Lajawn, Jiayi Shen

Apologies: Yalan Chen, Shukla Promite, Upasana Pathak

Welcome to new members – Yalan Chen (CASS Coursework), Moon Lajawn (CoL Coursework), Oass Yaduvanshi (CoS Coursework)

##### **2 Minutes and Matters Arising**

###### **2.1 Minutes**

The Committee accepted the Minutes of the College Education Committee held on 13 April as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Attachment: EC 1/2022 Minutes

###### **2.2 Call for other business**

No other business was called for.

###### **2.3 Update on action items**

- Akrti and Gunjan to arrange for an alternate to attend the next CAP HDR meeting if it again conflicts with the CEC meeting – Still waiting for confirmation from the College on when the meeting date is and who designated Chair is, will escalate if no further response. **Confirmation received after the meeting that future HDR meetings will be scheduled on alternate days to CEC meetings – Akrti to attend.**
- Jiayi to reach out to the CECS Student Administration to explore options for holding a careers fair later this year – Has reached out to administration, waiting for their follow-up.



- Tristan to arrange volunteers for the Study Groups Working Group to meet at some point to explore feasibility and begin planning – Sidd will reach out to ISD events organiser.
- Gunjan to look at logistics necessary to set-up and advertise a conference-style HDR event – basic idea is a research night with flash talks but looking to organise for the **beginning of next semester** rather than right now. Some discussion with Ruonan on overlap with university-run event – noted there is a definite distinction to Gunjan's idea.
- Gunjan and Tristan to arrange a recurring date for both Committees which broadly suits everyone – Done, Coursework and HDR sub-committees run on alternating Thursdays.

## Part 2 Reports

### 3 Reports – for information and discussion

#### 3.1 HDR Officer's Report

Gunjan attended Academic Board last week. Most of the discussion in HDR space was on Research Integrity training, as well as intellectual property protections for HDR students. SPA Agreement was also presented to the Board. Also attended meeting for the Institutional Quality Committee. At the Higher Degree Research Committee meeting, raised concerns that reporting process for SASH-related incidents in HDR space is not fit for purpose and affected by the power dynamic between the HDR student and their supervisor. There will be an agenda item for next HDRC meeting, with plans for the ANU to set up more rigorous training for both students and academics.

#### 3.2 Coursework Officer's Report

Tristan attended TLDC with Gunjan on 5 May, with discussion on class representative policy, the SPA Agreement, the Learning and Teaching Strategy green paper, and a workshop on the conduct of assessment and feedback at the ANU. Also working on coordinating class representative policy and procedure with each of the Colleges, starting with a meeting with the CoL ADE before today's meeting to discuss PARSA's guide for class representatives. Attended an academic integrity panel as PARSA's representative on 29 April.

#### 3.3 Reports and Issues Raised by College Representatives

Committee to receive a report from College Representatives:

College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS) - Yalan is settling into the role.

College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP) – no meetings so far this month, but there were program reviews for two courses. Meeting arranged for 17 May with College ADE.



College of Business and Economics (CBE) – Siddharth attended CEC on 20 April. Noted that the College is now emphasising Fintech. They are closing one of their partnership agreements with a Singaporean university. CBE is planning to implement full online support for all classes next semester.

College of Engineering and Computer Sciences (CECS) – Jiayi attended CEC on 5 May. Has booked a discussion with the College ADE to discuss semester 2 teaching arrangements. College does not have much info on demographics for postgraduate students, and so is unable to provide further comment here. Zhangcheng attended a careers event as PARSA's representative. A VR games event is planned for 27 May.

College of Health and Medicine (CHM) – Upasana was not available to provide her report.

College of Law (CoL) – Moon is settling into the role, will be attending the CSES meeting this afternoon.

College of Science (CoS) – Oass is settling into the role. Shukla was not available to provide her report.

## Part 3 Items for Discussion/Noting

### 4.1 ANU Student Partnership Agreement – for noting and discussion

Tristan went through the major terms of the SPA Agreement, including the proposed provision for a joint meeting of Teaching and Learning Development Committee later in the year to include more student representatives. It was noted that the final agreement is waiting on input and endorsement by the ANU and Academic Board.

### 4.2 Class Representative Policy and Procedure – for noting

Tristan noted on-going work in the Coursework portfolio with regards to College implementation of the Class Representative procedure and drafting of PARSA's Class Representative guide, to be completed before semester 2.

### 4.3 Learning and Teaching Strategy Green Paper – for discussion

Tristan noted that the PVC ED was seeking feedback on the LTS Green Paper, particularly relating to course flexibility, digital learning, employability, learning spaces and assessment and feedback. College Representatives were invited to provide thoughts and comments on the Green Paper.

## Any Other Issues/Forward Agenda Items

Next meeting: TBC, will be confirmed via DoodlePoll.

Meeting closed at 4:02pm