



PARSA Postgraduate Representative Council (PRC)

Education Committee 4

Date: Wednesday, 20 July 2022

Time: 11am

Location: PARSA Boardroom and on Zoom

Part 1 Procedural Items

1 Attendance and apologies

Attending: Gunjan Dixit (Chair), Tristan Yip, Moon Lajawn, Oass Yaduvanshi, Siddharth Mittal, Yalan Chen, Akrti Tyagi, Zhangcheng Qiang

Apologies: Shukla Promite, Jiayi Shen, Upasana Pathak, Ruonan Chen

2 Minutes and Matters Arising

2.1 Minutes

The Committee accepted the Minutes of the College Education Committee held on 17 June as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Attachment: EC 3/2022 Minutes

2.2 Call for other business

2.3 Update on action items

- Jiayi to explore options for holding a careers fair later this year – not available to address.
- Gunjan to look at logistics necessary to set-up and advertise a conference-style HDR event – will begin looking into it after O-Week.
- Gunjan to email photo competition volunteers to give details on judging – photo competition cut-off is postponed until end of this month.
- Shukla to fix a date during O-Week for the CoS painting event – Shukla has resigned, Oass will look into running this event instead.
- Tristan to arrange session dates for Coursework Shut Up and Write to begin in week 4 and work with PARSA's marketing team to encourage sign-ups – dates and times set up until end of semester break. Oass available for morning session in week 4.



Part 2 Reports

3 Reports – for information and discussion

3.1 HDR Officer's Report

See report to PRC 8. Has been providing feedback to the ANU on the Academic Integrity module.

3.2 Coursework Officer's Report

See report to PRC 8. Had a meeting with Laurie on 8 July to discuss the Coursework Shut Up and Write program and to finalise the dates, catering and marketing for these sessions.

Attended the first Exams Working Group meeting on 13 July, which discussed how exams will be run this semester and into the future, with a view to making recommendations to Academic Board.

Continued progress on approval of Class Representative handbooks by each College.

Discussed the SPA Agreement with Christian Flynn (ANUSA President) earlier today. The SRC will be making tweaks to water down the wording of the Agreement and renaming it to the Student Representation Guarantee, but substance of Agreement is otherwise unchanged.

Will be attending CoL's CEC meeting later this afternoon with Moon.

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 has booked an art event for CASS on 21 August, to National Gallery of Australia (Indigenous exhibition), helped at CASS brunch on 19 July.

College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP) – Akrti attended an HDR cohort meeting for CAP regarding student recruitment and marketing for the program. Noted that CAP (the College) does not have a large events or careers budget and collaborations with them will require larger sponsorship from PARSA's side. Discussed ideas with Gunjan for collaboration with CAP on HDR events, such as through the Library. CAP IDEA reached out to Akrti to discuss running training for HDR students in collaboration with RRU.

College of Business and Economics (CBE) – Siddharth is hosting a student brunch on 21 July. Hybrid mode of education discussed in CEC, also a MyTimetable transition handbook to assist students being circulated in CBE.

College of Engineering and Computer Sciences (CECS) – Zhangcheng has three events planned for O-Week, including a new Virtual Worlds event as part of CECS Induction Week



on 18 July, College Brunch on 20 July, and a Games World event on 21 July. Discussion of advice handouts for remote students. Jiayi has been working on the Student Survival Guide.

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

College of Law (CoL) – Moon has been in talks with Law School about sponsoring/assisting with events Law is running in next few weeks. Will be attending CoL's CEC meeting later today.

College of Science (CoS) – Oass is hosting CoS brunch on 22 July. Will explore organising and running Shukla's proposed Paint by Numbers event – possibly during August week 5.

Part 3 Items for Discussion/Noting

4.1 O-Week College Brunches – for noting

The Committee noted the organisation of College Brunches organised for each College Officer to attend during O-Week and discussed the roles and responsibilities of College Officers when running the event. The Committee discussed whether and when to raise petition, with a view to asking students to sign the petition during the event.

4.2 Class Representative Training dates – for noting

The Committee note the final dates for Class Representative training to occur for each College, during week 4 (or week 5 for CASS). As CBE does not have Class Representatives, there is no training being run specifically for CBE.

4.3 Changes in Library System – for noting

The Committee noted that the library is undertaking significant upgrades on 2 August to streamlining of the library system on 2 August. Focus groups have provided feedback on the old and new system.

4.4 Research Integrity Training Exam feedback – for noting and discussion

The Committee noted the call for feedback on the Research Integrity Training Exam for new HDR students. The Exam consists of 50 questions. Gunjan asked for any interested volunteers to reach out to provide further feedback.

4.5 Resignation of CoS HDR Representative – for noting and discussion

The Committee noted the resignation of Shukla Promite (CoS HDR Representative) and thanked her for her service to the PRC. Gunjan noted that there is now a vacancy for the Kiola Campus Committee – Oass offered to fill this position. Thank you 😊



Any Other Issues/Forward Agenda Items

5.1 College Coffee Catch-up (added by the CAP Coursework Representative)

Given the popularity of the College Branches this Bush Week, PARSA's Events Manager has suggested holding regular College Coffee catchups throughout the semester. The Committee noted that repeat attendees to exclusion of new participants may be an issue. Discussion of how to restrict ticketing to new student attendees only – the new Humanitix app PARSA is using helps to categorise and prevent attendees from registering on this basis. The Events Manager proposed starting weekly Coffee Catch-ups from Week 2 (two Colleges per week), Branches during week 7 and 8, and resuming Coffee Catch-ups from week 9. Yalan raised the possibility of mixed-College catch-ups – noted original intention of extra sessions is to allow students who missed out on original College brunches to attend, but possible that inter-College catch-ups could be held later in the semester.

Next meeting: TBC by DoodlePoll