



PARSA Postgraduate Representative Council (PRC)

Education Committee

Date: Friday 18/11/2022

Time: 1.05pm-2.11pm

Location: PARSA Boardroom/Zoom

Chair Akrti, Co-Chair Irina

Part 1 Procedural Items

1 Attendance and apologies

Apologies: no apologies were received, but 2 reps were absent without providing any reasons - Zhangcheng and Sanchita.

2 Minutes and Matters Arising

2.1 Minutes

The Committee accept the Minutes of the College Education Committee held on 26 October as a true and accurate record.

Attachment EC 7/2022 Minutes

2.2 Call for other business

2.3 Introductions and induction for College representatives:

- All College representatives were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and learn each other's names.
- Akrti outlined responsibilities and duties of College Reps. These were attending EC, PRC, and college specific meetings, organising events, reporting back to EC and sub-committees, monitoring PARSA email box, and updating their supervisors on their activities/availability.
- Akrti explained the consequences of not upholding their responsibilities and how this will lead to subsequent punitive actions as outlined in EC Policy.

2.4 General information about Education Committee and specific HDR and Coursework Sub-committees

- EC: schedule of the upcoming meetings.

EC agreed that EC meetings should be organised one at a time until the semester starts, after that we might try to schedule them all in advance. Next meeting was decided to take place on the week of 5-11 of December.

- Appointing Coursework College reps to the HDR Sub-committee.

Eweha and Ernesto were happy to join HDR Sub-committee as appointed HDR representatives of CBE and CoL.

- Reporting strategies: (1) written report; (2) oral report; structure and hierarchy of reporting (reporting to your direct supervisor).

Reporting strategies were explained by Akrti. College reps were encouraged to provide a supplementary written documents (bullet points and brief descriptions) to their oral reports. In case of their absence from EC/Sub-committee meetings, they are directed to send through their written reports to their supervisors.

College reps were reminded to keep in mind reporting hierarchy – first, they need to report any issues/ideas/plans/feedback to their supervisors, and after that they can, together with their supervisors, negotiate/plan events or campaigns with other officers.

Part 2 Reports

3 Reports – for information and discussion

3.1 HDR Officer's Report

Irina reported on the following subjects:

1. Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) – currently, Irina is collecting evidence of HREC's misconduct in relation to providing irrelevant/unprofessional feedback to HDR students and preparing to take this issue to the Dean of HDR.
2. Kioloa – Irina has followed up on any progress on our proposal to make Kioloa Writing retreat as a part of program for PhD students. The Dean of HDR said that she did not have a chance to look into possible sources of funding yet and that she will get back to us with an update in the future. She requested Ben Langley and me to show her a proposal of the costs and an approximate schedule of the Kioloa writing retreats so she can think where to find a financial source for this.

3. SASH – Ann talked to relevant people about our concerns that there is not enough HDR reps who have a say about ANU’s Gender Equity strategy and she said that everyone agreed that they need more HDR representation. Gender Equity Committee agreed, too – it is all good!

3.2 Coursework Officer’s Report

Akrti updated the EC on the following points:

1. TLDC – an overview of the past meeting, the last one for the year. She mentioned the restructuring of TLDC.
2. CAP Teaching awards business – Akrti is giving feedback on their nominations.

3.3 Reports and Issues Raised by College Representatives

Committee to receive a report from College Representatives:

College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS)

- CASS HDR Junmin: in the process of settling into her new role, has troubles accessing her email – this is being taken care of now. Junmin met her predecessor, Ruonan, for induction and handover.
- CASS CW Alley: met Yalan for induction and handover. Alley is organising several social events with Yalan: (1) Art Students’ Grad Show 2022; (2) Cotter Dam trip; (3) Cherry Picking.

College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP)

- CAP HDR Jose: in the process of settling into his new role. Plans future social events with Rubab, they are hoping to collaborate together on CAP events. Presented an idea to hold a conference in July 2023, but this plan is still on very early stages of development. Also it is unclear if merging with ANUSA allows PARSA to hold a conference at that time.
- CAP CW Rubab: was mostly occupied with his exams and travelling. Rubab is in touch with Jose about possible future events they may organise together. He is also working on CAP ‘1 Point of Contact’ project. Rubab is brainstorming O-Week events and plans to hold an event celebrating native languages on 21 Feb (which is International Mother Language Day). He collaborates on this with Owen and we are to expect a draft proposal from them soon.

College of Business and Economics (CBE)

- CBE HDR Ernesto: no report received – left the meeting early.

- CBE CW Sanchita: no report received, absent.

College of Engineering and Computer Sciences (CECS)

- CECS HDR Zhangcheng: no report received, absent.
- CECS CW Vidhu: in the process of settling into her new role. Plans a Game night for CECS students.

College of Health and Medicine (CHM)

- CHM CW Charlene: assists Upasana with the End of Year Exam celebration (Kingpin and Movie Night). Planning events for 2023 O-Week for CHM and more.

College of Law (CoL)

- CoL HDR Eweha: in the process of settling into her new role. Plans events for O-Week and prepares to meet Yalan and HDR Officer to discuss possible future projects and events.
- CoL CW Leonard: works on SUAW for CoL, figures out how to access and use Law scholarship money. For this, Leonard hopes to organise a wide poll through Wattle or Facebook page.

College of Science (CoS)

- CoS CW Anjali: in the process of settling into her new role. Anjali collects feedback from her peers and brainstorms event ideas.

Part 3 Items for Discussion/Noting

Any Other Issues/Forward Agenda Items

Next meeting: TBC by DoodlePoll