



PARSA Postgraduate Representative Council (PRC)

Executive meeting

Date: 04.7.2022

Time: 12:30pm

Location: Online

1.0 Meeting Open

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Attendance and apologies

Attending: Gunjan Dixit (HDR Officer), Tristan Yip (Coursework Officer),

Observing: Jane Brownbill (Operations Manager)

Apologies: Eleanor Cooper (General Secretary), Sharrada Segeran (Equity Officer)

1.3 Call for other business

1.4 Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Postponed

2.0 Reports

2.1 HDR Officer's Report

Has asked that Menzies be kept open later – this was met well, though they could not keep it open late every day. Monday was agreed to be a late-close day.

Attended Academic Board meeting

Ran a HDR student catch-up, and had a lot of discussions about the de-funding of PARSA as many students were confused about what it would mean for them. Has had discussions about this with Laurie to create a full brief.

2.2 Coursework Officer's Report

Put in some feedback to the special considerations report for AQAC; Akrti attended the meeting on his behalf.

Attended Academic Board #3 with Gunjan, and attended a TLDC meeting

Facilitated the Monthly Movie on Gurisha's behalf as she's out of the country.



Has been working on the course representative handbook, and has sent it out to several academic colleges for consideration.

2.6 Ongoing action list

Activity	Meeting	Timeframe	Responsible	Progress
Hiring a lawyer through labour hire	16.5		Jane	Decided to cancel and stay with our lawyers for now. The seef administrator hiring process will go ahead

3.0 Items for discussion

3.0.1 PARSA SSAF rejection letter

Tristan: We've acted quite fast so far, and perhaps we haven't been as considered as we should have – we should come up with a solid plan before continuing

Sonia: There's a lot to work out with putting forward the constitution to the ANU Council

Jane: Perhaps we can leave this discussion until we have a solid plan for progressing

Jane: I've got in touch with Chris Reid in the secretariat of ANU Council about the possibility of electing a Council member until the end of 2023, just to shore up representation. We will definitely be going forward with

Tristan: Going forwards, we should encourage students to speak up about this, and make sure we maintain engagement

Jane: Will be catching up with Laurie and Clair, and that kind of long-term communications strategy is something we will focus on. We should have a plan by next Wednesday for the medium term. However, these next few weeks do give us time to meet with lawyers and accountants and the union to make sure we do everything right by staff.

3.0.2 Preparation for monthly catch-up with DVCA

Tristan: The point of these monthly catch-ups is to talk about everything, and he has told Grady the intention to discuss the defunding. Definitely a time to raise issues and ask for what they want out of this process.



Jane: Gives them a chance to be across what we need, as well. It would also be good if we can get some more specific advice about where precisely they think we failed in implementing the EY recommendations.

Tristan: It will definitely be a short meeting – Gunjan, could you minute these?

Gunjan: We can meet half an hour beforehand and discuss this

3.0.3 Potential executive meeting with DVCA and DVCSUE after PRC meeting

Tristan The next PRC meeting is scheduled on 15th July 2022 at 12:30 pm. Can the exec team arrange a meeting with Prof Grady Venville (DVCA) and Prof. Ian Anderson (DVCSUE) from 3-3:30 pm on 15th July 2022?

Gunjan: Won't be able to make it due to a full day workshop

3.1 Other Business

3.1.1 Financial decisions:

Jane: We need to ensure that whenever we make decisions around financial issues, we need to make sure that Mia knows as soon as possible – ideally straight after the meeting.

4.0 Meeting close and next meeting

Meeting closed at 1:26pm