

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Student Advisory Board (SAB) held at 6.00pm on the 12 November 2014 in the Room 236, C5C, Macquarie University.

PRESENT:	Fiona Reed (Chair) Sophie Cracknell from 7pm Kristina Hewetson Seung Hoon Ha Nathaniel Hunt Lloyd Jones	Zain Krishna Ansari Janson Lim from 6:30pm Paris Manson Gemma Quinn Arpita Ray	Alexander Read Eleanor Sanderson Benjamin Vassallo Vikas Veerareddy Yi Wong
APOLOGIES:	Ned Barsi Karee Chan Nathan Falzon	Kristofer Gilmour Kathryn Glover Harrison Howard	Avia Madar Nasib Mukhtarov
ABSENT:	Nicola Amys Bel Bailey-Melouney David Wilson Lachlan Woods	James Le Faucheur Jason-Dean Kanowitz Bradley Lewer	Lauren Miller Jacob Rock Mohammed Sulemana
IN ATTENDANCE:	Deidre Anderson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Registrar), Greg Jones (University Council member), Kathy Vozella (Director of Marketing), Luke Williams (Project Director – Brand Activation) and Angela Voerman.		
SECRETARIAT:	Amanda Phelps, University Committee Secretary		

1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 WELCOME, QUORUM AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed the Board members to the meeting and noted apologies were received and accepted for Ned Barsi, Karee Chan, Nathan Falzon, Kristofer Gilmour, Kathryn Glover, Harrison Howard, Avia Madar and Nasib Mukhtarov.

Board member Sophie Cracknell advised prior to the meeting that she would be in attendance from approximately 7:00 pm and Janson Lim advised that he would not be in attendance until approximately 6:30 pm.

The Chair welcomed Deidre Anderson Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Registrar) and Greg Jones University Council member who were in attendance to speak to the Board members. Kathy Vozella (Director of Marketing) and Luke Williams (Project Director – Brand Activation) were also in attendance to speak to Agenda Item 2.4 New Macquarie University Brand and SAB logo.

The Chair noted that there were insufficient Board members to reach the requisite quorum at the start of the meeting.



Council member Greg Jones introduced himself to the Board members and provided a summary of his background and involvement with Macquarie University Council. He also spoke about his understanding of the Framing of Futures and its connection to students and the SAB. He expressed his long term hope for the SAB was to have strategic goals developed and achieved.

Deidre Anderson spoke to the SAB and noted her recent smaller group meetings with members; she thanked members for their candid comments and noted a number of issues had been identified, including but not limited to governance, meeting schedules, business plan templates and engagement with Executive Dean's. A number of strategies to respond to these issues have been identified and Deidre invited further comments. The SAB were shown the visual presentation of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor's (Students and Registrar) Strategic Framework.

1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts declared.

1.3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 18 September 2014 could not be confirmed as a quorum was not present.

1.3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The action items arising from the meeting of 18 September 2014 were deferred for discussion until the next SAB meeting.

2 AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2.1 RENOVATION FOR QUEERSPACE

Yi Wong spoke to the submitted paper and noted that whilst there was not the requisite quorum to make a formal decision regarding the submitted proposal the views of the members in attendance could be provided. The members in attendance were supportive of the SAB providing \$3000 to assist in the planned renovations to Queerspace on campus.

ACTION: Formal consideration of this item is deferred until the next SAB meeting.

2.2 MUPRA

Gemma Quinn spoke to the submitted paper concerning the freezing of funds and the commencement of legal action against students. Gemma expressed her opinion regarding the inappropriateness of the action against the students concerned, highlighting that some of the students involved are international students. A number of



members commented that this has the potential to set a dangerous precedent for any future legal action to be taken against representative students.

The Chair noted that in her opinion it would be unlikely that universities would consider commencing legal action against students on representative boards lightly unless the university was sufficiently concerned and believed that there was evidence of fraud or criminal activity, including misappropriation of funds. However, she noted that she was speaking generally and was not speaking in relation to the specific MUPRA action as she did not have specific knowledge of this matter.

Noting that there was not a quorum present the Board members in attendance were interested to know the consensus of opinion regarding the action of the University against these students. The following question was posed “Does the SAB agree with the action taken by the University against MUPRA?” Of the thirteen members in attendance at this time, all members (with one abstention – Lloyd Jones) expressed the view condemning the action taken by Macquarie University against MUPRA students.

The Board members in attendance were supportive of the formalisation of the views of the SAB regarding MUPRA (current legal action and overall existence) to be clearly articulated.

ACTION: Consideration of this item is deferred until the next SAB meeting.

2.3 CIRCULAR RESOLUTIONS

ACTION: Consideration of this item is deferred until the next SAB meeting.

2.4 NEW MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY BRAND AND SAB LOGO

Kathy Vozella and Luke Williams provided a presentation on the rebranding of Macquarie University and highlighted the project goals and processes and noted the lengthy consultation over the past year. To create a stronger narrative the lighthouse emblem is to return as the brand mark with modifications from the previous design. There is now a need to align the SAB logo with the new brand architecture and reference was made to previous discussions with the SAB, though notably not with the current members of SAB.

There was a difference of opinion in relation to the extent and application of the consultation with SAB members regarding the SAB logo to date. Kathy indicated her willingness to meet with members of the SAB to discuss the SAB logo, however noted that there are approaching deadlines associated with this project.

The Chair encouraged interested SAB members to meet with the Marketing team to discuss their views on the SAB logo.

The issue of a student App was raised for consideration in the future.

ACTION: Further discussions between SAB members and Marketing team to occur with a view to finalising the SAB logo.

2.5 FURTHER SAB 2014 MEETING?

The Board members in attendance were supportive of a further SAB meeting being scheduled for December 2015, after the conclusion of the Session 2 examination period. The members in attendance were also supportive the Board Secretary contacting students who had failed to attend 3 consecutive SAB meetings, noting that the SAB Charter declares the office of a Board member vacant if they are absent from 3 consecutive SAB meetings, without reasonable notice.

ACTION: A further SAB meeting to be scheduled in December 2014. The Board Secretary is to contact absent SAB members.

2.6 PROPOSED 2015 SAB MEETING DATES

The Board Secretary spoke to the proposed 2015 SAB meeting dates, noting the dates proposed were the minimum required according to the current SAB Charter. The Chair noted that the requisite quorum was not present the future 2015 meeting dates would be considered again in the future.

ACTION: Consideration of this item deferred until the next SAB meeting.

2.7 FUNDING OF STUDENT GROUP TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS

Ben Vassallo spoke to the submitted paper and also spoke to a live music request in hiring \$1000 worth of technical equipment. The total request is for funding up to \$8000.

ACTION: The Chair suggested that more specific information regarding funding. The Chair also suggested that specific information about ongoing maintenance monitoring.

2.8 SAB INPUT ON CAMPUS FOOD AND BEVERAGE OFFER

ACTION: Consideration of this item is deferred until the next SAB meeting.

2.9 SEMESTER BASED CONTACT TO STUDENT GROUPS

ACTION: Consideration of this item is deferred until the next SAB meeting.

2.10 STUDENT GROUP DIVISION POLICIES

ACTION: Consideration of this item is deferred until the next SAB meeting.



3 ELECTION OF SAB REPRESENTATIVES TO SEC

ACTION: Consideration of this item was deferred until the next SAB meeting.

4 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOTING

4.1 SAB CHARTER REVIEW UPDATE

ACTION: Consideration of this item was deferred until the next SAB meeting.

4.2 ACADEMIC SENATE STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

ACTION: Consideration of this item was deferred until the next SAB meeting.

4.3 UPDATES FROM SAB SUB-COMMITTEES

ACTION: Updates from the Sub-Committees were deferred until the next SAB meeting.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

The Board members in attendance discussed the failure of this meeting reaching the requisite quorum. The members were reminded of Schedule 3 contained within the current SAB charter allowing for automatic vacancy in the case where a Board member is absent from three consecutive meeting without reasonable notice being provided. The members were supportive of the Secretariat contacting any member who had failed to attend three meetings in row without providing notice.

The members expressed their preference for meetings to be held on Wednesday or Thursday nights.

5.1 TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION – PROFESSIONAL AUTHORITY FORMS (PAF)

This topic for discussion had been submitted by Nathan Falzon, however as he had submitted his apology for this meeting this topic was not discussed.

6 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:00 pm.



NEXT MEETING

The Board members in attendance were supportive of a further SAB meeting being scheduled before the end of 2015. The Chair noted that as the Session 2 examination period commenced on Monday 17 November that a further meeting would not be scheduled until after the end of this examination period, after Friday 5 December.

To be confirmed.

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MS FIONA REED
CHAIR