
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE****NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee of the Griffith University Council will be held at **2:30pm – 4:00pm** on Thursday, 25 September, 2014 in **Room 2.01, N54 Bray Centre, Nathan campus**.

Apologies may be recorded by telephoning Ms Rosemary Marson on 373 54393.

DISTRIBUTION LIST**CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE**

Mr Graham Dillon (DUniv) Until 31 December 2014

DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (ENGAGEMENT)

Professor Martin Betts Ex officio

COUNCIL MEMBER

Dr Robert Anderson OAM Until 31 December 2014

REPRESENTATIVE, COMMONWEALTH OR STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Ms Angela Leitch Until 31 December 2015

TWO ABORIGINAL REPRESENTATIVES

Ms Anne Leisha Until 3 May 2015

Vacant Until 3 May 2015

TWO TORRES STRAIT REPRESENTATIVES

Mr Thomas Sebasio Until 3 May 2015

Ms McRose Elu Until 3 May 2015

PROFESSOR OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS

Professor Boni Robertson Ex officio

PROFESSOR OF INDIGENOUS RESEARCH

Professor Adrian Miller Ex officio

DIRECTOR, GUMURRII STUDENT SUPPORT UNIT

Mr Shane Barnes Ex officio

CONVENOR, CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS ART

Ms Bianca Beetson Ex officio

PRESIDENT, GRIFFITH INDIGENOUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GISA)

Ms Warrika Watson Ex officio

TWO STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Mr Daniel Backhaus (Northern campuses) Until 31 December 2014

Ms Anita Broomhead (Gold Coast campus) Until 31 December 2014

TWO STAFF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr John Graham Until 11 July 2015

Dr Kerry Bodle Until 31 May 2016

FIRST PEOPLES STAFF PROJECT OFFICER

Mr Brian Blow Ex officio

Co-opted Members

Mr Harry van Issum

Ms Rosemary Marson (Secretary)

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Rosemary Marson
Secretary

AGENDA**1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY****2.0 APOLOGIES**

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3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 1/2014 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meeting have been circulated.

To be taken as read and confirmed

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

4.1 Members are required to identify any conflict of interest, including family or other personal relationship/s as outlined in the University policies on Conflict of Interest and Personal Relationships in the Workplace, which may exist in respect of any of the items on the agenda.

4.2 When an interest has been declared, the Chair may resolve that the member:

- Leaves the meeting while the item of business is discussed; or
- Participates in the discussion, but withdraw from the meeting before the vote and/or decision is taken; or
- Stays, but does not participate in either the debate or vote/decision; or
- Stays with full debating and voting/decision rights.

4.3 All declarations of interest will be recorded in the minutes, together with any ensuing action.

5.0 MEMBERSHIP

5.1 The Constitution of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee states that there shall be *Two Aboriginal representatives (one of whom should be male and one of whom should be female)*, nominated by the Griffith University Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders' Council of Elders and appointed by Council. The Secretary of the Advisory Committee has written to the Chair to request that he initiates discussions with the Griffith University Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders' Council of Elders to find a suitable replacement for Uncle Bill Chapman.

5.2 The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee will wish to welcome the following student representatives to the Advisory Committee:

- Mr Daniel Backhaus (Northern campuses),
- Ms Anita Broomhead (Gold Coast campus).

6.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

6.1 The Chair will report on the activities of the Griffith University Council of Elders.

For discussion

7.0 DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (ENGAGEMENT)'S REPORT

7.1 Proposed Changes to the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS)

On Friday 5 September, Australian Universities were advised that there are to be a range of proposed changes to the funding arrangements for Indigenous tutorial Assistance Scheme. The advice received to-date indicates that the changes flow from ITAS being integrated with other Indigenous programs for schools.

The response by NATSIHEC is attached.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) will provide an update.

7.2 First Peoples Alumni

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) will outline plans for highlighting the success of the University's First Peoples Alumni and for ongoing engagement with this significant cohort.

7.3 Griffith University Strategic Plan 2013-2017

The University's Strategic Plan aims to "provide an excellent education experience for students, regardless of their background" and to further this aim, the University has included the following goals and targets relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students:

Participation – To improve the participation rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Target – To continue to exceed the national average for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student participation rate among commencing students by 2017.

Retention – To improve the retention rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Target – To continue to exceed the national average for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student retention rate by 2017.

A copy of the Strategic Plan 2013-2017 is available at

http://www.griffith.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/475552/Strategic-Plan-2013-2017-Oct13-low-res.pdf

For discussion

ORDERING OF THE AGENDA

At this point in the Agenda the Chair will advise members about any matter on the Agenda not included in Section II, that members have requested prior to the meeting be so included.

SECTION I: MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND DEBATE**8.0 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN**

- 8.1 The University's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) (2012-2015) was officially launched in September 2012, following an extensive period of engagement and discussion with key stakeholders from the University's Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and staff, the Griffith University Council of Elders, and members of the Equity Committee.
- 8.2 The RAP is the University's a statement about Griffith's commitment to achieve goals for its Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities to work together harmoniously and to find common ground in their teaching and research endeavours and in their community engagements.
- 8.3 Since 2011 the RAP Working Party, co-chaired by Mr Shane Barnes and Ms Joanna Peters, has overseen the ongoing work required to implement the RAP. The Action Sheet from the 29 July meeting of the RAP Working Party is attached.
- 8.4 The co-chair, Mr Shane Barnes, will provide an update.

For discussion

9.0 REPORT FROM INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS

- 9.1 The Professor, Indigenous Community Engagement Policy and Partnerships (ICEPP) will report on current issues of relevance to the Advisory Committee, including work undertaken within the UN as part of the conclusion of the second decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples collaborations.

For discussion

10.0 INDIGENOUS RESEARCH NETWORK (IRU)

- 10.1 The Professor, Indigenous Research Network will present the IRU's 2013 annual Research Report. A copy of the Report is to be distributed separately.

For discussion

11.0 FIRST PEOPLES' EMPLOYMENT AT GRIFFITH

- 11.1 The First Peoples Staff Project Officer will report on the following items:
- First Peoples Employment at Griffith Website;
 - Indigenous Staff Network;
 - Proposal to include a performance of live didgeridoo music at Griffith's Graduation Ceremonies.

For discussion

12.0 GUMURRII STUDENT SUPPORT UNIT

- 12.1 The Mr Shane Barnes will report on current issues of relevance to the Advisory Committee, as detailed in the attached reports *GUMURRII REPORT TO ATSIAC SEPTEMBER 2014* and *HANDS UP1 REPORT*.

For discussion

13.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY POLICY

- 13.1 The University's *Acknowledgement of Country Policy* was introduced in 2009 and has recently been revised, copy attached as document 2014/0005144.
- 13.2 The Advisory Committee is asked to consider the attached revised *Acknowledgement of Country Policy* and either endorse the suggested revisions or recommend further revisions.
- 13.3 Once the comments from the Advisory Committee have been made, the policy is to be considered and approved by Executive Group.

For discussion

SECTION II: MATTERS REQUIRING RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ACTION

NIL

SECTION III: MATTERS FOR NOTING AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

 14.0 INDIGENOUS RESEARCH UNIT 2014 WORKSHOP – 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

- 14.1 Members are asked to note the Indigenous Research Unit Workshop on Tuesday 30 September 2014, at the Ship Inn, South Bank 9am – 5pm. Registration fees apply. Registration closes 22 September.
- 14.2 To register, interested people should go to:

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/research/about-griffith-research/indigenous-research-unit/research/training-and-development>.

For noting

 15.0 OTHER BUSINESS

 16.0 2014 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Members are asked to note and record the 2014 schedule of meetings. Meetings are held on **Thursdays from 1:30pm – 3:30pm** or as otherwise listed below.

Meeting Date 2014	Campus	Venue Allocated
6 March	Nathan	N54_2.01
29 May	Nathan	N54_2.01
25 September*	Nathan	N54_2.01
27 November	Nathan	N54_2.01

*Please note – **2.30pm start**.

For noting