

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee was held at **12:30pm – 2:30pm** on **Thursday, 24 November 2016** in **Room 2.01, N54 Bray Centre, Nathan campus.**

MINUTES

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Uncle Graham Dillon DUniv (Chair)	Dr Robert Anderson OAM
DVC (Engagement) Professor Martin Betts	Ms Angela Leitch
Aunty Anne Leisha	Aunty McRose Elu
Uncle Thomas Sebasio	Mr Martin Watego
Professor Boni Robertson	Ms Bianca Beetson
Professor Adrian Miller	Ms Anita Broomhead
Mr Shane Barnes	Dr Kerry Bodle
Mr Cameron Summers-Borchard	
Mr Byron Albury	
Mr John Graham	
Mr Brian Blow	
Mr Harry van Issum	
Mrs Carly Barlow (Secretary)	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Aunty Anne Leisha acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meets.

1.0 APOLOGIES

The Chair advised the apologies.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 2/2016 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed with a spelling error noted.

3.0 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

No members identified any conflict of interest, as outlined in the University policy – Conflict of Interest and Personal Relationships in the Workplace, which exists in respect of any of the items on the Agenda.

SECTION A: RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS TO COUNCIL AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES**4.0 RENOMINATION OF COUNCIL APPOINTED MEMBERS**

- 4.1 The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) advised that nominations for Council appointed members need to be recommended to Council for the next meeting. Members discussed the re appointment of current Council nominated members and agreed that all current members be renominated until such time that the Council of Elders recommends a change. It was advised that current Committee activities are being relayed to the Council of Elders by committee members.
- 4.2 The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement), with the support of the Chair, recommended a Co-Chair be appointed and invited Professor Boni Robertson to accept the position. Members agreed that the appointment of Professor Boni Robertson as a Co-Chair be submitted to Council.

Action – Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) to recommend the renomination of current Council nominated positions and the appointment of Professor Boni Robertson as Co-Chair.

SECTION B: ACTION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Nil

SECTION C: OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

Nil

SECTION D: MATTERS NOTED, CONSIDERED OR REMAINING UNDER DISCUSSION

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 5.1 The Chair asked for comments on the previous minutes.
- 5.2 Item 6.2 in the 2/2016 minutes refers to ‘family groups’, ‘tribal groups’ and ‘clans’ in reference to the First Peoples website. It was suggested that this be amended to ‘language groups’.
- 5.3 Aunty Anne Leisha asked for the removal of the reference to Chapman on the First Peoples site.
- 5.4 Item 4.2 in the 2/2016 minutes refers to the Gold Coast campus. This should be the Nathan campus.
- 5.5 Mr Harry van Issum advised that a Griffith student has won the Young Queensland Teacher of the Year award.

Action – Secretary to forward information to Sky Lavelle to update the website to refer to ‘language groups’ and to remove the reference to Chapman for Aunty Anne Leisha.

Action – Secretary to speak to Mr Harry van Issum to get student details and forward a congratulatory card to the student winning Young Queensland Teacher of the Year.

6.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- 6.1 The Chair reported on recent activities including cultural Welcomes and Talks, participation in the Griffith Council of Elders, Gold Coast Advisory Council, Bond University activities, Griffith University Tourism activities and the lapsed Curriculum Committee. The Chair thanked the Committee for their time and involvement. A Chair's report is attached to the minutes.

7.0 DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (ENGAGEMENT) REPORT

- 7.1 The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) reported on the updated Chancellor's statement on the First Peoples website.
- 7.2 The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) conveyed information on the latest developments of the Reconciliation Action Plan 2016 – 2018 (RAP) including the operation of the RAP Working Party which will report to ATSIAC and Equity Committee, the nomination of University wide Reconciliation Champions, a RAP Matrix document to monitor accomplishments achieved against RAP targets and the development of a Concept Strategy to communicate the message of the RAP to staff, students and the community. A successful 'walk and talk' event was held to launch the Reconciliation Action Plan 2016-2018 during NAIDOC week.
- 7.3 The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) advised members of the Griffith collaboration with the Yugambeh Language Museum and advised that a Memorandum of Understanding is being prepared to support the relationship.
- 7.4 The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) reported on recent meetings with the Griffith Indigenous Students Association (GISA) where issues of funding and increasing communications were discussed.

8.0 MEMORIAL DESIGN

- 8.1 Mr Harry van Issum presented a visual presentation on the memorial dedicated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who have served our Country in military service including the designs, stakeholders involved and next steps including fundraising. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.
- 8.2 The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dedicated Memorial Committee Queensland (ATSIDMCQ) requires assistance with keeping the website current until a sponsor is found. It was noted that Sky Lavelle or GUMURRII students could be utilised to assist in this project.

Action – Secretary to liaise with Mr Harry van Issum to seek out potential students or staff that could assist with website update.

9.0 RENOMINATION OF NON- COUNCIL APPOINTED MEMBERS

- 9.1 Members noted that the membership could be grown, changed and more gender balanced. It was agreed that the nomination of non-Council appointed members could be discussed at the next meeting.

- 9.2 Mr Cameron Summers-Borchard reported that in 2017 he will no longer be president of the Griffith Indigenous Students Association (GISA) and Mr Byron Albury will be replacing him.

Action – Secretary to update titles on the Constitution as part of Constitution review.

10.0 REVIEW OF ATSIAC

- 10.1 The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) spoke on the formal review of ATSIAC. ATSIAC has not had a formal review since 2012. The ATSIAC Constitution includes a self-review mechanism and must report back to Council. A draft Constitution has been prepared recognising the focus on community and culture. A Self Review Questionnaire has been distributed to members with the Agenda. Members agreed to review the draft Constitution and Self Review Questionnaire and send these to the Secretary, with a revised Constitution to be discussed at the next ATSIAC meeting in 2017.

Action – All members to send completed Self Review Questionnaire and comments on the draft Constitution to the Secretary by end of 2016.

11.0 REPORT ON ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTICIPATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- 11.1 The Director of GUMURRIL spoke on the attached report. Highlights include the growth of Indigenous students in Queensland higher education by 51% with Griffith University recording the highest number of Queensland Indigenous enrolments in 2015 (854 students). The success of GUMURRIL and the Hands Up! Tertiary Preparation Program were noted as contributing to these results.

12.0 REPORT FROM INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS (ICEPP)

- 12.1 The Professor, Indigenous Community Engagement Policy and Partnerships (ICEPP) spoke on recent activities and accomplishments including work with the United Nations, the work of the COOEE Indigenous Family and Community Education Resource Centre, writing chapters for books on Indigenous teaching and the history of the ICEPP and acting as a keynote speaker at numerous forums. The work of the Council of Elders, the ICEPP and GUMURRIL was acknowledged.

13.0 REPORT FROM THE INDIGENOUS RESEARCH UNIT (IRU)

- 13.1 The Academic Director of Indigenous Education and Research spoke on the activities of the IRU including research on preparing communities for pandemics, food and land security, the repatriation of skeletal remains project and work with the University's Research Committee. It was recommended that the University take steps to celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the 1967 referendum in 2017.

14.0 GUMURRII STUDENT SUPPORT UNIT

14.1 The Director spoke on recent activities. These include the yearly valedictory celebrations for 118 graduates, the highest rates of QTAC/UAC applicants listing Griffith in preferences 1-3 (456 students), 85 approved direct online applications for GUMURRII students for 2017, 6 new Indigenous medicine students and 7 Indigenous midwifery students (possibly 10) which is the largest cohort recorded and an increase in the number of Indigenous law students.

15.0 2017 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Members noted the 2017 schedule of meetings. Meetings are held on **Thursdays from 12.30pm – 2.30pm** or as otherwise listed below.

Meeting Date 2017	Campus	Venue Allocated
9 March	Nathan	N54_2.01
4 May	Nathan	N54_2.01
24 August	Nathan	N54_2.02
23 November	Nathan	N54_2.01