

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The 1/2010 meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee will be held at 1.00pm on Thursday 11 March 2010 in Room 2.01 Bray Centre (N54), Nathan campus

1.0 WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies can be recorded by Ms Lori Wright, by telephone 373 57816 or email l.wright@griffith.edu.au. To date the only apology received is from Ms Kay Dillon.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee's 3/2009 adjourned meeting are attached.

To be taken as read and confirmed

4.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chair will report on the following:

- Involvement in Orientation
- The Vision and the steps to the Vision
- Chancellor's Resignation
A copy of the letter from the Chancellor dated 19 January 2010 is attached for the information of members.
- Proposal for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee to host a seminar series to be named the *Griffith University Aunty Celia Smith Lecture*.

For noting

ORDERING OF THE AGENDA

At this point members may propose that the agenda is re-ordered, or that any matter not included on the agenda so be included.

SECTION I: MATTERS FOR DEBATE AND DECISION

5.0 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 A number of vacancies currently exist on the Committee. Recommendation 5 of the Chair's Report (3/2009 meeting) related to the filling of vacancies. The use of a flying minute, if required, to fill vacancies was outlined in the recommendation. The 3/2009 adjourned meeting noted a list of nominations and the Chair reported on the consultation process with Uncle Graham and Uncle Thomas on the Traditional Owner and the female Torres Strait nominees respectively. At the 3/2009 adjourned meeting the Committee agreed that "*Professor Boni Robertson organise a meeting between the Committee and Community Elders prior to finalising the nominations*". Professor Robinson has not been able to facilitate this meeting with Uncle Reg Knox and Aunty Roz Graham at the time of preparing this advice. The Chairperson circulated a flying minute as discussed in the 3/2009 meeting to progress finalisation of nominations to the Committee's membership. This included all nominations forthcoming from all Committee members. The Chairperson terminated this

process in favour of finalising memberships at this, the first ATSIAC meeting 2010, as it was not possible to conclude this process prior to the first Council meeting on 3rd March.

- 5.2 The first set of vacancies requires the Committee to nominate members for appointment at the Council's 4 May 2010 meeting. The second set of vacancies requires the Committee to coopt a number of staff or student representatives after considering the recommendations of the ATSIAC Chairperson.
- 5.3 In terms of the first set of vacancies to which appointments will be made at the University Council's 4 May meeting, the Committee is asked to consider the names of candidates set out on the attached nomination forms. At the meeting members may nominate candidates, provided they have the written consent of the proposed nominee with them at the meeting. Members of the committee will be asked to vote in-meeting by a show of hands. Candidates for which the most votes are recorded will be deemed to be nominated by the Committee for appointment by the University Council.

Membership Category	Continuing Member	Vacant Position
An Aboriginal Elder/respected member of each of the remaining Traditional Custodian groups of the Griffith University lands (2), nominated by the Committee and appointed by Council	Dr Graham Dillon Term of office concludes: 31 December 2010	One (1) Aboriginal Elder/respected member of each of the remaining Traditional Custodian groups of the Griffith University lands Recommended Term of Office: 31 December 2011
Two Aboriginal Elders/representatives from other Indigenous communities (one of whom should be male and one of whom should be female), nominated by the Committee and appointed by Council	Ms Delmae Barton Term of office concludes: 31 December 2010	One (1) male Aboriginal Elder/representative from other Indigenous communities Term of Office: 31 December 2011
Two Torres Strait Islander representatives (one of whom should be male and one of whom should be female), nominated by the Committee and appointed by Council	The term of office for both members in this membership concluded in December 2009. Mr Thomas Sebasio has indicated he is seeking a second term.	Two (2) Torres Strait Islander representatives [one (1) of whom should be male and one (1) of whom should be female] To ensure that the membership of both representatives don't expire in the same year it is recommended that one of the nominees be given a term until 31 December 2010 with an extension of the term until 31 December 2012 and the other a standard two year term until 31 December 2011

- 5.4 The second set of vacancies is in the following membership category:
- Five staff/student representatives, one from each campus, to be co-opted by the Advisory Committee on the recommendation of the Chairperson.

The Chairperson recommends that the following nominees be co-opted to the Committee:

Campus	Nominated Student	Recommended Term of Office
Nathan	Mr Phil Mairu 2 nd yr. Bachelor of Arts (Pol, Asian St& Int Rel) - GISA member also Torres Strait Islander Man	a standard two year term concluding on 31 December 2011
Mt Gravatt	Ms Kylie Heron 2 nd yr. Bachelor of Education Primary	a standard two year term concluding on 31 December 2011
Southbank	Mr Joel Barkus 2 nd yr. Bachelor of Film and Screen Media - GISA member	a standard two year term concluding on 31 December 2011
Logan	Ms Melissa Hartwell 2 nd yr. Bachelor of Human Services/Bachelor of Criminology - GISA member	until 31 December 2010 with an extension of the term until 31 December 2012
Gold Coast	Ms Emily Slattery 3 rd yr. Bachelor of Nursing	until 31 December 2010

To avoid this entire membership category becoming vacant in 2011, the Committee is asked to consider establishing a term of office for two of these representatives until 31 December 2010 with a possible extension of the term until 31 December 2012 and for the remaining three representatives establishing a standard two year term concluding on 31 December 2011.

- 5.5 In addition to the above membership categories, the Advisory Committee may co-opt other representatives into membership of the Committee and/or to any sub-committees or task groups convened to ensure inclusivity or for expert opinion/consultancy on specific issues. Filling this membership category is at the discretion of the committee's members. The Chair respectfully requests that the membership consider co-opting the following individuals:

Nominee	Expertise
Mr Ricky Lingwood	Final year Law student Nathan Advocate for Aboriginal people with mental disorders.
Ms Alea Williams	Increased research student Nathan and female student representation.

The Committee will need to consider the term of office that applies to these co-opted members.

- 5.6 An induction program for new members is being scheduled for the hour immediately prior to the next ATSIAC meeting on the 6 May 2010.

Resolution

- 5.7 The Committee is asked to:
- Fill all vacancies that currently exist in the Committee's membership provisions as set out in its constitution.
 - Adopt terms of office that will ensure membership categories retain at least half of its representatives from one year to the next.
 - Advise membership nominees of their co-option to the Committee and invite them to the Induction Program on Thursday 6 May.
 - Recommend to the University Council nominations for appointment to the following membership categories:
 - An Aboriginal Elder/respected member of each of the remaining Traditional Custodian groups of the Griffith University lands
 - Aboriginal Elders/representatives from other Indigenous communities
 - Torres Strait Islander representatives

For consideration

6.0 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE

6.1 The ATSIAC Constitution states that 'the objectives, structure, and relationships of the Committee will be reviewed on a triennial basis'. The last major review of the Committee was completed in March 2007. The University is conducting reviews of other committees and their sub-committees in 2010. It is both timely and appropriate for ATSIAC's triennial review to be conducted in 2010 in parallel with these other reviews.

6.2 Terms of reference for reviewing ATSIAC will be brought forward for the purpose of consultation and discussion to the next meeting where the full membership of the Committee will be present.

Resolution

6.3 The Committee is asked to recommend to the Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost that the University initiate a review of ATSIAC to be completed no later than October 2010.

For consideration

7.0 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Uncle Graham and Aunty Delmae will make verbal reports to the Committee.

8.0 INDIGENOUS POLICY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Professor Indigenous Policy and Community Engagement will report on the Community Elders Program and table a report on Indigenous Policy.

For consideration

9.0 GUMURRII STUDENT SUPPORT UNIT

The Head, GUMURRII Student Support Unit will provide a report on current issues of relevance to the Advisory Committee.

For consideration

10.0 INDIGENOUS RESEARCH NETWORK

The Co-ordinator, Indigenous Research Network will provide a report on current issues of relevance to the Advisory Committee.

For consideration

11.0 ALTC GRANT -- GETTING THE STRUCTURE RIGHT

Dr Chris Matthews is leading an ALTC grant entitled 'Facilitating A Whole-Of-University Approach To Indigenous Curriculum Development: Leadership Frameworks For Cultural Partnership' and he wishes to consult with ATSIAC about the approach he is taking towards this grant.

For consideration

SECTION II: MATTERS REQUIRING RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ACTION

Nil

SECTION III: MATTERS FOR NOTING AND WHERE APPROPRIATE ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATION

12.0 RESIGNATION OF INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR

The Committee is asked to note the attached Chairperson's letter to the University in relation to the resignation of Mr Mark Moore as approved by the Committee and the attached response of the University as previously circulated.

13.0 OTHER BUSINESS

14.0 NEXT MEETING:

2010 schedule - all Thursdays from 1.00pm to 3.00pm, except for the May meeting which will be held from 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Meeting Date	Campus	Venue
11 March	Nathan	N54_2.01
6 May 2pm – 4pm		
3 June		
12 August		
28 October		

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