

## Minutes 2/2009 (August)

A meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee was held at 2.00pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009 in Room 2.02 Bray Centre (N54), Nathan campus.

<b>1.0 Attendees:</b>	
<b>Present:</b> Chair: Ms Chrissie Andrews  Ms Maureen Ah Sam Mrs Delmae Barton Dr Graham Dillon Ms Kaye Dillon Ms Leneen Forde Professor Kerri-Lee Krause Dr Chris Matthews Mr Mark Moore Professor Boni Robertson Mr Thomas Sebasio Ms Suzanne Wilkinson  Secretary: Ms Rae-Anne Locke	<b>Apologies:</b> Ms Jennifer Herd Ms Jianna Richardson Ms Gail Stephenson

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2.0	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>	The Minutes of the 1/2009 meeting were taken as read, and confirmed. Moved Dr Matthews, seconded Uncle Thomas.	Minutes confirmed	n/a
3.0	<b>Welcome to new members</b>	The Chair welcomed new members – Mr Mark Moore, Dr Chris Matthews and in her absence, Ms Gail Stephenson. Members introduced themselves, paying their respects to the Elders and the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was held.	Noted.	n/a
4.0	<b>Chair's Report</b>	The Chair drew members' attention to matters for noting in section III: 1. The draft 'Acknowledgment of Country' Palm Card text (Doc 02/2009) and policy (Doc 03/2009) has been approved by Executive Group. 2. The Committee paid their respects to Uncle Reg Knox on being jointly awarded the 2009 NAIDOC Male Elder of the Year for his outstanding artwork and commitment to the community and young people. 3. The Committee also congratulated Uncle Graham Dillon on his award of Doctor of the University, for his contributions to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, culture and community at Griffith University.	Noted	n/a
5.0	<b>Report Pro Vice Chancellor (Quality and Student Outcomes)</b>	The Acting Pro Vice Chancellor (Quality and Student Outcomes), Professor Krause reported on the alignment of Executive portfolios: <b>Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) Professor Sue Spence</b> - responsible for learning and teaching, graduate outcomes, overview of the student lifecycle, quality and planning and academic staffing. GIHE and Office of Student Recruitment will report to this portfolio.  <b>Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost Professor Marilyn McMenemy</b> - responsible for campuses (including the role of Provost of Nathan, Mt Gravatt and South Bank), social inclusion (including student and staff equity), external engagement, and development and alumni. The organisational units of External Relations and Development and Alumni will transfer from University Administration to this portfolio. The Office of the Provost Gold Coast and Logan will also be part of this portfolio, as will the Multi-Faith Centre and the <i>Griffith Review</i> . Professor McMenemy will commence in this role on 5 October.	Noted.	n/a

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		<p><b>Pro Vice Chancellor (Quality and Student Outcomes)</b> - due to the creation of the new DVC position and the transfer of some responsibilities to that portfolio, this position will be disestablished from 3 November 2009. However the role and responsibilities of the Director of GIHE will be significantly expanded to include policy development and implementation of key initiatives in learning, teaching, graduate outcomes and the student experience.</p> <p>Because of this change the position has been re-designated <b>Dean (Student Outcomes) and Director Griffith Institute for Higher Education</b>. University Council approved the appointment of Professor Kerri-Lee Krause, current Director GIHE, to the new position of Dean (Student Outcomes) and Director GIHE for a five year period from 2 November 2009.</p>		
6.0	<b>Professor, Indigenous Policy and Community Engagement Report</b>	<p>Professor Robertson reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Lighthouse Project operated with 67 disengaged secondary Indigenous students in Redlands. After two years, funding ceases in September but it is hoped the project will receive continued funding as a model of best practice.</li> <li>• Her involvement on the committee for the Review of Indigenous Programs in the University of Sydney.</li> <li>• The first Indigenous education PhD had been tabled at the WINHEC meeting in Canada.</li> <li>• On behalf of WINHEC, she had written two papers – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An Indigenous knowledges document for UNESCO in Geneva.</li> <li>○ An Indigenous Permanent Form in New York.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• She had been approached by three universities to conduct international research.</li> </ul>	Noted.	n/a
7.0	<b>Head of GUMURRII Student Support Unit (GSSU) Report</b>	<p>Ms Ah Sam tabled a report and highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A radio advertisement had been created to target prospective Indigenous students. This will air throughout September.</li> <li>• Issue 1 of the GUMURRII News was tabled at the meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>1. Head of GSSU to liaise with Uncle Graham regarding school visits. 2. On behalf of the</p>	<p>1. Head of GSSU  2. Acting Pro</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of staff had undertaken professional development.</li> <li>• Staff had undertaken a number of outreach activities.</li> <li>• The GSSU Mt Gravatt will be refurbished.</li> <li>• GSSU had partially funded the overseas study of one 3<sup>rd</sup> year student to Canada.</li> <li>• GSSU had sponsored one student's attendance at the NIS Conference in July.</li> <li>• Seven students had been involved in mid-year intake.</li> <li>• GSSU handed out 2,000 Griffith bags during NAIDOC.</li> <li>• GSSU was sending a team to compete in the National Indigenous Games in Canberra.</li> <li>• Issues regarding the realignment of the GSSU to Student Services.</li> </ul> <p>Uncle Graham requested a list of schools and ongoing communication regarding school visits in the Gold Coast region. This is to enable him to both follow up with school staff, in his role as Elder in Residence at the Gold Coast and to present a coherent streamlined approach from Griffith University.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the realignment of GSSU to Student Services at length and raised a number of concerns about the consultation process. In light of this experience, the Elders queried their role in providing advice to the University on support to Indigenous students. In addition, the issue was raised about how all elements of the University's strategy for Indigenous issues could best work with the University, the community and each other.</p> <p>Members expressed the utmost confidence in the leadership of the Head of GSSU and the strength of the Unit, acknowledging that the shift was not a question of performance. The Chancellor confirmed the University holds the Committee and its members in high regard. As such, it has two Council representatives on the Committee.</p>	<p>Committee and the Chair, the Acting Pro Vice Chancellor (Quality and Student Outcomes) is asked to speak to the Vice Chancellor, to request that further consultation be undertaken about the suitability of relocating GSSU to Student Services.</p>	<p>Vice Chancellor (Quality and Student Outcomes)</p>

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		The Committee recommended that further consultation be undertaken about the suitability of relocating GSSU to Student Services. The Acting Pro Vice Chancellor (Quality and Student Outcomes) offered to speak to the Vice Chancellor on behalf of the Committee and the Chair.		
8.0	<b>‘Acknowledgement of country’ palm card</b>	Noted in Item 4.0 Chair’s Report.	Noted.	n/a
9.0	<b>National NAIDOC Male Elder of the Year Award – Uncle Reg Knox</b>	Noted in Item 4.0 Chair’s Report.	Noted.	n/a
10.0	<b>Doctor of the University – Uncle Graham Dillon</b>	Noted in Item 4.0 Chair’s Report.	Noted.	n/a
11.0	<b>Other Business</b>	<p>Mr Moore reported that he was the co-chair of the Reconciliation Steering Committee, with Ms Joanna Peters from Student Services. One meeting had been held and the Steering Committee will use the format of Reconciliation Australia to develop an action plan. Mr Moore acknowledged the work of the previous group and that there would be opportunities for input from all.</p> <p>Professor Robertson advised that neither she nor the Elders had been invited to be members of this Steering Committee. Professor Krause reported that she had taken the issue of membership up with the Equity Committee.</p> <p>Uncle Thomas distributed pamphlets on the Stolen Wages campaign.</p>	Noted.	n/a
12.0	<b>Next Meeting</b>	2.00 – 4.00 pm on Thursday, 29 October 2009 in Room 4.08, Hub Link building, (L07), Logan campus.	Noted.	n/a