

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 3:00pm on Thursday 11 August, 2011 in Room 1.05/1.06 (Meeting Room on level 1), The Chancellery (G34), **Gold Coast 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 2012

DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST

Professor Marilyn McMeniman AM Ex officio

COUNCIL MEMBER

Dr Robert Anderson OAM Until 31 December 2012

**REPRESENTATIVE, COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORK RELATIONS (DEEWR)**

Ms Gail Stephenson Until 31 December 2012

**REPRESENTATIVE, QUEENSLAND INDIGENOUS
EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (QIECC)**

Mr Harry Van Issum Until 31 December 2012

TWO ABORIGINAL REPRESENTATIVES

Ms Anne Chapman Until 3 May 2013
Mr Bill Chapman Until 3 May 2013

TWO TORRES STRAIT REPRESENTATIVES

Mr Thomas Sebasio Until 3 May 2013
Ms McRose Elu Until 3 May 2013

PROFESSOR OF INDIGENOUS POLICY, ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Professor Boni Robertson Ex officio

PROFESSOR OF INDIGENOUS RESEARCH

[recruitment is ongoing] Ex officio

HEAD, GUMURRII STUDENT SUPPORT UNIT

Ms Bronwyn Dillon Ex officio

CONVENOR, CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS ART

Ms Jennifer Herd Ex officio

PRESIDENT, GRIFFITH INDIGENOUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GISA)

Mr Phil Mairu Ex officio

TWO STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Mr Corrie Duff (Northern campuses) Until 31 December 2012
Vacant (Gold Coast campuses) Until 31 December 2011

TWO STAFF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr John Graham Until 11 July 2013
Vacant Until 31 December 2012

EQUITY AND DIVERSITY PROJECT OFFICER

Mr Shane Barnes Ex officio

Co-opted Members

Nil

Ms Rosemary Marson (Secretary)

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Rosemary Marson
Secretary

AGENDA1.0 WELCOME/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY2.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies can be recorded by telephoning Rosemary Marson on extension 54393 or by emailing r.marson@griffith.edu.au.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 2/2010 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meeting and the 1/2011 meeting have been circulated.

To be taken as read and confirmed

4.0 MEMBERSHIP

The Committee will wish to welcome the following members to their first meeting.

Mr John Graham has been appointed under the current ATSIAC Constitution, as one of the Coopted Staff Representatives.

Ms Anne Chapman and Mr Bill Chapman have been appointed, as the two Aboriginal representatives to the ATSIAC.

For noting

5.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chair looks forward to an ongoing and fruitful partnership with Griffith University and those representatives drawn from the community and now representing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at Griffith.

For noting

SECTION I: STRATEGIC ISSUES6.0 STUDENT FORUM

6.1 ATSIAC's constitution states the Committee shall 'receive reports from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students as these relate to the strategic functions of the Committee'. At this point in the agenda student representatives on ATSIAC may provide a report on strategic issues.

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 II: MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

7.0 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

7.1 The University is currently engaged with key stakeholders in developing a university-wide Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The RAP is to be a statement about Griffith's commitment to achieve goals for its Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. Students and staff can send comments either directly to the Griffith Indigenous Students Association (GISA); or to the co-chairs of the working party Joanna Peters or Shane Barnes. Alternatively, staff and students can send comments through the Learning Assistance Officers at GUMURRII on each of Griffith's campuses.

7.2 At the 1/2011 meeting, the Advisory Committee was advised that there have been campus consultations with Indigenous staff and students, and invitations to the wider campus community to complete a feedback sheet in hard copy or on-line. The survey sheet asks people for their views about:

- their vision for reconciliation and how it relates to them;
- why respectful relationships between Indigenous and non- Indigenous people are important to them;
- why respect for Indigenous people, culture, land, history etc is important to them;
- why opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, organisations and communities are important to them, and to other students /staff (Indigenous and non-Indigenous); and
- other ideas or comments about a RAP for Griffith.

7.3 Since the 1/2011 meeting, the RAP Working Party has met with the Griffith Council of Elders to discuss the Reconciliation Action Plan.

Mr Shane Barnes will introduce this item.

For discussion and comment

8.0 GUMURRII STUDENT SUPPORT UNIT

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

For discussion and comment

9.0 INDIGENOUS POLICY, ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

9.1 The Professor, Indigenous Policy, Engagement and Partnerships will provide a report on current issues of relevance to the Advisory Committee.

For discussion and comment

SECTION III: MATTERS REQUIRING RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ACTION

NIL

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

10.0 MEMBERSHIP: TWO STAFF REPRESENTATIVES CO-OPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

10.1 The membership provisions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee include the following appointments:

- Two staff representatives co-opted by the Committee on the recommendation of the relevant Deputy Vice Chancellor.

The Advisory Committee received a nomination from Mr John Graham in mid-June 2011 for one of these positions. Following advice from the Chair, ATSIAC, Uncle Graham Dillon and the Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost, Professor Marilyn McMeniman, both of whom supported Mr Graham's nomination, a Flying Minute was distributed to members of the ATSIAC to seek their input on Mr Graham's appointment. The Flying Minute was distributed on 20 June to members, who fully endorsed Mr Graham's term, which is for two years until 11 July 2013.

For acceptance of recommendation of Flying Minute.

11.0 INDIGENOUS HIGHER EDUCATION

11.1 In response to the Federal government's announcement of a Review of Higher Education Access and Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People (April 2011), a working party will be established to engage with the review panel and co-ordinate Universities Australia's representations and submissions. The Review, which will report in 12 months, represents a valuable opportunity for Universities Australia to fully participate in the Review and provide advice on the Strategic Framework envisioned by the Federal government.

11.2 The Working Party has the remit to use this opportunity to enable universities to work together and come to a shared position on improving Indigenous access and participation, capitalising on the findings of the Indigenous Cultural Competency project that is due for completion shortly.

11.3 A draft of the Best Practice Framework for Indigenous Cultural Competency is currently being considered by the Steering Group, with a view to providing final feedback to the author in July. At this stage, tenders are still being received for the evaluation of the project and Universities Australia is working with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to progress this matter.

For noting

12.0 OTHER BUSINESS

13.0 2011 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Members are asked to note the 2011 schedule of meetings. Meetings are held on Thursdays from 3.00pm – 5.00pm.

| Meeting Date | Campus | Venue Allocated |
|--------------|------------|-----------------|
| 2 June | Logan | L07_4.08 |
| 11 August | Gold Coast | G34_1.05/1.06 |
| 27 October | Nathan | N35 Multi-Faith |

For noting