

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee (ATSIAC) of the Griffith University Council was held at 11:30am – 1.00pm on Thursday, 30 May, 2013 in the Conference Room 2.68_G11 (GUMURRII Student Support Unit), Gold Coast campus.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Uncle Graham Dillon (Chair)
Professor Marilyn McMeniman
Uncle Robert Anderson
Ms Bronwyn Dillon
Ms Aunty Anne Leisha
Professor Boni Robertson
Uncle Thomas Sebasio
Mr Harry van Issum
Mr John Graham
Professor Adrian Miller
Ms Kerry Bodle

Rosemary Marson (Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Aunty McRose Elu
Uncle Bill Chapman
Ms Jennifer Herd
Mr Phil Mairu

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, the Chair invited Uncle Bob Anderson to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meets.

1.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 1/2013 meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee (ATSIAC), having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

**SECTION A: RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS TO COUNCIL AND ITS
SUB-COMMITTEES**

NIL

SECTION B: ACTION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

NIL

SECTION C: OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

2.0 27 MAY PROPOSED AS AUSTRALIA'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

- 2.1 Members of the Advisory Committee recalled that at its 1/2013 meeting the Advisory Committee endorsed Griffith University's Professor Michael Good's suggestion that 27 May becomes Australia's Day of Celebration. This date marks the anniversary of the historic 1967 referendum, which saw Australia vote overwhelmingly for two Constitutional reforms: to extend national censuses to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples; and to enable the Commonwealth to pass laws for the benefit of Australia's First People's.
- 2.2 Members of the Advisory Committee received invitations for a celebration, to be held at the Griffith Film School, South Bank campus, on Monday 27 May 2013, 5.30pm to mark this occasion and agreed that the speeches and presentations given by Professors Adrian Miller and Michael Good were inspirational. It was agreed that copies of the speeches would be requested and posted on the Advisory Committee's team place and the University's First People's website.

3.0 CULTURAL PROTOCOLS – ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES

- 3.1 Members of the Advisory Group recalled that at the 1/2013 meeting, the Deputy Vice Chancellor & Provost tabled the paper *Understanding Culture in Health – Cultural Considerations in Health Care*, which outlines a range of protocols and advice for health care workers working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The Advisory Committee agreed that the University community, particularly those teaching into and studying in the health area, needs a clear set of protocols to guide them when dealing with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities.
- 3.2 At the 1/2013 meeting, members of the Advisory Committee agreed that the tabled protocols represent a significant starting point for the University in its development of broader, university-wide protocols. The exception to this endorsement is the section *Words you must never use* (page 3/5), which members agreed should not be included in any documentation prepared by the University; rather a list of preferred terms should be included.
- 3.3 The Advisory Committee noted that the Health Group, in consultation with the Griffith University Council of Elders, has prepared a cultural awareness website/resources for students enrolled in the Health Group programs, which will be available by the start of semester 2, 2013. The Advisory Group requested that the Secretary consult with the Health Group to ensure that the correct terminology, as outlined in item 4.0 of the 1/2013 Minutes, has been used in the protocols.

SECTION D: MATTERS NOTED, CONSIDERED, OR REMAINING UNDER DISCUSSION

4.0 INDIGENOUS RESEARCH NETWORK (IRN)

The Professor, Indigenous Research Network reported on current issues arising at the University's Indigenous Research Network.

- 4.1 Professor Miller presented a Seminar for the Griffith Social and Behavioural Research College at the Logan campus on the 30 April designed to raise awareness to researchers that best-practice guidelines and ethical frameworks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can help guide research change and challenge the negative perceptions of research. The Seminar was very well attended, with participants requesting additional workshops. Further discussions have been organized with Professor Cumming to facilitate these workshops through the GSBRC.

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- 4.2 Professor Miller presented a Keynote Address at the National Gathering of Graduate Students, First Nations House of Learning, University of British Columbia in Vancouver (23 – 25 June 2013). As part of the gathering, he will also be undertaking mentoring sessions. During the visit Adrian will also be meeting with Dr Malcolm King (Scientific Director, CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health, Simon Fraser University) to further their conversations/discussions around international collaborative research opportunities.
- 4.3 Professor Miller is collaborating with senior GUMURRII SSU staff, Professor Kate Hutchings, Professor Sue Berners-Price, Dr Eliza Matthews, Mr Andrew Quek and external members on further developing and supporting a University-wide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HDR strategy.
- 4.4 The Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR) has re-invigorated its Indigenous Health Research Program and established an external advisory group to provide meaningful dialogue on service provision, policy development and research in indigenous health. Professor Miller has accepted the QIMR's invitation to join the group.
- 4.5 The IRN continues to provide support and mentoring to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HDR students (both current and potential), and we are excited by the diversity of research interest areas.
- 4.6 The IRN has the opportunity to provide research grant and travel support to both full and associate members to support their research projects. IRN Members will be invited to apply for funding in early June 2013.
- 4.7 The following new research projects are being undertaken within the IRN:
- ARC Discovery Grant – “Inspiring Indigenous youth to build resilience and sustain participation with education and employment: the role of targeted mentoring support”;
 - Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) in remote Indigenous communities: Their implementation, impacts and uptake and their cost-effectiveness in Queensland. Phase 1. Process evaluation and economic impact evaluation components;
 - Looking into InFLuenza T cell immunity (LIFT); and
 - Establishing an empirical baseline for Southern Cross University – Lismore GP Super Clinic Research partnership: A framework for data sharing and collaboration.
- 4.8 The Chair thanked Professor Miller for his detailed report.

5.0 GUMURRII STUDENT SUPPORT UNIT

- 5.1 The Advisory Committee considered the Report submitted by the Director, GUMURRII Student Support Unit, on current issues of relevance to the Advisory Committee. The Director, GUMURRII SSU, highlighted the following points:

5.1.1 Walk and Talk Events

The Annual Walk and Talk event was held on May 28th on the Mt Gravatt and Nathan Campuses. The event was well attended, with students from Old Yarranlea State School joining the walk.

The Gold Coast Walk and Talk event will be held on Wednesday, 5th June, commencing at the southern end of the Smith Street overpass. The walk will circle the campus and conclude with afternoon tea at the new unit in G11.

5.1.2 External Review of the GUMURRII SSU

The University is to review the GUMURRII Student Support Unit on 3-4th June, 2013, as part of its regular cycle of five yearly reviews. The purpose of the review is to improve the planning and performance through a cycle of self-assessment, benchmarking and forward planning, including internal and external peer review.

5.1.3 Opening of the Gold Coast GUMURRII Student Support Unit

The new premises for the Unit at the Gold Coast were opened on Thursday, 30th May by Chancellor Ms Leneen Ford AC. The Unit will be operational on Friday 31st May and students will be relocated from the existing unit in G05.

5.2 The Chair thanked the Director, GUMURRII Student Support Unit for her report.

6.0 REPORT FROM INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS

6.1 The report from the Professor Indigenous Community Engagement Policy and Partnerships (ICEPP) included the following items:

6.1.1 Strategic Alliances

With the assistance of ICEPP, the Griffith University Council of Elders hosted a number of National Elders Think Tank (NETT) forums in 2012-2013 (July 2013, April and December 2013).

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders Alliance (NATSIEA) is a network of local and national Elders that collaborates with Higher Education institutions and communities, as well as academic to address the aspirations of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education staff and students. NATSIEA are in the process of developing policy statements around Cultural Competency, Embedding Indigenous Studies within the curriculum, and Protecting and Address the sovereign Rights, as outlined in Articles 14, 15, and 16 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Education).

6.1.2 Community Engagement-Collaborative Forums

Forum on proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Returned Service Personnel Queensland Commemorative Memorial – 23 May 2013. The Forum was co-hosted by the Griffith University Council of Elders, ICEPP, and Dr Dale Kerwin from the School of Education and Professional Studies.

6.1.3 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

Professor Robertson has been elected to one of the Executive Committees of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Consortium, which aims to consider extending Indigenous education networks in Australia with international counterpart organisations; represent NATSIHEC at international issues; and profile the work of Indigenous higher education in Australia.

7.0 MEMBERSHIP

7.1 The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee welcomed the following members to the Advisory Committee:

Mr Brian Blow, as the Indigenous Staff Project Officer and Ms Warrika Watson, as the incoming President of GISA to their first meeting of the Advisory Committee.

Mr Harry van Issum is returning for a further term with the Advisory Committee as the representative of the Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee (QIECC).

Mr Phil Mairu is returning to the Advisory Committee as a co-opted member.

8.0 DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR and PROVOST'S REPORT

8.1 Reconciliation Events - 2014

The 2014 Reconciliation Week Group is to be convened and chaired by a member of the Griffith University Council of Elders.

The inaugural Griffith University Reconciliation Week Lecture is to be given by Professor Adrian Miller.

8.2 Sydney Equity Forum

The Deputy Vice Chancellor & Provost met with Mr Craig Ritchie of DIISTRE to discuss the ongoing funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the higher education sector.

9.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chair reported on his involvement in orientation activities at the Gold Coast campus undertaken during first semester with Griffith's international students at the Gold Coast campus.

10.0 2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

Members noted the 2013 schedule of meetings. Meetings are held on **Thursdays from 1.30pm – 3.30pm.**

Meeting Date 2013	Campus	Venue Allocated
21 March	Nathan	N54_2.01
30 May	Nathan	N54_2.01
22 August	Nathan	N54_2.02
7 November	Nathan	N54_2.01

Confirmed: (Chair)

Date: