

Minutes 3/2009 (October)

A meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee was held at 2.00pm on Thursday 29th October 2009 in Room 4.08 Hub Link building (L07), Logan campus

<p>2.0 Attendees:</p> <p>Present: Chair: Ms Chrissie Andrews Ms Maureen Ah Sam Dr Graham Dillon Ms Leneen Forde Professor Marilyn McMeniman Dr Chris Matthews Mr Thomas Sebasio Ms Gail Stephenson</p> <p>Secretary: Ms Rae-Anne Locke</p>	<p>Apologies: Mrs Delmae Barton Ms Kaye Dillon Ms Jennifer Herd Mr Mark Moore Ms Jianna Richardson Professor Boni Robertson Ms Suzanne Wilkinson</p>
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1.0	Welcome to new members	The Chair welcomed new members – Professor Marilyn McMeniman and 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
3.0	Confirmation of Minutes	The Minutes of the 2/2009 meeting were taken as read, and confirmed.	Minutes confirmed	n/a
4.0	Changes to Executive Portfolios	Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost, Professor Marilyn McMeniman, reported on the alignment of Executive portfolios that resulted from the creation of her new position and the disestablishment of the position of Pro Vice Chancellor (Quality and Student Outcomes). Professor McMeniman's portfolio includes	Ms Ah Sam to email Professor Mc Meniman regarding the <i>Coming of the Light</i> ceremony	Ms Ah Sam

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		<p>responsibility for campuses, social inclusion (including student and staff equity), external engagement, External Relations, Development and Alumni, the Multi-Faith Centre and the <i>Griffith Review</i>. The GUMURRII Unit will also report directly to this position.</p> <p>Uncle Thomas and Ms Ah Sam noted the <i>Coming of the Light</i> ceremony would be held at the Multi-Faith Centre on July 1st.</p>	on behalf of Uncle Thomas	
5.0	Chairperson's Report	<p>The Chair reported on the follow up actions that had been taken on issues raised under agenda item 7.0 at the 2/2009 meeting. Follow up included the meeting between the Elders and University Executive Group held on Monday 12th October and the meeting called by Dr Mathews on behalf of ex officio members of ATSIAC directly involved in student support and the Elders. Refer to the attached Chair's report.</p> <p>Discussion on this item was adjourned until a meeting of the Committee can be organised for the first week in December. A working party, comprising Indigenous staff and the Chair, will prepare a discussion paper to be distributed to all members prior to this meeting.</p>	<p>Chair to form a working party to develop the proposed discussion paper.</p> <p>Secretary to organise a meeting for the first week in December.</p>	<p>Chair and Working Party members</p> <p>Secretary</p>
6.0	Professor, Indigenous Policy and Community Engagement Report	Nil	Noted	n/a
7.0	Head of GUMURRII Student Support Unit (GSSU) Report	<p>Ms Ah Sam tabled a report and highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GUMURRII's participation in the <i>Widening Participation</i> conference, the final 2009 NIHEN meeting and the FYA workshop. ○ The refurbishment of the Mt Gravatt unit. ○ Griffith had been successful in receiving two million dollars of capital works funding for the Unit. ○ A team of 15 students and two staff had attended the national Indigenous Games. ○ 125 guests attended the Valedictory Dinner to celebrate the upcoming 	Noted	n/a

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		<p>graduation of 53 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Alternative Entry Program will be held November 16-20. ○ Griffith received 49.55% of the total first preferences from Indigenous students through QTAC and UAC. <p>Ms Ah Sam also circulated copies of the second edition of <i>GUMURRII News</i>, the Griffith sponsored monograph, <i>The Indigenous Students Guide to Postgraduate Scholarships in Australia and Overseas</i> and an invitation to <i>Yagambeh War Memorial Jebbribillum Bora Ceremony</i>, to be held on November 8th.</p> <p>Uncle Graham requested the recent radio advertisement also be broadcasted on 89.3FM when it was next run.</p>	<p>Ms Ah Sam to liaise with External Relations regarding advertisement</p>	<p>Ms Ah Sam</p>
8.0	Indigenous Research Network	<p>Dr Matthews reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ex officio Indigenous members of the Committee had met to discuss issues which arose from the 2/2009 meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee. As a result of this meeting, the briefing paper <i>One voice: towards a better future</i> was developed and was tabled at the meeting. This paper will feed into the discussion paper reported under agenda item 5.0. ○ On the history of the establishment of the Network. ○ Four RHD Indigenous Scholarships valued at \$27,000 had been created, with one each per academic Group. ○ A seminar series had commenced, with invitations to staff and students. Undergraduate students were also encouraged to attend to facilitate pathways into research. ○ A project officer had been appointed. 	<p>Dr Matthews to send the proposal for the Indigenous Research Network and the ALTC Grant proposal to the Secretary for distribution to members</p>	<p>Dr Matthews and Secretary</p>
9.0	Priorities for 2010	<p>Adjourned to next meeting</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	
10.0	Other Business	<p>Uncle Graham queried progress on the quest for ongoing funding for Project Lighthouse. Ms Stephenson offered to follow up sources of state government funding, pending further information from Professor Robertson.</p>	<p>Professor Robertson to report back at next meeting.</p>	<p>Professor Robertson</p>

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		The Chair drew the Committee's attention to the recent news that Mr Marcus Waters from the School of Humanities is the winner of the Cultural Inclusiveness Award in the 2009 Griffith Awards for Excellence in Teaching.		
11.0	Next Meeting	A meeting to be arranged in the first week in December.	Secretary to organise meeting	Secretary