

Minutes 4/2009 (December)

A meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee was held at 9.30am on Tuesday 1st December 2009 in Room 3.11A Psychology building (M24), Mt Gravatt campus

2.0 Attendees	
<p>Present: Chair: Ms Chrissie Andrews Ms Maureen Ah Sam Dr Graham Dillon Ms Leneen Forde Mr John Graham Professor Marilyn McMeniman Dr Chris Matthews Professor Boni Robertson Mr Thomas Sebasio Ms Karen Weigel (attending for Ms Gail Stephenson)</p> <p>Secretary: Ms Rae-Anne Locke</p> <p>By invitation for item 4.0 Mr Chris Hubbert</p>	<p>Apologies: Mrs Delmae Barton Ms Kaye Dillon Ms Jennifer Herd Mr Mark Moore Ms Jianna Richardson Ms Suzanne Wilkinson Ms Gail Stephenson</p>

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1.0	Welcome and Acknowledgement to Country	The Chair welcomed Ms Karen Weigel and Mr John Graham to the meeting. The Committee paid 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 3/2009 meeting were taken as read, and confirmed.	Minutes confirmed	n/a

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4.0	Chairperson's Report	<p>On behalf of the Chairperson, Mr Chris Hubbert attended for this item to present a PowerPoint, <i>Continuation of Chair's Report, Theme Analysis Framework, Role of ATSIAC, Setting the Scene for 2010.</i></p> <p>Issues that were identified for the Committee's consideration included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The development of a shared vision and strategic direction in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and education o The development of strategies to achieve this vision o Induction training for members to enable the Committee to become more effective in its role o Filling staff/ student vacancies on the Committee o Inviting Uncle Bob Anderson, as a member of the University Council to a meeting next year to discuss the links between the Committee and his role on the Council. <p>Members recommended that small working groups might be established to explore specific issues on behalf of the Committee.</p> <p>Recommendations for vacancies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Aunty McRose Elu as an Torres Strait Islander Elder o Mr Shane Coghill as an Aboriginal Traditional Owner o An approach via Ms Ah Sam to the Griffith Indigenous Students Association for student representatives o The Chair reported that Mr. Ray Martin, Final Year Law Student has agreed to accept a as a student representative if invited. o An approach via Dr Matthews through the Indigenous Research Network for postgraduate student representatives. Dr Matthews reported that Ms Alea Williams had expressed interest in participating in the Committee. <p>Members recommended that prior to the Chairperson finalising recommendations, a consultative is held between the Chair, Professor</p>	<p>Chair and Secretary to organise induction for the first meeting in 2010</p> <p>Chair and Secretary to organise meeting between Committee and Community Elders prior to finalising recommendations</p> <p>Once Elder recommendations are approved, Secretary to forward the Committee's recommendations to the Secretary of the University Council</p> <p>Chair and Secretary to invite Uncle Bob to a future meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee</p> <p>Chair and Secretary to draft a letter of thanks to Ms Richardson for her contribution to the</p>	<p>Chair and Secretary</p> <p>Chair and Secretary</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Chair and Secretary</p> <p>Chair and Secretary</p>

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		Robertson, Uncle Graham, Uncle Thomas, Aunty Delmae and Community Elders, Uncle Reg Knox and Aunty Rose Graham. The Committee resolved to place on record its appreciation of the contributions of Ms Jianna Richardson during her term of office.	Committee	
5.0	Priorities for 2010	Priorities that were identified by the Committee for 2010 included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Induction ○ Membership ○ Formation of working groups ○ Plan for the International Postgraduate Program ○ Examine different partnerships and funding ○ Recommendations from the Widening Participation Working Party to come to the Advisory Committee ○ GUMURRII renaming ○ Development of a strategic plan and shared vision for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and education ○ Review of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander membership on University-wide committees 	Noted	n/a
6.0	Professor, Indigenous Policy and Community Engagement Report	The Professor, Indigenous Policy and Community Engagement provided an update on Indigenous Policy including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The completion of the review of programs for Indigenous content at the University of Sydney ○ Participation on the committee to review the Riawunna centre at the University of Tasmania ○ The outcomes of the 2007 Lighthouse Project in Redlands (120 Indigenous students are now participating in school, vocational programs or university; 3 have graduated from university; 5 are enrolled in university; 9 are enrolled in TAFE) 	Noted	n/a
7.0	Head of GUMURRII Student Support Unit (GSSU) Report	The Head of GUMURRII Student Support Unit tabled a report and highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Alternative Entry Program was held between November 16-20 ○ GUMURRII is in the process of organising the 2010 Pre-Orientation Program 	Professor Roberston, on behalf of the Committee, to draft an email to be approved	Professor Roberston and Chair

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Griffith received more first preferences from Indigenous students through QTAC and UAC than any other university (235 students in total) ○ The GSSU would like to commence a consultation process in 2010 with a view to renaming the GUMURRII Student Support Unit <p>The Head also advised the Committee that the Indigenous Employment Co-ordinator, Mr Mark Moore had resigned. The Committee recommended that concerns be raised with the Vice Chancellor.</p>	by the Chair and forwarded to the Vice Chancellor	
8.0	Indigenous Research Network	<p>Dr Matthews reported:</p> <p>Staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Grenfell (nee Borey) has started a one year contract with the Network as the Senior Administration Office. Margaret has already proven to be invaluable to the Network. • The Network will also be employing Dr Glenda Nalder on a casual basis to create the Network website. <p>Social Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of Griffith's Social Inclusion Program, Dr Matthews assisted in organising writing and delivering educational material for E +MC2 project at Logan for the Day of Excellence. The project brings together all the students within the Logan area who are undertaking the Maths C curriculum. • Dr Matthews would like to thank Dr Rachel King who delivered one of the tutorials on the day and Dr Roger Cropp for his lecture on complex systems. <p>Yumi Deadly Maths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Matthews is on the executive for the Yumi Deadly Maths Consortium at QUT. • They have three major projects running at this time: VET ARC Project, TIME DET Project and DEEWR Project. • Dr Matthews is currently finishing a maths education project on Stradbroke 	Noted	n/a

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		<p>Island and have been spending one day a week with the students at Dunwich High School.</p> <p>Make it count Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Matthews has agreed to become the Ambassador for the Make it Count Project. This project developed by the Australian Association of Mathematics Teacher received \$3 million dollars to research and develop new approaches to delivering mathematics education to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. <p>Work Load Issues for Academic Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the last few weeks, Dr Matthews has been working with Mark Moore, HRM and Margaret Grenfell (IRN) to interview academic staff about their workload. • The interviews are yet to be analysed however strong themes are emerging, for example, excessive workload that is beyond the PD for the academic level the staff are employed at with the additional expectation of finishing their PhD and Community work appears to be undervalued. <p>Indigenous Postgraduate Scholarships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the start of the year, the Network, in partnership with the Griffith Graduate Research School (GGRS), was successful in establishing four postgraduate scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students; one for each academic element. The scholarships were created from funds from GGRS and from the Group PVC's. • We currently have two people who have been awarded a scholarship: Alea Williams, School of Business (Business Group) and Stacey Vervoot, School of Psychology (Health Group). • A meeting will be held next week to award the Scholarship for the Arts, Education and Law Group. • There is still one scholarship for the Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology Group. • Undertake a review of the Scholarships. 		

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9.0	Other Business	Nil.	Noted.	n/a
10.0	Next Meeting	1pm on Thursday 11 th March 2010 in Room 2.01, Bray Centre (N54), Nathan campus.	Noted.	n/a

Confirmation of minutes _____ Date: _____