



Meeting 1- 25th February 2021
Meeting to commence at 3pm.
Venue: Meeting Room 1

Present: Emma Mezger, Lucinda Clara, William Norrish, Ridhima Vinay, Abdul Rahman, Avery Wright, Joseph Chan, Lily Hayward, Floretta Susilo, Tony Goodman.

Absent with apologies: Joey Nguyen, Jenny Ophel.

Absent without apologies: Christopher-John Daudu, Alkasim Ghanim.

1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

N/A

3.0 BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

N/A

4.0 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.1 Timing of subsequent meetings

Floretta proposes that we have meetings in the second last week of each month at the same 3pm-4pm timeslot.

Accepted unanimously. Next meeting to be scheduled for 24th March 3-4pm.

4.2 Additional members to be co-opted.

Previously, the Parents Collective convenor was co-opted into the Equity and Diversity Committee. Floretta proposes we add them as an additional member again this year.

Accepted unanimously.

4.3 Committee Focus for 2021

Floretta has circulated the Equity and Diversity Committee 2020 annual report and opens the floor to suggestions for what this years' committee will focus on. She highlights the key focus points of last years committee being finding 'parent spaces' on campus and building up the Parents Collective, and social isolation and political issues.

Rahman and William suggest keeping social isolation at the forefront given the motions passed in the recent Guild Council meeting.

4.4 Access Collective's Student Leadership Training

William and Lucinda speak to the current state of the 'Inclusivity and Event Management' presentation, stating a lack of accurate and adequate representation of the departments. Moving forward, William asks for all the departments present to look and provide feedback on how it could be improved moving into the last few SLT sessions and as we

move to presenting into an online format.

Tony asks for the training PowerPoint to be circulated via email and asks if Access has been in contact with Events to discuss the online format. William responds saying he will circulate and explains that he has had discussions with Tiana and Leigh about the transition and will keep the committee updated when this occurs.

4.5 Accessible Activism

William has been working with the previous Access officers and Guild Volunteering to create policy changing the ways we approach activism, offering alternatives (e.g. letter writing, banner making) that allow students who, for any reason, may feel uncomfortable attending protests. William and Lucinda will circulate the document to this committee for feedback before presenting to council.

Lucinda notes that working with the 2021 NUS Disabilities Officer has been difficult and ineffective thus far which has resulted in slow progress. William adds that as a result, we are proceeding without them. Tony adds that a point of order needs to be made to keep track of our collaborations for KPIs.

4.6 Royal Commission into Disabilities

Access has been in consultation with the 2020 NUS Disabilities Officer and they highlighted a need for university students to share their stories to the Royal Commission to put university experience and education at the forefront. William explains that in these consultations, certain demographics of young people (e.g. indigenous, CaLD and residential students). Lucinda highlights that this will become an overall visibility campaign centered around increasing our engagement and to ensure we are reflecting student needs.

Tony asks for university consideration before moving forward with the project ensuring there is no hostility. William explains that Student Success and Wellbeing had brought up the idea of creating a survey on accessibility, but progress has been halted.

4.7 Collaboration of University committees

Floretta raised the idea of streamlining projects from the various representative university committees. William adds that he had spoken to Emma in the past about this with Emma highlighting the need to be proactive in reading student reports and use this space to encourage collaboration. Tony speaks to this adding that the university and Guild operate in very separate ways, with the guild being more fluid and quicker to action and the university being more reactionary.

5.0 ALL OTHER BUSINESS

N/A

6.0 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on the 24th of March at 3:00pm.

