

Student Representation Protocol

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1. PURPOSE

Griffith students are involved in the governance of the University through representation arrangements including membership positions on University committees.

2. SCOPE

This protocol summarises how students can actively participate in decision-making processes which inform the operation of the University. It outlines the constituted student organisations at Griffith and the University committees with student membership positions.

3. THE GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY STUDENT ORGANISATIONS

There are four student organisations at Griffith with a body corporate owned and operated by and for the University's students, and governed by their own constitution. All students are members of either:

- [Griffith University Student Representative Council](#) (GUSRC), or
- [Griffith University Gold Coast Student Guild](#) (Student Guild), or
- [Griffith University Postgraduate Students Association](#) (GUPSA), or
- [Gold Coast Association of Postgraduates](#) (GCAP)

The constitution of each organisation provides for a variety of positions elected by and from the student body.

4. STUDENT REPRESENTATION

Student positions on Griffith University committees are filled by election, or by appointment (following a call for expressions of interest).

Elections for student positions on the University Council and Academic Committee are conducted in accordance with the procedure approved by Council (*Election of Members to Council Policy* and *Election of Members to University Committees Policy*).

Student membership positions on University committees determined by appointment following a call for expressions of interest are filled by assessment against criteria determined by the committee (generally having regard for encouraging and supporting diversity of representation).

An induction process for new student members is conducted at the commencement of the term of office for their active membership on the respective committees. Generally the Committee Chair (*or nominee*) and Committee Secretary deliver the induction session for new members.

At the conclusion of their term of office, student members are provided with a letter acknowledging their service and contribution on the respective committee.

5. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Griffith students are provided with opportunities to participate in University decision-making through membership of University committees, as determined from time to time.

Committee	Representation
University Council	One postgraduate student of the University, elected by the postgraduate students of the University One undergraduate student of the University, elected by the undergraduate students of the University.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee	Two student representatives, one from the Northern campuses (Logan, Mt Gravatt, Nathan and Southbank) and one from the Gold Coast, to be nominated by the Griffith Indigenous Students Association (GISA).
Academic Committee	One higher degree research candidate of the University, who is on the higher degree research students roll, elected by members of that roll One coursework postgraduate student of the University who is on the postgraduate students roll, elected by members of that roll Four undergraduate students of the University who are on the Undergraduate Students Roll, elected by members of the Undergraduate Students Roll. Each student shall be from a different group.
Board of Graduate Research	One representative of the cohort of domestic HDR candidates of the University, to be appointed by the Board from the membership of the HDR Candidate Consultative Committee; and One representative of the cohort of international HDR candidates of the University, to be appointed by the Board from the membership of the HDR Candidate Consultative Committee

<u>Disability Advisory Committee</u>	Two students appointed by the Equity Committee from the University's cohort of students with disabilities.
<u>Equity Committee</u>	Four student members, appointed from expressions of interest sought from the Student Representative Council and reflecting representation of the diversity of student groups at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
<u>Gold Coast Advisory Council</u>	Two students of the University at the Gold Coast campus whose names are one or another of the postgraduate student roll, the full-time students roll or the part-time students rolls elected by the students of the University at the Gold Coast campus whose names are on one or another of those rolls.
<u>Griffith Learning and Teaching Academy Steering Committee</u>	One postgraduate student and one undergraduate student, appointed by the Chair.
<u>Internationalisation Advisory Committee</u>	One postgraduate international student and one undergraduate international student, appointed by the Chair.
<u>Learning and Teaching Committee</u>	One coursework postgraduate student and one undergraduate student, appointed by the Chair. Each member shall be from a different Group.
<u>School/Department Committee</u>	One undergraduate student and one postgraduate student, co-opted by the Committee.
<u>University Appeals Committee</u>	Two students, one of whom is to be a postgraduate student, appointed by the Academic Committee from expressions of interest sought from the Student Representative Council, Gold Coast Student Guild and Griffith University Postgraduate Students Association.
<u>University Student Loans Panel</u>	A student nominated jointly by the Chairperson, GUSRC and the President, Gold Coast Student Guild or Standing Nominee.