



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL
NEW LAW SEMINAR ROOM 026
6:00PM ON 28TH MARCH 2013
EX CAMERA**

Chair: Timothy Scriven, Joanne Gad

Minutes: Mike de Waal

Attendance: Timothy Scriven, Joanne Gad, Mike de Waal, Angelus Morningstar, Kylee Hartman-Warren, David Follent, Alice Brandli, Nicole Doughty, Tuba Omer (by telephone until 6:40pm, then in person).

1 Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

The Executive called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Timothy Scriven nominated. There were no other nominations.

Timothy Scriven was elected to the Chair by a vote of confidence.

The Vice President (Community) opened the meeting at 6:27pm with an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 Governance

2.1 Apologies

Audrey Irish
Amy Mao
Kareena Denley
Bishara Marzook
Khawaja Almas
Pip Muratore
Peter Mendis
Thomas Munro (Submitted late)
Zhila Bahman (Submitted late)

2.2 Proxies

Audrey Irish to Kylee Hartman-Warren (2nd pref: Joanne Gad, 3rd pref: Tuba Omer)
Amy Mao to Nicole Doughty

Siva Purushothuman to Alice Brandli (2nd pref: Tuba Omer, 3rd pref: Kylee Hartman-Warren)
Bishara Marzook to Alice Brandli (2nd pref: Timothy Scriven)
Khawaja Almas to Joanne Gad
Pip Muratore to Timothy Scriven (2nd pref: Kareena Denley, 3rd pref: Joanne Gad)
Peter Mendis to Alice Brandli (2nd pref: Kylee Hartman-Warren)

★ **2.3 Leave**

Siva Purushothuman

2.4 Starring of Items

The Vice President (Community) read out a list of prioritised agenda items.

The Vice President (Community) procedurally moved the meeting to item 4.

★ **3 Minutes of Meetings**

3.1 Council Meeting, February 25th 2013

Motion [MAR13-2-02]: That SUPRA Council approves the minutes of the Council meeting held February 25th, 2013.

Moved: Alice Brandli **Seconded:** Tuba Omer **Consensus.**

3.2 Council Meeting, March 20th, 2013

The meeting was uncomfortable with passing the minutes of the March 20th meeting due to their controversial nature and the lack of people in the room who were in the meeting.

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Council.

The Vice President (Community) moved procedurally to item 5.

★ **4 Report of the Executive [In camera]**

The item was dealt with *in camera*.

The Vice President (Community) procedurally moved to item 3.

5 Elections to Fill Vacant Office-Bearing Positions

The Vice President (Community) called for nominations for the role of Returning Officer.

Alice Brandli nominated to be Returning Officer.

There were no other nominations. By a vote of confidence, Alice Brandli was elected Returning Officer.

★ **5.1 President**

The Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of President.

Joanne Gad nominated.

She spoke to her nomination. I have been a councillor since April last year. I'm passionate about getting people involved, and making postgraduates know they can make positive changes. I'm dedicated and willing to put in the time and effort to make sure things get done. I'd like to think people know what I'm about. I'll do the best job I'll possibly do.

The International Officer asked how Joanne felt being Treasurer would help her in her role as President.

Joanne responded that she has been around the office for enough hours every week. These positions are very different. I have a bit of knowledge about how each member of the Executive works. Everyone has to do their bit to make the whole greater than the sum of its parts. As President I'd be able to accept everyone's different opinions on Council.

It was asked what she would like to achieve in the coming months.

Joanne responded that she would like to increase involvement in SUPRA. I want postgraduates to feel like they can come in and do things to help themselves and their peers. I want to make sure we have elections and that to be a SUPRA Councillor is a coveted thing to be.

The Vice President (Policy) asked what she would do to make sure SUPRA operates in an honest and open way.

Joanne responded that as Treasurer now, she has tabled amendments to the Financial Regulations that empower the Treasurer to have more oversight. These amendments will mean safeguards will be brought forward. I try to always do the right thing by everyone.

The Returning Officer distributed ballots.

Candidates: Joanne Gad, No candidate.

Joanne Gad noted that if she were elected President, she would resign from the position of co-Treasurer and Education Officer immediately.

Joanne Gad was elected President. (15 votes in favour, 1 abstention)

Joanne Gad resigned from the positions of co-Treasurer and Education Officer.

5.2 Vice President (Publications)

It was suggested that Council could formally dissolve the position and allocate the duties attached to a councillor.

The Vice President (Community) responded that he would be inclined to rule such a suggestion out of order, because the position exists within the Constitution. However, if the meeting feels it is not out of order, then maybe not.

There was some discussion over the date of the meeting and whether or not these positions need to be filled immediately, to the extent that the Presidency was.

Motion [MAR13-2-03]: That the remaining office-bearing positions be deferred to next meeting of Council and someone be appointed acting Treasurer.

Moved: Angelus Morningstar **Seconded:** Joanne Gad **Consensus.**

The Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of Acting co-Treasurer.

Mike de Waal nominated.

The Returning Officer distributed ballots.

Mike de Waal was elected Acting co-Treasurer (15 votes in favour, 1 abstention).

The Vice President (Community) said he would pass the Chair to the newly-elected President. There were no objections to this.

The President adjourned the meeting for five minutes.

Alice Brandli and Tuba Omer left the room at 7:29pm.

Alice Brandli entered the room at 7:33pm.

Tuba Omer entered the room at 7:34pm.

The President moved procedurally to item 7.

5.3 Any others that may become vacant

This item was deferred.

★ 6 Elections to Fill Casual Vacancies on Council

The President asked Council to consider the tabled nominations for casual vacancies on Council.

The President called for nominations for the position of Returning Officer. Alice Brandli and Timothy Scriven jointly nominated. There were no other nominations. By a vote of confidence, Alice and Timothy were elected.

It was noted that there were currently seven vacancies on general Council, and seven nominations. Ballots were distributed.

Candidates: Kieran Latty, Tanveer Sohal, Tasmeea Kabir, Liz Tysoe, Georgi Toma, Guien Miao, Yue Shen and No candidate.

Kieran Latty, Tanveer Sohal, Tasmeea Kabir, Liz Tysoe, Georgi Toma and Guien Miao were elected to council.

Due to a lack of first-preference votes and one casual vacancy remaining, another election was held with the consent of the meeting.

Candidates: Yue Shen, No candidate.

Yue Shen was elected to council.

The Returning Officer declared all candidates elected.

The President procedurally moved to item 13.

★ 7 SUPRA General Election 2013

The President reported that we are just about to open nominations for the General Election. She

noted that we need to approve a University publication where we advertise it.

Publication

The Vice President (Community) suggested that we approach *Honi Soit* and *At Sydney*.

One councillor objected to an *Honi Soit* advertisement due to the costs associated.

The Vice President (Policy) suggested an advertisement in *At Sydney* and an all-postgrad email.

The Secretary suggested that in place of *Honi Soit* we could go on a poster run.

Motion [MAR13-2-04]: That we approve the At Sydney email publication as appropriate for advertising the 2013 General Election.

Moved: Timothy Scriven **Seconded:** Tuba Omer **Consensus.**

Electoral Arbiter

The Vice President (Community) nominated Ray Travers. He has experience with SUPRA's rules and regulations. We have also approached him about the role, and he has agreed to do it.

Motion [MAR13-2-05]: That Council appoint Ray Travers SC of Pigott Stinson to act as the Electoral Arbiter.

Moved: Timothy Scriven **Seconded:** Angelus Morningstar **Consensus.**

Electronic Voting

Motion [MAR13-2-06]: That voting will be in person, via postal ballot, but not electronic.

Moved: Mike de Waal **Second:** Alice Brandli **Carried** (3 abstentions, including Kylee Hartman-Warren and Angelus Morningstar)

One councillor queried whether Council had formally investigated the electronic option properly since the last General Election.

The Vice President (Community) recalled John Nowakowski gathering information last year. The discussion of the Electoral Reform committee could be seen as covering it.

The President asked if anyone would be interested in conducting a more formal investigation.

Alice Brandli nominated, and was appointed to complete this task.

The President moved procedurally to item 10.

★ 8 SUPRA Relocation

This item was discussed in item 4.

★ 9 Workplace Health and Safety

Motion [MAR13-2-10]: That SUPRA Council endorses the Terms of Reference for the SUPRA Workplace Health and Safety Committee.

Moved: Timothy Scriven **Seconded:** Angelus Morningstar **Carried** (1 abstention)

The President procedurally returned to item 13.

★ 10 SUPRA Financial Regulations

The President noted the tabled amended SUPRA Financial Regulations and added that we should include the responsibilities of the Finance Manager as well.

The President worked through the list of proposed amendments on the projector screen, answering questions from councillors and making alterations as requested.

Motion [MAR13-2-07]: That SUPRA Council accept the tabled and amended Financial Regulations.

Moved: Alice Brandli **Seconded:** Timothy Scriven **Consensus.**

★ 11 Reimbursement [In camera]

The item was dealt with *in camera*.

The President procedurally moved to item 6.

★ 12 CISA

This item was deferred.

★ 13 Other Business

The President called for any other business.

Laptop

The former President requested that SUPRA Council approves the loan of a laptop for one month while he looks for work.

Motion [MAR13-2-08]: That SUPRA Council allows Angelus Morningstar to retain possession for the Dell Latitude Laptop, owned by SUPRA, for a period of one month.

Moved: Nicole Doughty **Seconded:** David Follent **Carried** (1 abstention – Angelus Morningstar)

Legal Advice [In camera]

The President procedurally moved the meeting *in camera*.

The meeting moved *ex camera*.

The President procedurally moved to item 9.

The President called for any other business. There was none.

The President closed the meeting at 8:45pm.