



MINUTES FOR A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK BUILDING, SEMINAR ROOM 459 AT 6:00 PM ON 9TH JUNE 2015

Chair: Kylee Hartman-Warren
Minutes: Kane Hardy
Attendance: Kylee Hartman-Warren, Kane Hardy, Thomas Greenwell, Gareth Charles (left at 7:47pm), Phillip Roberts, Brigitte McFadden, Paul Stewart, Douglas King, Guien Miao (left at 6:58), Forough Ghanizadeh (left at 7:23pm), Michael Butler (arrived at 6:14pm), Vanessa Wells (Skyped in a 6:27pm), Kaitlin Tagg (arrived at 6:29pm, left at 7:22pm).

★ 1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

The president opened the meeting at 6:11pm with an acknowledgement of country.

★ 2. Governance

2.1. Apologies

Joseph Callingham
Timothy Scriven
Shaikh Nayeem Fasial
Zachary Thompson
Kaitlin Tagg (will be arriving late and leaving early)
Gareth Charles (will be leaving early)

2.2. Proxies

Joseph Callingham to Kaitlin Tagg
Gareth Charles to Kieran Latty (second preference Armen Aghazarian, third preference Douglas King)
Guien Miao to Forough Ghanizadeh
Kaitlin Tagg to Paul Stewart

2.3. Starring of Items

3. Minutes and Reports of Meetings

3.1. Minutes of the previous month's meetings

3.1.1. COUNCIL MEETING, 11TH MAY 2015

3.1.2. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, 18TH MAY 2015

3.1.3. POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING, 18TH MAY 2015

3.1.4. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, 4TH JUNE 2015



3.1.5. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, 4TH JUNE 2015

The treasurer asked that the minutes for this meeting be reworded. The section to be amended, as per Council's motion, is the section reads:

"\$100,000 is left for SAAO expenditure which mean SUPRA is likely to end up with a surplus of \$80,000 in reality"

This is to be replaced with:

"\$100,00 must be budgeted for the SSAO co-ordinator position; of which \$80,000 is expected to be spent. A year-end surplus of \$40,000 is expected".

Motion [JUN09-01]: That council accepts the minutes as amended.

Moved: Douglas King **Seconded:** Thomas Greenwell

Against: Forough Ghanizadeh

Abstentions: Guien Miao

Carried.

Motion [JUN09-02]: SUPRA Council accepts the tabled minutes.

Moved: Douglas King **Seconded:** Paul Stewart

Abstentions: Guien Miao

Carried.

3.2. Business Arising from Minutes

4. Officer Reports

4.1. President

Kylee Hartman-Warren

4.2. Co-Vice-President

Tom Greenwell

4.3. Education Officer

Brigitte McFadden

4.4. Treasurer

Douglas King

4.5. Secretary

Kane Hardy

4.6. Director of Student Publications

Joanne Gad

The Director of Student Publications will circulate her report before the end of the week. She is currently feeling unwell, and wasn't able to submit a report.

Motion [JUN09-03]: That SUPRA council accepts the oral report of the Director of Student Publications as forwarded to president pending arrival and circulation of written report.

Moved: Douglas King **Seconded:** Phillip Roberts

Abstentions: Kylee Hartman-Warren, Guien Miao, Forough Ghanizadeh

4.7. Equity Officers

4.7.1. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER

Michael Butler

4.7.2. DISABILITIES OFFICER

Position currently vacant

4.7.3. INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Nayeem Faisal Shaikh

Report not submitted.

The International Officer will not be paid further until a report is submitted. Council members noted that they are not comfortable with money approval without report of hours claimed.

4.7.4. QUEER OFFICER

Position currently vacant

4.7.5. WOMEN'S OFFICER

Ensiyeh Ghanizadeh Kazerouni

4.7.6. RURAL AND REGIONAL OFFICER

Position currently vacant

4.8. Business Arising from Reports

5. Workplace Health and Safety

★ 6. Verbal Report from a Member of Staff

★ Staff send apologies for tonight as they are unable to attend. The president will begin notifying the staff of meeting to make sure that they can attend. A councillor said that it is important to make sure that council ensures staff members can attend and that it is not an issue of not knowing when the meeting is.

7. Creation of New Office Bearer (Satellite Campus Officer)

Motion [JUN09-04]: That council defers this item until Kaitlin Tagg arrives.

★ **Moved:** Thomas Greenwell

Carried (consensus).

10. 2015 Budget

Budget attached.

The Treasurer explained the meanings of each column, and recommendations given by finance committee.

Motion [JUN09-09]: That council extends thanks to and congratulate Douglas King for work as treasurer over past year

Moved: Michael Butler **Seconded:** Paul Stewart

Abstentions: Douglas King

Carried.

Motion [JUN09-10]: That council approves the 2015 Budget as approved by the Finance Committee on 4th June 2015.

Moved: Thomas Greenwell **Seconded:** Phillip Roberts

Abstention: Kylee Hartman-Warren

Carried.

★ 11. University of Adelaide Conservatorium Changes

Motions and documentation attached.

Motions approved on block.

12. Conference Attendance

The Education Officer has made an e-form for students to fill out if they're requesting attendance for a conference. The form was presented and this was discussed as a strategy for helping students with conference fees.

The Treasurer asked that the SUPRA logo be included in the form. The President said that there are conferences SUPRA needs to send people to, which might be more than \$200. Going on SUPRA's behalf is different to assisting students to attend.

Motion [JUN09-11]: SUPRA council approves the form with amendments as discussed in line with conference attendance policy.

Moved: Douglas King **Seconded:** Phillip Roberts

Carried (consensus).

13. CISA Conference

Motion [JUN09-12]: That SUPRA affiliates with CISA and defer delegation to CISA to management committee.

Moved: Douglas King **Seconded:** Thomas Greenwell

Carried (consensus).

Action: The President is to email past and current council for interest in attending CISA.

14. Other Business

14.1. USU Pursuit of Legal Fees from Student

The University of Sydney Union Board of Directors has decided to pursue its former Vice President, Tom Raue, for the \$50 000 balance of its legal fees. These are fees it should never have incurred with students' money, including the cost of retaining Senior and Junior Counsel to defend against a student's *pro bono* legal team. This students' only crime was leaking information pertaining to University complicity in police brutality information manifestly in the student interest.

Board Directors now manufacture vagaries to justify their actions: the words ‘fiduciary duty’, ‘the Union’s best interest’, and ‘Directors’ duties’ are bandied about with little explanation. We interpret these phrases differently. The Board must put students’ interests first. This does not mean simply ensuring its financial bottom-line, ceding its control to Chancellery minders. It means quite the opposite. The Union’s fiduciary duty is to its members and this decision to pursue Tom, in full knowledge of his inability to pay, is only to deter progressive or activists’ whistleblowing in the future. This Union – our Union – should celebrate and encourage progressive, activist efforts: not stifle them.

Only thirteen people will decide Tom Raue’s fate. All Board Directors of the USU must be held to account for the decisions they make in our, the students, name.

Motion [JUN09-13]: That SUPRA unequivocally condemns the decision of the USU Board on May 29 to pursue Tom Raue for their legal expenses; and especially condemns their decision to deliberately hide and obscure their decision not to pursue him in Court, to attempt to coerce him to agree to an out-of-court settlement.

That SUPRA demands all further decisions made by the USU Board pertaining to Tom Raue be made publicly, and actively encourage and facilitate broader student input.

That SUPRA endorses the Stand with Raue campaign.

That SUPRA resolves to donate occasional printing and banner/painting supplies to the Stand With Raue subject to Management Committee approval.

Moved: Brigitte McFadden **Seconded:** Douglas King

Carried (consensus).

The President notes Brigitte McFadden’s hard work on the motion.

Motion [JUN09-14]: That council extends its thanks to Brigitte McFadden for her work as Education officer.

Moved: Douglas King **Seconded:** Phillip Roberts

Abstention: Brigitte McFadden

14.2. Grievance committee

The Vice-President said that SUPRA needs to establish a grievance committee.

Motion [JUN09-15]: To defer this item for the Education Officer to draft a policy to bring to Policy Committee

Moved: Douglas King **Seconded:** Phillip Roberts

Carried (consensus).

14.3. Acknowledgement of Past President

Motion [JUN09-16]: That council acknowledges and thanks Timothy Scriven for their contribution to SUPRA during their terms on council and as president.

Moved: Thomas Greenwell **Seconded:** Michael Butler

Carried.

The President noted that the past president got short end of stick in situations. They worked tirelessly and their heart was in it. They worked on the budget and new location, gave a grassroots life back to SUPRA and it is to SUPRA’s credit to thank the past president for their work in SUPRA. They have been a part of SUPRA for a long time. The Treasurer said there is no denying there were problems, but they gave their all in times of crisis with an executive of 3. They deserve thanks for all their efforts.

14.4. Indigenous Officer’s Motions

The Redfern Tent Embassy needs better hygiene. There are three postgraduates spending a lot of time there. The Treasurer said there is plenty of money in indigenous portfolio to fund this and a little outside of it.

Motion [JUN09-17]: That SUPRA financially assists the Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy with maintaining hygiene at the location to the tune of \$80 a week for the next three months (12 weeks) (\$960) or for however long they maintain their protest to provide one portaloos for the embassy and its residents there.

Moved: Michael Butler **Seconded:** Kane Hardy

Carried (consensus).

14.5. Missing EGM Minutes

Motion [JUN09-18]: That council asks Guien Miao to provide the secretary with the raw minutes of the EGM of 2015 in whatever condition they are before 5:00pm on the 10th of June 2015.

Moved: Douglas King **Seconded:** Phillip Roberts

Carried (consensus).

Action: The Education Officer to ask Guien Miao for the minutes tonight (09/05/2015).

The President notes that any internal issues of council can be referred to a grievance procedure.

Motion [JUN09-19]: That council sends item of in kind printing policy to Policy Committee.

Moved: Kylee Hartman-Warren **Seconded:** Kane Hardy

Carried (consensus).

The President says thank you to everyone for help in the last few months getting executive and council back together and their help with various events, etc.

Motion [JUN09-20]: That Council extends thanks to Kylee Hartman-Warren for many years of outstanding service to SUPRA and as her time as president.

Moved: Douglas King **Seconded:** Phillip Roberts

Carried (consensus).

Meeting closed at 8:25pm.