



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR 23RD MAY 2011 AT 6:30PM AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

Chair: Angelus MORNINGSTAR
Minutes: Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN
Attendees: Heidi CLAUS, Ben FERRIS, Marie GERMA, Lian JENVEY, Katherine HARPER (6:57pm), Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN, David LATIMIR, Angelus MORNINGSTAR, Pip MURATORE, Rosemary WHITECROSS

1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

The Chair will conduct the Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Housekeeping

2.1. Apologies

Elizabeth SCALLY
Tom MUNROE
John NOWAKOWSKI
Christopher NEFF
Andrew CLAYPHAN
Bradley WELLS
Simone WHITE

2.2. Proxies

Heidi CLAUS for Simone WHITE
Ben FERRIS for Bradley WELLS
Rosemary WHITECROSS for Tom MUNROE

2.3. Notifications

Please see the attached notifications document.

3. Minutes

- 3.1. Minutes of the Meeting of Council, 20th April, 2011
- 3.2. Minutes of Management Committee Meetings, 19th April, 2011
- 3.3. Minutes of Management Committee Meetings, 12th May, 2011
- 3.4. Business Arising From Minutes

Any actions or objects that arise from the review of minutes will be tabled and addressed.

4. Office Bearer Reports

4.1. President Report*

4.1.1. President's Report of University Committees

4.2. Vice-President (Policy)

Discussion Summary

It was suggested that Council consider having a policy with regard to the campaigns Council supports. The induction manual should include issues with regard to oppressed groups, and the campaigns that SUPRA tends to support.

4.3. Vice-President (Community)

4.4. Secretary

4.5. Treasurer

4.6. Director of Student Publications

4.7. Women's Officer

4.8. International Student Officer

4.9. Queer Officer

4.10. Disability Officer

4.11. Business Arising From Reports

Motion: That Council accept all reports save the President's report.

Moved by the Chair

Result: *Carried.*

Discussion Summary

A discussion arose in light of the President's Report, Planning Day, and the SUPRA Budget. The discussion centred around a need for transparency between the University and SUPRA in terms of financials. It was suggested that Council make a recommendation with result to planning and councils.

SUPRA Council discussed the funds in the reserves. The President asked the University how to manage funds if indeed SUPRA had extra funds at the end of the year. SUPRA has a verbal commitment from the Vice Chancellor that regardless of what the relationship is, SUPRA and SRC should receive funding from SSAF. The Vice Chancellor verbally agreed that the University will make up the difference between SSAF funds and the funds SUPRA currently receives. Receiving SSAF funds will not be a windfall, but it will help.

[Motion 110523.1]: That Council recommend that Planning Day include discussions about a budget strategy.

Moved by the Chair

Result: *Carried*

[Motion 110523.2]

That Council accept the President's Report.

Moved by the Chair

Result: *Carried*

Katherine Harper arrived at 6:57pm.

5. Governance [In Camera]

Any issues of Governance will be addressed here. These items are confidential and are by default In Camera.

Policy

5.1. Rules of Order

Council will be presented with a revised Rule of Order to replace the current Meeting Procedures. This has been developed by the Policy Committee, and the documentation is attached.

Please note, these rules would apply to all meetings where relevant, and not simply meetings of Council.

Discussion Summary

There was a discussion with regard to having qualified majorities vs. pure majority. In addition, there was a consensus that when Council discusses a meeting, Council should come to conclusions with regard to the meeting. Finally, a discussion with regard to starrng occurred, and it was suggested that starrng be defined clearly in the Standing Orders.

[Motion 112305.3]:

Moved by Katherine Harper

That Council strike 2.07 and 4.15 from the Standing Orders.

Result: Carried (2 against, 1 abstention)

[Motion 112305.4]

Moved by the Chair

That Council accept these resolution with noted amendments.

Result: Carried

[Motion 112305.5]:

Moved by the Chair

That Council adopt the new standing orders for the remainder of Council.

Result: Carried

6. Political and Social Issues

6.1. Marrickville Mural

The Cross Border Collective, Muslim Youth of Sydney, and the Justice and Arts Network are preparing to submit an open letter to the Marrickville Council about an anti-burqa mural that is displaying on a private building in Marrickville. While the building is private, the mural is of some debate because it displays in a public area.

The Chair agreed to limit discussions to two minutes.

Discussion Summary

Council had a lengthy discussion on this issue. There were councillors who thought SUPRA should endorse the letter because the mural is alienating and offensive. Others objected, saying that the mural is painted on property owned by the man who made the mural, and this man should have the right to freedom of expression without being forced to take the mural down by higher authorities.

Objections with endorsing the particular letter to the Marrickville Council involved the fact that SUPRA may not wish to voice its concern with regard to the mural in the same spirit as those sending the letter. However, the mural does

seem to be an attempt at bullying and harassment, and this may be a point SUPRA could raise in a separate letter, which acknowledges the need for freedom of expression, but objects to the mural in question with explicit concern with regard to public expression that lends itself to harassment, prejudice and bullying.

[Motion 112305.6]: That SUPRA Council endorse the letter.
Moved by Heidi Claus: **Result:** *Defeated (7 against)*

[Motion 112505.7]: That SUPRA draft a letter in objection to the Anti-Burqa Mural.
Moved by Kylee Hartman-Warren **Result:** *Carried*

6.2. Fisher Library Redevelopment Project

The University has begun a multi-year renovation of the Fisher Library. Included in the project will be extensive upgrading of the building infrastructure such as lifts, electrical services and air-conditioning; improvement in the layout and use of space; better facilities for Library users as well as extensive changes in the way collections are housed.

Fisher Library has since terminated 30 staff and removed 500,000 books and journals. The website regarding this project can be found here:

<http://sydney.edu.au/library/about/fisher-dev/>

Discussion Summary

A lengthy discussion took place with regard to the Fisher Library Redevelopment Project. SUPRA had concerns with regard to the fact that The issue of storage is confusing. There is talk of not necessarily throwing things out, but giving them away. There is a strong pressure coming from the top of admin – To reduce waste and expenditure. IT's still part of the portfolio to reduce expenses.

It seems the Library receives 400,000,000 from the federal government. There is an expiration date.. They have got a truck load of money and the way the university works – a lot of that money is not going to get good value for the postgraduate student. It is crucial to increase the standing of this organization enormously.

Finally, this website suggests that the University has consulted with SUPRA in terms of this project. The reality is SUPRA has not been consulted, and the President will communicate with the University to express this.

[Motion 112505.8]: That the President draw up some correspondence expressing a message of sentiment against the library restructuring, the sacking of 30 staff instead of training them, unconsulted removal of 500,000 books, repositing library floor for a café.
Moved by Lian Jenvy **Result:** *Carried*

6.3. Endorsement for World Refugee Day Rally

SUPRA has received a formal request to endorse the World Refugee Day Rally, which is Sunday the 19th of June, this year. Please find the attached document with this formal request, and consider for Council.

Council came to consensus to endorse the World Refugee Day Rally.

6.4. Student Wellbeing and Development Project

Please read the attached document for more information on this project.

7. Notice of Staffing [In Camera]

8. Other Business

8.1. PG Arch that Bradley Wells submitted.

[Motion 112505.10]: That SUPRA delegate authority to Management Committee this Wednesday to talk about this issue.

Moved by the Chair: **Result:** *Carried*

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.