



**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL
SUPRA OFFICES, RESOURCE ROOM
6:00PM, JUNE 19, 2012**

Chair: Angelus Morningstar

Minutes: John Nowakowski

Start: 6:03pm

Present: Angelus Morningstar, John Nowakowski, Pip Muratore, Kareena Denley, Siva Purushothuman, Tom Munro, Katherine Harper, Kylee Hartman-Warren, Bradley Wells, Rosemary Whitecross, Joanne Gad, Alex Thomas

1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

2. Housekeeping

2.1. Apologies

Khawaja Almas, Peter Mendis, Thomas Munro, James Flynn

2.2. Proxies

Kylee Hartman-Warren carries the proxy for Peter Mendis

Alice Brandli carries the proxy for Thomas Munro

2.3. Notifications

John Nowakowski, Thomas Munro, and Angelus Morningstar will be in Adelaide for July 1-9, 2012

Kylee Hartman-Warren and Tuba Omer will be in Brisbane for July 9-13, 2012

It was noted that Rosemary Whitecross and Katherine Harper had not received meeting packs prior to the meeting.

3. Starring of Items

The Council was given the opportunity to note items for further discussion.

The meeting noted that, as the Secretary was absent, John Nowakowski would be taking the minutes.

Bradley Wells enters, 6.09pm

4. Noting of Tabled Documents

The following documents were tabled, having been submitted following the deadline:

- Election Reform Committee report and attachment
- Publications and Community Engagement Committee report and attachments

- Stipend Policy from the Finance Regulations
- News articles relating to items 8.1 and 8.2

Council supported the inclusion of the items

[JUN12-01] Motion: That Council accept the “unstarred” items

Moved Pip Muratore

Seconded: Kylee Hartman-Warren

Consensus

5. Reports of Committees

5.1. Policy Committee

John Nowakowski (Co-Vice-President, Policy) overviewed the current situation with Workplace Bullying and its relation to postgraduate students.

5.2. Electoral Reform Committee

John Nowakowski (Co-Vice-President, Policy) circulated the review of recommendations from the last ERC meeting. It was requested that costing for an electronic voting system be sought, as only philosophical arguments had been put forward to date.

5.3. Publications and Community Engagement Committee

Kylee Hartman-Warren (Vice-President, Community; Director of Student Publications) noted that a recent submission she had completed was given a lengthy extension to ensure key stakeholders could put contributions forward. It was asked how the move to an electronic publications system was progressing, to which Kylee noted that it has been reasonably successful, but there is an on-going need for print publications as well, particularly during induction times.

Angelus Morningstar (Chair; President) noted a need for people to provide their availabilities for the upcoming Councillor Induction Day.

5.4. Budget Committee [In Camera]

5.5. Business Arising from the Reports

No business was noted

[JUN12-02] Motion: That Council accept the reports of the committees

Moved John Nowakowski

Seconded: Siva Purushothuman

Consensus

6. Officer Reports

6.1. President’s Report [In Camera]

6.2. Vice-President (Policy)’s Report

John provided a verbal report of recent activities in Policy. He also requested that an additional 14 hours pay be allocated to him for the work completed in organising the Annual General Meeting. John noted the conflict of interest he had in this matter and abstained from voting.

[JUN12-03] Motion: That Council approve a one-off payment of 14 hours for John Nowakowski

Moved Rosemary Whitecross

Seconded: Bradley Wells

Consensus

6.3. Treasurer's Report

Tim noted that he will no longer be attending Queer Collaborations, and will instead be at EdCon, the mid-year National Union of Students Conference. He requested that \$75 provided to him for Queer Collaborations be reallocated to his EdCon registration fee, and that the rest be returned to SUPRA.

Kylee asked about cheaper registration, which Tim identified wasn't possible. Angelus asked if he was attending as a delegate of SUPRA, to which Tim stated he was not. Rosemary noted we have supported attendance at EdCon previously. Pip asked how much QC attendance was, and it was replied that registration, accommodation, and flights were \$523. Tim also noted that NUS professes to represent postgraduate students within its remit.

John Nowakowski interjects

Kylee also noted how important it is to engage with undergraduates

John Nowakowski interjects

[JUN12-04] Motion: That Council send Tim Scriven to EdCon

Moved Kylee Hartman-Warren Seconded: Kareena Denley *Consensus*

[JUN12-05] Motion: That Council accept the reports of the Officers

Moved Pip Muratore Seconded: Katherine Harper *Consensus*

7. Master of Design Science – Budget Cuts

Joanne Gad spoke to the current situation in the Master of Design Science course, which has been severely impacted over the last few months. There has been significant over-enrolment; the course design has been poor, with units cut, often without notice. She is seeking to work with her colleagues in building momentum for fixing the unit, and is requesting \$300 be donated by SUPRA in supporting their activities.

Tim asked what the money would be used for, and it was identified that this would include catering for meetings. It was also proposed that posters or handouts could be prepared to ensure that there is more awareness of the issues. Alex suggested working with the Education Action Group. The meeting was generally supportive of the proposal, including suggestions of using this as a case study, and building on existing policies.

Pip Muratore leaves, 7.02pm. Pip names John Nowakowski as his proxy for the remainder of the meeting.

Tim noted that, while the Education Action Group would be a great resource for the campaign, they are more undergraduate focused.

[JUN12-06] Motion: That Council oppose the under-resourcing and cutting of units within the Masters of Design Sciences, and allocate \$300 towards campaigning for improved conditions, to be managed by Joanne Gad

Moved Joanne Gad Seconded: John Nowakowski *Consensus*

[JUN12-05] Motion: That Joanne Gad report back to Council on a regular basis as to the status and expenditure of the campaign

Moved Katherine Harper Seconded: Kylee Hartman-Warren *Consensus*

Bradley wells leaves, 7.08pm. Brad names Katherine Harper as his proxy for the remainder of the meeting.

Kareena Denley leaves, 7.08pm. Kareena names Tim Scriven as her proxy for the remainder of the meeting.

8. Budget [In Camera]

8.1. Stipend for the Rural and Regional Officer

Procedural: That 8.1 not be considered

Moved Timothy Scriven *Consensus*

8.2. Stipend for the Equity Convenor

[JUN12-07] Motion: That Council approve 14 hours per fortnight for the Rural and Returning Officer (upon approval by Senate) and for the Equity Convenor.

Moved Katherine Harper

Seconded: Tim Scriven

Consensus

8.3. Stipends for Vice-Presidents

Procedural: That Council defer the matter under the SSAF negotiations have been resolved

Moved Katherine Harper

Carried (4,3,5)

9. Officer Reports

9.1. The “End of the British Raj” Party

Tim Scriven outlined the recent event at St Paul’s College, a party themed as the End of the British Raj. John read a statement prepared by Bradley Wells on the matter.

[JUN12-08] Motion: That SUPRA unequivocally condemns the event

Moved Tim Scriven

Seconded: Alex Thomas

Procedural: Move to formal debate

Moved Tim Scriven

Carried (7,1,4)

Kylee Hartman-Warren leaves, 7.40pm

Rosemary requested that the views of Siva and Alex be included within this debate

Kylee Hartman-Warren returns, 7.50pm

Tim spoke passionately against the British Raj, noting that similarly themed events (such as the Third Reich) would not be supported and that there has been a universal response of horror at the University. Joanne asked if the International Officer had provided any response, and was told they had not. Rosemary felt this was a media beat-up, and that there is insufficient information. Alex stated that, as a public institution, we should not support these actions. Katherine felt that this may be a knee-jerk reaction, and that there is insufficient information. Joanne noted, however, that we must all agree it did occur, regardless of whether the staff didn’t feel concerned. John noted that Council had missed the boat, and was responding to an issue that was well past the current media cycle. Tim felt that it might be useful for future campaigns against college events.

[JUN12-08] Motion: That SUPRA unequivocally condemns the event

Moved Tim Scriven

Seconded: Alex Thomas

Carried (7,3,2)

9.2. The LifeChoice Society

Tim outlined the current LifeChoice Society and the process by which Clubs and Societies Funding was approved. Katherine queried if they had met the required criteria for formations, and Tim noted that the University of Sydney Union Board, rather than by the C&S Committee, approved the Society. Rosemary felt that there was nothing unusual in the funding, and people have a right to an opinion, the major issue here was in mis-steps made by the USU Board. Tim felt that the issue wasn’t a comment on the USU Board, but rather that student money was going to a discriminatory group.

[JUN12-09] Motion: That SUPRA condemn both LifeChoices Society and the University of Sydney Union’s decision to fund the society.

Moved Tim Scriven

Seconded: Siva Purushothuman

Katherine Harper noted that there are many things she doesn’t agree with or support, but doesn’t believe SUPRA can say how funding is allocated. Rosemary noted we are not the funding police. Tim amended the motion:

[JUN12-09] Motion: That SUPRA condemn the University of Sydney Union’s decision to fund the LifeChoices Society.

Moved Tim Scriven

Seconded: Siva Purushothuman

John agreed that, personally, he found the group highly objectionable, but felt that SUPRA cannot campaign on de-funding every group SUPRA doesn't agree with, particularly as there are people who don't agree with the funding of SUPRA.

Procedural: Move to a vote

Moved John Nowakowski

Carried (9,1,2)

Siva Purushothuman withdrew his seconding of the motion. No other councillor took up the option.

[JUN12-09] Motion: That SUPRA condemn the University of Sydney Union's decision to fund the LifeChoices Society.

Moved Tim Scriven

Fails (No seconder)

10. Other Business

[JUN12-10] Motion: That SUPRA thank the outgoing councillors, particularly Rosemary Whitecross for her long service

Moved John Nowakowski

Seconded: Tim Scriven

Carried (Acclamation)

Meeting closes, 8.25pm