



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL NEW LAW LECTURE THEATRE 100 6:00PM ON 23RD AUGUST 2012

Chair: Angelus Morningstar

Minutes: Mike de Waal

Attendance: Sharangan Maheswaran, Angelus Morningstar, Bradley Wells, Tuba Omer, Siva Purushothuman, Pip Muratore, Timothy Scriven, Kylee Hartman-Warren, Mike de Waal.

1 Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

The President opened the meeting at 6:14pm.

2 Governance

2.1 Apologies

Khawaja Almas, Alice Brandli, Thomas Munro, Joanne Gad, John Nowakowski, Manna Mostaghim, Kareena Denley, Peter Mendes, Bish Marzook, Andrew Rhodes.

2.2 Proxies

Alice Brandli to Siva Purushothuman (2nd pref: Kareena Denley)
John Nowakowski to Pip Muratore (2nd pref: Mike de Waal)

2.3 Starring of Items

The Council is invited to identify any items not currently scheduled for discussion

[AUG12-01] Motion: That Council accepts all un-starred items.

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

2.4 Notifications

★ 3 Constitutional Amendments

3.1 New Executive Structure

The President spoke to the changes and outlined the document. He noted that the “act of transference” of the Executive would involve the following Recommendation. There were no objections to the Recommendation under item 3.1 as it stood.

[AUG12-02] Motion: That Council affirm the constitutional changes to affect the Executive Offices, such that the positions of Vice-President (Policy), Vice-President (Community), and Director of Student Publications become Vice-Presidents, and that the remaining holder of the position of Secretary be empowered to retain the position as its sole Officer.

Moved: Angelus Morningstar **Seconded:** Tuba Omer **Consensus.**

3.2 New Committee Structure

The President explained the changes to Committee structure. The Vice President (Policy) noted that the MEC meeting was big. He said he could split Media off from Engagement and Community.

The President procedurally moved to deferred the item until we checked SUPRA’s new constitution.

Management
Finance
Policy
Education
Media, Engagement & Community
Equity

Attached documentation: “Understanding the 2012 SUPRA Constitution”.

The meeting returned this item after 4.1.

The Vice President (Community) explained the difference between Education and Engagement portfolios.

The President moved that we revise the committees as listed.

Moved: Angelus Morningstar **Seconded:** Mike de Waal **Consensus.**

★ 4 Elections and Appointments

4.1 Elections for Casual Vacancies on Council

Nominations received:

Andrew Rhodes

Attached documentation: SUPRA Council Nomination Form from Andrew Rhodes.

The President called for a Returning Officer. Pip Muratore and Timothy Scriven nominated. There were no objections. Ballots were distributed.

Andrew Rhodes: 9 votes

No candidate: 2 votes

Andrew Rhodes was elected to SUPRA Council for 2012-13.

4.2 Election for the position of Education Officer

There were no nominations.

4.3 Appointments to Equity Positions

4.3.1 Rural and Regional Officer

4.3.2 Indigenous Officer

5 Minutes of Meetings

5.1 Minutes of the previous month's meetings

5.1.1 Meeting of Council

5.1.2 Management Committee

5.1.3 Extraordinary Meeting of Council

Recommendation: That Council accepts the tabled minutes, with noted amendments.

Attached documentation: Minutes of the abovementioned meetings.

★ **5.2 Business Arising From Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6 Reports of Meetings

6.1 Reports of the previous month's meetings

6.1.1 Publications Committee

6.1.2 Operations Committee

6.1.3 Policy Committee

Recommendation: That Council accepts the tabled reports.

Attached documentation: Reports of the abovementioned meetings.

★ **6.2 Business Arising From Reports**

7 Officer Reports

7.1 President

Angelus Morningstar

7.2 Vice President (Community)

Tim Scriven

7.3 Vice President (Policy)

Kylee Hartman-Warren

7.4 Treasurer

Khawaja Almas

The report was submitted late. It was not tabled at the meeting. It will be tabled at the next Council meeting.

7.5 Secretary

Mike de Waal and John Nowakowski

7.6 Director of Student Publications

John Nowakowski

7.7 Equity Officers

7.7.1 International Officer

Tuba Omer

7.7.2 Disabilities Officer

Timothy Scriven

7.7.3 Queer Officer

Tom Munro

7.7.4 Women's Officer

Kareena Denley

7.7.5 Equity Convenor

Tom Munro

Recommendation: That Council accepts the tabled reports of Offices.

Attached documentation: Reports of Officers.

★ 7.8 Business Arising From Reports

There was no business arising from the reports.

8 Verbal Report from member of Staff

No report was given.

★ 9 Council Response to the Grattan Report

Recommendation: That Council:

- (a) Condemn the Grattan Report and call for the government and University of Sydney to publicly disown it.
- (b) Reject the view that public benefits of education should not be considered simply because they are immeasurable.
- (c) Affirm that education should be viewed on the basis of equity and merit, not privilege.
- (d) Affirm that SUPRA supports free education for all.

The item was deferred. There were no objections.

Attached documentation: The Grattan Report.

★ 10 University Committee Attendance

The Vice President (Community) spoke about his position on the Healthy Universities Committee, and his dissatisfaction with a recent meeting. He felt he had been lured there under false pretences; it seemed like a “media stunt”. The student representatives there were disgusted by how non-serious the whole thing was. The other students may continue to attend, but they walked out of this one.

He recommended that SUPRA not go to the Committee any more.

It was asked if any other people on Committees want to share their duties. The President said in SUPRA, Executive members attend various Committees, unlike the SRC, due to their policy of giving the whole job to the President.

Bradley Wells asked if he could register his interest being a “backup” for SEG Research Training. The President added him to the list.

It was noted that there are working parties alongside the Committees. The President directed Council to investigate this as well, if they are interested.

Attached documentation: Committee Vacancies List.

★ 11 Training and Support Plan 2012/13

The President noted that the item was submitted for Council’s interest and that we should read over it. He allowed time for Council to read.

Bradley Wells registered an objection to approving this at the present time.

[AUG12-03] Motion: That Council approve the Training and Support Plan.

Moved: Mike de Waal **Seconded:** Kylee Hartman-Warren

In favour: 9 **Opposed:** 0 **Abstentions:** 2 **Carried.**

Attached documentation: SUPRA Training and Support Plan 2012/13

★ 12 Updated SUPRA Workplace Policies

It was asked how this Workplace Policy was different to things past. The President responded that this is essentially the first time SUPRA has established anything thorough. In the past, we have only had bits and pieces.

[AUG12-04] Motion: That Council approve the new SUPRA Workplace Policies.

Moved: Tuba Omer **Seconded:** Mike de Waal **Consensus.**

★ 13 Other Business

Time of Council

The President proposed a question around when we hold Council. He noticed a lot of people on Council are research and Juris Doctor students who are on campus during the day. He recommended that we move Council to take place in business hours.

The Vice President (Community) voiced his opposition. He doesn't know how many people have two hour breaks in the middle of the day. He proposed (a) that if we move to this model, it shouldn't be exclusive, and (b) we do some kind of polling of Councillors to work out what is more convenient. Would they prefer business hours or not, on the whole?

The Vice President (Policy) agreed that we should keep the status quo. A lot of people have classes and other things during the day; keeping it at 6pm once per month would make it more accessible.

The President noted that it would be inappropriate to vote formally in this setting. But he said his first preference would be to establish an online poll and work it out.

One councillor remarked that alternating Council Meeting between day and night would allow more people to come.

International Student Scholarships

The International Officer reported that she recently attended the SEG-International Committee. One of the recommendations that came up was increasing the number of scholarships for incoming international students from 50 to 100.

She raised in the Committee that scholarships for continuing International Students would be hugely desirable. Other members of the SEG responded that a lot of individuals have come in and said this, but if an organisation like SUPRA were to actively support it, some progress may be made.

The President voiced his support for such a position. He suggested that we could put a motion or item together.

The Vice President (Community) recommended that if the International Officer wanted some policy basis, we could pass a soft motion now.

[AUG12-05] Motion: That SUPRA Council supports the creation of more scholarships for continuing international students.

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

Postgraduate Fellow of Senate

Bradley Wells announced that he has nominated for the position of Postgraduate Fellow of Senate. He would love SUPRA's endorsement.

The President outlined that in the past, SUPRA has usually endorsed a candidate, but only upon receiving information from candidates about their policies and positions.

There were no objections to continuing to follow this approach.

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

The President closed the meeting at 6:50pm.