



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL
CARSLAW TUTORIAL ROOM 453
6:00PM ON 20TH MARCH 2013
EX CAMERA**

Chair: Angelus Morningstar

Minutes: Mike de Waal

Attendance: Angelus Morningstar, Mike de Waal, Kylee Hartman-Warren, Nicole Doughty, Kareena Denley, David Follent, Timothy Scriven, Joanne Gad, Bishara Marzook, Audrey Irish, Philip Muratore, Khawaja Almas, Thomas Munro, Amy Mao, Alice Brandli.

Guests: Senior SAAO Margaret Kirkby

★ **1 Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome**

The President opened the meeting at 6:12pm with an Acknowledgement of Country.

★ **2 Governance**

2.1 Apologies

Peter Mendis
Zhila Bahman

2.2 Proxies

Siva Purushothuman to Alice Brandli (2nd pref: Tuba Omer, 3rd pref: Kylee Hartman-Warren)
Peter Mendis to Alice Brandli (2nd pref: Kylee Hartman)
Zhila Bahman to Mike de Waal

2.3 Leave

Siva Purushothuman

Council noted the resignation of Cyrus Achaemianian.

2.4 Starring of Items

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

Item 7 was starred.

Pip Muratore entered the room at 6:15pm.

3 Minutes of Meetings

3.1 Minutes of the previous month's meetings

★ 3.1.1 Council Meeting, 25th February

Motion [MAR13-01]: That minutes for the Council Meeting of 25th February, Finance Committee and Publications Committee be accepted for consideration.

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

Alice Brandli entered the room at 6:19pm.

Khawaja Almas entered the room at 6:20pm.

The President called for any comment on these minutes.

Procedural: That discussion of the Council Minutes be moved until later in the meeting.

Moved: Timothy Scriven **Consensus.**

3.1.2 Management Committee, 18th February

3.1.3 Management Committee, 8th March

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

Attached documentation: Minutes of the abovementioned meetings.

★ 3.2 Business Arising From Minutes

4 Reports of Meetings

★ 4.1 Reports of the previous month's meetings

4.1.1 Finance Committee

The Treasurer noted that "\$1250 copies" should read "1250 copies".

The President noted that the last motion should read "a derivative of Scenario C", not simply "Scenario C".

4.1.2 Publications Committee

The Treasurer noted an error in item 2 of the Publications Committee minutes, surrounding the Debrief.

Motion [MAR13-02]: That Council accepts the Finance Committee and Publications Committee reports, with noted amendments, and all recommendations therein.

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

★ 4.2 Business Arising From Reports

There was no further business arising from the reports.

The President moved procedurally to item 7.

5 Officer Reports

★ 5.1 President

Angelus Morningstar

5.2 Vice President (Community)

Timothy Scriven

5.3 Vice President (Policy)

Kylee Hartman-Warren

5.4 Vice President (Publications)

5.5 Treasurer

Joanne Gad and Khawaja Almas

5.6 Secretary

Mike de Waal

5.7 Education Officer

Joanne Gad

5.8 Equity Officers

5.8.1 International Officer

Tuba Omer

5.8.2 Disabilities Officer

Timothy Scriven

5.8.3 Queer Officer

Tom Munro

5.8.4 Women's Officer

Kareena Denley

5.8.5 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer

David Follent

5.8.6 Equity Convenor

Tom Munro

Motion [MAR13-08]: To accept all office-bearer reports en bloc, noting that the supernumerary claim above 40 hours in the President's report has not been approved by Council.

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

The Chair moved procedurally to item 11.

★ 5.9 Business Arising From Reports

The President procedurally moved the meeting *in camera*.

The meeting moved *ex camera*.

All items except those concerning Electoral Regulations, Industrial Action, Legal Expenses and the Mardi Gras Police Violence were deferred.

The Chair moved procedurally to item 10.

★ 6 Elections

This item was deferred.

7 Verbal Report from a Member of Staff

Margaret Kirkby addressed the meeting.

She reminded the Council that we currently lack an Administration Coordinator. Pru and Louise have come with a proposal to cover the Coordinator work. Rachel, a former SUPRA Administration Officer, was available to come back in and help too. But it does mean it's more difficult to manage.

She reported that SAAO Coordinator Adrian Cardinali is on leave for three weeks, and things have been as busy as ever. Casework has been very busy, with tenancy being a surprisingly major issue.

Tuba Omer arrived at 6:42pm.

She reported that the University have confirmed the Ross St move. It's very relieving, as the current location is practically a WHS issue in itself. Staff are keen to get out of the current location. The logistics of the move are still proving to be difficult. Things come up that are unexpected.

She spoke of Westmead and the benefits of working an induction there.

Audrey Irish left at 6:46pm and passed her proxy to Kylee Hartman-Warren with her consent.

She reported that a divisive piece of legislation has been the NSW Boarding Houses Legislation. The University takes attitude that student residents in University-owned accommodation are boarders, and the University can follow the Occupancy Agreement which is inherently unfair. They may move students out even if they're on a 6 month contract, with only 1 or 2 weeks notice.

University-owned accommodation is going to come under Student Support Services, not Investment and Capital as before. The whole emphasis has been like running a Real Estate agency. Hopefully this is changing.

The President asked if Council had any queries.

The Vice President (Policy) asked if the University colleges are considered university-owned accommodation in this sense.

Margaret Kirkby responded that they are not. They are established underneath an act of NSW Parliament. They are different to University-owned accommodation e.g. International House.

The Women's Officer asked about the progress of the search for a new Administration Coordinator. The President responded that an interview with an internal applicant is happening tomorrow.

There were no further questions. The President thanked Margaret Kirkby for coming and reporting to

the meeting.

★ 8 SUPRA Relocation

The President noted that some of our furniture has started to be moved into the proposed location already.

Motion [MAR13-03]: That Council accept the proposed venue site as tabled.

Moved: Angelus Morningstar **Seconded:** Alice Brandli **Consensus.**

Amy Mao left the room at 6:59pm.

The President procedurally moved to item 5.9.

★ 9 Student Consultative Committee

This item was deferred.

★ 10 Ongoing Industrial Action

The Vice President (Community) puts the following motion to Council:

That SUPRA supports the staff in their struggle for better conditions, and asks all postgraduates to support and respect the strike on the 26th and 27th. The staff struggle is our struggle, and if the university's proposed EBA is accepted, students and staff alike will suffer. We offer this motion as a message of solidarity and support to the NTEU, the CPSU, and all those who stand on the picket lines.

The Secretary amended the first line to read “26th and 27th of March”. This was acceptable to the mover.

It was recommended that we add “SUPRA authorizes staff to take the two days off without penalty”. This was acceptable to the mover.

Motion [MAR13-07]: That we accept the motion with noted amendments.

Moved: Timothy Scriven **Seconded:** Joanne Gad **Carried (1 abstention)**

Bishara Marzook left the room at 10:09pm.

Bishara Marzook entered the room at 10:11pm.

The Chair moved procedurally to item 5.

★ 11 SUPRA General Election 2013: Reform and Timeline

The President said that we had the Returning Officer, Stephen Lesslie, look over our Electoral Regulations. The Vice President (Policy) explained the Returning Officer’s amendments. She asked for any further amendments.

Motion [MAR13-09]: That the SUPRA Electoral Regulations be amended such that all references to ‘clear days’ shall now refer to ‘days’.

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

Motion [MAR13-10]: That the references to Minimum Ticket Size be amended to state ‘1’.

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

Motion [MAR13-11]: That all other Tabled Amendments in the Electoral Regulations be accepted.

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

Motion [MAR13-12]: That SUPRA Council enstate authority to the Secretary, in cooperation with the Executive, to instate a schedule for the 2013 Elections.

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

The meeting moved procedurally to item 13.

★ 12 Cheque Signatories

This item was deferred.

★ 13 Legal Services – Cost Estimate [In camera]

The item was dealt with *in camera*.

The Chair procedurally moved to item 16.

★ 14 CISA Funding

This item was deferred.

★ 15 Queer Collaborations

This item was deferred.

★ 16 Mardi Gras Police Violence

The Queer Officer moved the following motion:

That SUPRA condemns the actions of NSW police officers during the Mardi Gras season. SUPRA encourages any students who feel they have been harassed, intimidated or inappropriately searched during Mardi Gras to report it to ACON's Anti-Violence project and discuss your rights with the Inner City Legal Centre.

The Women’s Officer queried whether a political motion such as this would come into conflict with the SSAF Regulations.

It was clarified that the SSAF legislation outlaws partisan activity, not political activity.

Bishara Marzook left the room at 10:31pm.

Motion [MAR13-14]: That the Motion is passed as tabled.

Moved: Thomas Munro **Seconded:** Angelus Morningstar **Carried (1 abstention)**

★ 17 Other business

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

The Chair closed the meeting at 10:33pm.