



**MINUTES FOR A MEETING OF COUNCIL  
NEW LAW SEMINAR ROOM 020  
6:00PM ON 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013  
EX CAMERA**

**Chair:** Joanne Gad

**Minutes:** Mike de Waal

**Attendance:** Joanne Gad, Mike de Waal, Timothy Scriven, Kylee Hartman-Warren, Siva Purushothuman, Tasmeea Kabir, David Follent, Amy Mao, Kareena Denley, Guien Miao, Tuba Omer, Nicole Doughty

**Guest:** Margaret Kirkby (Senior SAAO)

★ **1 Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome**

The President opened the meeting at 6:06pm with an Acknowledgement of Country.

★ **2 Governance**

**2.1 Apologies**

Sam Usama  
Audrey Irish  
Georgi Toma  
Yue Shen  
Siva Purushothuman (Leaving at 7pm)  
Pip Muratore

**2.2 Proxies**

Audrey Irish to Kylee Hartman-Warren (2<sup>nd</sup> pref: Joanne Gad, 3<sup>rd</sup> pref: Tuba Omer)  
Sam Usama to Timothy Scriven  
Georgi Toma to Timothy Scriven  
Siva Purushothuman to Alice Brandli (2<sup>nd</sup> pref: Kylee Hartman-Warren, 3<sup>rd</sup> pref: Tuba Omer)  
Pip Muratore to Thomas Munro (2<sup>nd</sup> pref: Timothy Scriven, 3<sup>rd</sup> pref: Joanne Gad)

**2.3 Resignations**

Khawaja Almas has resigned from the position of co-Treasurer.  
Stephen Beverley, Zhila Bahman and Angelus Morningstar have resigned from Council.

## 2.4 Starring of Items

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

Items 4.2 and 4.3 were starred.

The Secretary withdrew item 3.1.3 from being considered due to some irregularities, and deferred the discussion of those minutes to the next meeting of Council.

**Motion [APR13-01]:** That Council accepts all unstarred items except 3.1.3.

**Moved:** Tuba Omer    **Seconded:** David Follent    **Consensus.**

*Margaret Kirkby arrived at 6:12pm.*

*Nicole Doughty arrived at 6:13pm.*

## 3 Minutes and Reports of Meetings

### 3.1 Minutes of the previous month's meetings

#### ★ 3.1.1 Council Meeting, 20th March 2013

*The meeting moved in camera to discuss confidential minutes.*

*The meeting moved ex camera.*

*Alice Brandli entered the room at 6:34pm.*

*Thomas Munro entered the room at 6:34pm.*

*The meeting procedurally moved to item 6.*

3.1.2 Council Meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013

3.1.3 Management Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013  
This item was deferred.

3.1.4 Management Committee, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013

3.1.5 Management Committee, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013

#### ★ 3.2 Business Arising From Minutes

There was no further business arising from the minutes.

## 4 Officer Reports

### 4.1 President

Joanne Gad

#### ★ 4.2 Vice President (Community)

Timothy Scriven

#### ★ 4.3 Vice President (Policy)

Kylee Hartman-Warren

The Vice President (Policy) added to her report that she has included a letter regarding health care for international students.

Margaret Kirkby added that this letter is from the Multicultural Centre for Women's Health. She outlined the position paper. She and another SAAO, Francine Seeto, had read the paper and said that SUPRA should consider endorsing its position. If we endorse it, we will have our logo on it.

**Motion [APR13-06]:** To endorse the draft paper as tabled.

**Moved:** Tuba Omer    **Seconded:** Alice Brandli    **Carried (1 abstention).**

*Amy Mao left the room at 7:15pm. She passed her proxy to Tuba Omer.*

*The meeting moved to item 4.8.*

#### **4.4 Vice President (Publications)**

Vacant

#### **4.5 Treasurer**

Joanne Gad (to 28<sup>th</sup> March), Mike de Waal (acting from 28<sup>th</sup> March) and Khawaja Almas

#### **4.6 Secretary**

Mike de Waal

#### **4.7 Education Officer**

Joanne Gad (to 28<sup>th</sup> March), Vacant

#### **4.8 Equity Officers**

##### 4.8.1 International Officer

Tuba Omer

##### 4.8.2 Disabilities Officer

Timothy Scriven



##### 4.8.3 Queer Officer

Tom Munro

The Queer Officer drew Council's attention to the part of his report regarding the evaluation of programs. He suggested that SUPRA do this as a way of ensuring that we are aware of our constituency's needs and interests.

*Tuba Omer left the room at 7:30pm. She passed her proxy to Mike de Waal.*

*Tasmeea Kabir and Kareena Denley left the room at 7:30pm.*

##### 4.8.4 Women's Officer

Kareena Denley

##### 4.8.5 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer

David Follent

##### 4.8.6 Equity Convenor

Tom Munro

**Recommendation:** That Council accepts the tabled reports of Offices.

*Attached documentation:* Reports of Officers.



#### **4.9 Business Arising From Reports**

The President said that we get a lot of variation in reports that come to Council. The university have signalled to student associations that they want us to account for reports in certain ways.

**Motion [APR13-07]:** That Council accepts all outstanding reports.

**Moved:** Alice Brandli    **Seconded:** Nicole Doughty    **Consensus.**

## ★ 5 Elections for Vacant Office-bearing Positions

The President called for nominations for the position of Returning Officer.

Siva Purushothuman and Timothy Scriven jointly nominated for the position. There were no other nominations, so Siva and Tim were appointed.

The Returning Officers called for nominations for the position of Vice President (Publications).

There were no nominations. The election was deferred.

The Returning Officers called for nominations for the position of Education Officer.

One councillor enquired about the Postgraduate Education Network. The President and Vice President (Community) explained it. Margaret Kirkby voiced her support for PEN.

Nicole Doughty nominated for the position of Education Officer.

The Returning Officer distributed ballots. The options were Nicole Doughty and No candidate.

**Nicole Doughty was elected Education Officer (15, 0).**

The Returning Officers called for nominations for the position of Treasurer.

There were no nominations.

**Motion [APR13-08]:** That Council appoints Mike de Waal to continue acting as Treasurer until a Treasurer is formally elected.

**Moved:** Timothy Scriven    **Seconded:** Nicole Doughty    **Carried** (1 abstention – Mike de Waal).

**Motion [APR13-09]:** That Council thanks Margaret Kirkby for coming to the meeting.

**Moved:** Mike de Waal    **Seconded:** Siva Purushothuman    **Consensus.**

*Margaret Kirkby left the room at 7:47pm.*

*The meeting moved procedurally to item 11.*

## 6 Verbal Report from a Member of Staff

Margaret Kirkby, Senior SAAO, addressed the meeting. She spoke mainly of the ongoing move to the Demountable Village. She also updated Council on some policy and case work she has been completing, and how staff have been dealing with ongoing university policy developments.

The Council noted Margaret's report.

## ★ 7 Workplace Health and Safety

No workplace health and safety issues were reported.

## ★ 8 Budget 2013

The acting co-Treasurer will present the latest Actuals at the meeting.

The SSAF agreement will be discussed.

## ★ 9 Council of International Students Australia (CISA)

The International Officer spoke to this item. She explained the role of CISA and its critical role for international students in Australia. She explained what had occurred last year and the motions of the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2012, Council meeting.

The President added that SUPRA Council agreed to an initial payment of \$7,500. We viewed that as an affiliation fee, but we never received an invoice for that payment in 2012. In late January, 2013, we received an invoice, but it was labelled as conference support. That has now been clarified. We now have the capacity to pay affiliation to CISA, or pay to be a Sponsor of the conference, or do both.

The Vice President (Policy) said that it would be fantastic for SUPRA to support the CISA conference. She declared conflict of interest as a CISA office-bearer.

The International Officer said the interim SUPRA budget has allowed for a payment of \$7,500.

The Secretary asked how much the conference costs all up. The Vice President (Policy) responded that she wasn't sure of the exact figure, but it is a huge expense: 300 delegates, 4 days, including a gala night, etc.

One councillor asked what the problem was with just paying the \$7,500. The President responded that we cannot pay money approved for the 2012 budget in 2013, without a new motion of Council.

**Motion [APR13-03]:** That SUPRA Council approves \$7,500 payable to CISA as annual affiliation, as agreed last year in September.

**Moved:** Tuba Omer      **Seconded:** Siva Purushothuman      **Consensus.**

**Motion [APR13-04]:** That SUPRA Council approves \$7,500 payable to CISA as 2013 conference sponsorship.

**Moved:** Siva Purushothuman      **Seconded:** Thomas Munro      **Carried** (11 for, 1 against, 4 abstentions).

Margaret Kirkby noted that she is very critical of what this university does in relation to international students, but it is worth keeping in mind the controversial history of international student organisations in Australia, particularly in the AUS (predecessor to the National Union of Students).

The International Officer said that the people who run CISA now have condemned the activities of some within the precursor organisation. The Vice President (Community) noted that in any student organisation, there is a risk of accountability.

**Motion [APR13-05]:** That SUPRA Council requests budget documents for 2012 and 2013 from CISA, for the \$7,500 amounts.

**Moved:** Alice Brandli      **Seconded:** Nicole Doughty      **Consensus.**

*The meeting procedurally moved to item 4.3.*

## ★ 10 General Election Update

The President spoke to this item. We did not have a contested election. The remainder of the Council spots will be filled up via the Equity elections and by a Supplementary Election to take place at our

Annual General Meeting.

★ **11 Legal Expenses and Dispute Update [In camera]**

The item was dealt with *in camera*.

★ **12 Legal Expenses – FCB [In camera]**

The item was dealt with *in camera*.

*Alice Brandli left the room at 8:38pm.*

★ **13 Annual General Meeting 2013**

The President said that the AGM will be held in the week starting 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, as per our Constitutional requirements.

*The meeting moved to item 18.*

★ **14 Executive Restructure**

This item was deferred.

★ **15 University Committees**

This item was deferred.

★ **16 Postgraduate Survival Guide**

This item was deferred.

★ **17 MUPRA Support**

**Procedural:** To move the meeting in camera.

**Moved:** Mike de Waal **Consensus.**

*The meeting moved ex camera.*

*The meeting moved to item 19.*

★ **18 Probation Review Committee**

The President noted that we need a Council member to come along. She will hold a discussion on the SUPRA Council Facebook page to find a suitable candidate.

**Motion [APR13-13]:** That Council agrees to defer all other items to the next meeting.

**Moved:** Joanne Gad **Seconded:** Nicole Doughty **Consensus.**

The President closed the meeting at 9:04pm.

## ★ 19 **BBQ at New Office**

The Secretary spoke in support of an event to show off our new premises. The President noted that we couldn't have a barbeque in the courtyard area.

The meeting decided to hold an event in the week starting the 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

*The meeting moved to item 13.*

## ★ 20 **Other business**