



## MINUTES FOR A MEETING OF COUNCIL EDUCATION SEMINAR ROOM 508 6:00 PM ON 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013

**Chair:** Joanne Gad

**Minutes:** Guien Miao

**Attendance:** Douglas King, Timothy Scriven, Ensiyeh Ghanizadeh Kazerarni, Thomas O'Connor (*departed at 7:21 p.m.*), Kylee Hartman-Warren, Andrew Fraser, Michael de Waal (*departed at 7:44 p.m.*), Kieran Latty (*arrived 6:40 p.m.; departed at 7:47 p.m.*)

**Guests:** John Fell, Vaivi Mase, Anette Hansen, Troy Shi (*departed at 7:27 p.m.*)

### ★ 1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:22 p.m. with an Acknowledgement of Country.

### ★ 2. Governance

#### 2.1. Apologies

Joe Callingham

Callum Forbes

Annie Wu

Tuba Omer

Alice Brandli

Joss McCay

Jay Tharappel

Maral Hosseinpour Vazifeshenas

#### 2.2. Proxies

Tuba Omer to Guien Miao (2<sup>nd</sup> pref: Timothy Scriven; 3<sup>rd</sup> pref: Kylee Hartman-Warren)

Alice Brandli to Kylee Hartman-Warren (2<sup>nd</sup> pref: Joanne Gad)

Jay Tharappel to Timothy Scriven (2<sup>nd</sup> pref: Kieran Latty; 3<sup>rd</sup> pref: Mike de Waal)

Tanveer Sohal to Joanne Gad (2<sup>nd</sup> pref: Douglas King, 3<sup>rd</sup> pref: Guien Miao)

Maral Hosseinpour Vazifeshenas to Guien Miao

## 2.3. Leaves of Absence

Tanveer Sohal

## 2.4. Resignations

David Krasovitsky

David Blight

## 2.5. Starring of Items

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

**Motion [DEC12-01]:** *SUPRA Council accepts all un-starred items.*

**Moved:** Kylee Hartman-Warren      **Seconded:** Guien Miao

**Carried.**

# 3. Minutes and Reports of Meetings

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

3.1.1. COUNCIL MEETING, 13TH NOVEMBER 2013

3.1.2. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, 19TH NOVEMBER 2013

★ 3.1.3. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING, 21 NOVEMBER 2013

*To be tabled at the meeting*

A councillor asked if the calendar had been sent to printers. The President replied to the affirmative.

A councillor noted that he had noticed that some changes had not been included in the calendar. He noted that quite a few SUPRA members had agreed to them but they had not been incorporated in the calendar. The President noted that the calendar had already been sent to the printer and that the proofs had already been accepted. Another councillor asked whether this was a matter of accountability and the councillor agreed; he pointed out that, in his opinion, something needed to be done to get to the bottom of the issue.

The President asked whether it was a matter of accuracy of the record. The councillor agreed that it was not. The President suggested asking the Vice-President (Publications) directly. The President also noted that, given that the calendar has already gone to the printers, it is unlikely that much could be done. The councillor pointed out that often printers hold off and allow minor changes until they print. The President again suggested bringing the matter up with the Vice-President (Publications).

He pointed out that the minutes for the Publications Meetings were not circulated before the Council Meeting. He would have brought this up if he had seen the minutes earlier. The President noted that many changes were still occurring even after the meeting. Another councillor pointed out that the most appropriate things to do would be to talk to the administrative staff as well as the Vice-President (Publications) and, depending on the result, check whether any changes could be made. The Vice-President added that, if anything were to happen, we would need to first know whether or not the printers had already printed.

Further discussions on the matter resolved that the councillor had received a calendar at the re-Induction session, which was last year's calendar and did not contain the aforementioned changes,

3.1.4. POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING 22ND NOVEMBER 2013

3.1.5. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, 22ND NOVEMBER 2013

★ 3.1.6. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, 9TH DECEMBER 2013

*To be tabled at the meeting*

The President noted that the minutes for this Management Committee had been circulated and that they were an accurate record of the meeting.

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

*Attached documentation:* Minutes of the abovementioned meetings.

**Motion [DEC12-02]:** *SUPRA Council accepts the tabled minutes.*

**Moved:** Douglas King

**Seconded:** Thomas O'Connor

**Carried.**

### ★ 3.2. Business Arising From Minutes

## 4. Officer Reports

### ★ 4.1. President

Joanne Gad

The President apologised for the lateness of her report. She noted that she had been busy with attending the CAPA ACM and wrapping up everything for the year.

She noted that, at the CAPA ACM, she had met many people interested in getting involved with CAPA. She added that SUPRA had only two representatives there and that we could benefit from having more delegates next time as it would allow more networking and getting SUPRA's message out more. She noted that SUPRA had brought many issues to the table with our casework and that many other attendees considered our input relevant to their own situation.

A councillor pointed out that he had previously worked with CAPA and had resigned due to disillusionment as nothing seems to be followed through and nothing happens. He added that everyone seemed to be pushing their own agenda at these large conferences. He added that he was unconvinced and would not support sending more delegates next time.

The Vice-President noted that it is not just about CAPA but sending postgraduate representatives to meet other postgraduate representatives. She pointed out that it is as much a networking and bonding session as an arena for national issues. She added that there are always peak bodies separate of CAPA in attendance too.

*Kieran Latty arrived at 6:40 p.m.*

The Vice-President also pointed out that, if we disagree with how they operate, we should be sending more delegates. The councillor suggested that we don't get any measurable outcome from attending CAPA conferences. The President agreed with the Vice-President and continued with her report.

The President noted that:

- she had been following up with issues that the Camden students have been raising and that the Vice-President (Community) had been liaising with students from there
- she had sent out the motion by circulation as per the request of Council at the previous Council meeting
- she had been trying to get more space for SUPRA and that we now have the meeting room. She added that we are now in a position to consider use of the Capital Works Fund towards a postgraduate resource room
- quite a few students had contacted SUPRA about the Corporate Law exam
- she has also been editing articles for PGSM
- the Constitution has now changed and hence, elections would be held today
- SUPRA would start to have performance development reviews for staff and that this has not happened in a long time and will hopefully start soon

- she had been attending committees and meetings

#### 4.2. Vice President (1)

Kylee Hartman-Warren

#### 4.3. Vice President (2)

Timothy Scriven

#### ★ 4.4. Vice President (3)

Tanveer Sohal

*To be tabled at the meeting*

The President noted that the Vice-President (Publications) was not here to speak to her report.

#### 4.5. Treasurer

Douglas King

#### 4.6. Secretary

Tuba Omer and Guien Miao

#### 4.7. Equity Officers

##### 4.7.1. INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

*Tuba Omer*

##### 4.7.2. DISABILITIES OFFICER

*Nayeem Faisal Shaikh*

*No hours claimed.*

##### 4.7.3. QUEER OFFICER

*Timothy Scriven*

##### 4.7.4. WOMEN'S OFFICER

*Ensiyeh Ghanizadeh Kazerarni*

##### 4.7.5. RURAL AND REGIONAL OFFICER

*Callum Forbes*

*No hours claimed.*

##### 4.7.6. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER

*Vacant*

##### 4.7.7. EQUITY CONVENOR

*Tuba Omer*

*No hours claimed.*

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

*Attached documentation:* Reports of Officers.

**Motion [DEC12-03]:** *SUPRA Council accepts the Vice-President's (3) report.*

**Moved:** Timothy Scriven

**Seconded:**

Thomas O'Connor

**Carried.**

**Motion [DEC12-04]:** *SUPRA Council accept all reports.*

**Moved:** Timothy Scriven                      **Seconded:** Thomas O'Connor

**Carried.**

★ **4.8. Business Arising From Reports**

A councillor pointed out that the Vice-President's (Publications) report contained a motion. The co-Secretary clarified that it was a recommendation.

★ **5. Verbal Report from a Member of Staff [In Camera]**

**Motion [DEC12-05]:** *SUPRA Council accept John Fell's report and thank him for his report, noting that the recommendations within his report are not accepted as part of this motion.*

**Moved:** Kylee Hartman-Warren                      **Seconded:** Thomas O'Connor

**Carried.**

★ **6. Workplace Health and Safety**

The Vice-President noted that there is still an issue with ventilation in the SUPRA Offices. The Vice-President also noted that the Council rooms sometimes get locked and that they need to be opened with master key, so she asked Councillors to be mindful of not locking the rooms. She added that there would soon be new computers and she expressed concern about loss of information. The President noted that the Vice-President (Community) had recently done this.

A councillor noted that he had entered the SUPRA Offices recently and noted that the air-conditioner was on with no one in the room. The President noted that there has been a request to turn on air-conditioner in the morning due to the heat from the sun, but will pass on the message to administrative staff.

★ **7. Elections for Vacant Positions**

The President noted that these elections would include Office-Bearer positions too.

The Vice-President nominated to be Returning Officer.

**Motion [DEC12-06]:** *SUPRA Council accepts the nomination of Kylee Hartman-Warren as Returning Officer.*

**Moved:** Kylee Hartman-Warren                      **Seconded:** Guien Miao

**Carried.**

It was clarified that the Returning Officer can vote.

There are multiple positions vacant:

Ordinary Council positions (4)

Nominations have been received from

- Vaivi Mase
- Anette Hansen
- Troy Shi

It was also clarified that there are two positions for females and two positions for off-campus students; effectively, all three candidates are vying for the two on-campus positions.

The Returning Officer invited Anette to speak. Anette pointed out that she already has some experience from working with other student organisations; in particular, she has worked with a body that looks after Norwegian student interests.

The Returning Officer invited Troy to speak. Troy pointed out that he is studying a Master of Commerce and that he has nominated for SUPRA Council previously and is reiterating his interest. He added that he has International background and that, as many postgrads are International students, would be able to represent them.

The Returning Officer invited Vaivi to speak. Vaivi pointed out that he is studying a Masters in Social Work. He added that he is interested in dealing with disadvantage and would like to be involved as part of Council or, if not voted onto Council, in other ways.

*Ensiyeh Ghanizadeh Kazerarni departed 7:19 p.m.*

The Chair asked for volunteers to be scrutineer. Kieran Latty volunteered.

***Procedural motion to adjourn the meeting. Consensus.***

*Mike departed at 7:21 p.m.*

*Thomas O'Connor departed at 7:21 p.m., giving his proxy to Michael de Waal.*

*Michael de Waal entered at 7:22 p.m.*

*Ensiyeh Ghanizadeh Kazerarni entered at 7:25 p.m.*

***Procedural motion to commence the meeting. Consensus.***

The Returning Officer declared Vaivi Mase and Anette Hansen elected.

*Troy Shi departed at 7:27 p.m.*

For the position of Education Officer:

Timothy Scriven nominated from the floor. Guien Miao seconded the nomination.

The Returning Officer invited Timothy to speak. He noted that he has been involved in a number of campaigns and negotiations, including SSAF and PGARC. He pointed out that he would continue his work as Vice-President (Community) with a greater focus on activism. He added that like to see through the term and will do his best to do the role justice.

A councillor asked why he is interested in the position. Timothy replied that he has a variety of skills which would contribute to the role. A councillor asked whether he was happy with the Education Officer position and Timothy replied that it is good to have it within in the Constitution due to the focus on activism.

The Chair asked for volunteers to be scrutineer. Douglas King volunteered.

The Returning Officer declared Timothy Scriven elected to the position of Education Officer.

For the position of Director of Student Publications:

Tanveer Sohal had submitted a written nomination and had asked the President to read it out.

The President read out Tanveer's nomination.

The Chair asked for volunteers to be scrutineer. Douglas King volunteered.

The Returning Officer declared Tanveer Sohal elected to the position of Director of Student Publications.

★ **8. Motion by Circulation [In Camera]**

*Motion to procedurally move in camera: Consensus.*

*John Fell departed at 7:40 p.m.*

*Motion to procedurally move ex camera: Consensus.*

*Michael de Waal departed at 7:44 p.m., giving his proxy to Timothy Scriven.*

*John Fell entered at 7:44 p.m.*

★ **9. Budget 2014 [In Camera]**

*Kieran Latty departed at 7:47 p.m.*

★ **10. Discussion of Constitution**

The President recommended the circulation of the amended Constitution with a memo listing the changes. The Vice-President spoke to this item briefly.

★ **11. Election of WHS Representative**

The President pointed out that it is important to have someone elected to the position. The Women's Officer noted that we could do this at a later point in time.

*Motion to procedurally move to Item 12: Consensus.*

★ **12. O-Week**

*Ensiyeh Ghanizadeh Kazerarni and Anette Hansen departed at 8:29 p.m.*

*Quorum lapsed at 8:29 p.m.*

★ **13. UTS NTEU**

★ **14. Other Business**