



AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 5:00PM ON 16TH OF FEBRUARY 2011 AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

Chair: Angelus Morningstar
Minutes: Kylee Hartman-Warren
Present: Heidi Claus, Kylee Hartman-Warren, Lian Jenvey (5:34pm), Rashmi Kumar, David Latimar, Pip Muratore, Angelus Morningstar, Bradley Wells, Rosemary Whitecross

Meeting opened at 5:30pm.

1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

2. Housekeeping

2.1. Apologies

Sophia BARNES, Andrew Clayphan, Andrew Elder, Ben Ferris, Tom Munroe, John Nowakowski, David Robertson, Lynne Xie, Felicity Wilson

2.2. Proxies

Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN for Sophia BARNES

Angelus MORNINGSTAR for Andrew ELDER

Pip MURATORE for John NOWAKOWSKI

Bradley WELLS for Ben FERRIS

Rosemary WHITECROSS for Tom MUNROE and David ROBERTSON

2.3. Lynne Xie's Resignation

Lian Jenvey entered at 5:34pm.

3. NTEU Presentation [In Camera]

Agenda Statement: Michael Thomson, the Branch President of the NTEU will be once more extended an invite to speak to Council on behalf of Staff.

Please see the attached letter from the NTEU written to address the concerns relating to the industrial dispute.

4. Budget [In Camera]

Agenda Statement: This item will be the most significant subject of tonight. Presuming there are no other major delays, and that the consultation process has been satisfactorily resolved. Documentation for this item was circulated on 10th February, Thursday evening as a supplementary Council Pack.

Rashmi KUMAR declared a conflict of interest with regard to her job interview with the WCC in light of the In Camera discussion.

5. Review and Approval of Minutes (January and February)

5.1. SUPRA Council, 11th January 2011

Amendment: That Council strike all commentary on NTEU and Gavin Brown.

Amendment: That Rashmi Kumar's Conflict of Interest be recorded.

Motion: That Council direct the Secretary to record only Motions, Procedurals and Substantial Motions unless otherwise directed by council.

Proposed by Lian Jenvey **Result:** Failed (6 against, 3 abstentions)

5.2. SUPRA Council, 28th January 2011

Amendment: That the Secretary change all "Industrial Action" to "Industrial Dispute."

5.3. Management Committee, 13th January 2011

Amendment: To Note Rosemary Whitecross' presence at this meeting.

Amendment: To clarify that the Request for Support was for organizing funds for Newtown's Black Rose.

5.4. Management Committee, 18th January 2011

5.5. Management Committee, 21st January 2011

5.6. Management Committee, 25th January 2011

5.7. Management Committee, 2nd February 2011

Agenda Statement: Council will review and approve Council and Management Committee minutes. The Secretary to circulate. *Ex Camera* Minutes. *In Camera* minutes may be reviewed in Council rooms before and during Council.

Motion: That Council accept the minutes for Council & Management Committee with the noted amendments.

Proposed by the Chair **Result:** Carried

6. Work Reports

6.1. Finance Manager

6.2. Redfern Legal Centre

Agenda Statement: Please find attached the work reports. These have been reviewed and submitted to Management Committee, and are tabled here for your attention.

7. Casual Vacancies

Agenda Statement: Council received one nomination to fill a casual vacancy from Marie GERMA. Her application is attached and circulated. Please note, that Marie GERMA identifies both as an international student and a woman.

Motion: That Council accept Marie Germa as a SUPRA General Councillor.

Proposed by Rosemary Whitecross

Result: *Carried*

Motion: That Council refrain from recording abstentions and votes against for the above motion.

Proposed by Rosemary Whitecross

Result: *Carried*

8. Probation Review Committee

Agenda Statement: Both Francine Seeto and Phil Soliman have completed their probation. The Probation Review Committee for Francine Seeto has met and has recommended the confirmation of her employment to Council. Please find attached the PRC's submission to Council.

The Probation Review Committee for Phil Soliman met on Friday, the 11th of February. The recommendation was circulated to Council that afternoon.

Motion: That Council confirm the permanent employment of Francine Seeto and Phil Soliman.

Proposed by the Chair

Result: *Carried*

9. Duty Statement – General Councillors

Agenda Statement: This document was tabled by the Vice President – Policy, and requires Council's approval.

Discussion Summary:

It was expressed that the demands in this document was too prescriptive in light of Council's current participation activity. While the demands were not unreasonable expectations for Council to have, individuals expressed concern that the participation level would not meet the demands of the Duty Statement at this point, and it would be difficult meet quorum, etc. For this, among other reasons, this item was withdrawn on the premise that the VP Policy can take suggestions via email, redraft the statement and present it at a later meeting.

10. Terms of References for the Policy Committee

Agenda Statement: This document is tabled by the Vice President – Policy, and requires Council’s approval.

Motion: That Council strike item 3 from the Terms of Reference.

Proposed by Rosemary Whitecross

Result: *Carried (3 against, 2 abstentions)*

Motion: That Council approve the Terms of References for the Policy Committee.

Proposed from the Chair

Result: *Carried*

11. Notifications

11.1. Strategic Planning Day

Agenda Statement: Council is advised that the Strategic Planning Day that was originally scheduled for the beginning of February has been deferred until some time after the conclusion of the consultation process with staff and the finalisation of the Budget.

12. Other Business

12.1. Rashmi Kumar’s Notice of Resignation from the WCC

Discussion Summary:

Council decided to table elections to the WCC for the next meeting so more than present parties can apply.

12.2. Anti Racism Collective

Discussion Summary:

The SRC has denied the Anti Racism Collective assistance, and for this reason SUPRA may desire to help them with printing costs, and help promote them during O-Week.

Motion: That we assist the Collective with printing (500 leaflets, 200 posters), and include their material in our stall since they do not have a stall for O-Week.

Proposed by Rashmi Kumar

Result: *Carried*

12.3. Individual Budget Submissions

Discussion Summary:

The Budget Committee ruled Individual Submissions in their entirety, out of order.

The meeting closed at 8:08pm.