



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY  
POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 5.30 PM ON  
WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

**Chair:** Rashmi Kumar

**Minutes:** Jason Judge

**Present:** Nick Irving, Rosemary Whitecross, Fiona Curran, Heidi Claus, Yuanjie Shen, Siddhanth De, Surya Setiyaputra, Bram Hertasing, John Nowakowski, Kathryn Stachyra, Jasmine Tan

**Apologies:** Corey Payne, Richard Bailey, Chihong Choi, Ming Tang, Lian Jenvey, Cipi Morgan, Paolo Mazzi

### 1. Acknowledgement of Country

**Procedural motion:** *That agenda item 3 (“Nominations for Council”) be brought forward to agenda item 2.* MOVED Nick Irving CARRIED

### 3. Nominations for Council

*That Council exercises its powers under the Constitution (section 5.16a) and declares the positions of Deo Indever and Greg Walsh vacant.*

Eight nominations for the two vacant positions on Council were received from Kathryn Stachyra, Shuangyan Li, Jasmine Tan, Alexander Siotis, Kerwin Liang, Zhang Xinran, Jim Wang and John Nowakowski.

Kathryn Tan, Jasmine Tan and John Nowakowski spoke to Council on their nominations. Voting was held via secret ballot.

Kathryn Stachyra and John Nowakowski were elected by majority vote to the Council.

### 2. Minutes

*That the minutes of the SUPRA council meetings held August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> be accepted.* MOVED Jason Judge CARRIED

### 4. Office Bearer Reports

- a) Co-Presidents
- b) Vice-President
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer

*That the office bearer reports be accepted.* MOVED Nick Irving CARRIED

### 5. Equity Officer Reports and Updates

- a) Queer Officer
- b) Women’s Officer
- c) International Officer
- d) Campaigns and Policy

*That the motion "That SUPRA have 4000 full colour A2 posters printed for the Same Sex Marriage Rally on November 28<sup>th</sup>, at a cost of up to \$2500, and that SUPRA Council authorises Heidi Claus, Campaigns and Policy Officer, to officially approach other community organizations and student unions on behalf of SUPRA to endorse the rally, requesting that they provide their logo for the poster and make a donation to the cost of printing, if possible" contained in the Campaigns and Policy Report, be delegated to Management Committee upon immediate discussions with the SRC, with a view to sharing costs. MOVED Nick Irving CARRIED*

e) Publications

f) Activities

-It was noted that Marianne Ramsey was the winner of the iPod from the membership drive at the SUPRA stall at the Verge Night Markets.

### **5. Funding Negotiations Update**

*That indepth discussion of the the Funding Negotiations is deferred to the Funding Negotiations working group and that any interested Councillor may attend. MOVED Nick Irving CARRIED*

*That at the behest of the staff ex officio Funding Negotiations Working Group members, a further Working Group meeting will be called to discuss the Funding Negotiations.*

*MOVED Nick Irving CARRIED*

It was noted that Nick Irving would call the next Funding Negotiations Working Group meeting.

It was noted that Kathryn Stachyra would join the Funding Negotiations Working Group.

### **6. SUPRA Electoral Process Reform**

*That and Electoral Process Reform Group is set up to address Schedule 1 of the SUPRA Constitution, with a view to formulating an electoral procedure document. MOVED Jason Judge CARRIED*

It was noted that Lian Jenvey, Rosemary Whitecross, Siddhanth De, Fiona Curran and Kathryn Stachyra would join this Group.

### **7. SUPRA position on NTEU Strike**

*That SUPRA closes the office on the day of the strike (September 16<sup>th</sup>) and that SUPRA encourages all Councillors and staff to attend the picket line. SUPRA commits to support the strike through leaflets, eGrad and word-of-mouth encouragement. SUPRA strongly encourages all Councillors and students to not enter the campus unless it's to attend the picket. MOVED Bram Hertasning CARRIED*

### **8. Redfern Legal Centre**

*That SUPRA approves an increase of up to \$30,000 for Redfern Legal Centre services, allowing for the solicitor, Ingrid Van Tongeren, to work 3.5 days per week, up until the end of 2009. MOVED Surya Setiyaputra CARRIED*

### **9. Honi Article**

-It was noted that the Publications Officer, Fiona Curran, volunteered to write Honi Soit articles on behalf of other Councillors, provided that she was given enough time, information and material to do this.

### **10. Requests for Support**

*That SUPRA approves Anne Coates' (SUPRA Office Co-ordinator) request for leave and delegates to Management Committee to approve part pay for the leave period, after discussion with Anne. MOVED Rosemary Whitecross CARRIED*

*That SUPRA approves the lending of assistance to the Historical Society for the Arts Talk, by booking the Quad Refectory, or similar. MOVED Nick Irving CARRIED*

## **11. Other Business**