



**SYDNEY UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT NEW LAW BUILDING 030 AT 6:00PM AT 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2012.**

**Chair:** Angelus Morningstar  
**Minutes:** Thomas Munro  
**Present:** Cyrus ACHAEMENIAN, Nadia ANWAR (voted onto council), Alice BRANDLI, Kareena DENLEY (voted onto council), James FLYNN, Katherine HARPER, Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN, Hye KIM, Maria INDELICATO, Angelus MORNINGSTAR, Thomas MUNRO, Pip MURATORE, John NOWAKOWSKI, Siva PURUSHOTHUMAN, Timothy SCRIVEN, Alex THOMAS.

*Meeting opened at 6:09pm*

**Apologies:** Rosemary WHITECROSS, Felicity WILSON  
**Proxies:** John NOWAKOWSKI carries the proxy for Rosemary WHITECROSS  
Pip MURATORE carries the proxy for Cyrus ACHAEMENIAN (left 7:15)  
Alex THOMAS carries the proxy for Marie INDELICATO (left at 7:37) and Alice BRANDLI (left at 7:37.)

### **1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome**

### **2. Housekeeping**

- 2.1. Apologies**
- 2.2. Notifications**

### **3. Guest Speaker**

A motion from the last ordinary meeting of Council failed to be moved due to a large number of abstentions. The President has invited Margaret Kirkby, Acting Student Advice and Advocacy Officer Coordinator, to speak to Council on behalf of Staff such that she can address the Staff request directly to Council and speak on behalf of the proposal.

Margaret Kirkby outlined the reasons that staff wished to have a representative of Council. She explained that it would help to minimise gaps in communication, relieve load on the President and promote understanding of the work that SAAOs do to Council. There is variety amongst the staff with individuals wanting to approach this in different ways.

## 4. Elections \*

### 4.1. Nominations to Council

[Motion 01/120221]      **That Council acknowledge Pip MURATORE as the Returning Officer and both Tim SCRIVEN and Katherine HARPER as scrutineers.**

*Moved from the chair*

*Seconder: Thomas MUNRO*

Result:                      CONSENSUS

**Nominees:**                      Khawaja ALMAS  
    Nadia ANWAR  
    Kareena DENLEY, nominated from the floor by Angelus MORNINGSTAR and John NOWAKOWSKI

**Result:**                      All three nominees were elected to Council.

### 4.2. Nominations to acting Women's Officer

[Motion 02/120221]      **That Council appoint an acting Women's Officer until such time as a caucus of women Subscribers can elect a Women's Officer.**

*Mover: Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN*

*Seconder: Marie INDELICATO*

Result:                      CONSENSUS

[Motion 03/120221]      **That Nadia ANWAR and Kareena DENLEY run as co-Acting Women's Officers.**

*It was decided that this vote should be made by the women on Council.*

*They convened for a private discussion and returned with their decision.*

Result:                      CARRIED

## 5. Minutes of Meetings

**5.1. Minutes of the meeting of Council, 22nd January, 12**

**5.2. Minutes of the meeting of Council, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 12**

**5.3. Minutes of the meeting of Management Committee, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 12**

**5.4. Minutes of the meeting of Budget Committee, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 12\***

James FLYNN wished for the line "James FLYNN suggested that Equity is a lower priority for SUPRA." to be removed. It was not his intention to suggest this.

This was agreed to by the minute-taker.

**5.5. Minutes of the meeting of Management Committee, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 12**

**5.6. Minutes of the Workplace Consultative Committee, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 12**

Not received

**5.7. Minutes of the Workplace Consultative Committee, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 12**

Not received

## **5.8. Business Arising From Minutes**

[Motion 04/120221] That Council accepts the tabled minutes with noted Amendments.

*Moved from the chair*

*Seconder: Katherine HARPER*

Result: CONSENSUS

## **6. Reports of Meetings**

### **6.1. Operations and Project List**

Not received

### **6.2. Report of Publications & Community Engagement Committee, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 12**

Not received

### **6.3. Report of Publications & Community Engagement Committee, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 12**

Not received

### **6.4. Report of Policy Committee, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 12**

### **6.5. Business Arising From Reports**

[Motion 05/120221] That Council accept verbal reports in the place of written reports.

*Moved from the chair*

*Seconder: Thomas MUNRO*

Result: CONSENSUS

## **7. Officer Reports**

### **7.1. President Report**

### **7.2. Vice-President (Policy)**

### **7.3. Vice-President (Community)**

### **7.4. Secretary**

### **7.5. Treasurer\***

Tim spoke to his report as treasurer to outline some of his proposals for 2012.

### **7.6. Director of Student Publications**

### **7.7. International Student Officer**

### **7.8. Queer Officer**

### **7.9. Disability Officer**

No report received

### **7.10. Business Arising From Reports**

[Motion 06/120221] That Council accept the tabled reports of Officers.

*Moved from the chair*

*Seconder: Maria INDELICATO*

Result: CONSENSUS

## 8. Report from Postgraduate Fellow \*

Standing item for the Postgraduate Fellow of Senate to address Council.

International student concession card, wanted to create a lobby. The TESQUA audit report – encouraged to read over it. To note that the university is now in charge of bookings.

## 9. Governance [IN CAMERA]

### 9.1. SSAF Priorities \*

This item was IN CAMERA

### 9.2. Staff Observer at Council \*

Staff have requested for the ability to have a member of Staff observe non-confidential meetings of Council, and to give a staff report back where necessary.

[Motion 07/120221]

**That Council accept the request from SUPRA staff for a standing representative of SUPRA staff to attend the non-confidential items of meetings of Council**

*Moved from the chair*

*Seconder: Thomas MUNRO*

Result: CONSENSUS

### 9.3. Internalising the Legal Service\*

## 10. Substantive Positions

### 10.1. Title of Masters degree according to Australian Qualifications Framework\*

John NOWAKOWSKI spoke to this item, outlining whether SUPRA still opposes using the term ‘doctor’ for level 9 masters.

**Conflict of Interest Declared:** Kareena DENLEY, Angelus MORNINGSTAR

[Motion 08/120221]

**That Council allow Kareena and Angelus to partake in the discussion despite their conflict of interest.**

*Mover: John NOWAKOWSKI*

*Seconder: Katherine HARPER*

Result: PASSED unanimously

[Motion 09/120221]

**That SUPRA support the proposal, noting the extensive consultation required in approving the title, and the majority of the evidence requirements are appropriate.**

*Mover: John NOWAKOWSKI*

*Seconder: Katherine HARPER*

Result: CONSENSUS

### 10.2. The Knight Review\*

Vice-President Community, Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN, spoke to this.

There was a submission last year to try and improve international student visas. The incoming changes do not apply to people who have applied for their visa before November 5<sup>th</sup> 2011. Kylee is going to Universities Australia to lobby to have these changes applied to applicants before this time.

[Motion 10/120221]

**That SUPRA support CAPA’s 2012 goal of grandfathering the Knight Review recommendations onto existing international student Visas which date before 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2011; or giving those students the option for applying for the new 405 Visa and the Visas regarding post-study work rights outlined in the Knight Review.**

*Mover: Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN*

*Secunder: Nadia ANWAR*

Result: CONSENSUS

### 10.3. Fiscal incentives for PhD supervisors\*

Vice-President Katherine (Policy) to speak to this matter.

There was a discussion about the benefits of financial incentives. As there was some disagreement over this stance a straw poll was conducted for each of the three areas of interest. The results were:

Fiscal incentives	6 for, 40 against and 1 abstention
Workload	11 for
Research reward Incentives	11 for

[Motion 11/120221]

**That SUPRA drafts a Submission on supervision incentives that includes supportive statements on fiscal incentives, workload incentives, and research rewards incentives.**

*Mover: Katherine HARPER*

*Secunder: John NOWAKOWSKI*

Result: CONSENSUS

### 10.4. Base Funding Review and Commonwealth Supported Places\*

This item was deferred due to the meeting running long. Anyone wishing to discuss this can speak to John NOWAKOWSKI.

## 11. Policy

### 11.1. Constitution Review

As the AGM approaches it will be our annual opportunity to review the Constitution and propose changes.

This was attached for circulation and consideration.

## 11.2. Policy Book

Deferred to another time.

## 12. Other Business

### 12.1. Understaffing in the Architecture Faculty

There have been a number of PHD supervisors who have left the faculty. This has led to a student write to SUPRA to request support.

**[Motion 07/120221] That SUPRA contact the faculty and find out the details of what is happening in the Architecture Faculty.**

*Moved from the chair*

*Seconder: Thomas MUNRO*

Result: CONSENSUS

### 12.2. Rumours that PGARC are closing

The President will investigate.

*The meeting closed at 8:35pm*