



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 6:00PM ON 13ST DECEMBER 2010 AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

Chair: John Nowakowski
Minutes: Angelus Morningstar
Present: Sophia Barnes (departed 7:45pm), Chihong Choi, Heidi Claus, Andrew Clayphan, Andrew Elder (departed 8:12pm), Kylee Hartman-Warren, Rashmi, Kumar, Angelus Morningstar, Pip Muratore, John Nowakowski, David Robertson (departed 9:05pm), Rosemary Whitecross (departed 9:00pm)

Meeting Opened at 5:59pm

1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

2. Apologies, Absentees, Leave and Proxies

2.1. Apologies

Ben FERRIS, Lian JENVEY, David LATIMER, Elizabeth SCALLY, Bradley WELLS, Simone WHITE, and Felicity WILSON.

2.2. Proxies

Heidi CLAUS carries the proxy for Lian JENVEY and Simone WHITE.

Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN carries the proxy for David LATIMER.

Angelus MORNINGSTAR carries the proxy for Ben FERRIS.

John NOWAKOWSKI carries the proxy for Bradley WELLS.

2.3. Leave of Absence

John NOWAKOWSKI requests a Leave of Absence from 4th – 24th January.

Motion [01/101213]

That Council approves the Leave of Absence from 4th – 24th January for John NOWAKOWSKI.

Proposed: Angelus Morningstar *Result:* Carried

2.4. Resignation

John NOWAKOWSKI noted that he would be resigning from the role of President effective of the 1st of January and would be continuing in the role of a General Councillor.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes

1.1. SUPRA Council, 23rd November 2010

1.2. Management Committee, 7th December 2010

1.3. Policy Committee, 22nd November 2010

1.4. Publications Committee, 1st December 2010

1.5. Publications Committee, 8th December 2010

Motion [02/101213] That Council accepts the minutes, with noted amendments.

Proposed from the Chair *Result:* Carried

Amendment: That the description of the CAPA affiliation needs clarification.

Amendment: To strike reference to instruction regarding SRC motion.

2. Elections

2.1. Council Vacancies

No nominations had been received, and Council deferred elections for Casual Vacancies until the next meeting of Council.

2.2. Office Bearer Vacancies – President (From January 1)

There were two nominations received for the role of President:

Angelus MORNINGSTAR

Pip MURATORE

Heidi CLAUS was nominated to be the Returning Officer.

Angelus and Pip spoke to their nomination and answered questions from the Floor.

Angelus MORNINGSTAR was elected to the role of President.

Angelus noted that he would be resigning from the role of Secretary effective January 1st and that nominations would be opened up for elections at the next meeting of Council.

2.3. Appointment of Councillors to the Probation Review Committees

Nominations to sit on the Probation Review Committees were accepted from the Floor.

Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN nominated for the review of Phil Solimon: Admin & Publication's Officer.

Motion [03/101213] That Council accepted the nomination of Kylee Hartman-Warren to sit on the Probation Review Committee for Phil Solimon, the Administration and Publications Officer.

Proposed from the Chair *Result:* Carried

Pip MURATORE nominated for the review of Francine Seeto, Student Advice and Advocacy Officer.

Motion [04/101213] That Council accepted the nomination of Pip Muratore to sit on the Probation Review Committee for Francine Seeto, Student Advice and Advocacy Officer.

Proposed from the Chair *Result:* Carried

3. Budget [In Camera]

4. Reports from Office Bearers

4.1. President Report

4.2. Vice-President (Policy) Report

The Vice President (Policy) noted that she had approached the DVC Education (Derek Armstrong) for a grant.

She requested that her hours be extended to 21 hours over the course of January to facilitate Presidential and Vice-Presidential handover, as well as work on the research project.

She noted that she is likely to resign from Council during January, and was keen to communicate with persons who are interested in the role.

Motion [15/101213]

That the hours of the Vice-President (Policy) be increased to 21 hours for the period of January.

Proposed: Rashmi Kumar

Result: Carried, with two abstentions.

Rashmi Kumar excluded herself from the vote due to a Conflict of Interest.

4.3. Vice President (Community) Report

Motion [16/101213]

That SUPRA joins the international chorus of individuals and organisations in defence of WikiLeaks, and calls for the release of Julian Assange on bail. SUPRA will continue to support the grass-roots campaign in Sydney and will help advertise upcoming events to our subscribers.

Proposed: Heidi Claus

Result: Carried

Amendment:

To refine it to be described as a joining in the defence of WikiLeaks, and to call for the release of Julian Assange.

Proposed: David Robertson

Result: Accepted by the mover

Amendment:

... 'for the release of Julian Assange on bail'.

Proposed: Rashmi Kumar

Result: Accepted by the mover

Foreshadowed Motion:

That SUPRA finds it reprehensible that sexual assault charges being used as a political tool for the silencing of dissidents.

Proposed: Rashmi Kumar

Result: Carried

Motion [17/101213]

That SUPRA donate ~~\$300~~ towards the external printing costs for the March 19 rally for Marriage Equality and also advertise the next rally in upcoming O-Week materials, ~~like the SUPRA calendar.~~

Proposed: Heidi Claus

Result: Carried, with one against.

Amendment

That we remove reference to the specific cost, and specific reference to the SUPRA calendar.

Proposed: Angelus Morningstar

Result: Carried, with four against, and two abstentions.

Request: that given our Budget position that we not give money to the campaign.

Note: that a policy had been passed by previous Councils regarding the support of external printing costs.

Concern: it could be problematic that one equity group campaign was promoted on a year-long calendar without including things from other students.

Observed: that it is impossible to know what campaigns are going to run in a few months. Perhaps it would be better to include a flier with all the induction packs.

Procedural:

To defer all decisions regarding the Calendar to the Publication Committee

Proposed: Rashmi Kumar

Result: Carried

Note: that we are trying to transition to a higher on-line content to allow for dynamic Calendar.

Motion [18/101213] That the hours of the Vice-President (Community) be increased to 21 hours for a period of four weeks between January and February.

Proposed: Heidi Claus

Result: Carried

4.4. Secretary Report

4.5. Treasurer Report

4.6. Director of Student Publications Report

The co-Director of Student Publications noted that she will be using hours that she has previously not claimed in the year, and would claim them in the next pay period.

Motion [18/101213] That the role of Director of Student Publications be increased to 20 hours per week for the period of January.

Proposed: Kylee Hartman-Warren *Result:* Carried

Kylee Hartman-Warren declared a Conflict of Interest and abstained from voting.

Request: that Council be cautious regarding the increase of hours due to budgetary constraints.

Note: an increasing culture of volunteerism should be considered when asking for a request of increase in hours.

Motion [19/101213] That Council direct the Vice President (Community) to research dates for the AGM and general election, which are to be brought to Management Committee, and to empower Management Committee to decide on those dates.

Proposed: Heidi Claus

Result: Carried

4.7. Women's Officer Report

4.8. International Officer Report

4.9. Queer Officer Report

It was noted that Max Brenner is an organisation that SUPRA boycotts, and it was requested that the Wednesday night social event be relocated.

4.10. Acting Disabilities Officer Report

These were circulated electronically.

Motion [20/101213] That all the reports be accepted by Council.

Proposed from the Chair

Result: Carried

Rosemary Whitecross left (9:00pm)

5. Policies

5.1. SUPRA Fees Policy

Motion [21/101213] That Council ratify the draft of the SUPRA Fees Policy.

Proposed: Rashmi Kumar

Result: Carried

6. Notifications

6.1. SUPRA Submission: *Juris Doctor* Program

To note that the submission was prepared by Rashmi Kumar and has been sent to the Senate.

6.2. End of Year Lunch

December 17: \$5 for Councillors to attend, due Monday night.

6.3. Note of Impending Vacancies

Under constitution 5.17(c), any Councillor absent without a leave of absence (not apologies) for more than half the meetings may have their position declared vacant by Council.

The Council directed the Secretary to contact affected people and Council to determined at the next Council meeting.

7. Other Business

7.1. New Matilda

David Robertson left (9:05pm)

Motion [22/101213]

That SUPRA supports New Matilda in their funding drive for 2011 with a donation of \$300. SUPRA recognises that the independent and critical news that New Matilda offers supports SUPRA's goals for free education and offers postgraduate students opportunities to share their work and ideas with a wide audience.

Proposed: Rashmi Kumar

Result: Carried, with one abstention.

It was noted by Rashmi that \$300 is the organisational donation.

8. Next Council

Meeting closed 9:11pm