



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY  
POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 5.30 PM ON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 2009 AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

**Chair:** Rashmi Kumar

**Minutes:** John Nowakowski

**Present:** Rashmi Kumar (Co-President), Richard Bailey, Rosemary Whitecross, Chihong Choi (Treasurer), John Nowakowski (Secretary), Fiona Curren, Sophia Barnes (Subscriber, to 6.30), Lian Jenvey (Vice-President, to 8.37), Siddhanth De, Jim Wang (Subscriber, to 6.30), Mimi Zhang (Subscriber, to 6.30), Jasmine Tan (Subscriber, to 6.30)

**Apologies:** Bram Hertasing, Paolo Mizzi, Surya Setiyaputra, Kathryn Stachyra, Peter Stephens, Jason Judge, Heidi Claus

**Leaves of Absence:** Nick Irving (Co-President), Kayla Ren

**Meeting Opened:** 5.40pm

Lian Jenvey provided Heidi Claus' Proxy Vote

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

### **2. Announcement of Council Vacancies**

Council considered whether Mo Li, Kathryn (Cipi) Morgan, Peter Stephens, and Helin Zhu were in breach of their constitutional requirements as council members for SUPRA and should be lapsed. John cited sections 5.16(a) and (c), and 6.9(a) and (c) of the Constitution as basis for the breaches. Deliberations were had regarding the persons named, and both Lian and Richard brought up whether the "letter of the constitution" should be followed. It was highlighted that Cipi had been given less notice than the other three council members.

**[DEC09-1] MOTION:** That Mo Li, Peter Stephens, and Helin Zhu be lapsed, and that Cipi Morgan be contacted pending consideration.

**Moved:** *John Nowakowski*      *Carried (4,3,1)*

### **3. Nomination and election of persons to fill Vacancies**

Nominations have been received from 7 people for consideration to the 4 vacancies on council. Jim Wang, Xinran (Mimi) Zhang, Ming Juan (Jasmine) Tan, and Sophia Barnes all spoke to their nominations and were questioned by the councillors.

*Jim, Mimi, Jasmine, and Sophia left, 6.30pm*

**[IN CAMERA]**

A secret ballot was held and counted by Rosemary, and the following were announced as elected to council:

Sophia BARNES  
Kunyuuan (Kerwin) LIANG  
Xinran (Mimi) ZHANG  
Ming Juan (Jasmine) TAN

#### 4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of Management Committee, November 30 – correction to be made, Lian was apologies for this meeting

Minutes of Council, November 24

**[DEC09-2] MOTION:** That these minutes be accepted with appropriate corrections

**Moved:** *Rashmi Kumar* *Carried*

Minutes of Council, October 16 – These minutes have not yet been located, and shall be passed by email circular

#### 5. Business arising from these minutes

None considered

#### 6. Office Bearer Reports

a) Co-Presidents

**[DEC09-3] MOTION:** That discussion on the Juris Doctorate be held over to item 13, and the CONNECT conference be deferred to budget committee

**Moved:** *Rashmi Kumar* *Carried*

b) Vice President

c) Secretary

d) Treasurer

**[DEC09-4] MOTION:** That the reports be accepted on block

**Moved:** *Rashmi Kumar* *Carried*

#### 7. Equity Officer Reports and Updates

a) Queer Officer

*No report submitted*

b) Women's Officer

*No officer*

c) International Officer

d) Disabilities Officer

In the process of developing a duty statement and focus for the upcoming year

e) Activities

Sid reported verbally that the only activity currently ongoing is a sporting event organised by Chihong.

f) Campaigns and Policy

*No report submitted*

g) Publications

**[DEC09-5] MOTION:** That the reports be accepted on block

**Moved:** *John Nowakowski* *Carried*

#### 8. Electoral Regulation Committee Update

Lian Jenvey spoke to the report, as did John. Richard Bailey mentioned that voting had previously been done at the AGM

**9. Grievance Committee Update**  
**[IN CAMERA]**

**10. Budget**  
**[IN CAMERA]**

**[DEC09-10] MOTION:** That the meeting take a 5 minute recess, and will go to the Royal after the final items for food.

**Moved:** *John Nowakowski*      *Carried (7,2,0)*

*Meeting adjourned 8.05pm*

*Meeting reconvened 8.20pm*

**[DEC09-11] MOTION:** That items 11, 12, and 13 be deferred to the next Management Committee or Council as necessary

**Moved:** *Rashmi Kumar*      *Carried (7,2,0)*

**11. Request for support**

**12. CAPA report back**

**13. JD at Law School**

*Suspended*

**14. Merchandising**

Richard, John, and Chihong all strongly spoke in the need to discuss merchandising now

**[DEC09-12] MOTION:** That item 14 be deferred to the next Budget Committee or Management Committee

**Moved:** *Lian Jenvey*      *Lost (2,5,2)*

Fiona suggested the importance of bags, but that we can make our own

**[DEC09-13] MOTION:** That SUPRA print 3000 wall calendars, but not reprint the mints, and not get bags, but investigate cheaper options

**Moved:** *Fiona Curren*      *Carried*

Sid questioned paper bags, stating that they may not be remembered

**15. Probation review for Publications Officer**

**[DEC09-14] MOTION:** That Trinity Morris' probation report be accepted and she be invited to continue with her contract

**Moved:** *Lian Jenvey*      *Carried*

*Lian Jenvey left, 8.37pm*

**16. Other Business**

- Council Christmas Lunch, December 18

A lunch will be held on December 18 for councillors and staff in the office, with the office closing from 1pm

**[DEC09-15] MOTION:** That lunch be held in house  
**Moved:** *Chihong Choi* *Lost (2,5,0)*

- Computing Resources for Staff

Chihong reported that three new computers are required under in kind support, and Fiona also asked for an update in software.

**[DEC09-16] MOTION:** That three new computers, 2 Macs and 1 PC, be obtained under in kind support, along with new software (Office 2008, and new anti-virus software)

**Moved:** *Rashmi Kumar* *Carried*

- O-Week Stall

Sid reported that the O-Week stall was going ahead, and was likely to cost \$1,200.

*Meeting closed 8.42pm*