



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT THE SUPRA OFFICES AT 6:00PM ON THE 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2011.

Chair: Angelus Morningstar

Minutes: Thomas Munro

Meeting starts: 6:32

Present: Cyrus ACAEMENIAN, Heidi CLAUS, Marie GERMA, Katherine HARPER, Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN, Marie INDELICATO, Lian JENVEY, Hye KIM, Angelus MORNINGSTAR, Christopher NEFF, Alex THOMAS, Bradley WELLS, Felicity WILSON,

1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

2. Housekeeping

2.1. Apologies Hye KIM (arrived 7:15) Pip MURATORE, Ayu PUSPITA, Peter STEPHENS, Simone WHITE, Alice BRANDLI

2.2. Proxies

Rosemary WHITECROSS carries the proxy for Pip MURATORE

Hye KIM will be late, proxy to Alex THOMAS.

Lian JENVEY carries the proxy for Simone WHITE

Heidi CLAUS carries the proxy for Peter STEPHENS

Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN carries a proxy for Alice BRANDLI, and Felicity

Christopher NEFF carries he proxy for Bradley WELLS

Katherine HARPER left at 6:35 Proxy to Bradley WELLS

Marie left 7:55

3. Guest Presentation

I am currently in negotiation with Su Hanfling. Who is the Director of Library Services to come and answer questions about the Fisher Library Redevelopment project.

Attached documentation: Report from the Student Consultative Committee on the Fisher Library Redevelopment Project.

4. Elections

- 4.1. **Call for nominations**
- 4.2. **Call for Returning Officer**
- 4.3. **Presentation by Nominees**
- 4.4. **Election by Ballot [In Camera]**
- 4.5. **Business Arising From Reports**

Attached documentation: Nominations for:

James FLYNN

Tim SCRIVEN

Katherine HARPER elected Returning Officer

Result: Tim SCRIVEN has been elected to council.

5. Minutes of Meetings

- 5.1. **Minutes of the meeting of Council 25th of July 11**
- 5.2. **Minutes of the meeting of Workplace Consultative Committee, 25th August 11**
- 5.3. **Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Meeting, 29th August 11**
- 5.4. **Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee, 9th September 11**
- 5.5. **Business Arising From Minutes ***

Recommendation: That Council accepts the tabled minutes, with noted amendments.

Attached documentation: Minutes of the abovementioned meetings.

Preliminary Legal Advice

[Motion 1/110921] That when SUPRA gives an endorsement to a campaign, that this does not automatically approve resourcing to any associated action, and that these should be approved on a case-by-case basis.

Mover: Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN

Seconder: Christopher NEFF *Result:* CARRIED 4 against

NB: The recommendations that SUPRA seek external legal advice is already underway. I have been in contact with the Public Interest Law Clearing House who are reviewing our concerns.

NB: The recommendations that SUPRA make a motion by circulation regarding the continuing endorsement of Max Brenner actions was conducted. The proposed motion was "That SUPRA does *not* endorse the Max Brenner actions as part of the BDS campaign."

This motion was carried with 16 For, 1 Against, 7 votes not returned. Additionally two of the non-voters wished to note for the record, that they would have voted against the motion.

6. Reports of Meetings

- 6.1. **Report of Policy Committee, 12th September 11**
- 6.2. **Report of Community Engagement Committee, 30th August 11**
- 6.3. **Report of Publications Committee, 30th August 11**
- 6.4. **Business Arising From Reports**

Attached documentation: Reports of the abovementioned meetings.

Amendment: That we remove “Zionist pigs” from the minutes.

Mover: Lian JENVEY

Seconder: Heidi CLAUS Result: FAILED 9 against

[Motion 2/110921] That we accept the tabled minutes and remove the term “Zionist pigs” and replace it with “allegations of offensive and racist language.”

Moved From the Chair: PASSED 1 against, 3 abstentions.

7. Officer Reports *

7.1. President Report

7.2. Vice-President (Policy)

There was interest in putting information on the website about same sex marriage. This shall be discussed further at the Publication Committee.

7.3. Vice-President (Community)

7.4. Secretary

7.5. Treasurer

The last two meetings of the Budget Committee have been inquorate, has been rescheduled for 4pm on the 6th of October.

7.6. Director of Student Publications

7.7. Women’s Officer

7.8. International Student Officer

7.9. Queer Officer

7.10. Disability Officer

There was interest in including a Disability space on the website, this will be discussed further at the Publication Committee.

7.11. Indigenous Officer

7.12. Business Arising From Reports

[Motion 3/110921] That Council accepts the tabled reports of Offices.

Moved from the Chair Result: CARRIED unanimously

8. Governance

8.1. Councillor Responsibilities *

Recently a number of issues have highlighted the need for members of Council to understand their obligations in providing a workspace free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, and vilification. It is imperative that Council take firm steps towards addressing cultural practices within our workplace, between members of Council and Staff, and between members of Council.

Attached documentation: NSW Work Cover Prevention of Bullying in the Workplace

HREOC Workplace bullying

HREOC Disability Discrimination/Harassment fact sheet

HREOC Race Discrimination/Harassment fact sheet

HREOC Sex Discrimination/Harassment fact sheet

8.2. Resolution Review

One of the recommendations from the Planning Meeting was for a substantial review of the history of policy statements. To this effect, it would be advisable to call a separate meeting of Council in early October to conduct this review, including a review of finance, policy, and other related features of SUPRA's internals.

Recommendation: That Council call for a meeting of Council in the first week of October to conduct a quarterly review.

Recommendation: That we have a review of the server for restructuring/accessibility.

8.3. Committees

8.3.1. Formation of Strategic Committee

One of the difficulties of any Planning Meeting has been that these meetings are not formally constituted and have no formal ground to formulate motions, policy or other strategy.

In particular, this has proven problematic in that recommendations were confirmed during this meeting that had an absolute majority of Council in favour of them, and yet there was no way to make those binding.

By constituting a strategic committee, these meetings can meet with roughly the same format, but have general authority to discuss issues directed to it by Council. Ideally, the relationship would be for Council to deliberate on the political or societal issues, and policy statements, but for Strategy Committee to develop a plan to realise this.

Recommendation: That Council constitute a Strategic Committee as an Executive Committee, with terms of reference to be for the focused deliberation on the realisation of strategic priorities and agendas. That this committee be Chaired by the President and convened where called by Council or the President. That membership be exclusive to membership of Council and that these meetings be held as *in camera* meetings.

[WITHDRAWN by the chair]

There will be additional Council meetings called instead (with all the same requirements of Council.)

A Doodle Poll will be circulated to discover the best time.

8.3.1. Renaming of Casework Triage Committee

Staff have advised that the term Casework Triage Committee is contentious.

Recommendation: That Council rename the Casework Triage Committee, the Casework Committee.

9. Policy

9.1. Policy Ratification

The following policies are up for ratification by Council.

Recommendation: That Council ratify the tabled Regulations and Policies.

Attached documentation: SUPRA Facilities Regulations;
SUPRA Grievance Regulations
SUPRA Safer Spaces Charter;
SUPRA Code of Conduct;

9.2. Policy Amendments

[Motion 4/110921] That in section 5.01 of Rules of Order under Voting, it be added to the constitution that we can have secret ballots when they are called for.

Moved from the Chair

Seconder: Kylee HARTMAN-WAREEN Result : PASSED with 5 against

Amendment: That in section 06.01 it be made explicit that these privileges are subject to the will of council.

Mover: Lian JENVEY

Seconder: Marie INDELICATO Result: CARRIED unanimously

Amendment: That in section 05.02 we return to the wording to only allow members to carry proxies.

Moved from the chair

Seconder: Rosemary WHITECROSS Result: CARRIED unanimously

[Motion 5/110921] That Council amend the Rules SUPRA Financial Regulations as proposed, with given amendments, as long as it is in accordance with the Enterprise Agreement.

Moved from the Chair

Seconder: Rosemary WHITECROSS Result: CARRIED unanimously

10. Political and Social Forum

10.1. Terms for the Student Fellow of Senate *

The University Senate is currently considering whether to extend the length of the student Fellowships from one to two years. SUPRA is asked to deliberate and provide an official position on this.

The first question is whether SUPRA endorses or rejects of the idea of a two-year term for student fellows.

The second question is whether SUPRA endorses or rejects the idea of students whose enrolment has completed being allowed to complete their term as a student fellow.

[Motion 6/110921] That we reject the idea of a two-year term for student fellows and that we reject students who are no longer enrolled completing their term.

Moved from the Chair

Seconded: Bradley WELLS Result: PASSED unanimously

10.2. Student Wellbeing and Development *

The University is currently attempting to develop a theoretical framework relating to Student Wellbeing and Development. Council are asked to reflect on the material provided and give the President direction on how SUPRA would like to understand student wellbeing and development.

The President has attempted to articulate SUPRA's possible position, based on what he thinks would reflect the opinions of Council. Council is invited to provide comment.

Attached documentation: Perspectives on Student Wellbeing and Development

SUPRA Perspective on Student Wellbeing and Development [draft]

Angelus will circulate documents for comments and consideration.

10.3. Squatting Eviction at St Michael's Church

That Angelus should draft an open letter of support for the student protesters to be sent to the university and Catholic Church (Cardinal Pell.)

11. Other Business

11.1. Absenteeism at "Student voices: SUPRA Panel."

There was a panel organised for the Sydney Teaching Colloquium held in the Law School Foyer on Tuesday, September 20th to which nobody turned up. It seems this was due to a scheduling error and more effort will be taken to facilitate communication about these events in future.

11.2. Length of eGrad

Suggestions as to how to make eGrad shorter and more accessible to students will be discussed in the Publication Committee.

11.3. Problems with Intimidation and Bullying

Anti-bullying training is taking place on the 17th of November. This is mandatory for all executive members of council and all members of council are encouraged to attend.

Meeting Ends: 8:24