



SYDNEY UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 6:00PM ON 21ST OF NOVEMBER 2011 AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

Chair: Angelus Morningstar

Minutes: Thomas Munro

Attendance: Cyrus ACHAEMENIAN, Alice BRANDLI, Heidi CLAUS, Marie GERMA, Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN, Hye KIM, Angelus MORNINGSTAR, Thomas MUNRO, Pip MURATORE, Christopher NEFF, Tim SCRIVEN, Rosemary WHITECROSS

1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

2. Housekeeping

2.1. Resignations

2.2. Apologies

Ben FERRIS, Katherine HARPER, Marie Elena INDELICATO, Lian JENVEY, Kanagharekha NAIDU, Peter STEPHENS, Alex THOMAS

2.3. Proxies

Heidi CLAUS carries the proxy for Lian JENVEY and Peter STEPHENS

Hye Ryun KIM carries the proxy for Alex THOMAS

Pip MURATORE carries the proxy for Marie Elena INDELICATO

Bradley WELLS carries the proxy for Ben FERRIS and Katherine HARPER

2.4. Leave

Kanagharekha NAIDU has requested leave until 29th of February.

2.5. Notifications

3. Elections *

3.1. Call for nominations

James FLYNN

Sivaraman PURUSHOTHUMAN (Siva)

3.2. Call for Returning Officer

Pip MURATORE was elected returning officer,

3.3. Presentation by Nominees

3.4. Election by Ballot

Sivaraman PURUSHOTHUMAN was elected to council.

3.5. Business Arising From Reports

4. Minutes of Meetings

4.1. Minutes of the meeting of Council, 20th of October, 11

4.2. Minutes of the meeting of Management Committee, 26th October 11

4.3. Minutes of the meeting of Management Committee, 9th November 11

4.4. Business Arising From Minutes

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

Attached documentation: Minutes of the abovementioned meetings.

[Motion 01/111121] That we pass all non-starred items in the agenda.

Moved from the chair.

Seconder: Christopher NEFF

Results: CARRIED

5. Reports of Meetings

5.1. Report of the meeting of Policy Committee, 1st November, 11

In Officer Report

5.2. Report of the Community Engagement & Publications Committee, 7th November, 11

In Officer Report

5.3. Business Arising From Reports

Recommendation: That Council accepts the tabled reports.

Attached documentation: Reports of the abovementioned meetings.

6. Officer Reports

6.1. President Report *

The President spoke to the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) as outlined in documents circulated to council. Currently SUPRA has not been invited to take part in the Budget Allocation Committee. The university appears to be acting in good faith but we have not been given any guarantees for our involvement in the fund allocation process.

The President's Report contained a list of dates for proposed council meetings for the following year. The latest we can hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is May. It was proposed that we hold it on Tuesday the 22nd of May from 1-5 PM. This will hopefully attract more people than last year.

[Motion 02/111121] That we accept the proposed dates for council meetings and the AGM for next year.

Moved from the chair.

Seconder: Marie GERMA

Results: CARRIED, 1 abstention

6.2. Vice-President (Policy)

[Motion 03/111121] **That SUPRA supports the ongoing strike and picketing by womrkers from the Baida chicken factory in Melbourne and that SUPRA donates \$200 to the strike fund and makes public statements of support and raise awareness of the issue to the largest extent possible.**

Mover: Lian JENVEY

Seconder: Heidi CLAUS

Results: FAILED 10 Against

There was disagreement over offering funds without having been requested or knowing more information.

[Motion 04/111121] **That SUPRA supports the ongoing strike and picketing by workers from the Baida chicken factory in Melbourne and makes public statements of support and raise awareness of the issue to the largest extent possible.**

Mover: Christopher NEFF

Seconder: Thomas MUNRO

Results: CARRIED 7 Against, 2 Abstentions.

6.3. Vice-President (Community)

6.4. Secretary

6.5. Treasurer

6.6. Director of Student Publications

6.7. Women's Officer (Vacant)

6.8. International Student Officer

6.9. Queer Officer

6.10. Disability Officer

Cyrus has been working with Adrian and the disability service at the university. They will e updating the website with disability information. Special consideration has been an ongoing issue with students with a disability, especially in relation to privacy.

6.11. Indigenous Officer (Vacant)

6.12. Business Arising From Reports

The following reports were tabled late. Council should determine whether to accept them.

Vice-President (Policy), Treasurer, Vice President (Community), Director of Student Publications.

The Disability Officer report has not been submitted.

[Motion 05/111121] **That Council accepts the tabled reports of Offices.**

Moved from the Chair.

Results: CARRIED

7. Governing *

7.1. Address to Council by Postgraduate Fellow-Elect

James Flynn, the Postgraduate Fellow-elect addressed council to outline his plans for the upcoming year. He is interested in attending and engaging with SUPRA council meetings and will circulate his contact details to SUPRA councillors.

7.2. Regulations Ratification

As the regulations were not circulated to council this item was postponed to next council meeting.

8. Other Business

8.1. Staff Cuts

Michael Spence has released a video to staff outlining the University's intention to cut staff by about 7%. The National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) has called a meeting to discuss this on Wednesday. Heidi will be a delegate from SUPRA to the NTEU meeting.

8.2. Ad Hoc Postgraduate Student Representative Committee

Christopher NEFF wishes to start a committee for all of the postgraduate student representatives from various faculties to meet and share ideas and strategies. Council generally approved of the idea and the President offered his support. This was deferred to Community Engagement Committee to sort out the details.

Meeting End: 8:10