



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 5.30 PM ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 2009 AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

Chair: Rashmi Kumar/Nick Irving

Minutes: Rosemary Whitecross/Kathryn Stachyra

Present: Rashmi Kumar (Co-President), Richard Bailey, Rosemary Whitecross, Chihong Choi (Treasurer), John Nowakowski, Fiona Curran, Lian Jenvey (Vice-President), Heidi Claus, Kathryn Morgan, Yuanjie Shen, Kathryn Stachyra

Apologies: Surya Setiyaputra, Peter Stephens, Corey Payne, Siddhanth De, Kayla Ren

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of Council, September 9, 2009 – Correct Kathryn Tan to Kathryn Stachyra

[OCT09-1] MOTION: That these minutes be corrected with appropriate corrections

Moved: *Fiona Curran* *Carried*

Minutes of Management Committee, August 31, October 6, and October 19, 2009

[OCT09-2] MOTION: That these minutes be accepted

Moved: *Nick Irving* *Carried*

[OCT09-3] MOTION: That items 5 and 7 be considered first

Moved: *Rosemary Whitecross* *Carried*

3. Funding Negotiations/SUPRA's Budget Submission

[IN CAMERA]

[OCT09-5] MOTION: That there be a Working Group focused on the budget meet on Monday, October 26, 3pm

Moved: *Nick Irving* *Carried*

4. New Budget Procedure

[IN CAMERA]

5. Office Bearer Reports

a. Co-Presidents' Report

[OCT09-6] MOTION: That SUPRA endorses the campaign against 'Hot Desking' in Education and Social Work, and will draft and circulate a petition

Moved: *Nick Irving* *Carried*

b. Vice President's Report

Lian raised the issue of the UNSW Postgraduate Council, and recommend that SUPRA not continue its involvement in issue for various reasons.

c. Secretary's Report

d. Treasurer's Report

6. Equity Officer Reports

- a. Queer Officer
- b. Women's Officer
- c. International Officer
- d. Policy Convenor
- e. Publications Convenor
- f. Activities Co-convenors

[OCT09-7] MOTION: That the reports be accepted on bloc

Moved: *Nick Irving*

Carried

7. Election of Graduate Fellow of Senate

Rashmi commented on the upcoming elections, and stated that commenting may be outside the mandate of SUPRA.

[OCT09-8] MOTION: That SUPRA send an email recommending that constituents who are eligible vote, and that SUPRA recommends Ruchir Punjabi

Moved: *Rashmi Kumar*

Carried

8. Appointment of Probation Review Committee nominees for SUPRA staff

Kathryn Stachyra nominated herself to the committee.

9. Request for Support

SUPRA has been approached by a student to write to the Transport Union opposed to the privatisation of the rail easements.

[OCT09-9] MOTION: That Richard Bailey write a letter directly to the Transport Union regarding the privatisation.

Moved: *Nick Irving*

Carried

10. Allocation of Councillors to Standing Committees

Fiona requested to be removed from the Activities Committee

Fiona and Kathryn Stachyra requested to join the Management Committee

11. Resignation of Corey Payne from Council

Corey Payne's Resignation was accepted by council

12. Other Business

- A policy for coursework examination procedures was delegated to Nick and Chihong
- A document was to be drafted by Heidi and Lian on councillor behaviour