



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 5.30 PM ON
THURSDAY 23rd JULY AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

Chair: Rashmi Kumar/Nick Irving

Minutes: Jason Judge

Present: Rashmi Kumar, Nick Irving, Lian Jenvey, Chihong Choi, Jason Judge, Rosemary Whitecross, Richard Bailey, Heidi Claus, Cipi Morgan, Mo Li, Yuanjie Shen, Surya Setiyaputra, Fiona Curran, Kunyuan Liang, Siddhanth De, Xiaoxi Ren.

Heidi Claus left at 7.30PM due to prior commitments. Lian Jenvey accepted Heidi Claus's proxy vote.

Apologies: Corey Payne, Peter Stephens

Lian Jenvey accepted Peter Stephen's proxy vote.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Minutes

That the minutes of the SUPRA council meeting held June 11th be accepted. MOVED Rashmi Kumar. Amended to include Peter Stephens present. CARRIED

3. Office Bearer Reports

- a) Co-Presidents
-verbal report given
- b) Vice-President
-verbal report given
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer

That the office bearer reports are accepted. MOVED Jason Judge CARRIED

4. Officer Reports and Updates

- a) Queer Officer
-verbal report given
- b) Women's Officer
-no report given
- c) International Officer
- d) Activities Convenor
-no report given
- e) Campaigns and Policy
- f) Publications
-no report given

That the officer reports and updates are accepted. MOVED Richard Bailey CARRIED

5. Appointment of new Councillors to fill vacancies

Rashmi Kumar was appointed by Council as returning officer.

Nominations were received from Paolo Mazzi, Siddhanth De, Fiona Curran, Xiaoxi Ren, Grace Han, Kunyuan Liang, Shuangyan Li.

Siddhanth De, Fiona Curran, Xiaoxi Ren and Kunyuan Liang were present and addressed Council with regards to their nominations.

Paolo Mazzi, Sid, Fiona Curran, Xiaoxi Ren were elected to the SUPRA Council.

6. Office Bearer elections

Procedural motion was proposed by Rashmi Kumar to add Office Bearer elections to the agenda.

-Activities Convenor

Ming Tang, Yuanjie Shen and Siddhanth De forwarded nominations.

Yuanjie Shen and Siddhanth De agreed to run as Activities Co-convenors.

Yuanjie Shen and Siddhanth De were elected by Council as Activities Co-convenors.

-Policy Officer

Heidi Claus nominated.

Heidi Claus was appointed Policy Officer

-Publications

Fiona Curran nominated

Fiona Curran was appointed Publications Officer

6. Committee and Induction allocations

Activities Committee- Fiona Curran joined.

7. Funding Arrangement Negotiations

SUPRA is to enter negotiations with the University with regards to funding. SUPRA is considered a Professional Service Unit (PSU) by the University and must compete for funding with other PSUs on-campus (eg USU, SRC etc.) SUPRA must formulate a budget submission to be presented to the University. Rashmi Kumar/Nick Irving recommended establishing a working group to discuss the budget submission.

That council establish a negotiations working group, subject to the terms of reference:

-that the working group will be able to make binding decisions based on majority vote.

Any decisions made can be taken to the negotiations, unless they are in writing OR there are disputes (in which case they must be referred to council).

-that all Executive Committee members are automatically part of the working group.

-that a staff member is able to sit in on the working group discussions (at the discretion of the working group) but that this staff member will be unable to vote on any procedures.

-that appointees to the working group will meet every Tuesday at 9AM for at least the next 4 (four) weeks.

MOVED Rosemary Whitecross CARRIED

Staff members Adrian Cardinalli and Caroline Vu have put their names forward to be part of the working group.

8. Forum proposals

(a) International students and violence

(b) Decriminalisation of abortion

That SUPRA budget \$200 for the decriminalisation of abortion campaign. MOVED
Rashmi Kumar CARRIED

9. Redfern Legal Centre update

Rashmi Kumar, as SUPRA President 2008/09, decided to allow the Redfern Legal Centre services to be extended to selected international students from Newcastle University. That SUPRA endorses Rashmi Kumar's decision to have the Redfern Legal Centre assist the Newcastle students. MOVED Rashmi Kumar CARRIED
That SUPRA requests John Fell to match SUPRA's Redfern Legal Centre budget to Ingrid Van Tongeren's workload, until the end of 2009. MOVED Rashmi Kumar CARRIED

10. Resource Room Policy

That the Council accept the Resource Room Policy. MOVED Jason Judge CARRIED

11. Planning Day

A SUPRA Planning Day will be held on Friday, July 31st, in the SUPRA offices.

12. Requests for support

(a) CCCC

That support for CCCC is deferred to Management Committee. MOVED Rashmi Kumar CARRIED

(b) Stop the Intervention Collective

That SUPRA puts forward \$300 in support of the Intervention Rollback Action Group for their advertising needs. MOVED Rashmi Kumar CARRIED

13. Other Business

That SUPRA puts forward \$300 in support of Students for Palestine. MOVED Lian Jenvey CARRIED
Rosemary Whitecross ABSTAINED