



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 5:00PM ON 23RD AUGUST, 2010 AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

Chair:	John Nowakowski
Minutes:	Angelus Morningstar
Present:	Sophia Barnes (left 6:45pm), Chihong Choi (arrived 6:40pm), Heidi Claus, Kylee Hartman-Warren Kylee (entered 6:50pm), Nick Irving, Rashmi Kumar, Angelus Morningstar, John Nowakowski, Elizabeth Scally, Bradley Wells (left 6:45pm), Rosemary Whitecross (arrived 5:36pm)
Meeting Opened:	5:29pm

1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country conducted by the Chair.

2. Apologies, Absentees, Leave and Proxies

2.1. Apologies

Apologies: Richard Bailey, Fiona Curran (on leave), Andrew Elder, Hanrui Li, Pip Muratore (on leave), David Robertson, Alex Rosser, Simone White, Lynne Xie

2.2. Absentees

Absent: Ahmed Surobbhi Nusrat, Katherine Petersen
Both the Councillors Ahmed Surobbhi NUSRAT and Katherine PETERSEN have been absent without apologies for three Councils in succession. As per the Constitution 5.16 (a), their seats have been declared vacant.

2.3. Leave

Alex Rosser has requested an extended leave of absence until the 5th of September.
[Motion 01/100823] That SUPRA Council grant Alex Rosser a leave of absence until the 5th of September.

Proposed: Angelus Morningstar *Results:* Carried

2.4. Proxies

Proxies: Heidi Claus carried Simone White's vote.
Richard Bailey requested via e-mail, to have his proxy transferred to Heidi Claus or Lian Jenvey.



[Motion 02/100823] That SUPRA Council accept the proxy received via e-mail of Richard Bailey to be carried by Heidi Claus.

Proposed: Angelus Morningstar *Results:* Carried

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

3.1. SUPRA Council, 20th July 2010

3.2. Management Committee, 27th July 2010

3.3. Management Committee, 3rd August 2010

3.4. Management Committee, 13rd August 2010

3.5. Management Committee, 17th August 2010

3.6. Publications Committee, 28th July 2010

Copies of the minutes were circulated electronically. Also, copies of reports from staff were manually circulated.

Amendment: To change the date in the SUPRA Council minutes 20th July 2010 to reflect the correct date.

Council requested the rephrasing of a number of statements which improperly reflected the tone and expression.

[Motion 03/100823] That SUPRA Council accept the tendered minutes for SUPRA Council, and Management Committee with amendments.

Proposed: Angelus Morningstar *Results:* Carried

The detailed and attributed minutes consequently triggered a discussion. During this conversation objections were raised over how much of the discussion should be captured and reflected in the minutes.

It was commented that the minutes had been completed and circulated well in advance to ensure sufficient time to respond to issues raised.

It was affirmed that Council motions enabled the Secretary discretion in the means of minute taking, and consequently iterated his previously stated position that while discussions would be redacted for the formal minutes, transcripts would be kept on file for Council record.

4. Reports from the Executive

4.1. President

4.2. Co-Vice-Presidents

4.3. Co-Treasurers

Due to a miscommunication error, the report for the Co-Treasurers was submitted late. The report was tabled to be reviewed in the subsequent Council meeting.

4.4. Secretary

Copies of these reports will have been circulated.



Several points were raised regarding the reports, concern that a bullet-point format did not provide enough detail, though counterpoints entailed that such bullet-point enabled quick and simple reading of the report for Council meeting.

The President responded that he would provide a more detailed report in future.

5. Reports from Office Bearers

- 5.1. Women's Officer
- 5.2. Queer Officer
- 5.3. International Student Officer
- 5.4. Disabilities Officer

Copies of these reports were circulated.

On the matter of the Child Care survey outlined in the Women's Report, it was considered that even though a report had been conducted in 2006, it would be useful to re-conduct one for more up to date information.

[Motion 04/100823]

That SUPRA Council accept the reports of the Executive and Office Bearers.

Proposed: Angelus Morningstar

Result: Carried

6. Motions Raised in Reports

[Motion 05/100823]

That Council abolish the 'Activities Committee' and establish a new committee called 'Community Engagement Committee'. The aim of this committee shall be to organise and facilitate SUPRA's activities and involvement with the community in and around the university.

Proposed: Heidi Claus

Result: Carried (+7,1a)

7. Employment of Administration and Publications Officer

[IN CAMERA]

Council deliberated over the employment of an Administration and Publications Officer.

[EX CAMERA]

8. Access and Use of SUPRA Resources

[IN CAMERA]

The Chair spoke to this item.

[EX CAMERA]

9. Request for Affiliation

The Council of International Students Australia have submitted a request for SUPRA to affiliate, with an affiliation fee of \$200.

[Motion 07/100823]

That SUPRA Council support and endorse the affiliation request.

Proposed: John Nowakowski

Result: Carried (6+,3a)



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Chihong spoke to the issue, noting that CISA has 56 founding members, containing 30 student representative councils, and constitutes a new national peak body of student representation.

It was formed in response to what MLC has been doing, as government and universities are reluctant to speak to international students. CISA would advocate nationally on behalf of international students. He noted their lack of funds, and therefore the affiliation fee, but was happy for the fee to come out of ISO budget.

The Chair noted that it serves to replace NLC, and that the Human Rights Commission has already recognised it in favour of NLC.

10. Other Business

10.1. Policy Committee Meeting

Rashmi Kumar noted a call for a Policy Committee Meeting, which would be called by email circulation.

10.2. Vice-President Hours

Chihong Choi noted that the Co-Treasurers have reviewed the Budget, because constitutional changes will remove the Activities Convenor. Chihong noted that even with this reduction, if the Vice-President hours increase to 21 per week each, this will increase the deficit by \$13,000.

The Chair responded that this is the sort of discussion that needs earlier notice. That Council hasn't actually accepted the drafted duty statements, whether we're including the new proposed positions, and other discussions on the stipends policy. These discussions would be best left to next Council Meeting.

11. Advice of Next Council

Next Council was called for Monday, 6th of September, 2010 at the SUPRA Offices, with a 5:30pm arrival for a 6:00pm start.

Meeting Closed:

6:59pm