



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 3.00 PM ON
TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2009 AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

Chair: Rashmi Kumar/Nick Irving

Minutes: John Nowakowski

Present: Rashmi Kumar (Co-President), Heidi Claus, Kathryn Stachyra, Surya Setiyaputra, Richard Bailey (to 4.20), Rosemary Whitecross, Paulo Mizzi, Chihong Choi (Treasurer), Nick Irving (Co-President), John Nowakowski (Acting Secretary), Fiona Curren, Bram Hertasing (from 3.50pm), Sophia Barnes (Subscriber, from 4.45pm)

Apologies: Ming Tang, Lian Jenvey (Vice President), Siddhanth De, Cipi Morgan

Meeting Opened: 3.15pm

Heidi Claus provided Lian Jenvey's Proxy Vote

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. SAAO Complaint [IN CAMERA]

Recess: 4.20-4.25

Richard Bailey left, 4.20

3. Minutes

Minutes for the Meeting on October 16 were not received

4. Office Bearer Reports

a) Co-Presidents

Clarification on Attachment 1, Point 5(a) – Progress is being made and policy is now on the way

b) Vice-President

Discussion deferred to the next meeting due to absence of Vice President

c) Secretary

Due to the resignation of Jason Judge, John Nowakowski has been acting in the position

d) Treasurer

MOTION: *That the reports be accepted*

Moved: *Rosemary Whitecross* Carried

5. Officer Reports and Updates

a) Queer Officer

No report received

b) International Officer

Nick Irving and John Nowakowski backed Attachment 5, Point 1 and identified their support on the matter

c) Activities Convenor

Discussion deferred to next meeting due to absence of Convenors

d) Campaigns and Policy

Heidi Claus reminded the council that there are two rallies this upcoming weekend – Saturday, November 28 for Same Sex Marriage, and Sunday, November 29 for Refugees

e) Publications

Fiona spoke to three points on her Report (Attachment 8)

1) The Counter Course Handbook survey is open until December 2, and has had approximately 480 respondents. A breakdown of responses will be provided for International vs. Local students for the International Officer, and other reports may be provided

2) The SAAO section for the Postgraduate Survival Guide was a little late, but it is expected that the content will be finalised soon

3) Links had been provided for the survey on the Su Pra facebook page and it was recommended that other councillors could also circulate the survey through their own networks and mailing lists

Motion: *That the reports of the Convenors and Officers be accepted*

Moved: *John Nowakowski* Carried

6. Appointment of new Councillors to fill vacancies

Rashmi identified that there are two vacancies on council at the moment and that a number of people had applied. However, only the application from Sophia Barnes could be located for the meeting. This matter was deferred to the next meeting to ensure fair and equitable applications.

7. Election of Secretary and Disability Officer

Due to the resignation of Jason Judge from the position of Secretary, an appointment from council is required. John Nowakowski is the only applicant. Appointed unanimously

Due to the formation of the role of Disabilities Officer, an appointment to the position is required. Kathryn Stachyra is the only application. Appointed unanimously.

The council acclaimed the new appointees.

8. Budget for 2010

Heidi Claus updated the council as to the recent informal budget group meeting. Nick Irving confirmed issues raised. Rashmi Kumar opened for nominees to an official Budget Working Group. Nominations were received from: Richard Bailey, Heidi Clause, Lian

Jenvey, Rashmi Kumar, Nick Irving (to December 4), John Nowakowski, Chihong Choi, and Rosemary Whitecross. Richard Bailey was appointed as chair (in absentia).

Motion: *That the following terms of reference be used by the Budget Working Group:*

- Develop a budget for approval by the council*
- Look into budgetary procedure*
- Provide a new budget with suitable line items to John Fell by January 1*

Moved Nick Irving Carried

Procedural Motion: To suspend item 9 on the agenda to after item 10

Moved: *Rashmi Kumar*

10. WCC

Rashmi Kumar informed council that a Workplace Consultative Committee has been convened, and council was required to appoint members. Previously, these had been Rashmi Kumar and Rosemary Whitecross. Rashmi proposed it should be herself and Nick Irving

Rosemary Whitecross suggested that a non-executive member be appointed, and Bram Hertasing volunteered.

9. SUPRA/SRC Drinks

Drinks were to be held on Thursday, November 26, as thanks to the SRC for their assistance with the hiring of a Publications Officer and Administration Assistant.

11. Other Business

Rashmi Kumar advised that the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations ACM was being held in Melbourne from December 2-4. Only Rashmi and John Nowakowski had nominated to attend, and no further nominations were received.

Nick Irving raised a matter for consideration, relating to the movement of the council year to match the financial year.

Meeting Closed: 5.10pm