



**MINUTES FOR A RECALLED MEETING OF COUNCIL
NEW LAW SEMINAR ROOM 444
4:00PM ON 25TH FEBRUARY 2013
[EX CAMERA]**

Chair: Angelus Morningstar

Minutes: Mike de Waal

Attendance: Angelus Morningstar, Mike de Waal, Timothy Scriven, Joanne Gad, Siva Purushothuman, Bishara Marzook, Kylee Hartman-Warren, Kareena Denley, Pip Muratore

1 Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

The President opened the meeting at 4:15pm with an Acknowledgment of Country.

2 Governance

2.1 Apologies

Amy Mao
Audrey Irish
Thomas Munro
Zhila Bahman
Peter Mendis
Tuba Omer
Nicole Doughty
Stephen Beverley
Andrew Rhodes
David Follent
Sam Usama

2.2 Proxies

Peter Mendis to Alice Brandli (2nd pref: Mike de Waal, 3rd pref: Kylee Hartman-Warren)
Tuba Omer to Mike de Waal
Nicole Doughty to Mike de Waal (2nd pref: Tuba Omer, 3rd pref: Joanne Gad)
Thomas Munro to Joanne Gad (2nd pref: Timothy Scriven)
David Follent to Kylee Hartman-Warren



2.3 Starring of Items

The President requested that with the consent of Council, we might unstar the items already discussed at the inquorate meeting. There was general consensus.

3 Minutes of Meetings

3.1 Minutes of the previous month's meetings

- 3.1.1 Council Meeting, 24th January
- 3.1.2 Management Committee, 29th January [Inquorate]
- 3.1.3 Management Committee, 4th February
- 3.1.4 Management Committee, 11th February

Motion [FEB13-01]: That Council accepts the tabled minutes, with noted amendments.

Moved: Angelus Morningstar **Seconded:** Mike de Waal **Consensus.**

Attached documentation: Minutes of the abovementioned meetings.

★ 3.2 Business Arising From Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4 Reports of Meetings

4.1 Reports of the previous month's meetings

- 4.1.1 Policy Committee

Motion [FEB13-02]: That Council accepts the tabled reports.

Moved: Angelus Morningstar **Seconded:** Mike de Waal **Consensus.**

★ 4.2 Business Arising From Reports

There was no business arising from the reports.

5 Elections

There were no nominations for Casual Vacancy positions.

6 Officer Reports

★ 6.1 President

Angelus Morningstar

The President reported that we are still in process of trying to finalise our second move. We have negotiated an informal agreement that we will move during the second week of semester. All staff and office-bearers have been living under duress while at the current location.

Motion [FEB13-03]: That SUPRA Council acknowledge the dedication and hard work of all its members of staff and office-bearers, noting the duress they have experienced in the current location as compounded by the tragedy of John Nowakowski's death.

Moved: Angelus Morningstar **Seconded:** Siva Purushothuman **Consensus.**

The President further reported that various University committees have acknowledged John Nowakowski's contribution to their committees. He had also been in contact with John's brother Pete and discussed the potential of an award in John's name.

The President noted that he had submitted the SSAF report and provided it to Council.

Leak

The President addressed the recent leak of Council information to Crikey Media. The President found it disturbing. This person has gone straight to media and not raised it at Council. There was always a door open to enquire directly.

Fair Work Ombudsman

The President informed Council that a request been submitted to review the Ombudsman's 2012 decision regarding the case of Stephen Kilkeary, as investigation conducted at the time was a bit informal.

Joanne Gad left the room at 4:32pm.

Joanne Gad entered the room at 4:38pm.

Motion [FEB13-04]: That the discussion relating to the Fair Work Ombudsman be moved *in camera*.

Moved: Angelus Morningstar **Seconded:** Kareena Denley **Consensus.**

The meeting moved ex camera.

★ **6.2 Vice President (Community)**

Timothy Scriven

6.3 Vice President (Policy)

Kylee Hartman-Warren

★ **6.4 Vice President (Publications)**

This report will be delivered verbally by the President.

6.5 Treasurer

Joanne Gad and Khawaja Almas

6.6 Secretary

Mike de Waal

6.7 Education Officer

Joanne Gad

6.8 Equity Officers

6.8.1 International Officer

Tuba Omer

★ 6.8.2 Disabilities Officer

Timothy Scriven

This report was not delivered on time. Council will vote on whether to accept it at the meeting.

6.8.3 Queer Officer

Tom Munro

6.8.4 Women's Officer

Kareena Denley

Due to the Women's Officer's Leave of Absence for most of the previous month, no report was given.

6.8.5 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer
David Follent

6.8.6 Equity Convenor
Tom Munro

Motion [FEB13-06]: That Council accepts all tabled and starred reports.

Moved: Angelus Morningstar **Seconded:** Kareena Denley **Consensus.**

★ **6.9 Business Arising From Reports**

There was no business arising from the reports.

The Chair moved procedurally to item 8.

★ **7 Budget 2013**

This item was deferred.

★ **8 SUPRA Electoral Reform**

Motion [FEB13-07]: That SUPRA Council adopts all electoral reform as recommended at the previous meeting, except that pertaining to a minimum ticket size.

Moved: Angelus Morningstar **Seconded:** Mike de Waal **Consensus.**

The President moved procedurally to item 14.

★ **9 Returning Officer**

This item was deferred.

★ **10 SUPRA Policy Regulations**

This item was deferred.

★ **11 SUPRA Acquittals for 2012 Audit**

This item was deferred.

★ **12 Inductions**

This item was deferred.

★ 13 Orientation Week

This item was deferred.

★ 14 Support for the Post Study Work Visa Petition

Motion [FEB13-08]: That SUPRA Council supports the ACACIA petition to Minister Chris Bowen regarding the International Student Post Study Work Visa.

Moved: Kylee Hartman-Warren **Seconded:** Angelus Morningstar **Consensus.**

Kareena Denley left the room at 5:31pm.

The President adjourned the meeting for 15 minutes.

At 5:46pm, the meeting did not regain quorum. The meeting lapsed.

★ 15 Staff Resignation [In camera]

This item was deferred.

★ 16 Postgraduate Education Network

This item was deferred.

17 Delegation of Presidential Authority

This item had been discussed at the inquorate meeting.

Attached documentation: Memo on Presidential Authority

★ 18 Review of Presidential Stipend

This item was deferred.

★ 19 CISA Affiliation 2013

This item was deferred.

Attached documentation: Correspondence with CISA regarding affiliation

★ 20 Other business

There was no other business.

APPENDIX: RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN INQUORATE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD FEBRUARY 19TH, 2013 IN NEW LAW SEMINAR ROOM 100

Chair: Angelus Morningstar

Minutes: Joanne Gad and Mike de Waal

Attendance: Angelus Morningstar, Mike de Waal (from 7:00pm), David Follent, Joanne Gad, Kylee Hartman-Warren, Nicole Doughty (until 6:25pm), Kareena Denley, Audrey Irish, Pip Muratore (from 6:40pm), Timothy Scriven

Apologies: Andrew Rhodes, Alice Brandli, Khawaja Almas, Stephen Beverley, Zhila Bahman, Amy Mao, Thomas Munro, Tuba Omer, Siva Purushothuman

Guests: Francine Seeto (SUPRA SAAO)

Resignation: Marilena Indelicato

The Council Meeting held Tuesday February 19th, 2013 was unfortunately inquorate. However, those in attendance agreed upon a number of Recommendations to table to Council. These will be debated at the recalled meeting, to be held at 4:00pm on Monday February 25th, 2013.

Items requiring immediate deferment

3. Minutes of meetings
4. Reports of meetings
5. Elections
6. Officer reports

Items where recommendations were agreed

8. SUPRA Electoral Reform

Three items were discussed.

Closed-campus campaigning

The Vice President (Policy) facilitated a discussion on closed-campus campaigning (i.e. how involved non-University of Sydney postgraduates can be in elections). It was raised that we need be aware of careful formulation, as these policies can be quite restrictive. The SRC policy is liberal, but last year was interpreted very conservatively by the Returning Officer.

It was generally agreed that sharing information online should not, and probably could not, be restricted. It is much more important to have on-the-ground campaigning regulated. The Vice President (Community) argued in favour of punitive measures only for on-the-ground campaigning; logistical and online support should not be punishable.

The President noted that donations and material contributions should only come from members.

The meeting recommended that SUPRA ought regulate resources and material donations, and regulate public (i.e. on-the-ground) representations. Other types should not be punished.

Ticket Sizes

The Vice President (Policy) facilitated a discussion on ticket sizes. She noted that the current recommendation is for tickets of 2-15 candidates. Any more than that number and #16 is very unlikely to get elected.

The President advocated for an unlimited ticket size with a financial constraint. If a ticket hypothetically has 100% of the voter support, they should be allowed to form a full Council.

Some councillors favoured smaller tickets, noting that this supports outsiders. Ten as a maximum would be good.

A straw poll revealed a preference for a ticket limit of 10-15 nominees, rather than a full limit.

Above/Below the Line Voting

The Vice President (Policy) facilitated a discussion on above/below the line voting. She noted that the current recommendation is the status quo (“no-line”). The discussion concerned the difficulties associated with explaining “the line” to voters. It was noted that the Returning Officer would help voters with the system. However, the Vice President (Policy) noted that a line still disadvantages people who are 10th on a ticket, and supports electoral hierarchy. The President responded that hierarchy is inevitable in politics and is often necessary for achieving results.

A straw poll revealed that the status quo was strongly preferred by the Council.

The meeting recommended that the ticket limit should remain at 15.

The meeting recommended that the ballot paper does not have a “line”.

10. Delegated Authority

The President explained the memorandum put forward.

Councillors made several amendments that were amenable to the President.

The meeting recommended that the below changes be made:

3.02 Council ought have power to overrule any interpretation of any instrument, even the President’s interpretation.

3.01.02 In circumstances, a particular officer-bearer may have a particular duty to discharge SUPRA regulations, not just the President.

Staff Strike

The Vice President (Community) spoke passionately in favour of SUPRA publicly endorsing the upcoming staff strike. The Vice President (Policy) agreed, but queried whether SUPRA would be legally liable for its actions, noting some statements of the Vice-Chancellor at student representative meetings.

It was queried whether SUPRA should endorse the strike by a vote of councillors, or by endorsement of its constituency. Asking the constituency would strengthen SUPRA as a representative body.

The meeting recommended that SUPRA should inform its constituency of the strike, and ask for their opinions on whether SUPRA should publicly endorse the action, by poll and/or by comment.

The meeting closed at 8:42pm. All recommendations were adopted to be taken to a quorate meeting of Council. All other items were deferred.