



## MINUTES FOR A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN OLD TEACHERS COLLEGE ROOM 427 ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2017 AT 6PM

**Chair:** Ahmed Suhaib  
**Minutes:** Melanie Stevenson  
**Attendance:** Ahmed Suhaib, Melanie Stevenson, Karen Cochrane, Kiriti Mortha, Oliver Moore, Alexandra Nixon, Lily Matchett (*left 6:15pm*), Rachel Evans, Samantha Fredman, Elizabeth Millar (*arrived 6:20pm*), Connor Duncan (*arrived 6:20pm*),  
**Staff:** Adrian Cardinali, Dhaval Shukla (*entered 6:11pm*), Joshua Preece (*entered 6:11pm*),  
**Guests:** Eila Douglass, Wenting Siong, Marguerite Biasatti

### ★ 1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

Ahmed Suhaib (A. S.) opened the meeting at 6:06pm and performed an acknowledgement of country.

We acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation as the traditional custodians of the land. We acknowledge that the land upon which we meet is stolen land, and that sovereignty was never ceded. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend those respects to all First Nations persons here. This always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.

### ★ 2. Governance & Declaration of COI

#### 2.1. Apologies

Thomas Greenwell  
Kevin Dong  
Brandon Munn  
Rebecca Johnson  
Mariam Mohammed  
Connor Duncan (10 mins late)  
Mike Butler  
Nick Rowbotham  
Nick Avery

#### 2.2. Proxies

Thomas Greenwell to Nick Rowbotham (2<sup>nd</sup> preference to Nick Avery, 3<sup>rd</sup> preference to Oliver Moore)

Kevin Dong to Joshua Preece (2<sup>nd</sup> preference to Cameron Nottingham, 3<sup>rd</sup> preference to Dhaval Shukla)

Brandon Munn to Oliver Moore (2<sup>nd</sup> preference to Melanie Stevenson, 3<sup>rd</sup> preference to Cameron Nottingham)

Rebecca Johnson to Kiriti Mortha (2<sup>nd</sup> preference to Blythe Worthy, 3<sup>rd</sup> preference to Karen Cochrane, 4<sup>th</sup> preference to Oliver Moore)

Mariam Mohammed to Kiriti Mortha (2<sup>nd</sup> preference to Maliha Aqueel, 3<sup>rd</sup> preference to Oliver Moore)

Connor Duncan to Melanie Stevenson (2<sup>nd</sup> preference to Cameron Nottingham, 3<sup>rd</sup> preference to Joshua Preece)

Mike Butler to Kiriti Mortha

Nick Avery to Karen Cochrane (2<sup>nd</sup> preference to Rachel Evans, 3<sup>rd</sup> preference to Gareth Charles, 4<sup>th</sup> preference to Alexandra Nixon)

### 2.3. Starring of Items

Council is invited to star any agenda items they would like discussed.

**Recommendation:** That council approves all unstarred items.

**Motion [170214-01]:** That council approves all unstarred items.

**Motioned:** Lily Matchett

**Seconded:** Karen Cochrane

**Carried.**

**3 abstentions**

### 2.4. Resignations (if relevant)

Susan Nelson is resigning her council position to be replaced by Eila Douglass.

**Motion [170214-02]:** That council accepts the resignation and accepts Eila's nomination.

**Moved:** Lily Matchett

**Seconded:** Rachel Evans

**Carried.**

Thomas Greenwell is resigning his council position to be replaced by Natasha Heenan.

**Motion [170214-03]:** That council accepts the resignation and accepts Natasha's nomination.

**Moved:** Alexandra Nixon

**Seconded:** Lily Matchett

**Carried.**

## 3. Minutes and Reports of Meetings

### 3.1. Minutes of the Previous Month's Meetings

3.1.1. MEETING OF COUNCIL, 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017

3.1.2. MEETING OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

### 3.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

## 4. Officer Reports

### 4.1. Executive Reports

4.1.1. PRESIDENT



Lily Matchett (*report submitted late due to computer issues*)

Ahmed Suhaib

*Dhaval Shukla, Joshua Preece entered 6:11pm*

Lily Matchett (L. M.) covered her report. It included a Co-VP handover, as well as having been at a climate conference. In January, Lily attended the ASEN Training camp as well, giving workshops on how to lobby. She also spoke about event organising with the postgraduate women's collective. Meetings included the EBA agreement, committee work, SSAF negotiations, meetings with staff regarding her role as co-President, and also working on staff hours. She has begun some induction preparation, as well as EGM and the council meeting preparation. Finally, she has been liaising with other organisations that SUPRA works with, introducing herself and Ahmed as taking over from Tom.

**Motion [170214-04]:** To accept Lily's co-President report

**Moved: Karen Cochrane**

**Seconded: Joshua Preece**

**Carried.**

*Lily Matchett left 6:15pm*

#### 4.1.2. VICE PRESIDENT

Nicholas Avery

Karen Cochrane (*none submitted as new to the role*)

#### 4.1.3. EDUCATION OFFICER

Rachel Evans



Alexandra Nixon (*report submitted late*)

Alexandra Nixon (A. N.) spoke to her report. She stated she has been working on handover, including server files, as well as policy committee files. Whilst she hasn't been able to attend any inductions yet, she has signed up for some in the coming weeks. She has been in contact with unions to start the fight for SCA staff. She has had handover from Ahmed regarding the counter course handbook. One of her projects is trying to get in contact with conservatorium students, who are vastly under-represented in SUPRA. She also wrote a letter for SCAR to unions about planned action for O-Week; the date has been set for the action. She also stated she now has a fit to work certificate.

*Elizabeth Millar, Connor Duncan arrived 6:20pm*

**Motion [170214-05]:** To accept Alexandra's co-Education officer report.

**Moved: Rachel Evans**

**Seconded: Lily Matchett**

**Carried.**

#### 4.1.4. TREASURER

Kevin Dong

#### 4.1.5. SECRETARY

Melanie Stevenson

Cameron Nottingham



#### 4.1.6. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Nick Rowbotham (*no report submitted*)

Nick was not present to speak to his report. He has not claimed hours as of recently, due to him taking up a fulltime job.

## 4.2. Equity Officer Reports

### 4.2.1. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER

Connor Duncan

### 4.2.2. DISABILITIES OFFICER

Gareth Charles

### ★ 4.2.3. INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Dhaval Sanath Shukla

Dhaval Shukla (D. S.) spoke to his report. He wishes to bring up motions in item 4.3.3.

**Motion [170214-06]:** That council accepts Dhaval's report

**Moved: Karen Cochrane**

**Seconded: Joshua Preece**

**Carried.**

### 4.2.4. QUEER OFFICER

Rachel Evans

### ★ Oliver Moore (*report submitted late due to computer issues*)

Oliver Moore (O. M.) spoke to their report. They spoke about completely handover and setting goals for the rest of the term. They have had collaborative planning meeting with the undergrad women's and queer officers. The queer beers event has been organised. They have liaised with the ally network, attended planning meetings and organised a press release. Oliver has attended 2<sup>nd</sup> CAPA equity meeting, although it was inquorate, and they been in contact with CAPA regarding 'value postgrads'. Helping to organise an outreach trip to Wagga with AQSN. Oliver has been liaising with Mardi Gras regarding the no pride in detention float. Oliver is hoping to organise social schedule, revamp the Facebook group, and create a skills workshop for petitions/lobbying. Melanie Stevenson (M. S.) asked who had control of the Facebook group, O. M. is attempting to find out.

**Motion [170214-07]:** To accept Oliver's Queer OB report

**Moved: Dhaval Shukla**

**Seconded: Karen Cochrane**

**Carried.**

### ★ 4.2.5. WOMEN'S OFFICER

Mariam Mohammed (*no report submitted*)

Mariam was not present to speak to her report.

### ★ 4.2.6. RURAL AND REGIONAL OFFICER

Elizabeth Millar (*report submitted late*)

Elizabeth Millar (E. M.) spoke to her report. She is appointing a deputy office so the portfolio can receive some attention, as she is in fulltime work currently. She received expressions of interest from Eila Douglass (E. D.) and Joshua Preece (J. P.). She chose to

appoint Josh as a deputy rural and regional officer. He is an experienced office bearer, capable of taking this on at the last minute. She spoke about how Josh would be taking over the portfolio and E. M. would be there for support. She hopes he would do a basic analysis of postgrad R&R numbers and disciplines, and use this as a strategy to boost numbers at events in the future. M. S. agreed with this, stating that medicine had a mandatory 25% rural & regional students and stated that many other degrees would not have as high of a level of representation.

**Motion [170214-08]:** To approve Elizabeth's rural and regional report

**Moved: Dhaval Shukla**

**Seconded: Joshua Preece**

**Carried.**

#### 4.3. Business Arising from officer reports

##### 4.3.1. PRESIDENT QUESTION TIME

J. P. asked A. S. about how he plans to deal with the appearance/media related to the EGM the following night. He stated that if we don't explain the situation fully and properly it could leave us open to students believing we are discriminating. A. S. stated that the report that was presented to council will be presented tomorrow night. M. S. stated that in camera minutes (of when the NTEU spoke) would not be able to be presented. O. M. stated that the NTEU's point of view was very important in this situation. They also spoke about the legitimacy of having it at this time of year, as this situation has dragged on for such a long time. M. S. suggested inviting someone from the NTEU to attend. A. S. stated he would get in contact.

D. S. asked about quorum and if we are expecting to meeting quorum at the EGM, especially outside of the semester time. A. S. stated we had enough RSVPs at the moment. M. S. stated it was good to stress that the RSVP was only necessary for catering. Adrian Cardinali (A. C.) said that we could advise the NTEU that staff would be happy with their presence.

Marguerite Biasatti (M. B.) asked about quorum. A. S. stated it is 25. Samantha Fredman (S. F.) asked if we could present a timeline showing how long this has dragged on for. Rachel Evans (R. E.) stated that a report will be circulated before a vote and this will detail everything. M. B. asked about who has voting rights. A. S. stated any member of the society.

D. S. asked who is holding the office for the disability officer. It was stated that Marguerite could not be a deputy officer as she is not a councillor. She is helping out in an informal capacity at the moment, currently scheduled for this month.

*Gareth Charles entered 6:42pm*

Gareth Charles (G. C.) spoke of the troubles of getting a deputy appointed. M. S. asked about an end date. Initially, it was January the 31<sup>st</sup> but they have been sharing the role and will likely continue for the rest of the term, with G. C logging hours and reimbursing M. B.. D. S. stated that M. B. shouldn't feel like she's doing all the work.

**Motion [170214-09]:** To thank Marguerite for her continued work

**Moved: Oliver Moore**

**Seconded: Dhaval Shukla**

**Carried.**

#### 4.3.2. ACTION SCHEDULE UPDATE

M. S. and A. S. gave an update.

#### 4.3.3. MOTIONS FROM REPORTS

D. S. stated he is requesting an additional \$300 for a cricket match. He itemised his budget and stated that the SRC was initially supportive financially and since has pulled out. He stated that SUSF can pay for equipment and not for money/drinks. M. S. asked why cricket balls were not considered equipment, as they were part of D. S.'s budget. She also asked about how many postgraduate students would be present at the match. D. S. stated that balls need to be replaced after every 20 overs, and they are expecting 20 postgraduate students. O. M. stated that this was a lot of money for a small number of students. M. S. compared the total figure (\$700) to the equivalent for wine & cheese, which is accessible for more students. Kiriti Mortha (K. M.) spoke in favour, stating that an event like this has not been organised before.

*Cameron Nottingham entered 6:52pm*

R. E. asked: given SUSF gets large share of SSAF money, what are they contributing? She stated it is good to get international students together, but does seem excessive. D. S. stated the largest chunk is taken care of by SUSF, and we do have \$7500 for the next international officer, he also stated this is the first time an officer in SUPRA has even tried to contact SUSF. A. S. said not to forget that people would be watching it as well. M. B. said any activity for international students is good.

**Motion [170214-10]:** To approve up to \$300 for the international cricket match

**Moved:** Dhaval Shukla

**Seconded:** Kiriti Mortha

**Carried.**

**Motion [170214-11]:** To move the meeting in camera

**Moved:** Dhaval Shukla

**Carried.**

D. S. spoke to his supporting document. In Dec 2016, he received message regarding 485 visa for international students. 4 items were discussed, as in his document. The DIBP is ready to have monthly meetings with SUPRA. He had a meeting between Ahmed, Rachel, Karen and Dhaval to set the agenda items. R. E. wanted discussion around concession cards, stating that even though this is the federal government, they should put pressure on the state government. D. S. disagreed and stated this should come later and that they should build a relationship at the moment. D. S. plans to consult with Ingrid and the DIBP as to what information they can share. Karen Cochrane (K. C.) suggested bringing this up in the meeting. J. P. stated he was worried at the micromanagement we're doing. We have to trust equity officers to run their portfolios. R. E. stated she was unaware of a SUPRA OB meeting with DIBP, especially since we have passed motions condemning their actions. D. S. stated he wanted autonomy, that only international students would be involved in these talks. K. M. asked D. S. about his exact purpose and stated he thinks they should push for post work study visa. A. S. suggested taking this to the collective.

The below is an understanding:

**To proceed forward from this information and have future meetings with DIBP with the 4 agenda items as the main talking items and to include other international students**

**Motion [170214-12]:** To move ex camera



we should be promoting this through our networks, including eGrad. M. S. asked if people would be more/less likely to prefer this option in comparison to Stucco, A. C. stated that individuals have different needs and some would prefer the university accommodation, whilst others would prefer Stucco.

**Motion [170214-14]:** To thank Adrian for his hard, continued work to this organisation and extend this thanks to all SUPRA staff

**Moved:** Melanie Stevenson

**Seconded:** Oliver Moore

**Carried.**

*Kiriti Mortha left 7:41pm*

★ **7. Volunteers for supervisor of the year**

K. C. is asking for HDR students to be a part of the committee. O. M. said it's rewarding and a nice break from studies.

★ **8. HDR collective meetings**

K. C. was wanting to start this and have more voices in the HDR community to have a bigger voice. She aims to announce this at the first wine & cheese.

**Motion [170214-15]:** That SUPRA helps in creating an HDR collective that meets 1x/month

**Moved:** Karen Cochrane

**Seconded:** Elizabeth Millar

**Carried.**

**9. \*For noting\* - roundtable on Commonwealth Government Office for learning and Teaching**

★ **10. Returning officer**

Please find below the quote from Rafael Mazzoldi:

My quote is the same as for last year, that is, as the amount of work needed for the election is potentially variable it is a two tiered quote:

A) If no counting of votes in the general election is needed. That is, less than or the correct number of candidates for positions nominate and no on-campus polling days or general election count are required: \$3000.00

B) If there are more candidates in the general election than positions available, or for some other reason, I am required to oversee on-campus polling days and a count of votes in the general election: \$4000.00

Please note: all other election duties, such as officer bearer elections, the AGM attendance, and all other duties of the Returning officer are included in both cases.

**Motion [170214-16]:** To move to a vote

**Moved:** Cameron Nottingham

**Carried.**

**Motion [170214-17]:** To approve Rafael Mazzoldi to fill the position of Returning Officer for our upcoming 2017 SUPRA Election.

**Moved:** Lily Matchett

**Seconded:** Rachel Evans

**Carried.**

*Alexandra Nixon returned 7:45pm*



★ **11. Feminist History presentation**

**Motion [170214-18]:** For SUPRA to endorse Lily's Feminist History presentation, endorsed and hosted by the Postgraduate Women's Collective to take place on March 17th from 5:30pm-7:30pm in New Law Seminar Room 344

**Moved:** Lily Matchett      **Seconded:** Alexandra Nixon  
**Carried.**

★ **12. HDR representation on academic board**

K. C. stated the background behind this motion, that the mover believes that one of the academic board positions should be HDR, one should be coursework, one should be president for diverse representation. Cameron Nottingham (C. N.) stated that we struggle to get students onto these committees, if we start stipulating, we rule more people out. Furthermore, this would only apply for the rest of our term (4 months). He states this is frivolous and a waste of time. O. M. agrees. G. C. asks if the decision has already been made. A. S. stated it has: the academic board is Lily and Alexandria. A. C. stated we can't impose this on future councils, the most we can do is encourage diverse representation. The below motion is not valid for council to vote on.

**Motion [170214-19]:** To dismiss the rest of item 12

**Moved:** Oliver Moore  
**Carried.**

**2 against (Karen Cochrane was against)**

SUPRA has three places on The Academic Board; according to the [Terms of Reference - Academic Board](#) SUPRA's nominees consist of

5.1.3.9 the President of the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association; and  
5.1.3.10 two other postgraduate students nominated by the executive of the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association;

My (Rebecca Johnson) position on SEG RTC (Now UE-R&E) was voted on by Council, this is the only Governance position that was voted on by Council, all other SUPRA positions on Governance were appointed by Tom without seeking the opinion of the whole council. For example, the positions held by Alex and Lily on the Academic Board were not voted on, despite myself and other Councillors expressing interest in the positions directly to Tom. Additionally, when I later questioned Tom, he did mention this was a mistake but that was the end of the matter. I believe SUPRA should be more open and democratic with distribution of these positions in Academic Governance.

**Motion [170214-xx]:** The position on the Academic Board reserved for the President of SUPRA be held by the President. If we have one President then one person takes the President's place on the board. If we have joint Presidents then the position on the Academic Board should be shared by these people. In the case of a joint Presidency, the two Presidents could choose between themselves or alternate in attendance to the Academic Board. But, the other two places must be left open for SUPRA members other than the Presidents.

**Moved:** Rebecca Johnson      **Seconded:**

**Motion [170214-xx]:** That one of the other two roles allocated to SUPRA by the Academic Board be an HDR student, and the other one a Coursework Student.

**Moved:** Rebecca Johnson      **Seconded:**

**Motion [170214-xx]:** Rebecca Johnson would like to nominate for one of the positions allocated to SUPRA for the Academic Board as a HDR student.

**Moved: Rebecca Johnson                      Seconded:**

★ **13. UE-Research Committee**

O. M. stated this was one of many committees – people often don't turn up. All these positions have been decided and passed these positions on. A councillor has an objection to the way this was done. Reza is in one of these positions.

**Motion [170214-20]:** To dismiss the rest of item 13

**Moved: Oliver Moore**

**Carried.**

**Motion [170214-xx]:** That the Council consider by vote, all HDR students that express an interest in nomination to the position on the UE-Research Committee. I here again express my interest to be considered for nomination to this committee.

**Moved: Rebecca Johnson                      Seconded:**

★ **14. Date of constitutional changes**

**Motion [170214-xx]:** That voting on a new constitution should wait until most of Council is back on campus and that a sub committee or working group be formed to discuss all of the proposed changes to the constitution.

**Moved: Rebecca Johnson                      Seconded:**

**No-one seconded the motion, Failed.**

★ **15. Soapbox**

K. C. stated this has been funded in the past at a community and engagement meeting. K. C. is running them with Rebecca Johnson (R. J.). They are wanting money for snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. She stated it is great for people practising presentation skills. Cameron Nottingham (C. N.) stated this is a ManComm issue. M. S. asked how often, K. C. stated fortnightly. A. S. asked when the first date is. It is 10<sup>th</sup> March. It was decided to move this agenda item to ManComm

*Dhaval Shukla left 7:58pm*

**Motion [170214-xx]:** Supra continue to support Soapbox by including the dates on Calendars and e-grad etc, handing out flyers at O-Week and providing financial support for pizza etc. Could we also have an idea for budget of expenditure on these events. Karen may be able to more clearly express this motion during the Council meeting. Attached is a flyer with proposed upcoming dates.

**Moved: Rebecca Johnson                      Seconded:**

★ **16. Sydney College of the Arts Update**

R. E. spoke about redundancies. Staff may be employed at \$16,000 lower – spill and fill tactic. 90 of these jobs have been saved.

**Preamble**

SUPRA and SCA activists took action yesterday at the meeting management organised for all SCA teacher staff. At this meeting management told staff what has been written in the Revised Draft Plan that came out in Dec 2016. The RDP said 'it has been deemed that the most equitable way to proceed is to declare all continuing positions at SCA redundant'. So all staff were told they will get a redundancy email from March-May, that they have 7 days to reply and request another job

internally.' They will probably get employed a lower pay rate. Management moving fast to sack staff and move SCA to Teachers College level 2 and 3.

The tech staff will be given redundancy notices from June-Aug and are threatened with a \$16,000 pay cut with any jobs they are given. Management are eradicating ceramics, glass, jewellery studios. They lie in this recent SMH article SCA campaign got, 'As a result of the staff and student consultation process to date and the current proposal, facilities for glassmaking, ceramics and jewellery will be retained.'

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/shut-down-of-sydney-college-of-the-arts-at-callan-park-delayed-for-two-years-but-students-and-staff-remain-wary-20170207-gu7a5q.html>

The redundancy process management are employing is called 'spill and fill' tactic and is being tried by management against 110 science administration staff, announced in December. The NTEU have said the science admin staff are OK till February but there is still a big fight to be had. More information in this article here with the NTEU.

<https://www.greenleft.org.au/content/nteu-responds-university-sydney%25E2%2580%2599s-%25E2%2580%2598spill-and-fill%25E2%2580%2599-tactic>

**Motion [170214-21]:** That SUPRA endorse the 'Save SCA, No Spill and Fill! Stop the Staff Cuts' o-day action on Thursday March 2 at 1pm - jointly organised with the NTEU and the CPSU

**Moved:** Rachel Evans **Seconded:** Alexandra Nixon

**Carried.**

**11 in favour, 7 abstentions**

A. S. asked if this is below requested funding is coming from the education portfolio. R. E. and A. N. stated it is.

**Motion [170214-22]:** That SUPRA add \$242 to the \$758 offered to SCA (offered by ManComm meeting on Wed) for o-day costs. The total amount would be \$1000. This is to include \$200 to pay photographers to take photos of 8 studios (which will be decimated by the proposed move).

The art work will be

- a) 8-10 large a0 large canvas professionally printed photos of studio spaces and artists in them, waterproofed that will be hung and shown to people as they walk down Eastern Avenue.
- b) large 'Let SCA Stay' letters glued onto Callan Park sites

**Moved:** Rachel Evans **Seconded:** Eila Douglass

**Carried.**

**1 against, 7 abstentions**

## ★ 17. Feminist SCA Artist work defaced

R. E. spoke, stating it was probably destroyed by right-wing campaigners (she protests against guardianship). She may need to speak to our women's officer. C. N. asked about the discrepancy between the figures on her website and what we have been told. R. E. stated she could clarify that. J. P. would prefer to vote on this now and stated that a mural in Melbourne is unrelated to postgraduate students in Sydney. G. C. is reluctant to make a comment until Mariam has been consulted. This item will be presented at ManComm.

### Preamble

SCA PHD feminist Ms Saffa has painted a large mural in Melbourne on a cafe wall in a multi-ethnic suburb, Brunswick, challenging both Islamophobia within the Western world and the

profound sexism within Saudi Arabia. In the below article you can see photos of the work and the defacing. It was defaced, by, probably right wing Saudi Arabian groups. More on the issue here <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2017/feb/06/a-personal-attack-on-muslim-women-ms-saffaa-mural-defaced-in-melbourne>

She is not deterred and is redoing the mural, but it will cost her \$5000.

<https://www.gofundme.com/restore-ms-saafas-mural>

**Motion [170214-xx]:** SUPRA condemns the defacing of this SCA students work. Anti-racist and feminist art is an important antidote to the abuse and vitriol of right-wing forces emboldened by Trump's victory in the US Pauline Hanson's in Australia. We support this important work and encourage postgraduate students to become familiar with Ms. Saffa's ground-breaking work through the promotion of articles written about her campaign artwork on SUPRA FB pages. We note the gofundme appeal she has established and donate \$500 towards the repainting of the mural.

**Moved:** Rachel Evans      **Seconded:**

## ★ 18. Anti-recognise campaign

K. C. spoke to Nic Avery's motions. She stated it is a symbolic statement to change the race power laws. Nic believes that recognise has a lot of support and he is looking to give funding to the other side (opposition to recognise). C. D. and J. P. were asked to address the room. C. D. stated he would vote against the motion. J. P. stated it was not a great move and that SUPRA should respect the autonomy of office bearers. R. E. agreed, but urged C. D. to get to grassroots committees; she also stated it is best not to stifle councillors who are interested in advocacy outside their portfolio. She supports the politics of the motion. C. D. stated there was no prior consultation at this meeting. G. C. suggested that Nic Avery discuss further with C. D.

**Motion [170214-23]:** SUPRA endorses the campaign of grassroots Aboriginal activists who are seeking to provide opposition to Recognise

**Moved:** Nicholas Avery      **Seconded:** Rachel Evans

**Failed.**

**6 in favour, 8 against**

**Motion [170214-24]:** SUPRA provides direct support to the grassroots campaign by printing 2000 A5 colour flyers produced by local Aboriginal community members and assisting in their distribution.

**Moved:** Nicholas Avery      **Seconded:** Rachel Evans

**Failed.**

**8 in favour, 11 against**

## **Recommendation**

People who aren't the equity officer to discuss with the equity officers before bringing things to council if it directly affects a portfolio.

J. P. also spoke about the optics of the current EGM and with a non-Indigenous student as the policy VP not consulting with Indigenous students on this topic.

## 19. Resignation of DSP (Nick Rowbotham)

Nick Rowbotham (N. R.) has not performed his role for the last month as he is working fulltime. Councillors were not aware of his resignation until now. A. S. stated we could elect a DSP now or

elect an interim officer. C. N. stated that J. P. had performed some of this role in the previous council and especially with 4-5 months left of this term, it is best to have someone ready to go. J. P. spoke to his nomination. He spoke about how Honi submissions are now fortnight. K. C. believes we should only have an interim for now and open up to all of council. R. E. agrees. She also would prefer more people getting involved. E. D. expressed her interest in the role.

**Motion [170214-25]:** To appoint Joshua Preece as the DSP until the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017.

**Moved: Cameron Nottingham**

**Seconded: Karen Cochrane**

**Carried.**

**1 abstention**

## **20. Other Business**

K. C. announced there is an international student discussion regarding internships; she is going to go to the meeting and report back; she will email that to the international officer.

The Footbridge theatre will be finished by the beginning semester. Hazardous materials should not be of concern to SUPRA.

K. C. asked on Mariam Mohammed's behalf for \$400 for pizza for an o-week event. This will be deferred to ManComm.

G. C. enquired about internships and being paid if it is part of your degree.

C. D. spoke about an email he received from Indigenous SUPRA members asking for an urgent meeting. J. P. reiterated his previous point about the optics of tomorrow night. O. M. stated that a written report is most powerful. M. S. suggested contacting media to cover the story. A. C. stated that the chairs should understand what they can and can't say, confidentiality wise. Things that have been thoroughly investigated can be aired.

A. S. asked if members were available on Thursday to pack induction packs. C. D. asked if anyone had told other students that he was on personal leave. M. S. supported C. D. and stated that he shared information privately with OBs and this should not have left that group.

*The meeting was closed at 8:50pm*