



MINUTES FOR A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN SNH SEMINAR ROOM 3001 ON THE 12TH OF APRIL 2017 AT 6PM

Chair: Ahmed Suhaib
Minutes: Melanie Stevenson
Attendance: Ahmed Suhaib, Melanie Stevenson, Cameron Nottingham (*left 6:52pm*), Elizabeth Millar, Karen Cochrane (*left 7:45pm*), Dhaval Shukla, Eila Douglass, Rachel Evans, Natasha Heenan (*left 7:44pm*), Oliver Moore, Natasha Chaudhury (*left 8:13pm*), Alexandra Nixon, Brandon Munn (*entered 6:05pm, left 8:20pm*), Lily Matchett (*entered 6:05pm*), Kiriti Mortha (*entered 6:10pm, left 8:13pm*), Nic Avery (*entered 6:10pm*), Kevin Dong (*entered 6:18pm*), Gareth Charles (*entered 6:25pm*)
Staff: Adrian Cardinali
Guests: Isabella Breukelaar, Alex Marsh

★ 1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

The meeting was opened at 6:02pm with an acknowledgment of country performed by Ahmed Suhaib (A. S.).

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

Samantha Fredman
Cecilia Castro

2.2. Proxies

Samantha Fredman to Melanie Stevenson (2nd preference to Joshua Preece, 3rd preference to Cameron Nottingham)

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[170412-01]: To approve all unstarred items

Moved: Oliver Moore **Seconded:** Karen Cochrane

Carried.



2.4. Resignations (if relevant)

Joshua Preece is resigning his council position to be replaced by Jake Williams

Motion[170412-02]: To accept the resignation and accept Jake William's nomination.

Moved: Alexandra Nixon **Seconded:** Dhaval Shukla

Carried.

Cameron Nottingham abstained

Brandon Moore, Lily Matchett entered 6:05pm

Connor Duncan is resigning his Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander role (and subsequently his council position).

A. S. stated that another election will be called, this will be advertised in eGrad after consultation with Indigenous students.

Motion[170412-03]: To accept the resignation of Connor Duncan.

Moved: Dhaval Shukla **Seconded:** Lily Matchett

Carried.

Alexandra Nixon is resigning her Co-Education Officer role.

Alexandra Nixon (A. N.) stated that she overestimated her capabilities, especially with her health concerns, which have taken a bad turn especially in the last 2 weeks.

Motion[170412-04]: To thank Alexandra for her work as Co-Education Officer

Moved: Dhaval Shukla **Seconded:** Oliver Moore

Carried.

Motion[170412-05]: To accept the resignation of Alexandra Nixon from her Office Bearer role.

Moved: Lily Matchett **Seconded:** Eila Douglass

Carried.

The issue of there being a space in the education portfolio was raised. Rachel Evans (R. E.) thanks Alexandra for her hard work, especially around the Conservatorium issues.

Adrian Cardinali, Kiriti Mortha, Nick Avery entered 6:10pm

R. E. suggested that Nic Avery assist in the Education role. Dhaval Shukla (D. S.) asked if the constitution allows this or not. Natasha Chaudhury (N. C.) asked if Rachel would consider suggesting anyone else, as there are other members of council who may like to get involved. Melanie Stevenson (M. S.) suggested that a formal vote/deputise should not happen at this meeting, given the lack of notice given to councillors. She was happy for Rachel to delegate her

hours to Nic, especially since he is knowledgeable regarding the campaigns currently running. Kiriti Mortha (K. M.) stated that the office of Vice-President should only be assigned 21 hours and this would be giving that role more. Karen Cochrane (K. C.) noted that the hours per office would not change, just who would be claiming them. Nic Avery (N. A.) stated he was happy for Rachel to take the full position and delegate as she sees fit. A. S. quote the constitution, noting that when a co-officer resigns, the other person can take the whole role, there can be a call for nominations for the co-role or there can be a whole new election for the entire role.

Motion[170412-06]: For Rachel Evans, the current co-Education officer to take on the entire Education portfolio for the remainder of term

Moved: Nic Avery

Seconded: Oliver Moore

Carried.

Alex Marsh, Kevin Dong entered 6:18pm

3. Minutes and Reports of Meetings

3.1. Minutes of the Previous Month's Meetings

3.1.1. MEETING OF COUNCIL, 15TH MARCH 2017

3.1.2. MEETING OF COMMUNITY AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE, 21ST MARCH 2017

3.1.3. MEETING OF POLICY COMMITTEE, 30TH MARCH 2017

3.1.4. MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7TH APRIL 2017

3.1.5. MEETING OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE, 7TH MARCH 2017

3.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. Officer Reports

4.1. Executive Reports

4.1.1. PRESIDENT

Lily Matchett
Ahmed Suhaib

4.1.2. VICE PRESIDENT

Nicholas Avery
Karen Cochrane

4.1.3. EDUCATION OFFICER

Rachel Evans
Alexandra Nixon

4.1.4. TREASURER

Kevin Dong

4.1.5. SECRETARY

Melanie Stevenson
Cameron Nottingham

Ratified by council 15 May 2017

4.1.6. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Eila Douglass

4.2. Equity Officer Reports

4.2.1. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER

[Vacant]

4.2.2. DISABILITIES OFFICER

Gareth Charles *[No report submitted]*

Gareth was not present to speak to his report. A. S. stated that a stipend is not payable until a report is made. Should Gareth enter the meeting, he may speak to the report then.

[6:34pm]

Gareth Charles (G. C.) spoke to his report, he apologised for his behaviour at the last council meeting. He noted that since then, the election for the equity officer for 2017-2018 had occurred and he congratulated Marguerite who was successful. He stated that there was an electoral dispute arising but this doesn't affect Marguerite's election as the officer. He wants to start a disability working group. He also noted that in the past he didn't ask for help in writing his reports. A. S. asked if he had submitted his February report. G. C. noted this was still outstanding. G. C. noted he is not currently claiming any hours.

Motion[170412-10]: To accept Gareth's report.

Moved: Alexandra Nixon

Seconded: Dhaval Shukla

Carried.

4.2.3. INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Dhaval Sanath Shukla

4.2.4. QUEER OFFICER

Rachel Evans

Oliver Moore *[Report submitted late]*

Oliver Moore (O. M.) apologised for their late report. They spoke about work on committee meetings, being present when the academic board voted down 12-week semesters. They have also been helping out the undergraduate queer collection who have been having constitution issues at the moment. They also spoke to the first film night that they ran and hopefully there will be another one in late April or May.

Motion[170412-07]: To accept the report of the deputy queer officer

Moved: Karen Cochrane

Seconded: Rachel Evans

Carried.

Gareth Charles entered 6:25pm

4.2.5. WOMEN'S OFFICER

Natasha Chaudhary *[No report submitted]*

Ratified by council 15 May 2017

Natasha Chaudhary (N. C.) spoke to her report. She has only been in the role since the 1st of April. She has had a handover from Mariam and Louise. She stated there are new members joining the Facebook group and it is becoming quite active. R. E. asked about the survivor's network and the university not following through on their promises. A. N. stated that the facts had changes since the article was first released, but it would be a good issue to keep an eye on.

Motion[170412-08]: To accept the women's officer report.

Moved: Lily Matchett

Seconded: Alexandra Nixon

Carried.



4.2.6. RURAL AND REGIONAL OFFICER

Elizabeth Millar *[No report submitted]*

Elizabeth Millar (E. M.) spoke to Josh Preece's resignation, she is unsure if he claimed hours during his time as deputy. E. M. stated she has claimed none, but she will need to write a report to formalise it. She wishes to meet with Adrian to go over what Josh was working on. R. E. stated that nothing has been happening in this portfolio for a month and there has been a breakdown of communication regarding this position. She stressed the importance of this position being filled, especially with staff from satellite campuses being sacked. D. S. stated you can't stop someone from resigning. Eila Douglass (E. D.) did note that she put her hand up for this role and that she has been doing a lot of unpaid work with the SCA campaign. Adrian spoke to Josh's plans and stated that he was partway through achieving his goals.

Motion[170412-09]: To accept the Rural and Regional Officer's report.

Moved: Dhaval Shukla **Seconded:** Kiriti Mortha

Carried.

4.3. Business Arising from officer reports

4.3.1. PRESIDENT QUESTION TIME

D. S. asked if the presidents were enjoying the role. A. S. stated it was a fun job. Lily Matchett (L. M.) stated there were fun parts, but that grievances were not fun.

4.3.2. ACTION SCHEDULE UPDATE

O. M. asked about the capital grants application, especially with SSAF negotiations. This will come up later in other business.

4.3.3. MOTIONS FROM REPORTS

4.3.4. OTHER BUSINESS FROM REPORTS

K. C. stated that some OBs should have more detailed reports to make reports inclusive and to educate councillors on what is happening in their portfolio. This will be discussed at the next ManComm.

Discussion moved back to item 4.2.2 as Gareth was in the room to speak to his report.



5. Postgraduate issues

A. S. stated that items 15 (Assessment working party) and 17 (UoS outline) would be appropriate in item 5 and he wants to move them to this. M. S. noted that our staff member would have to wait. Adrian was amenable to this.

Motion[170412-11]: To move items 15 and 17 to item 5.

Moved: Ahmed Suhaib

Carried

5.1. Assessment working party

L. M. and A. S. want to know what the current issues are with assessment and how we can change it. They noted that the assessment working party is undergraduate orientated. They are aiming to send a submission highlighting all the issues with assessment. L. M. noted that this group was organised without any student representatives on it. A. S. and L. M. have been arguing for student representation and that a solid submission may help in this plea. K. C. asked what kind of assessment they are asking about, since HDR students have vastly different assessment to coursework students. L. M. stated they are talking about the design broadness of assessments. K. C. noted that HDR students have UE research education committee for this purpose. O. M. asked if the working party came out of the graduate studies committee and noted that faculties have such radically different assessments, so they wondered if a submission is going to impact any particular faculties, especially ones that have national body standards. They asked where we should be focusing our energy and what the timeline of this submission would be. Adrian Cardinali (A. C.) stated that assessment policies are being drafted for both undergraduate and postgraduate students. He noted that this party is looking at a higher level of conceptualisation regarding redesigning assessment, the idea being that assessment should only be used to show graduate attributes. D. S. lamented on the number of assessment he had at any one time. Kiriti Mortha (K. M.) asked about the dates for this. A. S. stated that this will be a year-long process. K. M. asked if this is broad and university wide, SUPRA should connect with faculty reps. He noted that assessment should be to cultivate skills that a graduate should have. He suggested putting together a survey.

Cameron Nottingham left 6:52pm

E. D. stated that broad changes triggered alarm bells and considered this a move to streamline away from face-to-face teaching. K. C. suggested that Education Committee should put together a survey and report back to council. R. E. stated this is beyond the scope of the education committee, we need something formal. O. M. stated that it seems like this working group is asking SUPRA to do their job for them. A. N. stated that the initial goal was for student representation on this committee. K. M. stated we should look at this as a way to improve assessments: we need to work with the university to get the most out of our academic experience. R. E. proposed to email faculty reps on the academic board warning them and encouraging them to go to AWP. A. C. noted that this was not necessarily a corporatisation of the university. He noted that the people driving this change are bright and well-intentioned people, who are working towards an entirely different way of conceptualising assessment for 70,000 students, although he did have some concerns. Rachel and Adrian will work together to contact other students. Lily and Ahmed will put up what they've already worked on on Slack.

5.2 UoS outline

A. S. stated this will be standardised for all faculties, every teacher will have to fill out the layout. We need to think about what we want in our UoS outlines. The biggest issue is that the medical school wants their UoS to be ~60 pages long. N. A. asked about introducing a section on consent

within the UoS outline, the NTEU is onboard with this. L. M. took the women's collective notes to their meeting. She stated that Professor Bridgeman doesn't have the power, but UE Education does. She also noted that the section the women's collective wanted was not regarding consent, it was more regarding resources to define harassment and then what to do if you experience harassment. She noted that it would be important to have SUPRA's details in these outlines as well. K. C. asked if we could do track changes on this. K. M. stated he was surprised that support services information wouldn't be in there as it was in the last one in his faculty. L. M. stated this is not true for all faculties.

★ 6. Verbal report from staff member

A. C. ran through case statistics: 253 advocacy cases to this point this year (231 last year), although he noted there is a timelag with data. He noted that there could be relief/expanded services now that the SSAF negotiations have been completed. In terms of emergency housing measures, we were initially successful in lobbying for extra accommodation in addition to STUCCO. However, there was a glitch in last month with the university sending invoices to residents. He noted data on tenancy matters would be coming soon. This used to be relatively insignificant but now becoming more significant (in the top 3-4 topics every year). They have rewritten the web content (self-help material). 12 week semesters was a wonderful win. UNSW trimesters. Registrar got called out here on the argument. K. M. asked for numbers for each staff member. A. C. stated they see ~1000/year and have five staff members (~200-250 per staff member). K. M. asked if the staff were being overworked? A. C. noted that he has tried to gain extra efficiencies and relieve pressure.

Motion[170412-12]: To thank Adrian and all our staff for their continued contributions to SUPRA. .

Moved: Dhaval Shukla **Seconded:** Karen Cochrane
Carried.

R. E. noted that we had a guest to speak to item 14 and she wished to move it now. M. S. noted that a guest was also present for item 7, so she suggested moving it to after item 7.

Motion[170412-13]: To move item 14 to after item 7.

Moved: Rachel Evans
Carried.

★ 7. StReSs proposal

Isabella Breukelaar (I. B.) spoke to her proposal. She stated that in the past, SUPRA has provided \$500 for a welcome part and also a Christmas party. They are wanting funding for a 3rd event, as they have extra student numbers to deal with. They are hoping to have a dinner to celebrate the end of Ramadam. She noted the 3 events cost \$4,500, they usually receive \$1000 from SUPRA and \$3000 from Westmead hub, however, they also fundraise money for smaller events. A. S. asked for the exact dollar value. I. B. stated \$500 for the dinner in June. She noted a representative doesn't come to these meetings very often, she thought she should pre-warn SUPRA regarding this request. R. E. stated she liked the name of the group, especially since 1/3 of students are experiencing significant stress and these rates are increasing exponentially. She also liked the idea of breaking the fast, noting the attacks on the Muslim community. She also noted that main campus students may wish to attend this, and that SUPRA should send along a representative to give an address. I. B. noted that someone from SUPRA usually attends the induction at the start of the year, but this was missed this year and suggested getting someone from SUPRA at another event. M. S. asked Kevin Dong if there was room in the budget to fund this event. Kevin Dong (K. D.) asked about the 22nd March introduction event and whether this was a different society. I. B. stated it was. K. D. asked how many postgraduate students would be present at their BBQ. I. B. stated 150, and smaller

events would have 30-50 students. The Iftar dinner would be 80 and the Christmas Party is usually variable. K. D. stated that photos in Honi or eGrad would be helpful

Motion[170412-14a]: To approve up to \$1500 for the year.

Moved: Rachel Evans

Seconded: Eila Douglass

6 in favour.

Failed.

Counter Motion[170412-14b]: To approve up to \$500 for StReSs Iftar.

Moved: Kiriti

Seconded: Ollie

11 in favour.

Carried.

M. S. asked for a proposal at a future council meeting. K. M. asked for contact details of who is in charge of this committee. O. M. stated we need to clarify the difference between this and the other committee.

Isabella Breukelaar left

★ 8. Sydney Talent

Motion[170412-15]: To deidentify our guest.

Moved: Rachel Evans

Seconded: Nic Avery

Carried.

A guest spoke to the NTEU and casuals network. They stated that Sydney Talent was an initiative set up by the university to provide students entry into private sector positions (as a type of recruitment agency). They noted that Sydney Talent has a separate ABN to the university. They also recruit for positions within the university, but that these positions aren't guaranteed by the EBA (up to 40% less than what was agreed to in the EBA). They noted that this may apply to postgraduate students as well. K. M. asked if the union was a part of the casuals network. The guest stated they are separate entities, but a lot of people are members of both. The guest suggested a draft log of claims, including the university and its entities. O. M. agreed with the guest but asked what SUPRA can do. M. S. suggested putting a callout in eGrad to gauge who has been wronged by Sydney Talent. A. C. gave some background to Sydney Talent, stating that the initial pitch was that it would be an employment agency to attract private companies who would hire students and pay them good wages. The theory was that they'd get good experience and talent (event though Sydney Talent would take a cut) and that they would be upskilling and adding to their CV>

Natasha Heenan left 7:44pm

R. E. stated the casual network is keen to out Sydney Talent as the EBA breakers.

Motion[170412-16]: For SUPRA to keep in contact with casual network and support any action being proposed.

Moved: Rachel Evans

Seconded: Lily Matchett

Carried.

Karen Cochrane left 7:45pm

★ 9. Co-op bookshop update

N. A. spoke to their efforts to gatecrash the AGM on the Central Coast with minibuses. They attempted to block the resolutions in the AGM, especially regarding remuneration packages for

executives (an additional \$200,000/year collectively), given that the Co-op is claiming losses. They had 27 people in the room with 40 proxies duly submitted, but these were denied by the secretary with no reason given. They were unable to obstruct the resolution, but they did manage to kick up a fuss. The issues include giving discounts to corporate clients and shifting the focus away from students. He noted that whilst it was a failure in one sense, it was successful in bring students together. They are aiming for a working group seeking to amend the constitution to include student representation. They have a lawyer investigating the denial of the proxies, stating it is unconstitutional and possibly illegal. They are hoping to building the movement nationally. A. N. asked if we can take this to CAPA? D. S. stated she could take this to CAPA.

Motion[170412-17]: To thank those who participated in the Co-op AGM.

Moved: Oliver Moore **Seconded:** Lily Matchett

Carried.

1 councillor abstained

★ 10. SUPS proposal

K. D. spoke about funding for the Teddy Bear Hospital. They received \$300 last year. K. M. asked if SUPS were under the USU. M. S. stated they weren't. O. M. questioned why they had asked for money for one event, yet given us details for more events.

Motion[170412-18]: To approve up to \$300 for SUPS.

Moved: Kevin Dong **Seconded:** Eila Douglass

Carried.

4 councillors abstained

★ 11. ResBaz proposal

A. S. stated in February 2016, postgraduate students learnt how to use software. There were 138 USyd postgraduate students present and SUPRA gave \$1000 for food. This year, SUPRA would receive different benefits if we were to support. He noted this was geared towards HDR students and we are wanting to support that community. D. S. asked if the event was successful in 2016. A. S. stated it was attended by 300 people. They received training on 3 different types of software. K. M. asked if everyone is allowed to attend. A. S. stated it was an initial invitation and people could sign up through an application process. K. D. asked if USyd students would be uninvited if we didn't fund. This is not the case. N. A. asked if the purpose of spending this money is for the benefit of our students or as an advertising campaign for SUPRA? A. S. stated it was for the students' benefit; he noted this was a non-profit event and attendees go for free. The advertising element is secondary to supporting the HDR community. Brandon Munn (B. M.) asked if this event will go ahead without our funding. N. A. asked if A. S. thought this was worthwhile for students and whether the money that we would spend would be useful. A. S. stated this is one way we can engage with the HDR community. K. M. asked if they have gone to their representative council and asked how much the entire event is costing. A. S. doesn't know if they have. K. D. noted that we would be approving \$1000 for 130 students, whereas we just approved \$500 for 180 students and suggested a lower number.

Motion[170412-19a]: To approve up to \$1000 for the ResBaz event

Moved: Ahmed Suhaib **Seconded:** Dhaval Shukla

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Failed.

Counter Motion[170412-19b]: To approve up to \$500 for the ResBaz event.

Moved: Oliver Moore **Seconded:** Kiriti Mortha

Carried.

★ **12. Tickets to Postgraduate Ball/transport**

K. M. noted that the USU & SUPRA postgraduate ball is happening on the 28th April. Last year was the inaugural ball. Ticket sales started 4th April, they have already sold out, even with an increased capacity (200 vs 120). They have had great interest from the Cumberland campus (22 people) and he scrambled to ensure tickets for them, especially since they don't have the facilities and interactions that main campus students have. He noted that they were hoping to hire a bus for \$220 (although the USU doesn't pay GST).

Motion[170412-20]: To approve up to \$200 in transport costs for students from Cumberland campus to get to the Postgraduate Ball on main campus.

Moved: Kiriti Mortha

Seconded: Natasha Chaudhary

Carried.

M. S. congratulated K. M. on his work on this event, noting that there was a lot of hype surrounding it.

K. M. stated that SUPRA had an allocation of tickets (15 for both SUPRA and the USU). 12 councillors expressed interest in these tickets (Melanie Stevenson, Rachel Evans, Eila Douglass, Alexandra Nixon, Oliver Moore, Natasha Chaudhury, Kevin Dong, Dhaval Shukla, Elizabeth Millar, Karen Cochrane, Brandon Munn, Ahmed Suhaib). K. M. will check with the USU to allocate these tickets.

★ **13. NTEU Bargaining agreement**

An update was given. The university said no to: no forced redundancies, no discrimination against superannuation, leave for casuals, minimum 4-hour shifts. The university said yes (in principle) to no unpaid work. The NTEU said no to straight to external advertising, no advertising for secondment and changes to dispute procedures. The NTEU is open to talks on 40/40/20.

Alex Marsh left 8:10pm

★ **14. Counter Course Handbook**

A. N. stated that the counter course handbook is the responsibility of the whole council. At education committee, it was suggested to create the handbook as a zine. She noted it doesn't have to be the most comprehensive document. They currently have 50 responses and they are aiming to spruik it across societies to get faculty specific responses.

Kiriti Mortha, Natasha Chaudhury left 8:13pm

E. D. offered her assistance for this item and A. N. noted that we can recycle some of the material/triumphs we've had, especially with faculties being amalgamated/administration cuts. She also hopes it can be positive and informative to both new and current students. She is wanting more responses and needs help to get these responses. She hopes to start a thread on Slack. L. M. stated she can help spread this, but we need all councillors to fill out the survey and share it with their friends.

★ **15. Assessment Working Party**

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Spoken to in item 5

★ **16. Critical reflections on Council Teamwork exercise with Lily**

Motion[170412-21]: To move this item to just before other business

Moved: Lily Matchett

Carried.

L. M. deferred this item to the next council meeting (as a priority for that meeting). She also encouraged councillors to fill in her google form on how to improve council.

★ **17. UoS Outline Skeleton**

Spoken to in item 5

★ **18. SCA Update**

E. D. stated they had a meeting with Justin a couple of weeks ago. The salient point is that Margaret Harris is looking into funding for students who have had their scholarships discontinued. However, there has been no money as of yet. There is no news on when they are moving. They were hurt by the letter stating that the Senate had decided in 2015 that the SCA would come under FASS. She also noted the SUDS spot that the SCA had been successful in getting. This will be in the last week of April, ending with a glitter party.

Brandon Munn left 8:20pm

★ **19. West Papua Solidarity Forum endorsement: 'Free West Papua Forum: Wednesday 17th May**

R. E. spoke about the forum with Benny Wender on May 17th. He is internationally renowned. She stated that people are being murdered/imprisoned. She is calling on SUPRA to endorse the event.

Motion[170412-22]: For SUPRA to endorse the forum with Benny Wender on May 17th

Moved: Rachel Evans

Seconded: Eila Douglass

Carried.

★ **20. Anti-West Connex – film screening endorsement on Wednesday 31st May.**

R. E. stated this is moving through inner west. Sydney University hasn't hosted too much regarding West Connex. She is proposing a film screening.

Motion[170412-23]: For SUPRA to endorse the film screening on Wednesday May 31st.

Moved: Rachel Evans

Seconded: Lily Matchett

Carried.

★ **21. Satellite campus voting in 2017 election**

L. M. stated that K. M. was hoping to make it easier for satellite campus students to vote in the general election. They have been working through different strategies; email voting is not feasible as it is easy to hack emails. Booths at other campuses would be expensive. M. S. stated that she is not opposed to paying to man these booths. O. M. stated the best outcome at this stage is to ensure this isn't an issue in the 2018 election, as they do not see a reasonable option to SUPRA at this stage. E. D. stated polling booths at satellite campuses are a good idea and wondered if students could man these booths. R. E. stated we need to engage with these students, as satellite campuses

are under threat from management, noting that we have to bear the cost. D. S. asked what kind of numbers we are looking at. A. S. stated it would be the hourly rate for 2 staff members, as well as travel costs. D. S. asked if this goes against the electoral regulations/notice of election already released. He noted that we couldn't change the election now. M. S. suggested a shuttle bus to bring these students to main campus. It was also noted where would we draw the line on which campuses would get booths. A. S. stated we'd have to hire more staff. E. M. stated we should be thinking about how to address this issue and suggested a working group to discuss the options and consider a pilot run. The long-term aim is for online voting in 2018. E. D. stated there is little awareness of how to even vote at smaller campuses. A. N. stated that the Con only had 13 responses for the SRC election. It might be best to push for membership initially and work on online elections going forward. L. M. noted it is not feasible for this election. This will be noted in handover for the next council, as well as the returning officer's report. E. D. noted that this could also affect those with disabilities and unable to make it to campus.

★ 22. Election arbiter

SUPRA Electoral Arbiter agrees to take on the role using the format used by the other organisations they work for, ie.

a) All complaints/appeals must be in writing and specify the section of the constitution being relied upon to support the case. It must also include copies of any evidence or witness statements being relied on.

b) The Returning Officer must also provide a written submission containing their views on the issue and if applicable the reasons for their decision (if the appeal is against a Returning Officer ruling).

c) All complaints/appeals must be forwarded by either the Returning Officer or the Electoral Organiser.

Students are not to be given Arbiter details allowing them to contact Arbiter independently.

d) If possible arbiter will give a decision in writing based on the written evidence provided. They retain the right to ask for a meeting with the parties to mediate, gather further information and/or explain their reasoning.

e) All face to face meetings will include the complainant and the Returning Officer, no others will be present without my prior approval. There will be no role for legal representation.

Arbiter fees for any such work will be at the standard rate of \$100 per hour (by Invoice).

A. S. stated SUPRA would be hiring an election arbiter to take care of elections. This should cost less than last year. M. S. asked who it would be, A. S. stated it would be Paulene Grahm, the RO for the SRC elections.

G. C. asked about the current officer being the electoral organiser for the equity elections. He asked if the President could handle a complaint/appeal. A. S. stated yes. O. M. asked about the hours anticipated. A. S. stated the least as possible, the current grievance shouldn't take more than 5 hours.

Motion[170412-24]: To approve these conditions for an electoral arbiter

Moved: Ahmed Suhaib

Seconded: Dhaval Shukla

Carried.

23. Support workers at Patrick

We the rank-and-file members of SUPRA, condemn the Patrick and Qube Brookfield bosses for organising against its workforce in Patrick Wharfie Port Botany with the deliberate attempt to



remove wharfies right to work, through automation and the introduction of sub-standard non-union jobs.

This is nothing more than a race to the bottom and an act of bastardry done in an attempt to erode decent working conditions won by class struggle.

We've come together in the past to defeat Chris Corrigan and his bastard bosses and we will certainly do it again. What we are fighting for goes far beyond defending the jobs of MUA wharfies. We know if you break the waterfront, this has severe consequences for the entire working class. As such, we will do everything in our power as concerned citizens fighting for a better future, to repeal such attacks by Patrick and Qube.

As union solidarity is stronger than corporate greed, we will draw upon the entire Australian trade union movement, as well as international working class, to protect the jobs and livelihoods of Australian wharfies.

R. E. spoke to wanting an endorsement of the above statement.

Motion[170412-25]: To endorse the above statement.

Moved: Rachel Evans

Seconded: Eila Douglass

Carried.

Kiriti Mortha abstained

Discussion returned to item 16

★ 24. Other Business

D. S. asked about amendments to the constitution, especially if councillors are graduating this semester, they may be able to get onto SUPRA council, get an OB and effectively have 9 months of paid work not as a student. SUPRA should be run by students for students. He suggested having a clause that stated you need at least 6 months left of your degree to apply to be a councillor. N. A. is onboard with that position. G. C. stated this should be discussed at the AGM. D. S. is planning to move this retrospectively.

A. S. stated the SSAF amount last year was \$1,375,000, and this year is \$1,605,438. This is a 17% increase. The aim is to get a SAAO staff/admin for legal. Over the next few weeks, he will be working with K. D. to finalise budget for this term.

Motion[170412-26]: To thank the SSAF working party (Lily, Adrian, Kevin, Ingrid, Louise, Ahmed) for their successful negotiations.

Moved: Melanie Stevenson

Seconded: Oliver Moore

Carried.

Lily Matchett abstained.

The meeting was closed at 8:50pm