



## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN NEW LAW SEMINAR ROOM 020 ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER 2017 AT 6PM

<b>Chair:</b>	Mariam Mohammed
<b>Minutes:</b>	Oliver Moore
<b>Attendance:</b>	Nic Avery, James Leeder, Rachel Evans, Daniella Eassey, Luoning Dong, Manisha Reza Paul, Kiriti Mortha, Bec Johnson, Gareth Charles, Samay Sabharwal
<b>Staff:</b>	None
<b>Guests:</b>	None

### ★ 1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

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

Jennifer Nicholson

Jeevan Jagnam

Zushan Hashmi

Jocelyn Drakakis

Elia Vinwyn

Dean Lovett

Samay Sabharwal

Marguerite Biasetti

Natasha Chaudhary

Ratified by Council 6/2/2018.

Gayatri Kotnala  
Nichole Seebacher

## **2.2. Proxies**

Jennifer Nicholson proxies to Oliver Moore (1<sup>st</sup>, Nic Avery 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Jeevan Jagnam proxies to Nic Avery (1<sup>st</sup>, Oliver Moore 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Zushan Hashmi proxies to Manisha Reza Paul (1<sup>st</sup>, Bec Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Jocelyn Drakakis proxies to Gayatri Kotnala (1<sup>st</sup>, Kiriti Mortha 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Eila Vinwyn proxies to Rachel Evans (1<sup>st</sup>, Nic Avery 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Dean Lovett proxies to Kirit Mortha (1<sup>st</sup>, Luoning Dong 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Samay Sabharwal proxies to Manisha Reza Paul  
Marguerite Biasseti proxies to Kiriti Mortha  
Natasha Chaudhary to Bec Johnson  
Gayatri Kotnala to Luoning  
Nichole Seebacher proxies to Oliver Moore  
Daniella Eassey proxies to Manisha Reza Paul

## **2.3. Starring of Items**

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

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

## **2.4. Resignations (if relevant)**

# **3. Minutes and Reports of Meetings**

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

3.1.1. MEETING OF COUNCIL, 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

3.1.2. MEETING OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

## **3.2. Business Arising from the Minutes**

# **4. Officer Reports**

## **4.1. Executive Reports**

4.1.1. PRESIDENT

Mariam Mohammed

Kiriti Mortha

4.1.2. VICE PRESIDENT

Gayatri Kotnala



Dean Lovett

Gareth Charles (G.C.) asks for an update on the branding exercise. Kiriti Mortha (K.M.) notes that the Council has set up a working group which is chaired by the Vice Presidents. The plan was to hire a branding firm but this will perhaps be amended to a graphic designer.

**Motion:** to approve the VP report

**Moved:** Kiriti **Seconded:** Daniella

**Motion carried.**



#### 4.1.3. EDUCATION OFFICER

Rachel Evans

Nic Avery (N.A.) notes the recent protests in support of the refugees and condemning their treatment by the Australain government. He notes that he has been invoved in the protest at the opera house in which he was arrested. Rachel Evans (R.E.) notes the treatment of protesters at these rallies, noting that the police have been attacking protesters and treating them very badly.

**[171207-1]:** The 2017-2018 SUPRA Council expresses its solidarity and support for the Refugees on Manus Island the Council condemns the recent instances of police repression of concerned citizens and their right to protest and the Council condemns the abuse of power by NSW police in intimidatory strip searches.

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

**Motion carried.**

**[171207-2]:** The 2017-2018 SUPRA Council endorses the Fix NSW Transport rally on January 17 2018 and provides \$500 for the purposes of printing flyers and posters to promote the rally.

**Moved:** Rachel Evans **Seconded:** Nic Avery

**Motion carried.**

**[171207-3]:** to approve the Education Officer report

**Moved:** Gareth **Seconded:** Samay

**Motion carried.**

#### 4.1.4. TREASURER

Luoning Dong *[no report received]*

#### 4.1.5. SECRETARY

Oliver Moore

#### 4.1.6. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Zushan Ahmad Hashmi *[no report received]*

### 4.2. Equity Officer Reports

#### 4.2.1. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER

Cathryn Eatock *[no report received]*

#### 4.2.2. DISABILITIES OFFICER

Marguerite Biasatti

#### 4.2.3. INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Samay Sabharwal *[no report received]*

Samay Sabharwal (S.S.) has been working to get the support for a working space for HDR students to work in the new admin building where they can interact with the staff. The taskforce has also been working on their ideas from the lower levels, they've come up with their own KPIs and ways of measuring change. They will be releasing a report next week to go to the Vice Chancellor. This includes things like language support, isolation, loneliness and career opportunity. The goal for the next month is to work with a professor on the proposal for the HDR working group.

**[171207-4]:** To approve the report.

**Moved:** Kiriti **Seconded:** Bec

#### 4.2.4. QUEER OFFICER

Oliver Moore

#### 4.2.5. WOMEN'S OFFICER

Natasha Chaudhary *[no report received]*

#### 4.2.6. SATELLITE CAMPUS OFFICER

Vacant

### 4.3. **Business Arising from officer reports**

#### 4.3.1. PRESIDENT QUESTION TIME

#### 4.3.2. ACTION SCHEDULE UPDATE

#### 4.3.3. MOTIONS FROM REPORTS

#### 4.3.4. OTHER BUSINESS FROM REPORTS

## ★ 5. **Postgraduate issues**

Mariam Mohammed (M.M.) notes that the statistics unit has been shut down. Bec Johnson (B.J.) notes that they had hired a statistician to help students work on their questionnaires and so forth. This has been cut and will be replaced with coursework in a later year. No-one is happy about this. UNSW has four full time staff in this role. They would like some of the students who complained to try the new system so they can know definitively whether or not it works. Kiriti Mortha (K.M.) notes that this unit used to cater their services to each individual students and at the time of shutdown there were 250 students using the service. He has begun conversations at University Executive and at Academic Board.

M.M. notes that engineering has had ongoing problems with timetabling and with undergrad units being combined with postgraduates. They've sent an email to the DVC Education as these issues are endemic. Recently a working group has been established on timetabling policy and SUPRA and the SRC have been invited to join.

HDR study spaces are an ongoing campaign and a working group of sorts has been established and has reached out to Bec to sit on this. The DVC Research noted that SUPRA has been pushing all the right buttons and

M.M. is in the process of writing a response to the Vice Chancellor on the Broderick Report. N.A. would like to hear M.M.'s take on the report. She notes that she will be addressing linking the consumption of alcohol to sexual assault, particularly with relation to binge drinking. She wants to note that the VC has not fully addressed the culture of binge drinking which is rampant at the colleges. K.M. notes that after the report was published they sent an email asking the student organisations if they would support banning alcohol consumption on the grounds of the university.

★ 6. **Verbal report from staff member**

K.M. notes that Adrian Cardinali has just had a baby. There was a staff development day yesterday. A report will be circulated likely on Monday.

★ 7. **HDR Ball**

B.J. notes that she has been talking about this for a while. She has sat down with a planner to get some specifics. She wants SUPRA to place the lion's share of the funding. The idea is that each student invites an academic with them to share the other half of the ticket. She would like it to be at the Great Hall. She has had some informal support from the University. James Leeder (J.L.) queries whether this is including the booking of the Great Hall. B.J. notes that she would be asking for the Great Hall for free. J.L. notes that they are pretty happy to give it to events. He is also curious about whether they thought about involving the USU. He asks about the logic of the student's choice, as this would be an enormous amount of students money going towards subsidising the academics tickets. K.M. notes that they do intend on getting the Great Hall for free. He notes that unless we have SUPRA's endorsement it won't carry any weight. He also notes that they are looking to run more events with the USU next year – they tend to treat SUPRA as ticking a box. However they're having a meeting with the USU on Monday to try and get internal HostCo pricing. K.M. notes that they would be subsidising the student's tickets and the university would bear the cost of the academic's. N.A. doesn't think it's right that we put up the same amount of money as the University given they have a huge amount of funding. B.J. notes that she wanted to maximise the experience for the students and the academics. The funding estimates is for top level cover, it will ideally be much less than this. She notes that if this was a commercial event the ticket prices would be like \$170, which is obviously too much, she is aiming for it to be on par with the postgraduate ball. She is looking at some other sectors of the university for funding which will allow her to increase the size of the event. G.C. notes that this would be a very large expenditure. He asks if there is some way to decrease the cost or if there is some idea of what sort of loss we would be likely to expect. J.L. encourages those involved to look at partnering with the USU, as their involvement seems like a small price to pay. He is also concerned that we essentially need to sign a blank cheque in order to bargain with the university.

[171207-5]: To approve Bec's proposal for \$20,000.

**Moved:** Kiriti **Seconded:** Daniella

**Motion carried.**

[171207-6]: To approve \$5000 for the event.

**Moved:** Nic **Seconded:** James

**Motion failed.**

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## 8. **Discussion: Remainder of funds from the NTEU casual strike fund**

From the strike fund donation we have a \$1050 left over and the NTEU would like to spend this on some other campaigns.

**Procedural:** To move straight to the vote

**Moved: Kiriti**

**[171207-7]:** That the leftover money be left with the NTEU to help with their campaigns for casual workers

**Moved: James Seconded: Nic**

**Motion failed.**

B.J. notes that she went to her chair of department to talk about conversion today and has been told that it's not possible. R.E. notes that she was part of the group who argued for more strike action and notes that there has been some significant advancement and thinks that it's important that the NTEU can continue their campaigns with these funds.

**[171207-8]:** to accept the NTEU's offer to return the money.

**Moved: Kiriti Seconded: Samay**

**Motion carried.**

## ★ 9. **TEQSA Conference Report**

G.C. asks if the idea of student unions working not in opposition but in partnership with their universities was discussed but that

*Quorum was lost at 7:11pm*

## 10. **Other Business**