

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY 2006 AT 6.00 PM AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

Present: Jenny Leong (President & Chair), Roozbeh Araghi, Richard Bailey, Kate Barnsley, Jodie Coleman, Lian Jenvey, Rita Lin, Viktor Pysmensky, Rosemary Whitecross

Apologies: Mal Bozic, Mike Beggs, Katie Fernandez, Adrienne Jerram, Anthony Kachenko

1. The Secretary will contact by telephone those councillors who have not attended or sent apologies to advise them of Section 6.16 of the present constitution.

6.16 The Council may resolve to declare vacant the position of any Councillor if that Councillor is absent from three consecutive meetings of Council. A meeting of Council shall be deemed to include any occasion when a meeting has been duly called and the Council is unable to meet through lack of a quorum.

2. The minutes of meeting on 12th July were noted, with changes, and will be taken to the next regular Council meeting for approval.

3. Motion: *THAT the VSU discussion be held in camera.* Moved: Roozbeh Araghi. Carried.

4. [in camera]

The following topics were discussed:

- Report in Sydney Morning Herald of purported statement by the Vice Chancellor that the university would be providing \$15 million for assisting student organizations.
- Semester 2 enrolments.
- Constitutional changes necessary post VSU.
- Personal accident insurance.
- Developing a database for membership.
- National Day of Action in Week 5.
- Interim funding.
- Future funding and revenue sources
- Business Plan
- Sharing of resources
- Membership
- Access to services
- University's VSU Working Party
- Independence
- SUPRA's basic priorities.
- Election of representatives

Principles:

- Continued independence from the university and corporations.
- Universal access to advice, advocacy and welfare services.
- Provided no cuts to services and activities, then continued management and control of SUPRA be by student representatives
- Continued effective representation for postgraduates.
- Maintenance of all services and activities

Motion: *THAT only members can be elected representatives, but all students can vote in elections.* Carried.

Motion: *THAT only members can be elected representatives and only members can vote.* 3 votes. Not carried.

Motion: *THAT all students can stand for election and all students can vote.* No support. Not carried.

5. SUPRA Ongoing Sustainability (SOS) Committee.

- Nominations for membership: Richard Bailey, Katherine Barnsley, Jodie Coleman, Lian Jenvey.
- Motion: *THAT* Richard Bailey, Katherine Barnsley, Jodie Coleman, Lian Jenvey be accepted as members of the SOS Committee. Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.
- The Treasurer and Secretary will continue to be copied in on committee e-mails.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.