

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE SUPRA
OFFICES AT 6.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 11TH APRIL 2007**

Present: Richard Bailey (Chair), Sacha van Albada, Katherine Barnsley, Fleur Beaupert, Suzanne Derok, Jessica Gerrard, Lian Jenvey, Anthony Kachenko, Jenny Leong, Rita Lin, Tara Mackenzie, Abdul Majeed, Leona Oliver, Emily Stewart, Jakob Webster, Rosemary Whitecross, Nelson Yin

1. **Acknowledgement of country**

The Chair acknowledged that we were meeting on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora nation, and offered our respects to them and their elders.

2. **Apologies and proxies:** Jack Clegg, Jodie Coleman, Estelle Noonan

3. **Nomination for Councillors:**

Motion: *THAT Jakob Webster be accepted as a SUPRA Councillor.* Moved: Lian Jenvey. Carried.

4. **Minutes of the Meetings of Council held on 22nd March and 2nd April 2007**

Motion: *THAT the Minutes of the Council meetings of 22nd March and 2nd April 2007 be accepted.* Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.

5. **Office Bearer's Reports:**

a) **President**

- The Postgraduate Entitlements Policy petition is now online. Please encourage people to sign on to it.
- Staff restructure – we have now advertised for new SAAO – if anyone knows of anyone possible or a list that this could be circulated on please let the President know. Ann Turner and Thalia Anthony (former Policy Officer at SUPRA) will be on the selection panel.
- Funding for 2008 (in camera).
- Motion as per JL report.
- Postgrad week – 28 May. There has been difficulty in getting a speaker for the forum on postgraduate education. It was suggested we should change this to a movie night.
- Enterprise Agreement negotiations (in camera). The President, Co-Vice Presidents will be the student reps, with Mike Beggs to assist where possible. Motion: *THAT Council approve the engagement of Turner Freeman to assist with the Staff Enterprise negotiations as per the Cost Disclosure Agreement (tabled).* The student representatives will bring an update to a Council meeting before signing off or agreeing to anything.
- Motion: *THAT the President's report (except section 5 to be discussed later) be accepted.* Moved; Katherine Barnsley. Carried.

b) **Co-Vice-President and Women's Officer's report**

- It was noted that the National Association of Women Students of Australia Conference 2-5 July 2007 is being hosted by Sydney. The Women's Officer has put in a proposal to the SRC that we should have a postgraduate session. Information is on the Women's Network page on the SRC website.

- Motion: *THAT the Co-Vice President and Women's Officer's Report be accepted.* Moved Sacha van Albada. Carried.

c) **Co-Vice President**

Motion: *THAT the Co-Vice President (Jack Clegg)'s report be accepted.* Moved: Katherine Barnsley. Carried.

d) **Secretary**

Motion: *THAT the Secretary's report be accepted.* Moved: Anthony Kachenko. Carried.

e) **Treasurer**

- The 2006 audit is almost complete.
- Projector and screen for movie nights. Katherine Barnsley will get quotes (including looking at whether there is a university preferred supplier).
- Motion: *THAT the Treasurer's report be accepted.* Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.

6. Equity Officers Reports and Updates

a) **Queer Officer**

- Motion: *That SUPRA considers funding for student conferences and delegates this to the Management Committee to conferences (NUS organised).* We will put a list of the conferences on e-grad and see what response we get and then consider number of delegates. The Queer Officer will e-mail the list to Council members.
- Motion: *THAT the Queer Officer's report and motion above be accepted.* Moved: Katherine Barnsley. Carried.

b) **International Officer**

- 10-15 people attended the international network meeting, which was not advertised in e-grad. Tara Mackenzie volunteered to help organise the next meeting
- SUPRA/SRC will share resources for anti-racism campaign.
- Immigration seminar. Instigated as one of the things we do once a semester. The Policy Adviser has organised. A poster is available.
- The President will approve the amount to be spent for food for the international students' network meeting on 27th April.
- Motion: *THAT the International Officer's report be accepted.* Moved: Nelson Yin. Carried.

c) **Indigenous Officer**

The Indigenous Officer has completed her course and will send a notice to the Koori Centre and the Department of Public Health to find a suitable time to have an election for an Indigenous Officer for 2007-8.

7. Publications Officer

- The cover of eXpress had errors. A sticker is being produced to cover them. Help in putting the stickers on would be appreciated.
- Launch of eXpress and launch of next conference to get a broader and more involved conference committee. Now proposed for 3rd May, 5 pm at Hermann's. Suggest a catering budget of \$300.

- T-shirts. Anne Coates to organise printing. Have SUPRA logo or SUPRA supporter. (preferably logo) on them. Aim to have for postgrad week so we can sell them then. Smaller range of size options. Get a cost for 200 t-shirts.
- Motion: THAT the Publications Officer's report be accepted, with thanks to Richard for the 2006 Conference edition of express. Moved: Fleur Beaupert. Carried.

8. Postgraduate Entitlements Policy

- Because the slogan for the May 2 rally is "Demand a better future" it would be useful to tie the Postgraduate Entitlements Policy in to that. We will get flyers that target postgrads and also promote May 2. We will also include a message in e-grad to get people to sign up to the petition. We will present to Senate (possibly outside the May 7 Senate meeting. We will develop an electronic and hard copy petition.
- Posters will be approximately \$350 for 1000 two-colour. Half will be printed with the May 2 date, half generic (split depending when they can be printed)
- We will get details of major postgrad classes to take material to.
- Motion: *THAT we spend \$350 on posters and that the Queer Officer will try to get them cheaper.* Moved Lian Jenvey. Carried.

9. Election for 2007-8 Council

- Wednesday 2nd May – Movie/international student network election.
- Have the equity officer elections either elected before council elections or deferred until after 31 May.
- Indigenous election whenever next stage of block mode for the Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Health Promotion.
- All SUPRA constituents have to have notice of general meeting and chance to participate. Only subscribers can nominate and vote.
- Motion: *THAT Council agree to appoint Ema Esteves to be the Electoral Officer for the SUPRA 2007 General Election, pending the provision of a reasonable quote to the Management Committee for approval.*

THAT the Council request the equity officers set the date for the election of 2007 equity officers in consultation with the President to be held on or before 3 May 2007.

THAT Council approve the Election Timeline (tabled) and delegate the specific planning and implementation of the election process to the Management Committee, in keeping with the following guidelines:

- *Access for students who are not able to attend in person to vote*
- *Simplicity in voting process*
- *Maximise participation by Constituents and Subscribers*
- *In keeping with the budget allocation*

THAT the Publication Officer be delegated the responsibility of compiling the Annual Report in house with assistance from the Treasurer and Administration Officer prior to 28 May 2007.

That SUPRA's 2007 Annual General Meeting be held on Thursday 31 May at 5.30pm at the SUPRA Offices. Moved: Sacha van Albada. Carried.

- It will be necessary to police whether someone is a subscriber if we have on-line voting.
- In-person voting after closing of electoral rolls – could be with a cover envelope that includes person's details.
- University all-student e-mail to send out process – get the opportunity at that stage to become a subscriber.
- The University is developing an electronic voting system for senate fellows online based on myUni site – ideal if we could use that – but not yet developed far enough.

- Recommendation to management committee to retain option to vote in person if it proves feasible and allowing people not on campus to be able to participate. Also to maximise number of people becoming subscribers and supporters. In line with budget.
- Two in-person times for voting around postgrad week would be ideal.
- Council adopts the principles but delegates to the Management Committee to make it a reality.

10. Committees

- a) Allocation of Jakob Webster to a committee deferred.
- b) Minutes of the Policy Committee – Presentation to Senate Fellows should be May 7 (not 2nd). Motion: *THAT the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 5th April 2007 (with amendment) be accepted.* Moved Emily Stewart. Carried.

11. VSU.

The will provide a briefing paper for the next meeting on what it means by VSU being repealed..

Next meeting: Wednesday 9th May at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.