

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 5.30 PM ON
WEDNESDAY 14th MAY 2008 AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

Chair: Jack Clegg, Co-President
Minutes: Rosemary Whitecross, Secretary

Present: Jack Clegg (Co-President and Chair), Heidi Claus, Cath Davies, Richard Keep, Kathryn Morgan, Emily Stewart, Thomas van Dantzig, Rosemary Whitecross, Alice Yang

Apologies: Katherine Barnsley, Tahrid Chowdhury, Sam Greenland, Abhishek Guru, Lian Jenvey, Rashmi Kumar, Jenny Leong, Leona Oliver, Yunnan Tang, 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. Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 22nd April 2008

Motion: *THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 22nd April 2008 be accepted.*
Moved: Cath Davies. Carried.

3. Confirmation of new Activities Coordinator and Acting Women's Officer

Motion: *THAT Richard Keep be confirmed as Activities Coordinator and Rashmi Kumar be confirmed as Acting Women's Officer.* Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.

4. Office Bearer Reports

a) Co-Presidents

- Kate is back from overseas, but is in Canberra for the Budget this week.
- Following up Appeals Matters with Chair and Deputy Chair of Academic Board. If not sorted out will try to get some press coverage and/or further action from Senate
- Barbecue at Nursing from 12 to 2 on 15th May.
- Officer Bearer's Reports are due for the Annual Report

b) Vice-President

c) Secretary

Returned to Australia at the beginning of May

d) Treasurer/ International Officer

e) Campaigns and Policy Officer

- Motion: *That SUPRA endorses the Aboriginal Rights demonstration against the Northern Territory intervention on June 21st.*
- Motion: *That SUPRA endorses the Aboriginal Rights Coalition Conference Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th. That SUPRA sponsor the flight of a visiting aboriginal speaker from Darwin for the Aboriginal Rights Coalition's conference. That SUPRA contributes up to \$250.00 towards the cost of printing conference material for the conference. The flight cost will be around \$500-600 and we will see if we can get the SRC to donate half the flight costs.*

Motion: *THAT the Office bearers reports and recommendations be accepted.* Moved: Heidi Claus. Carried.

5. Equity Officer Reports and Updates

- a) Queer Officer.
Has not had enough time to do much recently.
- b) Acting Women's Officer

We have to set a time/date for 3 Equity officer elections – 2 possible dates 3.00 pm on Tuesday 3rd or Thursday 5 June. We will provide cakes and drinks. Have to agree quorum – previously 10 for international students, 5 for Queer, 10 for Women, 3 for Indigenous
Jack Clegg will act as a returning officer for all equity elections.

Motion: *THAT the Equity officers reports and recommendations be accepted.* Moved: Heidi Claus. Carried.

6. Staff matters

We are currently shortlisting SAAO applications.

7. SAAO work reports - noted

8. Election of 2008-9 Council

There are currently 16 nominations

9. Postgrad Week

- Week 26th-30th May.
- Monday barbecue – 12-2
- Movie night Tuesday
- SAAO stall Tuesday
- Wednesday Migration seminar and careers talk and afternoon 5 minute thesis talks with wine and cheese
- Thursday AGM from 5.30 pm followed by party at the Royal Hotel. Need 25 people for quorum for AGM.
- Activities Committee recommend up to \$1000 for food and drinks at the Royal

10. SUPRA Committees

- (a) Motion: *THAT Council accept the minutes of the Management Committee Meetings held on 28th April and 5 May 2008.*
- (b) Motion: *THAT Council accepts the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th May 2008..*
- (c) Motion: *THAT Council accepts the minutes of the Activities Committee Meetings held on*
Motion: *THAT the minutes of the SUPRA Committees be accepted.* Moved: Emily Stewart. Carried.

11. Proposed Anti-Poverty Petition from Richard Ouvrier - noted..

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.