

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY  
POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD ON THURSDAY  
26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2006 AT 6.00 PM**

**Present:** Jenny Leong (President and Chair), Roozbeh Araghi, Richard Bailey, Kate Barnsley, Fleur Beaupert, Mike Beggs, Jodie Coleman, Lian Jenvey, Anthony Kachenko, Nick Kelly, Rosemary Whitecross, Nelson (Yue) Yin

**Apologies:**, Mal Bozic, Adrienne Jerram, Rita Lin, Estelle Noonan, Hai Nguyen, Leona Oliver (proxy to Rosemary Whitecross), Viktor Pysmensky

**1. Acknowledgement of Country**

The President acknowledged that we were meeting on the land of the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, and paid respects to their elders.

**2. Student Leadership Program**

Council noted the proposal from Adrienne Jerram in her capacity as Director, Marketing and Student Recruitment and agreed that it supported the proposal. The Secretary will pursue this

3. (in camera)

**4. Proposed changes to the SUPRA Constitution**

Although the Senate was not able to accept the changes to the SUPRA Constitution passed at the AGM on 31 May 2006 as by the time they were placed on the Senate Agenda the VSU legislation had come into effect and the Constitution no longer complied with this legislation, the Senate noted the changes at its meeting on July.

In addition to the changes required by the University and to bring the Constitution in line with VSU legislation some additional proposed changes were discussed.

All references in these minutes are to the annotated copy of the Constitution tabled at the meeting.

Old Section 3.4 (to be renumbered). Add additional sentence at the end "For the purposes of interpreting this constitution, persons granted Subscriber status in such a manner shall be considered SUPRA Constituents also."

Motion: *THAT the amendments proposed in Sections 3 and 4 of the Constitution, as tabled, with the addition of the above and associated numbering changes, be endorsed by Council and put to an Extraordinary General Meeting of SUPRA.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

Motion: *THAT the amendments proposed in Section 5 of the Constitution, as tabled, with associated numbering changes, be endorsed by Council and put to an Extraordinary General Meeting of SUPRA.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

Motion: *THAT Section 6.3 (a) of the Constitution be amended to read 'Seven General Councillor positions shall be reserved for females.'* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

Motion: *THAT the SUPRA Council approves in principle the proposed changes to Section 6.16 of the SUPRA Constitution and that it be put to the Policy Advisory Committee for rewording.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

Motion: *THAT in Section 6.21 (a) of the tabled changes 'member Constituent' be changed to 'Subscriber'.* Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.

Motion: *THAT the proposed amendments and additions to Section 6 of the SUPRA Constitution as tabled (subject to rewording of section 6.16 by the Policy Advisory Committee) be endorsed by Council and put to an Extraordinary General Meeting of SUPRA.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

Motion: *THAT Section 7.1 (b) be amended to read: "The Policy Committee, which shall have terms of reference including but not limited to campaigns and lobbying on higher education, equity, social, cultural and political issues and the needs of postgraduate students at the University of Sydney.", and that the changes proposed in Sections 7.1 to 7.9 of the SUPRA Constitution be endorsed by the SUPRA Council and be put to an Extraordinary General Meeting of SUPRA.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

Council notes that these changes will not affect the current Committee convenors.

Motion: *THAT the SUPRA Council approves in principle the proposed changes to Section 7.9 of the SUPRA Constitution and that it be put to the Policy Advisory Committee for rewording.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

*THAT the amendments proposed in Section 8 of the Constitution, as tabled, with associated numbering changes, be endorsed by Council and put to an Extraordinary General Meeting of SUPRA.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

*THAT the amendments proposed in Section 10 of the Constitution, as tabled, with associated numbering changes, be endorsed by Council and put to an Extraordinary General Meeting of SUPRA.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

Motion: *THAT the proposed Section 11 of the Constitution, as tabled with the change from 'and' to 'or' in the last line, be endorsed by the SUPRA Council and be put to an Extraordinary General Meeting of SUPRA.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

## **5. Extraordinary General Meeting**

Motion: *THAT an Extraordinary General Meeting be called by the SUPRA President for 5.00 pm on 16 November 2006 at the SUPRA Offices.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

Council noted that the Women's Officer will not be at the Council Meeting on 9 November or the Extraordinary General Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

Next Meeting: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.