

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th MAY
2006 AT 6.00 PM AT THE SUPRA OFFICES**

Present: Jenny Leong (President and Chair), Roozbeh Araghi, Richard Bailey, Kate Barnsley, Mike Beggs, Jodie Coleman, Julian Pinder, Rosemary Whitecross

Apologies: Frances di Lauro, Alison Doriean, Brian Doyle, Kirsten Harley, Lian Jenvey, Adrienne Jerram, Sophia Leon de la Barra, Anthony Kachenko, Mark Kelly, Xue Yang Li, Zhen Yi Li, Estelle Noonan, Will Noonan, Leona Oliver, Tim Roussos, Jun Zhao

In attendance: Jack Clegg

1. Minutes of meeting held on 27th April 2006
Motion: *THAT Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2006.*
Moved: Jodie Coleman, seconded Roozbeh Araghi. Carried.
2. **President's Update**
SUPRA Senate Meeting was held last night (9th May). The President will prepare a report on this for Council.
Elections – we are waiting for a response from the University as to whether they will agree to provide a host for the third party website.
3. **Secretary's Update**
Motion: *THAT Council approves the addition of Adrian Cardinali as an replacement staff signatory for Ann Turner, during the period of Ann Turner's absence on leave, on SUPRA's bank account to allow for absences of other signatories.* Moved: Rosemary Whitecross, seconded: Kate Barnsley. Carried.
4. **Women's Officer's Update**
Motion: *THAT the Council allocate \$150 to contribute to the funding of the Picnic for Parents on the 19th of May. (to be jointly held with the SRC to highlight childcare issues).* Kate to put posters in each of the child care centres to help maximise attendance.
Motion: *THAT Council allow the Women's Officer to continue to claim up to the maximum stipended hours of 7 per week until the end of the term of this Council (30th June 2006).*
Motion: THAT the Women's Officer's verbal report be noted and the written recommendations accepted. Moved: Roozbeh Araghi, seconded Julian Pinder. Carried.
5. **Report from the Postgraduate Fellow of Senate**
The Chancellor has advised that all arrangements for VSU/Second Semester will be dealt with by the Senate's VSU Task Force. The Postgraduate Fellow of Senate has asked for a meeting to be convened.
6. **Staffing** including work reports from Tyrone Lynch and Adrian Cardinali
Moved: *THAT the work reports from staff be noted and that Council commends Tyrone Lynch on his use of statistics.* Moved: Roozbeh Araghi, seconded Jodie Coleman. Carried.
Jaclyn Booton was interviewed today by a committee consisting of Yvonne Luxford (University of New South Wales), Gina Barnes, the Vice President and Secretary, and was

offered position of Administration Officer on a fixed-term contract to the beginning of December 2006.

7. **VSU Discussion**

- Second semester 2006. Union has produced a draft brochure for circulation by the university to all newly enrolling students. There is space for 200 words for SUPRA. The President will circulate draft to councillors for comments before sending off.
- SUSPORT they did not respond to our e-mail concerning joint legal advice.
- SUPRA's Issues Paper for 2007 has been submitted to the Task Force.
- SUPRA will be making a submission to the Department of Education on VSU issues in relation to the \$8 million allocation for post-VSU transition.

8. **Administration & Finance Committee**

Motion: *THAT council accepts the minutes and recommendations of the meeting held on 1 May.* Moved Roozbeh Araghi. Seconded Kate Barnsley. Carried.

9. **Policy Advisory Committee**

Motion: *THAT Council accepts the minutes and recommendations of the meeting held on 5th May.* Moved Roozbeh Araghi, seconded Kate Barnsley. Carried.

Kirsten Harley's suggested constitutional amendments document will be circulated to PAC for consideration.

Motion: *THAT Mike Beggs be appointed to the Policy Advisory Committee.* Moved Kate Barnsley, seconded Jodie Coleman. Carried. It was noted that Mike had already attended a PAC meeting.

10. **SUPRA Action Collective**

Motion: *THAT Council accept the minutes and recommendations of the meeting held on 7th April.* Moved: Jodie Coleman, seconded Julian Pinder. Carried.

It was noted that the Forum may have to be something for the next Council to consider. It could also be part of a postgraduate conference.

11. **AGM/Elections discussion**

Minor amendments to Electoral Regulations have been made. Motion: *THAT Council accepts the revisions to the Electoral Regulations, with amendments as under:*

8.3 In the event that a scheduled internet or postal ballot is not able to proceed a ballot shall be held at the AGM and advertised with two weeks notice.

8.2 cut out 'postal or internet'

Motion: *THAT Council accept the revised Electoral Regulations and that they be placed on the website immediately.* Moved Jodie Coleman, seconded Roozbeh Araghi. Carried.

There was discussion on a back-up plan if the University does not host the third party website. If it is necessary to have an election because there are more than 21 candidates, and if the university is not able to host the website, on Friday morning (12th May) the President will set up a viable back-up plan. If it is necessary to have an AGM vote – then we need 14 clear days notice that vote will take place at the AGM. An AFC meeting will be held at 5.30 pm on Thursday 11th May to approve a quote for a back-

up plan if necessary. It will be necessary to advise the Returning Officer that the agreement couldn't be met if we can't find a third party and therefore have to have an election at the AGM.

The Vice President tabled suggested guidelines for election of equity officers. Motion: *THAT the guidelines for election of equity officers should be considered by newly elected officers for the 2007-8 elections.* Moved: Roozbeh Araghi, seconded Jodie Coleman. Carried.

12. Proposal from Education Action Group

A representative from the Education Action Group attended this part of the meeting to discuss the EAG's request for SUPRA to support their meeting on 16 May. SUPRA supports the EAG's meeting on 16th May as a forum for discussion.

13. Frequency of meetings

It was noted that there had been a suggestion that Council Meetings should be held less frequently. Council noted there would be no policy change until after the next Council has been elected.

18. Other Business

There had been a request from the Students Against War collective for SUPRA to put its logo on the advertising for its meeting on 17th May. It was agreed that the President and Vice President could decide on this after seeing the posters.

Next Meeting: 25th May at 6.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.