

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY  
POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION  
6.00 PM, WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008 AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

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

**Present:** Katherine Barnsley, Tehrid Chowdhury, Jack Clegg, Lian Jenvey, Estelle Noonan, Sridhar Pulikanti, Emily Stewart, Yunnan Tang, Rosemary Whitecross

**Apologies:** Cath Davies, Thomas Huang, Wenting Huang, Richard Keep, Jenny Leong, Nicholas Wilson, Nelson Yin

**1. Acknowledgement of Country**

Jack Clegg 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.

Motion: *THAT SUPRA's 'Sorry Statement' be adopted and incorporated into SUPRA's Policy.* Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 16 January 2008**

Motion: *THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008 be accepted.* Moved: Katherine Barnsley. Carried.

**3. Resignations from Council**

Motion: *THAT the resignation of Sacha van Albada be accepted, with thanks and acclamation offered to Sacha for her work and commitment to SUPRA. Also, that the resignation of Amanda Li be accepted.* Moved: Katherine Barnsley. Carried.

**4. Office Bearer and Equity Officer Reports and Updates**

a) Co-Presidents

- It was noted that the deadline for the postgrad pages in *Honi Soit* is Thursdays at 10.00 am to Anne Coates.
- The deadline for the Office Bearer and other reports to be included Annual Report is April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The Finance Manager will be offered a new contact in line with the recommendation in the Co-Presidents Report

b) Vice President

c) Secretary

d) Treasurer/International Officer/Activities Convenor

e) Campaigns and Policy Officer

**Recommendations:**

1. That SUPRA endorse the NUS national day of action to held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, with our own demands.
2. That SUPRA endorses the Students Against War meeting to be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March hosting the Iraq Veterans Against War speaker. That this should be a joint

SUPRA/SAW forum if SAW agrees to it.. SUPRA will provide up to \$200 of in-kind Risograph support.

3. That SUPRA endorses the Unions NSW campaign against the privatisation of NSW's electricity and the demonstration and strike on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. That this endorsement should be formally communicated by one of the presidents to John Robertson head of Unions NSW.

g) Women's Officer

- The Parents picnic will be on March 16, not in O-week.

Motion: *THAT the Office Bearers and Equity Officers reports and updates and the recommendations contained therein be accepted.* Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.

**5. SAAO Work reports**

Noted.

**6. Staff**

The new solicitor, Ingrid van Tongeren, will be working 2.5 days a week Applications for the contract Student Advice and Advocacy Officer close 21 February. An advertisement will be placed for a Conference Coordinator for 2008, for up to 250 hours work – initially only advertising in the student community.

**7. Stipends**

A paper was tabled.

- Motion: *THAT the total stipend rate be increased to \$21.12 per hour, in line with the change in the APA(I) rate.* Moved: Katherine Barnsley. Carried.
- Motion: *THAT Council approve an increase in hours for the Co-Presidents to four days a week each, retrospective to January 2008.* Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.
- Motion: *THAT Council authorises Office Bearers to be paid in addition to other hours for work in O-week (to be signed off by the Management Committee) and to extend stipends to for all Councillors at a minimum of to 3 hours per week helping with O-week, inductions, enrolments and related activities, providing their name is on the roster (to be approved by the Management Committee).* Moved: Emily Stewart. Carried. Estelle Noonan and Jack Clegg will look at developing a policy for O-week, inductions and enrolments for July and next year.

**8 Audit**

Motion: *THAT the Audit Report be accepted and recommended for approval at the Annual General Meeting and that the Co-Presidents and Treasurer are authorised to sign the report.* Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.

**9. O-week**

The roster and practical matters were discussed.

**10. Risograph Use Policy**

Motion: *THAT The Risograph Use Policy, as amended, be accepted.* Moved: Lian Jenvey. Carried.

**11. Papers for Council and Committees**

It was noted that all papers for Council meetings and committee meetings should be sent to the Secretary by e-mail for permanent records.

**12. VSU**

Motion: *THAT the draft response paper be deferred to the Policy Committee meeting on Monday 3 March.* Moved: Katherine Barnsley. Carried.

**13. Callan Park**

David McKenzie will assist in preparation of a submission to the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, due 22 February, in line with the tabled draft.

**14. SUPRA's position on Australia's involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan**

Motion: *THAT the draft position statement on Australia's involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan, as amended, be accepted.* Moved: Katherine Barnsley. Carried.

**15. SUPRA COMMITTEES**

- (a) Motion: *THAT Council accept the minutes of the Management Committee Meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008.*
- (b) Motion: *THAT Council accepts the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008.*
- (c) Motion: *THAT Council accepts the minutes of the Activities Committee Meeting held on January 2008.*  
Moved en bloc: Katherine Barnsley. Carried.

Tehrid Chowdhury will be on the Management Committee as well as the Activities Committee.

**16. Council Vacancies**

The Secretary will advertise the vacant positions on Council.

**17. Leave of Absence – Katherine Barnsley**

Motion: *THAT Katherine Barnsley be granted Leave of Absence from 23 March to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008.* Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.