

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION
4 PM, WEDNESDAY 25 JULY 2007 AT THE SUPRA OFFICES**

Present: Jack Clegg (Co-president and chair), Jodie Coleman, Emily Stewart, Rosemary Whitecross, Tahrid Chowdhury, Lian Jenvey, Hans van Leeuwen (until 5.55 pm), Sacha van Albada, Nelson Yin, Jenny Leong, Kate Barnsley

Apologies: Liang Chang, Estelle Noonan, Tanya Reading, Sridhar Pulikanti

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The President 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 13th June 2007

Motion: *THAT the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 13th June 2007 be accepted.* Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.

3. Election of vacant office bearer positions

(a) Policy Officer

Lian Jenvey proposed a combined campaigns/policy position to increase the involvement of SUPRA in political campaigns, social justice, networking with other organisations, etc. This position should be 14 hours a week. This would resume the work of the paid policy officer position that was made redundant in favour of the SAAOs. It was emphasized that the policy/campaigns officer should not work in isolation, but in collaboration with committees and Council, and will remain accountable to Council.

- Motion: *THAT Council turn the position of Policy Committee Convenor into a combined Campaigns and Policy Officer position stipended at up to 14 hours.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.
- Motion: *THAT the campaigns and policy officer job description as amended by Jenny Leong be accepted as the interim duty statement, to be finalised at the next Council meeting.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.
- Motion: *THAT Lian Jenvey be appointed to the position of Campaigns and Policy Officer.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

(b) Publications Officer

If there are any vacancies left on Council after today's meeting information about the Publication Officer position will be circulated on eGrad.

(c) Activities Officer

Motion: *THAT Nelson Yin be appointed to the position of Activities Officer.* Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.

The position of Activities Officer was approved for up to 7 hours a week until the next Council meeting.

4. Office Bearer Updates

(a) Co-presidents

Motion: That the Co-Presidents' report be accepted. Moved Jodie Coleman. Carried.

It was decided that it is OK for SUPRA to circulate information about vacant Postgraduate Forum positions of USU on eGrad.

The Co-Presidents will check whether it is necessary to delegate executive authority to the Management Committee in the case that a Council meeting is inquorate, and report at the next Council meeting.

It was discussed whether certain parts of the SUPRA website should only be available to subscribers, via UniKey. It was agreed that at least basic information about SUPRA should be available to everyone. Lian Jenvey commented that it should be made clearer that it is possible to become a supporter.

(b) Co-Secretaries

Motion: THAT the Co-Secretaries' report be accepted. Moved: Jodie Coleman. Carried.

(c) Treasurer

Motion: THAT the Treasurer's report be accepted. Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.

5. Equity Officer Updates

Motion: THAT the Acting Queer Officer report be accepted. Moved: Jodie Coleman. Carried.

Council expressed its thanks to Lian for her work as Queer Officer during the past year.

6. Minutes of the Indigenous Network meeting and election of Indigenous Officer for 2007 held on 27 June 2007

Motion: THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Network meeting be accepted. Moved: Rosemary Whitecross. Carried.

7. Campaigns

Motion: THAT SUPRA donate \$1000 to the Stop Bush at APEC campaign. Moved: Lian Jenvey. Not carried.

Motion: *THAT SUPRA endorse the NUS National Day of Action on Wednesday August 22 as a SUPRA event.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

Motion: *THAT SUPRA allow access to the risograph for printing materials for each of the following campaigns:*

- *Stop Bush at APEC protest, Friday September 8*
 - *Same sex marriage right National Day of Action, Saturday August 12*
 - *Justice for Haneef! Say NO to the 'War on Terror', Friday August 3*
 - *Hiroshima Day Rally, Thursday August 9*
- and up to \$500 worth of paper, to be coordinated via Lian Jenvey and/or the Co-Presidents.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

Kate Barnsley commented that if we make materials for any of these campaigns, the SUPRA logo should be on them.

9. Stipends

It was decided that Jack Clegg revise the Stipends Policy, to be voted on at the next Council meeting. It was commented that if Office Bearers are going to be allowed several weeks paid leave per annum, perhaps at least some of it should be taken during the Christmas break, or could be used as a transition period at the end of a term.

10. SAAO work reports/casework summaries

The casework summaries were noted, and will be circulated separately from Council papers in future.

12. Risograph

Policy on the paid use of the risograph by external groups is to be developed by the Policy Committee. More training will be provided.

13. Activities Planning Meeting

The Co-Presidents will set a date somewhere in the middle of August.

14. SUPRA Committees

(a) Motion: *THAT Tahrid Chowdhury be appointed to the Activities Committee.*
Moved: Rosemary Whitecross.

(b) Motion: *THAT Council accept the minutes of the Management Committee Meetings held on 5th July, 12th July, 20th July, and 23rd July, 2007.* Moved: Sacha van Albada. Carried.

15. Election of new councillors

(a) Motion: *THAT Thomas Huang be accepted as a SUPRA councillor for the 2007-2008 term.* Moved: Jenny Leong. Carried.

(b) Motion: *THAT Yunnan Tang be accepted as a SUPRA councillor for the 2007-2008 term.* Moved: Jodie Coleman. Carried.

(c) Motion: *THAT Nicholas Wilson be accepted as a SUPRA council for the 2007-2008 term.* Moved: Sacha van Albada. Carried.

(d) Motion: *THAT Wenting Huang be accepted as a SUPRA councillor for the 2007-2008 term.* Moved: Sacha van Albada. Carried.

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm.