MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 5.30 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 2009 AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

Chair: Rashmi Kumar
Minutes: John Nowakowski

Present: Rashmi Kumar (Co-President), Richard Bailey, Rosemary Whitecross, Chihong Choi (Treasurer), John Nowakowski (Secretary), Fiona Curren, Sophia Barnes (Subscriber, to 6.30), Lian Jenvey (Vice-President, to 8.37), Siddhanth De, Jim Wang (Subscriber, to 6.30), Mimi Zhang (Subscriber, to 6.30), Jasmine Tan (Subscriber, to 6.30)

Apologies: Bram Hertasning, Paolo Mizzi, Surya Setiyaputra, Kathryn Stachyra, Peter Stephens, Jason Judge, Heidi Claus

Leaves of Absence: Nick Irving (Co-President), Kayla Ren

Meeting Opened: 5.40pm

Lian Jenvey provided Heidi Claus' Proxy Vote

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

2. Announcement of Council Vacancies
Council considered whether Mo Li, Kathryn (Cipi) Morgan, Peter Stephens, and Helin Zhu were in breach of their constitutional requirements as council members for SUPRA and should be lapsed. John cited sections 5.16(a) and (c), and 6.9(a) and (c) of the Constitution as basis for the breaches. Deliberations were had regarding the persons named, and both Lian and Richard brought up whether the “letter of the constitution” should be followed. It was highlighted that Cipi had been given less notice than the other three council members.

[DEC09-1] MOTION: That Mo Li, Peter Stephens, and Helin Zhu be lapsed, and that Cipi Morgan be contacted pending consideration.

Moved: John Nowakowski Carried (4,3,1)

3. Nomination and election of persons to fill Vacancies
Nominations have been received from 7 people for consideration to the 4 vacancies on council. Jim Wang, Xinran (Mimi) Zhang, Ming Juan (Jasmine) Tan, and Sophia Barnes all spoke to their nominations and were questioned by the councillors.

Jim, Mimi, Jasmine, and Sophia left, 6.30pm

[IN CAMERA]
A secret ballot was held and counted by Rosemary, and the following were announced as elected to council:

Sophia BARNES
Kunyuan (Kerwin) LIANG
Xinran (Mimi) ZHANG
Ming Juan (Jasmine) TAN

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings
Minutes of Management Committee, November 30 – correction to be made, Lian was apologies for this meeting
Minutes of Council, November 24

[DEC09-2] MOTION: That these minutes be accepted with appropriate corrections
Moved: Rashmi Kumar Carried

Minutes of Council, October 16 – These minutes have not yet been located, and shall be passed by email circular

5. Business arising from these minutes
None considered

6. Office Bearer Reports
   a) Co-Presidents
      [DEC09-3] MOTION: That discussion on the Juris Doctorate be held over to item 13, and the CONNECT conference be deferred to budget committee
      Moved: Rashmi Kumar Carried
   b) Vice President
   c) Secretary
   d) Treasurer
      [DEC09-4] MOTION: That the reports be accepted on block
      Moved: Rashmi Kumar Carried

7. Equity Officer Reports and Updates
   a) Queer Officer
      No report submitted
   b) Women’s Officer
      No officer
   c) International Officer
   d) Disabilities Officer
      In the process of developing a duty statement and focus for the upcoming year
   e) Activities
      Sid reported verbally that the only activity currently ongoing is a sporting event organised by Chihong.
   f) Campaigns and Policy
      No report submitted
   g) Publications
      [DEC09-5] MOTION: That the reports be accepted on block
      Moved: John Nowakowski Carried

8. Electoral Regulation Committee Update
Lian Jenvey spoke to the report, as did John. Richard Bailey mentioned that voting had previously been done at the AGM
9. Grievance Committee Update
[IN CAMERA]

10. Budget
[IN CAMERA]

[DEC09-10] MOTION: That the meeting take a 5 minute recess, and will go to the Royal after the final items for food.
Moved: John Nowakowski  Carried (7,2,0)

Meeting adjourned 8.05pm

Meeting reconvened 8.20pm

[DEC09-11] MOTION: That items 11, 12, and 13 be deferred to the next Management Committee or Council as necessary
Moved: Rashmi Kumar  Carried (7,2,0)

11. Request for support
12. CAPA report back
13. JD at Law School
Suspended

14. Merchandising
Richard, John, and Chihong all strongly spoke in the need to discuss merchandising now

[DEC09-12] MOTION: That item 14 be deferred to the next Budget Committee or Management Committee
Moved: Lian Jenvey  Lost (2,5,2)

Fiona suggested the importance of bags, but that we can make out own

[DEC09-13] MOTION: That SUPRA print 3000 wall calendars, but not reprint the mints, and not get bags, but investigate cheaper options
Moved: Fiona Curren  Carried

Sid questioned paper bags, stating that they may not be remembered

15. Probation review for Publications Officer
[DEC09-14] MOTION: That Trinity Morris’ probation report be accepted and she be invited to continue with her contract
Moved: Lian Jenvey  Carried

Lian Jenvey left, 8.37pm

16. Other Business
- Council Christmas Lunch, December 18
A lunch will be held on December 18 for councillors and staff in the office, with the office closing from 1pm
[DEC09-15] MOTION: That lunch be held in house  
    Moved: Chihong Choi  
    Lost (2,5,0)

- Computing Resources for Staff  
  Chihong reported that three new computers are required under in kind support, and Fiona also asked for an update in software.

[DEC09-16] MOTION: That three new computers, 2 Macs and 1 PC, be obtained under in kind support, along with new software (Office 2008, and new anti-virus software)  
    Moved: Rashmi Kumar  
    Carried

- O-Week Stall  
  Sid reported that the O-Week stall was going ahead, and was likely to cost $1,200.

Meeting closed 8.42pm