AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 6:00 PM ON 24TH JUNE, 2011 AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

Chair: Angelus Morningstar
Minutes: Thomas Munro
Present: Heidi CLAUSE, Ben FERRIS Katherine HARPER, Lian JENVEY, Angelus MORNINGSTAR, Thomas MUNRO, Pip MURATORE, Bradley WELLS, Rosemary WHITECROSS, Cyrus ACHAEMENIAN

Meeting Opened: 6:04

0. Appointment of Chair or Minute Taker
Procedural: That Thomas MUNRO be appointed minute taker.
Moved from the chair. Result: CARRIED

1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

2. Housekeeping

2.1. Resignations
Natalie HAMAM, Councillor-elect has submitted a written resignation.

2.2. Apologies
Marie GERMA, Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN, David LATIMER, Elizabeth SCALLY. Felicity WILSON, Simone WHITE

2.3. Proxies
Heidi CLAUSE carried the proxy for Elizabeth SCALLY and Simone WHITE
Katherine HARPER carries the proxy for David LATIMER and Marie GERMA
Thomas MUNRO carries the proxy for Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN

2.4. Leave of Absence
Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN has requested a leave of absence.

[Motion 01/110624] That Heidi will take over the duty of inductions for Kylee’s leave of absence
Mover: Rosemary WHITECROSS Result: CARRIED
Seconder: Bradley WELLS
3. Minutes

3.1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Previous Council on the 23rd of May, 2011

Lian expressed concern that her proposal regarding the Fisher Library restructure was worded incorrectly in the previous minutes.

Amendment:

“Let us change the wording of the proposal to the original phrasing.

“Let the SUPRA president contact John Shipp to express SUPRA’s opposition to the library’s restructure and the fact that the library has involved SUPRA’s name in its promotional material advertising the restructure.”

Moved from the chair: Result: CARRIED

3.2. Minutes of Management Committee Meeting on the 26th of May 2011

3.3. Minutes of Emergency Management Committee Meetings on the 3rd June 2011

[Motion 02/110624] That SUPRA gather more information about the way the Faculty of Arts handles special consideration.

Mover: Ben FERRIS

Result: CARRIED

Seconder: Lian JENVEY

3.4. Minutes of Staff-President Meeting on the 24th of May 2011

Security of files and system management was discussed, including our policy position regarding these matters. It is a legal requirement to keep records for seven years. There are currently some issues with members of council having access to sensitive information. Our procedure is to be compliant with our Confidentiality Policy.

Council recommends that Angelus looks into this further with staff and reports back at the next council meeting.

3.5. Minutes of Staff-President Meeting on the 10th June 2011

3.6. Minutes of Workplace Consultative Committee Meeting on the 3rd June 2011

3.7. Minutes of Staff-President Meeting on the 10th June 2011

[Motion 03/110624] That Council accept the tabled minutes, with noted amendments.

Moved from the chair: Result: CARRIED

4. Office Bearer Reports

4.1. President Report

HR policy is being developed to put into anti-bullying policies. Trying to get this drafted as soon as possible. Recommendation that the Workplace Consultative Committee should be involved in the drafting of this policy.

4.2. Vice-President (Policy)

There was a discussion about whether rally attendance should count towards stipend hours. Only the chair and the secretary are paid to attend meetings, there are other duties that go along with being a SUPRA councillor or executive/equity position.

Rally fliers have been distributed at rallies with the SUPRA logo without approval of the President. These rallies and campaigns have been approved by council. The policy of needing presidential approval has existed for items such as press releases, there have been previous instances of individual’s printing material on behalf of SUPRA or committees. While there doesn’t seem to be any problems with this in practice, there were still some concerns about whether this should be the case in principle. It was noted that all roles at SUPRA should involve activism.
4.3. Vice-President (Community)

4.4. Secretary

There was concern about who should take on the role of drafting a letter about the mural in Newtown. Concerns about plagiarism software and whether or not we have a policy against it. The National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) opposes it. Request VC-policy to draft a statement on the effects of the university’s plagiarism policy.

Heidi will write a draft of the Newtown mural letter.

4.5. Treasurer

The treasurer’s report wasn’t submitted.

Proposal that council is informed of the budget every month. This is supposed to be given to management committee but is rarely done in practice.

[Motions 04/110624] That each month the treasurer’s report includes a summary of the spending for the previous calendar month and a statement of spending to year to date and position against budget for the year and to include a statement regarding SUPRA’s solvency.

Mover: Rosemary WHITECROSS  Result: CARRIED
Seconder: Katherine HARPER

4.6. Director of Student Publications
4.7. Women’s Officer
4.8. International Student Officer
4.9. Queer Officer
4.10. Disability Officer
4.11. Indigenous Officer
4.12. Business Arising From Reports

[Motion 05/110624] That Council accept the tabled reports, with noted amendments.

Mover: Angelus MORNINGSTAR  Result: CARRIED
Seconder: Katherine HARPER

5. Governance
5.1. Planning Day

Angelus will check council’s availability for the Planning Day. He will circulate a google calender.

5.2. Three Year Financial Projection

Procedural: That we defer discussion until a meeting of the new council.

Moved from the chair: Result: CARRIED

6. Policy
6.1. Policy Development

Discussion about the library’s restructuring policy. SUPRA has been invited to have a meeting about the changes, there will be no café in the library but there are
still concerns about storage of books and staff retrenchment. Katherine will draft a position on it.

Heidi proposed that we should have a policy on the NT intervention. The VP policy will work towards developing a risk management policy. VP’s to consult with Shane as his area of expertise is risk management. It was recommended that we change quorums for all equity meetings to 5.

**Procedural:**
That we defer changing quorums until next meeting, while somebody puts together a draft proposal.

*Mover: Lian JENVEY    Result: CARRIED*

### 7. Other Substantive Items

Support for CAAH’s Equal marriage campaign protest outside the National ALP conference on December 3rd was discussed. 4 recommendations were proposed.

1. To endorse the rally for marriage equality organised by CAAH on December 3. This rally will march to the ALP national conference.
2. To promote the rally within the organizations bulletins, website, email lists, Facebook and/or Twitter profiles.
3. To bring a contingent from SUPRA to the rally.
4. To donate some funds to the rally.

Regarding proposed motion 4, there has been a lot of donations to this campaign in the past. SUPRA will limit its contribution to in-kind support.

**[Motion 06/110624]**
That we adopt recommendation 1 in the Vice President Policy report.

*Mover: Angelus MORNINGSTAR    Result: CARRIED (3 against, 1 abstention.)*

*Seconder: Rosemary WHITECROSS*

### 8. Other Business

**Meeting Closed: 7:54 PM**