MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT
NEW LAW BUILDING 030 AT 6:00PM AT 21ST FEBRUARY 2012.

Chair: Angelus Morningstar
Minutes: Thomas Munro
Present: Cyrus ACHAEMENIAN, Nadia ANWAR (voted onto council), Alice BRANDLI, Kareena DENLEY (voted onto council), James FLYNN, Katherine HARPER, Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN, Hye KIM, Maria INDELICATO, Angelus MORNINGSTAR, Thomas MUNRO, Pip MURATORE, John NOWAKOWSKI, Siva PURUSHOTHUMAN, Timothy SCRIVEN, Alex THOMAS.

Meeting opened at 6:09pm

Apologies: Rosemary WHITECROSS, Felicity WILSON
Proxies: John NOWAKOWSKI carries the proxy for Rosemary WHITECROSS
Pip MURATORE carries the proxy for Cyrus ACHAEMENIAN (left 7:15)
Alex THOMAS carries the proxy for Marie INDELICATO (left at 7:37) and Alice BRANDLI (left at 7:37.)

1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

2. Housekeeping
   2.1. Apologies
   2.2. Notifications

3. Guest Speaker

   A motion from the last ordinary meeting of Council failed to be moved due to a large number of abstentions. The President has invited Margaret Kirkby, Acting Student Advice and Advocacy Officer Coordinator, to speak to Council on behalf of Staff such that she can address the Staff request directly to Council and speak on behalf of the proposal.

   Margaret Kirkby outlined the reasons that staff wished to have a representative of Council. She explained that it would help to minimise gaps in communication, relieve load on the President and promote understanding of the work that SAAOs do to Council. There is variety amongst the staff with individuals wanting to approach this in different ways.
4. Elections *

4.1. Nominations to Council

[Motion 01/120221] That Council acknowledge Pip MURATORE as the Returning Officer and both Tim SCRIVEN and Katherine HARPER as scrutineers.

Moved from the chair
Seconder: Thomas MUNRO
Result: CONSENSUS

Nominees:
Khawaja ALMAS
Nadia ANWAR
Kareena DENLEY, nominated from the floor by Angelus MORNINGSTAR and John NOWAKOWSKI

Result: All three nominees were elected to Council.

4.2. Nominations to acting Women’s Officer

[Motion 02/120221] That Council appoint an acting Women’s Officer until such time as a caucus of women Subscribers can elect a Women’s Officer.

Mover: Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN
Seconder: Marie INDELICATO
Result: CONSENSUS

[Motion 03/120221] That Nadia ANWAR and Kareena DENLEY run as co-Acting Women’s Officers.

It was decided that this vote should be made by the women on Council.
They convened for a private discussion and returned with their decision.

Result: CARRIED

5. Minutes of Meetings

5.1. Minutes of the meeting of Council, 22nd January, 12
5.2. Minutes of the meeting of Council, 7th February, 12
5.3. Minutes of the meeting of Management Committee, 25th January, 12
5.4. Minutes of the meeting of Budget Committee, 8th February, 12*

James FLYNN wished for the line “James FLYNN suggested that Equity is a lower priority for SUPRA.” to be removed. It was not his intention to suggest this.

This was agreed to by the minute-taker.

5.5. Minutes of the meeting of Management Committee, 15th February, 12
5.6. Minutes of the Workplace Consultative Committee, 25th January, 12
Not received
5.7. Minutes of the Workplace Consultative Committee, 6th February, 12
Not received
5.8. Business Arising From Minutes

[Motion 04/120221] That Council accepts the tabled minutes with noted Amendments.

Moved from the chair
Seconder: Katherine HARPER
Result: CONSENSUS

6. Reports of Meetings

6.1. Operations and Project List
Not received

Not received

Not received

6.4. Report of Policy Committee, 13th February, 12

6.5. Business Arising From Reports

[Motion 05/120221] That Council accept verbal reports in the place of written reports.

Moved from the chair
Seconder: Thomas MUNRO
Result: CONSENSUS

7. Officer Reports

7.1. President Report
7.2. Vice-President (Policy)
7.3. Vice-President (Community)
7.4. Secretary
7.5. Treasurer*
Tim spoke to his report as treasurer to outline some of his proposals for 2012.
7.6. Director of Student Publications
7.7. International Student Officer
7.8. Queer Officer
7.9. Disability Officer
No report received

7.10. Business Arising From Reports

[Motion 06/120221] That Council accept the tabled reports of Officers.

Moved from the chair
Seconder: Maria INDELICATO
8. **Report from Postgraduate Fellow**

Standing item for the Postgraduate Fellow of Senate to address Council. International student concession card, wanted to create a lobby. The TESQUA audit report – encouraged to read over it. To note that the university is now in charge of bookings.

9. **Governance [IN CAMERA]**

9.1. **SSAF Priorities**

This item was IN CAMERA

9.2. **Staff Observer at Council**

Staff have requested for the ability to have a member of Staff observe non-confidential meetings of Council, and to give a staff report back where necessary.

*Motion 07/120221*

That Council accept the request from SUPRA staff for a standing representative of SUPRA staff to attend the non-confidential items of meetings of Council

Moved from the chair

Seconder: Thomas MUNRO

Result: CONSENSUS

9.3. **Internalising the Legal Service**

10. **Substantive Positions**

10.1. **Title of Masters degree according to Australian Qualifications Framework**

John NOWAKOWSKI spoke to this item, outlining whether SUPRA still opposes using the term ‘doctor’ for level 9 masters.

**Conflict of Interest Declared:** Karen DENLEY, Angelus MORNINGSTAR

*Motion 08/120221*

That Council allow Kareena and Angelus to partake in the discussion despite their conflict of interest

Mover: John NOWAKOWSKI

Seconder: Katherine HARPER

Result: PASSED unanimously

*Motion 09/120221*

That SUPRA support the proposal, noting the extensive consultation required in approving the title, and the majority of the evidence requirements are appropriate.

Mover: John NOWAKOWSKI

Seconder: Katherine HARPER
10.2. The Knight Review*
Vice-President Community, Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN, spoke to this.
Their was a submission last year to try and improve international student visas. The incoming changes do not apply to people who have applied for their visa before November 5th 2011. Kylee is going to Universities Australia to lobby to have these changes applied to applicants before this time.

[Motion 10/120221] That SUPRA support CAPA’s 2012 goal of grandfathering the Knight Review recommendations onto existing international student Visas which date before 5th November, 2011; or giving those students the option for applying for the new 405 Visa and the Visas regarding post-study work rights outlined in the Knight Review.

Mover: Kylee HARTMAN-WARREN
Seconder: Nadia ANWAR
Result: CONSENSUS

10.3. Fiscal incentives for PhD supervisors*
Vice-President Katherine (Policy) to speak to this matter.
There was a discussion about the benefits of financial incentives. As there was some disagreement over this stance a straw poll was conducted for each of the three areas of interest. The results were:

Fiscal incentives 6 for, 40 against and 1 abstention
Workload 11 for
Research reward Incentives 11 for

[Motion 11/120221] That SUPRA drafts a Submission on supervision incentives that includes supportive statements on fiscal incentives, workload incentives, and research rewards incentives.

Mover: Katherine HARPER
Seconder: John NOWAKOWSKI
Result: CONSENSUS

10.4. Base Funding Review and Commonwealth Supported Places*
This item was deferred due to the meeting running long. Anyone wishing to discuss this can speak to John NOWAKOWSKI.

11. Policy
11.1. Constitution Review
As the AGM approaches it will be our annual opportunity to review the Constitution and propose changes.
This was attached for circulation and consideration.
11.2. Policy Book

Deferred to another time.

12. Other Business

12.1. Understaffing in the Architecture Faculty

There have been a number of PHD supervisors who have left the faculty. This has led to a student write to SUPRA to request support.

[Motion 07/120221] That SUPRA contact the faculty and find out the details of what is happening in the Architecture Faculty.

Moved from the chair
Seconder: Thomas MUNRO
Result: CONSENSUS

12.2. Rumours that PGARC are closing

The President will investigate.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm