AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF COUNCIL
EDUCATION & SOCIAL WORK BUILDING, ROOM 459
6:00 PM ON 16TH APRIL, 2015

Chair: Timothy Scriven
Minutes: Kane Hardy

Attendance: Timothy Scriven, Kane Hardy, Kieran Latty, Brigitte McFadden (left at 9:50), Zachary Thompson, Joseph Callingham (left at 6:48, re-entered at 6:50), Guien Miao (left at 9:24, re-entered at 9:35), Kaitlin Tagg, Joanne Gad (left at 7:08), Michael Butler, Paul Stewart, Gareth Charles (arrived 6:25, left at 9:24, re-entered at 9:29), Alex Dore (arrived 6:25), Kylee Hartman-Warren (arrived at 8:06, left at 9:24, re-entered at 9:29), Tom Greenwell (arrived at 9:08).

Staff: Francine Seeto and Amity Lynch
Others: Yitzhak Tuvel, Jacob Klein, Evan Gray, Julia Robins

1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome
The chair opened the meeting at 6:10pm with an acknowledgement of country.

2. Governance

2.1. Apologies
Thomas Greenwell
Armen Aghazarian
Phillip Roberts
Brendan McMonigal
Jingye Chen

2.2. Proxies
Thomas Greenwell to Brigitte McFadden (second preference Kane Hardy, third preference Kieran Latty)
Armen Aghazarian to Brigitte McFadden (second preference Thomas Greenwell, third preference Kane Hardy)
Phillip Roberts to Brigitte McFadden (second preference Kieran Latty, third preference Kylee Hartman-Warren)
Brendan McMonigal to Alex Dore (second preference Zachary Thompson, third preference Joseph Callingham)

Jinye Chem to Kylee-Hartman Warren

Joanne Gad (from 7:08) to Kaitlin Tagg (second preference Gareth Charles, third preference Guien Miao)

Brigitte McFadden (from 9:50) to Thomas Greenwell

2.3. Resignations

Xiao Yi Sun has resigned from Council.

2.4. Starring of Items

A councillor requested that minutes of the previous month’s meetings (item 3.1) be starred. The councillor also said that reports are not starred and should have been.

Motion [APR16-01]: That SUPRA Council accepts all un-starred items.

Moved: Joanne Gad  Seconded: Guien Miao

Carried (consensus).

Motion [APR16-02]: To appoint Kane Hardy to take minutes.

Moved: Brigitte McFadden  Seconded: Kaitlin Tagg

Carried (consensus).

3. Minutes and Reports of Meetings

3.1. Minutes of the previous month’s meetings

3.1.1. Council Meeting, 11th March 2015

A councillor noted that Adrian’s surname has been incorrectly spelled and needs to be corrected.

The president previously noted that this item would cause issues given the circumstances and requested a motion to defer the item to the next council meeting. The circumstances were that there was uncertainty over who was a member of council.

Motion [APR16-03]: To accept minutes as amended.

Moved: Guien Miao  Seconded: Brigitte McFadden

Carried.

3.1.2. Management Committee Meeting, 24th March 2015

A councillor noted that Adrian’s surname has been spelt incorrectly and needs to be corrected.

Motion [APR16-04]: To accept minutes as amended.

Moved: Guien Miao  Seconded: Brigitte McFadden

Carried.

3.2. Business Arising from Minutes

4. Officer Reports

4.1. President

Timothy Scriven
A councillor noted that it was hard to see how much time the president has spent on each task, whereas in the treasurer’s report it was clear. Many other councillors spoke in agreement. The president said that they were happy to split down individual items and write a longer report.

**Motion [APR16-05]:** That all office bearers include the hours that they spend on each item in their reports.

**Moved:** Zachary Thompson  
**Seconded:** Guien Miao

Carried. Kieran abstains.

**Motion [APR16-06]:** To accept the president’s report.

**Moved:** Kieran Latty  
**Seconded:** Brigitte McFadden

Motion carried.

### 4.2. Co-Vice-President

Kylee Hartman-Warren

A councillor said that they would also like the vice-president to provide a breakdown of the hours. Another councillor said the matter could be deferred to the next meeting since she is not here.

**Motion [APR16-07]:** To defer this matter to the next council meeting.

**Moved:** Joanne Gad.

Carried.

### 4.3. Education Officer

Brigitte McFadden

The education officer said that she forgot to add hours but will do that and recirculate later.

**Motion [APR16-08]:** To accept the report condition on her circulating proper hours.

**Moved:** Guien Miao  
**Seconded:** Michael Butler

Carried.

A councillor said that they were happy that people attend education action groups, but SSAF money cannot be used for partisan activities, which places SUPRA at risk of breaching the contract with the university. Other councillors noted that SUPRA is only forbidden to support a particular political party, but is free to criticise governments. The president noted that it won’t affect SSAF negotiations because SUPRA has been conducting political campaigns for a long time and SSAF negotiations have been successful.

### 4.4. Treasurer

Douglas King

### 4.5. Secretary

*Position currently vacant*

### 4.6. Director of Student Publications

Joanne Gad

The director of student publications (DSP) said that they would like to give a verbal report, as she was unable to submit a physical one due to various reasons.

**Motion [APR16-09]:** To accept the report of the Director of Student Publications conditional on report being circulated.

**Moved:** Guien Miao  
**Seconded:** Kieran Latty

Carried.
A councillor asked if the DSP was taking on extra hours for Honi Soit and if the hours she can claim should be extended. The president said that SUPRA has budgeted for increased stipend for DSP half way through the year.

4.7.  **Equity Officers**

4.7.1. **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer**

Michael Butler

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander officer apologised for not sending a report, though hasn’t claimed any hours.

One councillor asked if the donation approved at the last council meeting had been handed over, but another noted that the last meeting’s legitimacy was in doubt. The president discussed with people from the tent embassy who said they need specific requests. A councillor suggested that SUPRA buys the specific items and donates them to the tent embassy.

Another councillor noted that it goes against the SSAF Act to donate money to non-student organisations, but others argued that since the tent embassy is in such close proximity to the university and has a certain relationship with students (certain students are volunteering and sleeping at the embassy), then helping the tent embassy promotes the health and wellbeing of students and isn’t in breach of the Act.

**Motion [APR16-10]: To accept the report of the ATSI Officer.**

Moved: Guien Miao  
Seconded: Kaitlin Tagg  
Carried.

4.7.2. **Disabilities Officer**

*Position currently vacant*

4.7.3. **International Officer**

Nayeem Faisal Shaikh

4.7.4. **Queer Officer**

*Position currently vacant*

4.7.5. **Women’s Officer**

Ensiyeh Ghanizadeh Kazerouni

4.7.6. **Rural and Regional Officer**

*Position currently vacant*

4.8.  **Business Arising from Reports**

**Motion [APR16-11]: That Guien Miao is to be paid one hour for compiling the agenda.**

Moved: Brigitte McFadden  
Seconded: Zachary Thompson  
Carried.
5. **Workplace Health and Safety**

Deferred.

6. **Elections**

6.1. **Office-Bearing Positions**

- co-Vice-President
  
  *Nominations received from:* Thomas Greenwell

- Secretary
  
  *No nominations have been received for this position.*

Deferred.

7. **Verbal Report from a Member of Staff**

The Administration Officer gave a verbal report, saying that the move is currently underway. SUPRA is filling an empty position and fixing the backlog of work. The Survival Guide is almost done and other publications on standby as there is a short time frame.

The other staff member present also gave reported, noting that the downstairs part of the new office is allocated to councillors, but there is only one entrance, which brings up an issue of safety that needs to be considered. The solicitor has been busy, has a waiting list of two weeks, dealing with complex legal matters. Two staff members have taken leave over school holidays and SUPRA has been short staffed. 30 new cases opened. SUPRA staff have been checking out new postgrad library. SUPRA was invited to use the space for student activities.

**Motion [APR16-12]:** That the council thanks the staff for their reports.

**Moved:** Guien Miao  
**Seconded:** Zachary Thompson

Carried.

8. **Matters Arising from the EGM**

One councillor called for the president to step down as chair and nominates Joseph Callingham for the position of chair.

Gareth Charles self nominates for the position of chair.

Joseph wins 12-9. Motion of confidence carried.

Timothy stands down as chair and Joseph becomes the chair.

The president notes that if the motion passes then they will be resigning. If the first motion asking an apology of the president is unamended they will also resign.

A councillor spoke in favour. He suggested that council needs to consider whether or not the president has carried out their duties adequately. He said that the president has failed to understand how the constitution works as he was trying to remove councillors from council and wasted money on legal action.

The councillor also mentioned Honi Soit – he said that content had been published that council had not permitted the president to publish.

The president suggested that the increased rate of resignation is reflective of president’s performance.

The president replied that the article was written in collaboration with Adrian and they were careful to make sure nothing was libellous. They also noted that councillor attendance has been a long-standing problem in SUPRA. Councillors don’t have the right to tell the president to resign when they should resign, not having attended committee meetings.

The president added that they had been asking if anyone has anything else to add to their reports and no one spoke up. They were approved by council, which implies an adequate fulfilment of duties.

The president says that they have done many good things for SUPRA, including securing a new office for SUPRA, increasing size of caseworker team and securing funding. They changed university policy and
engaged the university to expand student representation. They expanded activities through bodies such as PEAC. These achievements are completely unappreciated. The president would also like to acknowledge that this couldn’t have been achieved without the help of other staff, executive and councillors.

The president noted that the staff-council relationship has not been the best. They would like a restaurant visit. End of council term and end of year events have been planned. More social events between students and staff are a good idea.

One councillor circulated a list of breaches to constitution and outlined the email sent out.

The president replied to these, mentioning the retrospectivity of the notice of motion. Says there was due notice for constitutional changes. In the past there have been motions that were counted as duly submitted which were received during the meeting. If that is considered due notification in the past, what the president had done should be duly noted.

The president asked returning officer (RO) what was the best way of advertising election was. The RO said that one poster within SUPRA would be sufficient. The president took initiative to post more around Eastern Avenue. They contacted secretary of academic board and circulated notice and tried to be as inviting as possible.

The president said that they thought that once council granted approval, it would be approved for the rest of the year. If people would like to retrospectively approve circulation of notice of general meeting, should do so. They noted difficulty in following people up for the disclosure statement and delegating hours for secretary given there is no secretary.

Management Committee meeting was called in Jan, but it did not happen because it was inquorate.

Admits that the elections were not done in proper manner. The RO acknowledged that there were breaches. There was no secretary to help out.

The councillor replied that the president should check for quorum before calling committee meetings.

Some councillors suggested that the president’s good work was unrecognised and that miscommunication is a fault of the whole council and not all of the blame should fall on the president.

**Motion [APR16-13]:** That the vote be conducted with a secret ballot.

**Moved:** Joe Callingham.

**Carried.**

**Motion on Notice from Zachary Thompson:** That SUPRA Council asks Timothy Scriven to resign from the position of President due to his incompetence in the role and his mismanagement of SUPRA.

For: 6 Against: 13

Motion fails.

A councillor noted that other motions against the president motions could see their resignation and should be deferred to the next council meeting.


Procedural to move to item 9. Carried.

A councillor spoke in favour of the first motion. She said that it’s not fair that we defeat the motion because of something that has nothing to do with the apology itself and that council should consider how individuals have been treated.

Councillors noted that the president has done great things, but also made mistakes, and should apologise. Some councillors were against the motion in its current form, saying it is unfair. Some said it is important that the president recognises where they made mistakes and that the whole council should work towards reconciliation.

**Motion [APR16-14]:** That SUPRA Council requests that the president apologises to Council for his lack of attention to the adequate administration of SUPRA.

**Moved:** Guien Miao **Seconded:** Alex Dore

For: 11 Against: 7

Carried.

The president subsequently resigns, effective the following Wednesday.
9. **Staffing Matters [In Camera]**

   *The staffing matters that were discussed have been redacted as the meeting was in camera, but they are still present in the original minutes.*

10. **SSAF Acquittal**

   *Deferred.*

11. **International Students Pizza Afternoon**

   The International Officer will be organising an event named "Pizza Afternoon" for the International students of SUPRA on 23rd of April, 2015. He is expecting around 30 people and is requesting a budget of up to $300 for this event. This is going to be the first event after O-Week for International students and he hopes that it will be a good platform for networking as well as discussing about the issues they are facing.

   *Recommendation:* That SUPRA Council approves up to $300 for the International Students Pizza Afternoon.

   *Deferred.*

12. **Other Business**

   *Deferred.*

Meeting closed at 10:02pm.