MINUTES FOR A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK BUILDING, SEMINAR
ROOM 459 AT 6:00 PM ON 9TH JUNE 2015

Chair: Kylee Hartman-Warren
Minutes: Kane Hardy
Attendance: Kylee Hartman-Warren, Kane Hardy, Thomas Greenwell, Gareth Charles (left at 7:47pm), Phillip Roberts, Brigitte McFadden, Paul Stewart, Douglas King, Guien Miao (left at 6:58), Forough Ghanizadeh (left at 7:23pm), Michael Butler (arrived at 6:14pm), Vanessa Wells (Skyped in at 6:27pm), Kaitlin Tagg (arrived at 6:29pm, left at 7:22pm).

★ 1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome
The president opened the meeting at 6:11pm with an acknowledgement of country.

★ 2. Governance
2.1. Apologies
Joseph Callingham
Timothy Scriven
Shaikh Nayeem Fasial
Zachary Thompson
Kaitlin Tagg (will be arriving late and leaving early)
Gareth Charles (will be leaving early)

2.2. Proxies
Joseph Callingham to Kaitlin Tagg
Gareth Charles to Kieran Latty (second preference Armen Aghazarian, third preference Douglas King)
Guien Miao to Forough Ghanizadeh
Kaitlin Tagg to Paul Stewart

2.3. Starring of Items
3. Minutes and Reports of Meetings

3.1. Minutes of the previous month’s meetings


3.1.2. Management Committee Meeting, 18TH May 2015

3.1.3. Policy Committee Meeting, 18TH May 2015

3.1.4. Management Committee Meeting, 4TH June 2015

3.1.5. Finance Committee Meeting, 4TH June 2015

The treasurer asked that the minutes for this meeting be reworded. The section to be amended, as per Council’s motion, is the section reads:

“$100,000 is left for SAAO expenditure which mean SUPRA is likely to end up with a surplus of $80,000 in reality”

This is to be replaced with:

“$100,00 must be budgeted for the SSAO co-ordinator position; of which $80,000 is expected to be spent. A year-end surplus of $40,000 is expected”.

Motion [JUN09-01]: That council accepts the minutes as amended.
Moved: Douglas King           Seconded: Thomas Greenwell
Against: Forough Ghanizadeh
Abstentions: Guien Miao
Carried.

Motion [JUN09-02]: SUPRA Council accepts the tabled minutes.
Moved: Douglas King           Seconded: Paul Stewart
Abstentions: Guien Miao
Carried.

3.2. Business Arising from Minutes

4. Officer Reports

4.1. President
Kylee Hartman-Warren

4.2. Co-Vice-President
Tom Greenwell

4.3. Education Officer
Brigitte McFadden

4.4. Treasurer
Douglas King

4.5. Secretary
Kane Hardy
4.6. **Director of Student Publications**

Joanne Gad

The Director of Student Publications will circulate her report before the end of the week. She is currently feeling unwell, and wasn’t able to submit a report.

**Motion [JUN09-03]:** That SUPRA council accepts the oral report of the Director of Student Publications as forwarded to president pending arrival and circulation of written report.

**Moved:** Douglas King  **Seconded:** Phillip Roberts

**Abstentions:** Kylee Hartman-Warren, Guien Miao, Forough Ghanizadeh

4.7. **Equity Officers**

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

Michael Butler

4.7.2. **Disabilities Officer**

*Position currently vacant*

4.7.3. **International Officer**

Nayeem Faisal Shaikh

Report not submitted.

The International Officer will not be paid further until a report is submitted. Council members noted that they are not comfortable with money approval without report of hours claimed.

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**

5. **Workplace Health and Safety**

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

Staff send apologies for tonight as they are unable to attend. The president will begin notifying the staff of meeting to make sure that they can attend. A councillor said that it is important to make sure that council ensures staff members can attend and that it is not an issue of not knowing when the meeting is.

7. **Creation of New Office Bearer (Satellite Campus Officer)**

**Motion [JUN09-04]:** That council defers this item until Kaitlin Tagg arrives.

**Moved:** Thomas Greenwell

Carried (consensus).
Some councillors suggested having multiple Satellite Campus Officers. There were also suggestions to split the labour with one officer and delegate other tasks within a collective. A councillor suggested having one to start with and gauging interest before creating a second officer. Another councillor noted difficulties with elections, etc. which need to be addressed before creating new officer, but agreed that there should be support for off-campus students. There would be problems getting people from satellite campuses turning up to main campus for an election.

The president is in support of the position, stating that the Sydney College of the Arts campus is not getting resources it needs. The current relevant work is being delegated to staff and executive and it would be more efficient to have a delegated officer for the role to collate the information. SUPRA could have events that aren’t held on main campus for those who can’t attend events in the city. It could have one person representing multiple campuses and have some people who don’t sit on council but are a point of contact to get through to SUPRA that way. It would be nice to have a report sent through occasionally.

The Vice-President said there are postgrad representatives and that 7 hours is probably not enough given that they would be expected to coordinate with council and executive to ensure better engagement with satellite campuses. He was in agreement with report backs from different councils and having points of contact. This should be worked through policy committee. Policy committee should look towards having an electronic voting system to address issues with reaching quorum to enable more representative voting.

Councillors raised issues with a Satellite Campus Officer proving work done if they are not on main campus. A councillor suggested simply allowing a councillor who already do off-campus work to claim hours. The President says that there would be accountability measures put in place to ensure the officer was doing work.

The Women’s Officer noted her experience as an equity officer to encourage work. Giving the role a name of officer might attract someone who will do no work. A councillor noted that there are enough satellite campus students who are involved with students who could use the role to engage other campuses further.

Motion [JUN09-05]: That the Vice-president is to write up recommendation for Policy Committee to be presented at the next council meeting.

Gareth Charles left at 7:07pm.

8. Amendments to the Financial Regulations

The treasurer explained the amendments as described in the attached documentation.

Motion [JUNE09-06]: That council accepts the proposed financial regulation amendments.

Moved: Kane Hardy Seconded: Gareth Charles
Abstentions: Kylee Hartman-Warren, Guien Miao
The president extends her thanks to Thomas Greenwell, Douglas King and John Fell for their work on the amendments.

9. Amendments to the Electoral Regulations

Documents attached.

Motion [JUN09-07]: To move to item 10.

Moved: Forough Ghanizadeh
Carried (consensus).

The Vice-President explained that which is in the attached documentation.

A councillor asked a question about 8.01:3b), wondering if it should be up to discretion of the returning officer. The Vice-President answered, saying that regulations should be consistent for every returning officer.

Motion [JUN09-08]: That council accepts the proposed electoral regulation amendments.

Moved: Douglas King Seconded: Philip Roberts
Abstentions: Gareth Charles
Carried.
10. **2015 Budget**

_Budget attached._

The Treasurer explained the meanings of each column, and recommendations given by finance committee.

**Motion [JUN09-09]:** That council extends thanks to and congratulate Douglas King for work as treasurer over past year

Moved: Michael Butler  
Seconded: Paul Stewart

Abstentions: Douglas King

Carried.

**Motion [JUN09-10]:** That council approves the 2015 Budget as approved by the Finance Committee on 4th June 2015.

Moved: Thomas Greenwell  
Seconded: Phillip Roberts

Abstention: Kylee Hartman-Warren

Carried.

11. **University of Adelaide Conservatorium Changes**

_Motions and documentation attached._

_Motions approved on block._

12. **Conference Attendance**

The Education Officer has made an e-form for students to fill out if they’re requesting attendance for a conference. The form was presented and this was discussed as a strategy for helping students with conference fees.

The Treasurer asked that the SUPRA logo be included in the form. The President said that there are conferences SUPRA needs to send people to, which might be more than $200. Going on SUPRA’s behalf is different to assisting students to attend.

**Motion [JUN09-11]:** SUPRA council approves the form with amendments as discussed in line with conference attendance policy.

Moved: Douglas King  
Seconded: Phillip Roberts

Carried (consensus).

13. **CISA Conference**

**Motion [JUN09-12]:** That SUPRA affiliates with CISA and defer delegation to CISA to management committee.

Moved: Douglas King  
Seconded: Thomas Greenwell

Carried (consensus).

Action: The President is to email past and current council for interest in attending CISA.

14. **Other Business**

14.1. **USU Pursuit of Legal Fees from Student**

The University of Sydney Union Board of Directors has decided to pursue its former Vice President, Tom Raue, for the $50 000 balance of its legal fees. These are fees it should never have incurred with students’ money, including the cost of retaining Senior and Junior Counsel to defend against a student’s pro bono legal team. This students' only crime was leaking information pertaining to University complicity in police brutality information manifestly in the student interest.
Board Directors now manufacture vagaries to justify their actions: the words ‘fiduciary duty’, ‘the Union’s best interest’, and ‘Directors’ duties’ are bandied about with little explanation. We interpret these phrases differently. The Board must put students’ interests first. This does not mean simply ensuring its financial bottom-line, ceding its control to Chancellery minders. It means quite the opposite. The Union’s fiduciary duty is to its members and this decision to pursue Tom, in full knowledge of his inability to pay, is only to deter progressive or activists’ whistleblowing in the future. This Union – our Union – should celebrate and encourage progressive, activist efforts: not stifle them.

Only thirteen people will decide Tom Raue’s fate. All Board Directors of the USU must be held to account for the decisions they make in our, the students, name.

**Motion [JUN09-13]:** That SUPRA unequivocally condemns the decision of the USU Board on May 29 to pursue Tom Raue for their legal expenses; and especially condemns their decision to deliberately hide and obscure their decision not to pursue him in Court, to attempt to coerce him to agree to an out-of-court settlement.

That SUPRA demands all further decisions made by the USU Board pertaining to Tom Raue be made publicly, and actively encourage and facilitate broader student input.

That SUPRA endorses the Stand with Raue campaign.

That SUPRA resolves to donate occasional printing and banner/painting supplies to the Stand With Raue subject to Management Committee approval.

Moved: Brigitte McFadden  Seconded: Douglas King
Carried (consensus).

The President notes Brigitte McFadden’s hard work on the motion.

**Motion [JUN09-14]:** That council extends its thanks to Brigitte McFadden for her work as Education officer.

Moved: Douglas King  Seconded: Phillip Roberts
Abstention: Brigitte McFadden

14.2. **Grievance committee**

The Vice-President said that SUPRA needs to establish a grievance committee.

**Motion [JUN09-15]:** To defer this item for the Education Officer to draft a policy to bring to Policy Committee

Moved: Douglas King  Seconded: Phillip Roberts
Carried (consensus).

14.3. **Acknowledgement of Past President**

**Motion [JUN09-16]:** That council acknowledges and thanks Timothy Scriven for their contribution to SUPRA during their terms on council and as president.

Moved: Thomas Greenwell  Seconded: Michael Butler
Carried.

The President noted that the past president got short end of stick in situations. They worked tirelessly and their heart was in it. They worked on the budget and new location, gave a grassroots life back to SUPRA and it is to SUPRA’s credit to thank the past president for their work in SUPRA. They have been a part of SUPRA for a long time. The Treasurer said there is no denying there were problems, but they gave their all in times of crisis with an executive of 3. They deserve thanks for all their efforts.

14.4. **Indigenous Officer’s Motions**

The Redfern Tent Embassy needs better hygiene. There are three postgraduates spending a lot of time there. The Treasurer said there is plenty of money in indigenous portfolio to fund this and a little outside of it.
Motion [JUN09-17]: That SUPRA financially assists the Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy with maintaining hygiene at the location to the tune of $80 a week for the next three months (12 weeks) ($960) or for however long they maintain their protest to provide one portaloo for the embassy and its residents there.

Moved: Michael Butler  Seconded: Kane Hardy
Carried (consensus).

14.5. Missing EGM Minutes

Motion [JUN09-18]: That council asks Guien Miao to provide the secretary with the raw minutes of the EGM of 2015 in whatever condition they are before 5:00pm on the 10th of June 2015.

Moved: Douglas King  Seconded: Phillip Roberts
Carried (consensus).

Action: The Education Officer to ask Guien Miao for the minutes tonight (09/05/2015).

The President notes that any internal issues of council can be referred to a grievance procedure.

Motion [JUN09-19]: That council sends item of in kind printing policy to Policy Committee.

Moved: Kylee Hartman-Warren  Seconded: Kane Hardy
Carried (consensus).

The President says thank you to everyone for help in the last few months getting executive and council back together and their help with various events, etc.

Motion [JUN09-20]: That Council extends thanks to Kylee Hartman-Warren for many years of outstanding service to SUPRA and as her time as president.

Moved: Douglas King  Seconded: Phillip Roberts
Carried (consensus).

Meeting closed at 8:25pm.