MINUTES FOR A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TUTORIAL ROOM 1 ON THE 6TH OF OCTOBER AT 6:00PM

Chair: Kylee Hartman-Warren & Christian Jones
Minutes: Kane Hardy
Attendance: Christian Jones, Kane Hardy, Carlos Monteverde, Rachel Evans, Marguerite Biasatti, Rachel Evans, Ahmed Suhaib, Kaitlin Tagg (left at 7:44pm), Rashmi Dixit, Guien Miao (left at 7:36pm), Shaikh Nayeem Faisal (left at 8:17pm), James Hammerton, Kieran Latty, Thomas Greenwell, Myriarm Song, Kylee Hartman-Warren, Forough Ghanizadeh, Rafi Alam, Joshua Preece (arrived at 6:25pm), Gareth Charles (arrived at 6:36pm),

Staff: Margaret Kirkby
Guests: Ji Fang (left at 7:09pm)

1. **Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome**
The chair opened the meeting at 6:20pm with an acknowledgement of country.

2. **Governance & Declaration of COI**
   
   2.1. **Apologies**
   Fatima Rauf
   Anna Sanders-Robinson
   Angelica Fernandez
   Bhagaban Acharya
   Mike Butler
   Ellen Weekes
   Douglas King
   Syed Atif
   Joseph Callingham
2.2. Proxies

Fatima Rauf to Kane Hardy (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Thomas Greenwell)
Anna Sanders-Robinson to Douglas King
Angelica Fernandez to Douglas King
Bhagaban Acharya to Forough Ghanizadeh (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Syed Atif, 3\textsuperscript{rd} preference Joseph Callingham)
Mike Butler to Marguerite Biasatti (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Kaitlin Tagg, 3\textsuperscript{rd} preference Rachel Evans)
Ellen Weekes to Joshua Preece (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Myriarm Song, 3\textsuperscript{rd} preference Christian Jones)
Douglas King to Mike Butler (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Joshua Preece, 3\textsuperscript{rd} preference Gareth Charles)
Syed Atif to Forough Ghanizadeh (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Guien Miao)
Joseph Callingham to Kaitlin Tagg (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Forough Ghanizadeh)

2.3. Leaves of Absence

Fatima Rauf has requested a leave of absence for the period of 06/10/15 until 31/10/15. Myriarm Song left at 6:21pm.

\textbf{Motion [OCT06-01]:} That Council approves a leave of absence for Fatima Rauf for the period of 06/10/15 until 31/10/15, inclusive.

\textbf{Moved:} Thomas Greenwell \textbf{Seconded:} James Hammerton

Carried.

2.4. Resignations

Rafi Alam has resigned from the position of Education Officer.

\textbf{Motion [OCT06-02]:} That Council approved Rafi Alam’s resignation from the position of Education Officer.

\textbf{Moved:} Thomas Greenwell \textbf{Seconded:} Kane Hardy

Carried.

2.5. Starring of Items

Council is invited to star any agenda items they would like discussed.

\textbf{Motion [OCT06-03]:} That council approves all unstarred items.

\textbf{Moved:} Marguerite Biasatti \textbf{Seconded:} Thomas Greenwell

Carried.
3. Minutes and Reports of Meetings

3.1. Minutes of the previous month’s meetings

3.1.1. Council Meeting, 7th September 2015

3.1.2. Policy Committee Meeting, 8th September 2015

3.1.3. Management Committee Meeting, 2nd October 2015

4. Officer Reports

4.1. Executive Reports

4.1.1. Co-President

Christian Jones

The President starred his own report to discuss future council and event dates.

*Myriam Song and Joshua Preece arrived at 6:25pm.*

**Motion [OCT06-04]:** That the first Wine & Cheese in 2016 be a trivia event.

Moved: Ahmed Suhaib  
Seconded: Forough Ghanizadeh  
Carried.

**Action:** That the Senior SAAO discusses with SAAO team about collection of names of students willing to be volunteers for SUPRA.

**Motion [OCT06-05]:** That council accepts the proposed dates for the SUPRA calendar.

Moved: Forough Ghanizadeh  
Seconded: Ahmed Suhaib  
Carried.

**Motion [OCT06-06]:** That council accepts the President’s report.

Moved: Forough Ghanizadeh  
Seconded: Joshua Preece  
Carried.

4.1.2. Co-President

Kylee Hartman-Warren

4.1.3. Vice President

Thomas Greenwell

The Vice-President starred his own report. He said the hours claimed should say 84 not 42. However, the hours in report sum to 84. He will amend this after the council meeting.
Motion [OCT06-07]: That Council accepts the Vice-President’s report.

Moved: Forough Ghanizadeh  Seconded: Kieran Latty

Carried.

Abstentions: Thomas Greenwell

4.1.4. Education Officer

Fatima Rauf

4.1.5. Treasurer

Joshua Preece

The Treasurer spoke about his work covering for the Director of Student Publications, including the survival guide; some of it will be updated for the next version. He encouraged councillors to read through the guide and offer suggestions for amendments.

A councillor asked how many hours were spent on the Honi Soit coordination. The Treasurer said that he spent 6 hours per week on this. He said that this is an argument to boost the hours of the Director of Student Publications.

Another councillor asked how Honi Soit helps to promote SUPRA’s position. She also asked if SUPRA could analyse this to see how well its money is being spent. A Co-President said that she wants to do a public affairs survey to see what students want.

Gareth Charles arrived at 6:36pm.

Motion [OCT06-08]: That Council approves the Treasurer’s report.

Moved: Kane Hardy  Seconded: Rashmi Dixit

Carried.

4.1.6. Secretary

Kane Hardy

4.1.7. Director of Student Publications

Position currently vacant

4.2. Equity Officer Reports

4.2.1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer

Mike Butler

4.2.2. Disabilities Officer

Marguerite Biasatti

4.2.3. International Officer

Shaikh Nayeem Faisal

4.2.4. Queer Officer
4.3. Business Arising from Reports

5. Verbal Report from Staff Member

SUPRA’s Senior SAAO has been speaking at inductions and reach-out. Staff and council are looking at four inductions per year since there are four intake periods for research. She drew attention to the feminist conference, which she and the Women’s Officer attended. Vanessa Caparis has joined the team and has undergone training. The Senior SAAO reports that she is easy to work with. Both admin and SAAO teams are planning for 2016.

A councillor asked how many faculties have moved from 2 intake periods to 4. The Senior SAAO said that she doesn’t have a solid number.

Another councillor said that she would like a report back from the feminist conference. The Women’s Officer said that she and the Senior SAAO want to publish something in Honi Soit.

Motion [OCT06-09]: That Council accepts the Senior SAAO’s verbal report.

Moved: Kaitlin Tagg Seconded: Joshua Preece
Carried.

Motion [OCT06-10]: That Council thanks the Senior SAAO for her dedication to SUPRA.

Moved: Thomas Greenwell Seconded: Kylee Hartman-Warren
Carried.

6. Election of Director of Student Publications (DSP)

Motion [OCT06-11]: That the chair moves to Thomas Greenwell.

Moved: Christian Jones
Carried.

The chair called for nominations for the position of returning officer (RO).

Thomas Greenwell and Ahmed Suhaib nominate.

A councillor noted that Thomas is chairing and so shouldn’t be the RO.

Motion [OCT06-12]: That the chair moves back to Christian Jones.

Moved: James Hammerton
Carried.

The chair called for nominations for the position of RO.

*Ahmed Suhaib and Thomas Greenwell nominate.*

**Ahmed: 10  Thomas: 12**

_Thomas Greenwell becomes RO._

The RO called for nominations for the position of DSP.

*Guien Miao and Christian Jones nominate.*

The first nominee said that she has held the position before and has experience, having worked on last Thesis Guide and Survival Guide. She has interacted with staff on regular basis. She is currently finishing up her thesis and will have a lot of time to dedicate to the position. After that she can devote a lot of time to SUPRA. She has given a lot to SUPRA over the past two years and enjoys designing the covers for the publications.

The second nominee said that he has been working with the publications committee while the position of DSP was previously filled. He has been involved in the Survival Guide working group and has worked on changing the guide. He has been working on the calendar with staff over the last month and would like to continue what he has been doing.

A councillor said that the primary reason that the position of President was split because the hours were too much and now the second nominee is taking on another position. He asked what has changed since then. The nominee replied, saying that he doesn’t remember ever saying the hours were too much. He has already been doing the job and would like to continue.

A councillor asked the first nominee to confirm that she has worked on the Survival Guide before. The nominee said that he has.

*Ji Fang left at 7:09pm.*

The RO conducted the vote.

**Christian: 14  Guien: 11**

_Christian Jones is elected as SUPRA’s Director of Student Publications._

★ 7. **Discussion around Co-Education Officer Vacancy**

The chair brought Council’s attention to 06:08 7) of SUPRA’s constitution. The Secretary suggested that Council could choose its preference conditional on the current Education Officer’s consent.

A councillor asked the previous Co-Education Officer if he knows what the current Education Officer wants. He said that she probably would want someone to fill the Co-Education Officer position.

A councillor said that it is important that co-officers can work together. An election should be held. A Co-President said that there should be a motion by circulation when we find out what she wants.

A councillor asked if a councillor who has been designated hours had claimed any hours yet. He said that he hadn’t. He said that when he was talking to the current Education Officer that he had idea that she wanted to split. He hasn’t claimed any hours until now because he waiting for something more concrete.
The previous Co-Education Officer messaged the current Education Officer and she said that she the position of Co-Education Officer to be refilled.

A councillor suggested a fresh election, saying that Council could then discuss hour sharing and other issues. A councillor said that Council doesn’t decide hours, co-officers decide between themselves. The Secretary said that calling for a new election means we essentially kick the current Education Officer out of her role, which isn’t fair.

**Motion [OCT06-13]**: That Council seeks nominations for a councillor to fill the Co-Education Officer position in accordance with 06.08 7b).

**Moved:** Kane Hardy   **Seconded:** James Hammerton

The Vice-President said that he is uncomfortable with this motion since the Education Officer isn’t here. The councillor said that the Vice-President could read the message if he wanted to see that she consented. The Vice-President did do.

*Guien Miao left at 7:36pm, proxy to Carlos Monteverde.*

**Motion [OCT06-14]**: That discussion ceases and a vote on the motion is carried out.

**Moved:** Kieran Latty

**Carried.**

The chair calls for nomination for RO.

*Kieran Latty nominates.*

*Kieran Latty is elected as RO.*

The RO called for nominations for the position of Co-Education Officer.

*Ahmed Suhaib nominates.*

**Ahmed:** 25  **No candidate:** 1

*Ahmed Suhaib is elected as SUPRA’s Co-Education Officer.*

*Kaitlin Tagg left at 7:44pm. Proxy to Kane Hardy.*

8. **Election of CAPA Delegates**

Thomas Greenwell, Kane Hardy, Marguerite Biasatti and Christian Jones expressed interest in becoming Sydney University’s CAPA delegates.

Council discussed the costs of sending students to the conference. A councillor said that he is not comfortable with more than 2 people’s worth of costs being supplied. He suggested only subsidising half of the costs for the four people. The Secretary said that some some people wouldn’t even be able to afford half of the costs, so that wouldn’t be appropriate. A Co-President said that there are equity caucuses and SUPRA could send representatives. A councillor suggested sending 2 official political delegates, and 2 equity delegates.

A councillor asked what the conference budget is. The Treasurer said that it is $3000. A councillor said that the problem is not with money; the overall cost would be small. SUPRA should call out for people to represent specific groups.
Motion [OCT06-15]: That discussion ceases and the election of the two delegates is carried out now.

Moved: Rafi Alam
Carried.

The chair called for nominations for the position of RO.

*Kieran Latty nominates.*

*Kieran Latty is elected as RO.*

The RO called for nominations for the positions of CAPA delegates.

*Kane Hardy, Marguerite Biasatti, Thomas Greenwell and Christian Jones nominate.*

The candidates spoke to their nominations.

*Shaikh Nayeem Faisal left at 8:17pm.*

The RO carried out the election.

*Marguerite Biasatti and Kane Hardy were elected as SUPRA’s CAPA delegates.*

9. **Policy**

*See attached documentation.*

The Vice-President said that he and the SAAO Coordinator have developed the briefing procedure policy.

Motion [OCT06-16]: That council ratifies the presented SAAO briefing policy.

Moved: Rachel Evans Seconded: Thomas Greenwell
Carried.

The Vice-President had some amendments to the submission procedure.

Motion [OCT06-17]: That Council ratifies the presented submission procedure policy.

Moved: Thomas Greenwell Seconded: Rachel Evans
Carried.

10. **Marriage Equality Rally Endorsement**

Turnbull has stated he will push for a plebiscite around marriage equality after the elections! Now, more than ever we need a strong, grassroots response.

Motion [OCT06-18]: That SUPRA endorses the next marriage equality rally ‘Sydney Rally: No More Delays! Marriage Equality NOW!’ organised by Community Action Against Homophobia for November 7, 2015. The new Turnbull-led government is advocating a worse time frame for marriage equality than even Tony Abbott did as PM.
11. **Green Left Weekly (GLW) Comedy Event**

This item was brought from Management Committee.

GLW is asking various organisations, including unions, to attend the comedy debate.

*Rachel Evans declares a conflict of interest for GLW.*

A councillor asked if GLW is with the Greens. Another councillor replied, saying that it is not associated with the Greens. It is loosely related to Socialist Alliance but not an official publication.

A councillor asked what the discussion is about. A councillor said that it is about SUPRA booking a table at the comedy event.

James: Doesn’t feel we should support this because of the Greens. Niche publication. Could network at any event.

A councillor said that the people at GLW are people we can cooperate with in the future and that he is happy to support it. The Secretary said that organisations attending are relevant to SUPRA’s aims. GLW has always been in support of students, so he is in support of SUPRA attending this event.

A Co-President reminded council to tie this back to students. A councillor said that students and staff at the University of Sydney are affected by climate change. GLW does a lot of coverage on that. Domestic violence, refugees, etc. also affect them. These are issues relevant to students. It is an independent newspaper.

A councillor said that this is broadly relevant, but where do you draw the line? Another councillor said that it is just individual ideology rather than the aims of SUPRA to help students.

**Motion [OCT06-19]:** That SUPRA books a table of 10 for $200 and offers spots to members of SUPRA.

Moved: Rachel Evans  
Secretary: Kane Hardy

*9 for, 9 against, 2 abstentions.*

*Chair opposed as casting vote.*

*Failed.*

**Motion [OCT06-20]:** That SUPRA spends $24 to send two SUPRA delegates to represent SUPRA and network on behalf of the organisation.

Moved: Rachel Evans  
Seconded: Ahmed Suhaib

*13 for, 5 against, 2 abstentions.*

*Carried.*

**Motion [OCT06-21]:** That SUPRA advertises this event in its weekly newsletter.

Moved: Ahmed Suhaib  
Seconded: Kieran Latty

*Carried.*
Abstentions: James Hammerton

12. **Other Business**

**Motion [OCT06-22]:** That SUPRA (Kylee and Forough and Christian) does a survey before the next council to collect data about postgraduate readers for Honi Soit, Facebook and other publications/social media.

**Action:** Kane to add to agenda of next council meeting.

**Moved:** Forough Ghanizadeh  **Seconded:** Kylee Hartman-Warren

Carried.

The Treasurer said that the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society (OGS) approached SUPRA. They are hosting a fertility talk. He thinks it will be a good event.

**Motion [OCT06-23]:** That SUPRA provides $200 in catering for this event.

**Moved:** Joshua Preece  **Seconded:** Myriarm Song

The treasurer said that the USU doesn’t support postgraduate-only clubs and can’t get funding. A councillor said that she has concerns with this because companies may be coming to advertise themselves. A councillor said the OGS has been looking for speakers from various places to speak on a wide range of issues.

4 for, 2 against, 14 abstentions.

Carried.

The meeting closed at 9:27pm.