MINUTES FOR A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN OLD TEACHERS COLLEGE SEMINAR ROOM 427 ON THE 10TH OF DECEMBER AT 6:00PM

Chair: Thomas Greenwell
Minutes: Kane Hardy
Attendance: Thomas Greenwell, Kane Hardy, Carlos Monteverde (left at 6:53pm), Mike Butler, Forough Ghanizadeh, Ahmed Suhaib, Syed Atif, Rachel Evans, Marguerite Biasatti, Fatima Rauf (arrived at 6:28pm), Gareth Charles (arrived at 6:38pm)
Staff: Adrian Cardinali, Vanessa Caparas
Guests: Leticia Funston

★ 1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome
The chair opened the meeting at 6:13pm and the Indigenous Officer gave an acknowledgement of country.

★ 2. Governance & Declaration of COI
2.1. Apologies
Joseph Callingham  Guien Miao
Carlos Monteverde  Douglas King
Anna Sanders-Robinson  Christian Jones
Rashmi Dixit  Kylee Hartman-Warren
Bhagaban Acharya  Joshua Preece
Elizabeth Gatens  Rafi Alam
Angelica Fernandez  James Hammerton
Myriarm Song
2.2. Proxies

Joseph Callingham to Kaitlin Tagg (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Forough Ghanizadeh)
Carlos Monteverde to James Hammerton (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Syed Atif, 3\textsuperscript{rd} preference Forough Ghanizadeh)
Anna Sanders-Robinson to Douglas King
Rashmi Dixit to Kane Hardy (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Joshua Preece)
Bhagaban Acharya to Joseph Callingham (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Syed Atif, 3\textsuperscript{rd} preference Forough Ghanizadeh)
Elizabeth Gatens to Joshua Preece (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Ellen Weekes, 3\textsuperscript{rd} preference Myriarm Song)
Angelica Fernandez to Douglas King
Myriarm Song to Christian Jones (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Joshua Preece, 3\textsuperscript{rd} preference Kane Hardy)
Guien Miao to Mike Butler (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Forough Ghanizadeh, 3\textsuperscript{rd} preference Joseph Callingham)
Douglas King to Gareth Charles (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Thomas Greenwell, 3\textsuperscript{rd} preference Kieran Latty)
Christian Jones to Thomas Greenwell (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Kane Hardy, 3\textsuperscript{rd} preference Fatima Rauf)
Kylee Hartman-Warren to Kane Hardy
Rafi Alam to Thomas Greenwell (2\textsuperscript{nd} preference Kane Hardy, 3\textsuperscript{rd} preference Fatima Rauf)

2.3. Starring of Items

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

\textbf{Motion [DEC10-01]}: That council approve all unstarred items.

\textbf{Moved}: Kane Hardy \textbf{Seconded}: Mike Butler

Carried.

3. Minutes and Reports of Meetings

3.1. Minutes of the previous month’s meetings

3.1.1. \textbf{Council Meeting, 4\textsuperscript{th} November 2015}

3.1.2. \textbf{Management Committee Meeting, 16\textsuperscript{th} November 2015}

3.1.3. \textbf{Community Engagement and Activities Committee Meeting, 23\textsuperscript{rd} November 2015}

3.1.4. \textbf{Policy Committee Meeting, 24\textsuperscript{th} November 2015}
Officer Reports

4.1. Executive Reports

4.1.1. Co-President

Christian Jones

The Vice-President raised concerns about the Co-President approving $1000 for himself to go to the national conference of the National Union of Students. The Student Unity faction caucus (of which he is a member) was on Saturday, but the conference started on Monday. He left on Friday to attend the Student Unity caucus.

The Secretary said that the Co-President is a member of Student Unity (a Labor Right faction) and said that he is not sure why the Co-President is going other than to be with them. He has been to many national conferences prior to this with his faction. The conference is very factional and mostly concerns the undergraduate affiliate organisations and dealings for positions. The Secretary said that he is unconvinced that the Co-President went to represent postgrads given he didn’t even go to the CAPA ACM as an observer. SUPRA is not an affiliate to NUS, it’s an affiliate to CAPA.

A councillor said that this has already explained in Management Committee. The National Union of Students is mostly made up of Liberal and Labor-aligned students. She is worried about spending student money on this. She said that she went to a Women’s Conference, which staff recommended. It only cost $35 and funding for it was brought to Management Committee for approval. She said that the $1000 is unreasonable and that the Co-President should return the money to SUPRA. She said that he could have sent an email, but didn’t consult anyone to vote on it. All he did was bring it as informal to Management Committee. There was not even a motion.

Another councillor said that this is the first she’s heard of the matter. She said that she couldn’t make it to the last Management Committee meeting. The Co-President taking $1000 to a very expensive conference is very out of realm of democratic procedure. There are guidelines about spending and the Co-President should have taken the matter through Management Committee for approval. Council should take this very seriously. It is important for presidents to have respect of council and Management Committee.

Fatima Rauf arrived at 6:28pm.

A councillor said that the Co-President should be given the opportunity to discuss concerns. He should be present to defend.

Motion [DEC10-02]: That Council:

1. impeach Christian Jones’ decision to attend the national conference of the National Union of Students on the dates that he chose and to use his executive power to take $1000 out of SUPRA’s funds for this purpose,
2. call for him to personally refund those funds to SUPRA, and
3. condemn his failure to take the matter through Management Committee or council for approval.

Moved: Mike Butler  Seconded: Syed Atif
Carried.

No councillor wanted to move a motion to approve President’s report.

4.1.2. **CO-PRESIDENT**  
Kylee Hartman-Warren

4.1.3. **VICE PRESIDENT**  
Thomas Greenwell

4.1.4. **CO-EDUCATION OFFICER**  
Fatima Rauf

4.1.5. **CO-EDUCATION OFFICER**  
Ahmed Suhaib

4.1.6. **TREASURER**  
Joshua Preece

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**Dear Councillors,**

The forecast net deficit for 2015 is $57,813.18. This figure may be a little lower depending on the final two wage pays for the year. The advice I've received from our Finance Manager is that this level of deficit is not sustainable for more than a couple of years. It's therefore imperative that our SSAF funding next year is adequate to cover our expenses. In the event that it is not, Finance Committee and Council may need to make difficult decisions on what we wish to prioritise in the 2016 Budget.

Professor Carlin, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Registrar), informed SUPRA on the 7th of December that we will receive our invitation to apply for SSAF funding in early January.

Best wishes,

Joshua

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*Gareth Charles arrived at 6:38pm.*

A councillor said that one of the Treasurer’s jobs is to take funding approvals to the Finance Manager. Whenever she goes to Finance Manager, he doesn’t know what’s going on. The Secretary had to do this last time. She is concerned that the Treasurer doesn’t work with the Finance Manager. She said she hasn’t seen him in any meetings with the Finance Manager.

Another councillor said that he has the same concern as a member of the Finance Committee. So far this term there has only been one meeting. He said he would like to know what the Treasurer is actually doing if he’s claiming 14 hours per week.
The Secretary said that the Treasurer hasn’t been calling Finance Committee meetings when he should have.

A councillor took issue with the hours of breakdown brought up last meeting. He said the Treasurer still hasn’t broken down his hours in this report. He said that he doesn’t trust these hours. No hourly breakdown. Doesn’t add up.

A councillor said he assumes the Treasurer calls Finance Committee meetings, but asked if anyone else could call it if the Treasurer fails to. The Vice-President said that delegated authority from executive can call the meetings, but the Treasurer hadn’t delegated any authority.

A councillor said that she believes that the Treasurer is not doing his job at all. She said that he doesn’t organise committee meetings, meet with finance manager, has no idea about the budget and can’t answer questions. She said that council should give him a warning. He needs to work with council and the Finance Manager. Council needs to tell him what his job is and that he has to do it in the next month.

The Vice-President said that he has seen the Treasurer working with the Finance Manager.

**Motion [DEC10-03]: That Council accept the Treasurer’s report.**

Moved: Marguerite Biasatti Seconded: Mike Butler

3 for, 7 against, 3 abstentions.

Failed.

4.1.7. **SECRETARY**

Kane Hardy

4.1.8. **DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS**

Christian Jones

4.2. **Equity Officer Reports**

4.2.1. **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER**

Mike Butler

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Officer said that he has been organising two events. One is an Invasion/Australia Day movie event. He is currently working out venues for this. The other is a movie event for St Patrick’s Day.

He has been appointed as an MC at an event in Ultimo for “I Love Australia”, counter to Invasion Day, but celebrates multiculturalism.

He said he has been making baby steps to represent SUPRA going to Bolivia, which is the first country to have an indigenous elected president. He is going to the embassy in the next couple of weeks. He wants to interview their president. He is working on grievance committee stuff; on the plus side he has become whizz at regulations.
He apologised that he hasn’t given a written report.

Motion [DEC10-04]: That council approve the oral report of the ATSI Officer on condition that he submits a written report.

Moved: Kane Hardy Seconded: Syed Atif
Carried.

4.2.2. Disabilities Officer

Marguerite Biasatti

The Disabilities Officer apologised for not having a written report.

She spoke about International Disabilities Day. There are various functions organised and there was a luncheon. The Faculty of Education and Social Work is encouraged to go. Her meeting with the head of disabilities services has been cancelled, but will meet in January instead.

Carlos Monteverde left at 6:53pm.

She attended the CAPA ACM with the Secretary. Content-wise it was terrific. She learnt how CAPA worked. She was, however, verbally abused by one of the officers.

Motion [DEC10-04]: That council approve the oral report of the Disabilities Officer on condition that she submits a written report.

Moved: Mike Butler Seconded: Ahmed Suhaib
Carried.

4.2.3. International Officer

Shaikh Nayeem Faisal

A councillor raised concerns over the International Officer claiming 28 hours per month. There are reports he left early at the only event he organised. In the second line of his report he is apparently boasting about lack of food. During the bushwalk event this councillor had complains about students who had no food 15-20 minutes into event. The councillor raised concerns over the International Officer’s organisation of events and whether or not he is capable. The councillor had questions regarding what else the International Officer is doing for 28 hours a month when he only hosted one event.

A Co-Education Officer said that the International Officer wasn’t here for last meeting and had no report. In the Community Engagement Committee meeting people already spoke about events he is planning.

A councillor said there was an overlap of events. He said he’s working on day-care facilities, but the Women’s Officer is working on that. The councillor said that he thinks things had been copied and pasted from previous reports. He needs to come to council meeting so he can respond.
A councillor encouraged the International Officer not to say what he wants to do and say what he has done. One of his friends has an issue regarding childcare and she said she thinks he’s claiming for this as if he was working on it just because his friends needed services. She thinks that he is putting things that aren’t real. She said that he should receive an email from council about council’s concerns.

A councillor asked what the procedures are for halting a stipend. He asked what happens if there are allegations that they are not performing up to standard. The Vice-President said that council could launch and audit and direct him to appear before members of executive to offer an explanation.

A councillor asked if there were issues with the International Officer within the international student network. He asked if the equity officers have to also be accountable to their network. The Vice-President said that they should be, but there is no procedure.

The Secretary said that council needs to raise its concerns to all of the office bearers in questions.

**Motion [DEC10-05]:** That Council accepts the report of the International Officer.

*Moved:* Marguerite Biasatti

*No seconder. Motion not voted on.*

**Motion [DEC10-06]:** That council direct the Vice-President to raise concerns of council to the Co-President Christian Jones, Treasurer Joshua Preece and International Officer Shaikh Nayeem Faisal.

*Moved:* Kane Hardy  
*Seconded:* Syed Atif

*Carried.*

4.2.4. **Queer Officer**

Rachel Evans

4.2.5. **Women’s Officer**

Forough Ghanizadeh

The Vice-President said that the Women’s Officer should be putting in individual hours breakdowns. The Women’s Officer said that the last time she claimed money she did 35 hours one week and 11 hours another week. The Vice-President said that he didn’t doubt the work that she was doing but simply asked that she put in the hours in future.

**Motion [DEC10-07]:** That Council accept the report of the Women’s Officer.

*Moved:* Syed Atif  
*Seconded:* Ahmed Suhaib

*Carried.*

4.2.6. **Rural and Regional Officer**
5. Verbal Report from Staff Member

The SAAO Coordinator introduced SUPRA’s newest SAAO, who spoke for most of the report. She said that the 2016 calendar has been printed and commended the staff and councillors involved with it’s creation. An administration and publications staff member is continuing with layout of the Survival Guide. She said that the Thesis Guide is being finalised, pending policy changes.

The SAAO said that SUPRA has had a considerable increase in cases since results were released on Tuesday. SAAOs may need backup support at this time. SAAOs are currently arguing that the university needs to be cautious and not punish minor offences especially with lack of evidence. SAAOs have seen increase in misconduct cases.

A campaign has begun to save Callan park. A Co-President has started meeting to represent students from that campus.

The SAAO said that so far there has been a 25% increase on cases from 2014. After this end of year period after semester 2 cases SUPRA might have a 40% increase.

The SAAO also said that the SAAO team are planning for projects for next year. Early in 2016 they will be following up on feedback from subscribers on experiences with the university. A Co-President, the Vice-President and Administration Coordinator have been involved with meetings with CCT.

She also said that they had been looking at university policy, including academic appeals policy for higher research degree candidates and learning and teaching policy.

The SAAO Coordinator said that 2015 has been the biggest policy year for postgraduate students. SUPRA has been more effective in defending and extending student rights. The most recent example is the success, together with SRC, in keeping simple extensions. The Vice-President was at the Academic Board meeting and argued for it. He extended congratulations to everyone involved in making it a good policy year.

The SAAO also said that she had been looking at the illegality of recording students or staff without their consent. She is seeking further guidance with NSW law. Next year SUPRA could put a message in eGrad about this.

A councillor extended congratulations to the staff members. He asked why they think the amount of enquiries increased so much. He asked what metric they are using for levels of success and if they have prognosis for what will be happening in 2016. The SAAO Coordinator said that it couldn’t be determined for sure what has caused the increase. SUPRA does have better visibility and some faculties are making direct referrals to SUPRA. The university is getting tougher on plagiarism, which is causing more cases. He said that he has received the 2014 stats on academic appeal matters. There were 62 academic appeals, half of which were maybe SUPRA’s, 12-13 were sent back to faculties, half of which were SUPRA’s again. He said that students are much more likely to have success when they come to SUPRA for help.

The Secretary said that these stats would provide a great argument argument for an increase in funding at SSAF negotiations. He said that SUPRA desperately needs another SAAO and administration staff.
A councillor said that council needs to be presented with a campaign approach for international student rights and Callan park. She said that SUPRA won on simple extensions and council should use that momentum for the next campaign. A campaign needs to be brought to council with a budget and game plan.

A councillor asked the staff to give a brief overview of staff development day. He said that he is trying to organise a similar event for council. The SAAO Coordinator said that they took an historical tour of Cockatoo Island and had lunch. The councillor asked if they had training. The SAAO Coordinator said no, but this is a common thing for organisations to do for staff. In terms of outcomes it’s about building a team. The councillor said that SUPRA should do something similar for the councillors as well.

A Co-Education Officer said that he had been looking at things that SUPRA can campaign about. There are a lot of issues SUPRA doesn’t know from where to start. Issues with international student rights should have been brought to the Education Officers. The Vice-President said that if the university is doing something against the interests of student the first point of contact should be the Education Officers.

**Motion [DEC10-08]:** That council thank Adrian Cardinali and Vanessa Caparas for their report to council and for their work throughout the last month.

*Moved:* Mike Butler  
*Seconded:* Ahmed Suhaib  
*Carried.*

**Motion [DEC10-09]:** That the SSAF negotiators who are negotiating on behalf of SUPRA consult with SAAO staff to bring stats of increased intake to the negotiations and involve the Finance Manager.

*Moved:* Kane Hardy  
*Seconded:* Ahmed Suhaib  
*Carried.*

The Secretary noted doubts in the capabilities of the current negotiators given that council rejected two of the three reports.

*Gareth Charles left at 7:45pm.*

**6. Policy**

**6.1. Document Template**

The template presented to council is to be used as standard template. It has been brought to council for approval. A councillor asked what is new. The Vice-President said that the template is completely new.

**Motion [DEC10-10]:** That council approve the policy document template created by the Vice-President.

*Moved:* Syed Atif  
*Seconded:* Marguerite Biasatti  
*Gareth returned at 7:46pm.*  
*Carried.*
6.2. Regulation Formatting

The Vice-President said that there are no specific changes to the text, just minor formatting changes. A councillor asked what exactly had changed. The Vice-President said that now it is broken up and easier to read. Items are now numbered.

**Motion [DEC10-11]**: That council approve the changes to the Safer Spaces Charter and the Privacy Charter.

**Moved:** Ahmed Suhaib **Seconded:** Mike Butler

Carried.

★ 7. Discussion around Financial Strategy

The Secretary said that recent governmental motions attacking the future of SSAF require SUPRA to discuss future strategies to ensure the organisation can continue to run if further attacks on funding sources occur. The SAAO Coordinator said that when VSU came in, universities could charge fees, but the decision of how money gets spent was left up to the institutions. They had to also consult with students before it divvied up. They needed to make an argument to be used to meet legislation requirements.

The Secretary said that council needs to think about potentially needing financial independence if SSAF is attacked. A councillor said that SUPRA should think about investing money somewhere. SUPRA council also hire an economist to help it with money and strategies.

A student said that the way SUPRA is best defended is by mobilising students to come to its defence. SUPRA currently needs more SSAF money for SAAOs, but it also needs to run campaigns. She also said that SUPRA needs to be mindful of the danger and it should stand up against attacks on unions.

Two counterposed motions were put forward:

**Motion [DEC10-12]**: That council approve the production of materials that direct students to put the Liberals last coming into the next federal election.

**Moved:** Kane Hardy **Seconded:** Gareth Charles

**Motion [DEC10-13]**: That this be deferred to Education Committee for working.

**Moved:** Ahmed Suhaib **Seconded:** Fatima Rauf

**Motion [DEC10-12]**: 6 votes

Failed.

**Motion [DEC10-13]**: 9 votes

Carried.
SUPRA Ball

The Co-Education Officers have been working on this. A Co-Education Officer said that SUPRA should have ticket prices significantly low so lower SES students can afford to go. SUPRA would have to contribute some of the cost. She has been trying to find most cost-effective way to do this. There is a lot to hire and there are other associated fees when in hosting events in the Great Hall. She said that SUPRA council could also host it in Refectory of Holme Building. She is also looking at venues outside of the university.

A councillor said that she likes the idea but that it should be held in April. The Vice-President said that it is already on calendar for March. She said that SUPRA could still change it. She also said that $60 still very expensive.

A Co-Education Officer said that after calculating costs each person costs $100, SUPRA can pay $40 per person, making the final ticket price $60. The lower the price, the more SUPRA has to pay. This is without providing free tickets.

The other Co-Education Officer said that normally Law Ball is $100+. The other option is to make it a canapé event, which would make it cheaper but the cost is still significant. She said that she could talk to the Presidents with the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the USU.

A councillor suggested that attendees pay for their own food and drinks. A Co-Education Officer said that the price included drinks and that SUPRA could provide free drinks until 10:00pm and charge afterwards.

A councillor said that ticket prices would be better at $30-$40.

The Vice-President said that the MOU between USU and SUPRA has been signed. He asked if the Co-Education Officers have put a request to the USU for funding. He asked what the deadline is for organising the ball. A Co-Education Officer said that they are going to be working on it in December. She wasn’t aware that the MOU had gone through. The Vice-President encouraged the Co-Education Officers to put their case to the USU.

A councillor said that there are other venues, like the Women’s College.

A Co-Education Officer said that she also wants equity tickets for low SES students.

A councillor asked if the Co-Education Officers would be able to get 220 people to pay $60. He said that SUPRA doesn’t get that many people at free events. He asked if SUPRA has money. He said that if drinks are only beer and wine, it wouldn’t be too expensive. He asked if the Co-Education Officers would be inviting others from other universities and if they would pay full price. He asked if SUPRA has enough time to advertise the event. It would be very early in semester.

Gareth Charles left at 8:20pm.

The Vice-President said that councillors should have an hour-to-2-hour-long meeting. This item should be sent back to Community Engagement and Activities Committee.

A Co-Education Officer said if there are any councillors interested in getting involved they could form a working party and that she would send out an email about it soon.

Motion [DEC10-14]: That this item be deferred to a SUPRA Ball working party.

Moved: Syed Atif         Seconded: Ahmed Suhaib
Carried.
A councillor said that she is wary about telling students we spent $10,000 on a ball when we’re having attacks from management. She said that SUPRA should step back and redesign.

9. **Grievance Committee**

**Motion [DEC10-15]:** That this meeting of council move in camera.

**Moved:** Forough Ghanizadeh

**Carried (8:24pm).**

Adrian Cardinali, Vanessa Caparas and Leticia left at 8:24pm.

[Content removed. See Secretary’s copy for in camera section.]

**Motion [DEC10-16]:** That this meeting of council move ex camera.

**Moved:** Kane Hardy

**Carried (8:44pm).**

Leticia returned at 8:44pm.

10. **CAPA Report-Back**

The Secretary and the Disabilities Officer gave a report back on their attendance at the CAPA ACM. The Secretary said that it was a great opportunity to meet representatives from other organisations and find out more about how they function. The Disabilities Officer gave a brief outline of the strategies and campaigns CAPA will be focussing on. The Secretary especially noted that SUPRA should send more than 2 delegates next year. It is important to have as much representation at this conference each year as possible so that SUPRA can get the most out of its affiliation fees. The postgraduate association of Monash University sent 9 delegates, which completely dwarfed SUPRA.

**Action:** The Secretary and the Disabilities Officer will write up a formal report-back for council.

11. **Stolen Generation Campaign**

A councillor said that an Aboriginal child was stolen from her mother at RPA. She has been doing research into a new stolen generation campaign. 15,000 children have been stolen from families and are in care. This is the most ever in Australian history. It is an assimilation attempt. There is a huge fight to get children back to their parents.

A guest said that in the social work department there are many people interested in decolonisation. Postgraduate students are concerned about procedures. There is a lot interested in the oppressive practices. She is raising awareness at a university-wide level.
There are also other disciplines involved. SUPRA should donate $1500 to grandmothers against removal and allies for an event in Canberra on national sorry day.

**Motion [DEC10-17]:** That SUPRA:

1. contact postgrad students in the health and social work departments and informs them of this new wave of stolen Aboriginal children and asks for their help in the campaign to stop it.
2. donate $1500 to funding GMAR Moree, Taree, Redfern and Sydney University Aboriginal communities, students, and allies to attend the February 11-14 weekend in Canberra. That the money is designated to the hiring of buses, petrol and travel costs.

Moved: Mike Butler Seconded: Marguerite Biasatti
Carried.

12. **United Against Racism: 10 Years on from Cronulla**

**Motion [DEC10-18]:** That SUPRA endorse the “United Against Racism: 10 Years on from Cronulla” rally on Saturday 12th December at 2:30pm at the Newtown Hub time in conjunction with Reclaim the Streets.

Moved: Mike Butler Seconded: Gareth Charles
Carried.

13. **Other Business**

13.1. **Constitution Working Party**

This will be chaired by the Vice-President with the aim of revising the constitution.

**Motion [DEC10-19]:** That council establish a Constitution Working Party.

Moved: Thomas Greenwell Seconded: Mike Butler
Carried.

13.2. **Childcare Handbook**

The Women’s Officer will create this. The last one was from 2005 and consisted of around 22 pages. The Women’s Officer said that she needs to add a page. She said that this should be in the Survival Guide. She spoke to the senior SAAO about this. She said that she couldn’t get a grant from the university, so she will be putting her hours as Women’s Officer into that. Council will see details in her monthly report. She will need to spend about 2 months or 3 months on this, while reducing other activities.

The Secretary asked if this would require funding form SUPRA. The Women’s Officer said that she would get quotes and bring them to next council meeting.
13.3. **Volunteer’s Stipend**

A councillor said that the Treasurer was supposed to call a Finance Committee meeting to discuss this issue, but didn’t.

13.4. **Psychology Conference**

A councillor asked if there is any report back on this. The Vice-President said that SUPRA forgot to ask for one. A Co-Education officer said that that information has already been given. The Vice-President said that he would get into contact with the organisers.

13.5. **Removal from Officer Bearer Position**

A councillor asked what is required to remove an office bearer from their position. The Vice-President said that there needs to be 2/3 present of full council to remove an office bearer from position. The councillor asked if this includes proxies. The Vice-President said that this is not clear but the Secretary said that he is confident that proxies would be included.

13.6. **Council Lunch**

A councillor said that SUPRA should reward council for their services time commitment to meetings. Another councillor said that she has been in a number of organisations and none of them do this. She said that there are many events that SUPRA organises to engage student body and that councillors also partake in those. Councillors meet people but also eat off the budget of SUPRA. She said that it is more important to say thank you to workers.

A councillor said that SUPRA should have a council development day like it had done for staff. The Secretary said that councillors were invited to an end of term lunch last term. They already get rewarded at the end.

A councillor said that it is disrespectful to say that councillors can go to other events for SUPRA.

Another councillor said that he is not opposed to something like laser tag as a possibility. A Co-Education Officer said that there needs to be a team-building exercise. Funding of SUPRA is in question and council really needs to unite at this point.

A councillor said that SUPRA should do something for councillors, even an hour of lunch at the café above SUPRA as a token of appreciation.

A councillor said he disagrees with the opportunity to go to events that SUPRA hosts for students because councillors are hosting events. He said that council needs to build as a group.

**Motion [DEC10-20]:** That council approve up to $900 for a council get-together.

**Moved:** Syed Atif  
**Seconded:** Forough Ghanizadeh  
**Carried.**

**Action:** Secretary to send out poll for availability.
Meeting closed at 9:23pm.