MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 3.00 PM ON TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2009 AT THE SUPRA OFFICES

Chair: Rashmi Kumar/Nick Irving
Minutes: John Nowakowski

Present: Rashmi Kumar (Co-President), Heidi Claus, Kathryn Stachyra, Surya Setiyaputra, Richard Bailey (to 4.20), Rosemary Whitecross, Paulo Mizzi, Chihong Choi (Treasurer), Nick Irving (Co-President), John Nowakowski (Acting Secretary), Fiona Curren, Bram Hertasning (from 3.50pm), Sophia Barnes (Subscriber, from 4.45pm)

Apologies: Ming Tang, Lian Jenvey (Vice President), Siddhanth De, Cipi Morgan

Meeting Opened: 3.15pm

Heidi Claus provided Lian Jenvey’s Proxy Vote

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. SAAO Complaint [IN CAMERA]

Recess: 4.20-4.25
Richard Bailey left, 4.20

3. Minutes
Minutes for the Meeting on October 16 were not received

4. Office Bearer Reports
a) Co-Presidents
Clarification on Attachment 1, Point 5(a) – Progress is being made and policy is now on the way

b) Vice-President
Discussion deferred to the next meeting due to absence of Vice President

c) Secretary
Due to the resignation of Jason Judge, John Nowakowski has been acting in the position

d) Treasurer

MOTION: That the reports be accepted
Moved: Rosemary Whitecross Carried
5. Officer Reports and Updates
   a) Queer Officer
   No report received

   b) International Officer
   Nick Irving and John Nowakowski backed Attachment 5, Point 1 and identified their support on the matter

   c) Activities Convenor
   Discussion deferred to next meeting due to absence of Convenors

   d) Campaigns and Policy
   Heidi Claus reminded the council that there are two rallies this upcoming weekend – Saturday, November 28 for Same Sex Marriage, and Sunday, November 29 for Refugees

   e) Publications
   Fiona spoke to three points on her Report (Attachment 8)
   1) The Counter Course Handbook survey is open until December 2, and has had approximately 480 respondents. A breakdown of responses will be provided for International vs. Local students for the International Officer, and other reports may be provided
   2) The SAAO section for the Postgraduate Survival Guide was a little late, but it is expected that the content will be finalised soon
   3) Links had been provided for the survey on the Su Pra facebook page and it was recommended that other councillors could also circulate the survey through their own networks and mailing lists

   Motion: That the reports of the Convenors and Officers be accepted
   Moved: John Nowakowski  Carried

6. Appointment of new Councillors to fill vacancies
Rashmi identified that there are two vacancies on council at the moment and that a number of people had applied. However, only the application from Sophia Barnes could be located for the meeting. This matter was deferred to the next meeting to ensure fair and equitable applications.

7. Election of Secretary and Disability Officer
Due to the resignation of Jason Judge from the position of Secretary, an appointment from council is required. John Nowakowski is the only applicant. Appointed unanimously

Due to the formation of the role of Disabilities Officer, an appointment to the position is required. Kathryn Stachyra is the only application. Appointed unanimously.

The council acclaimed the new appointees.

8. Budget for 2010
Heidi Claus updated the council as to the recent informal budget group meeting. Nick Irving confirmed issues raised. Rashmi Kumar opened for nominees to an official Budget Working Group. Nominations were received from: Richard Bailey, Heidi Clause, Lian
Jenvey, Rashmi Kumar, Nick Irving (to December 4), John Nowakowski, Chihong Choi, and Rosemary Whitecross. Richard Bailey was appointed as chair (in absentia).

**Motion:** That the following terms of reference be used by the Budget Working Group:
- Develop a budget for approval by the council
- Look into budgetary procedure
- Provide a new budget with suitable line items to John Fell by January 1

**Moved:** Nick Irving  Carried

**Procedural Motion:** To suspend item 9 on the agenda to after item 10
**Moved:** Rashmi Kumar

10. **WCC**
Rashmi Kumar informed council that a Workplace Consultative Committee has been convened, and council was required to appoint members. Previously, these had been Rashmi Kumar and Rosemary Whitecross. Rashmi proposed it should be herself and Nick Irving.
Rosemary Whitecross suggested that a non-executive member be appointed, and Bram Hertasning volunteered.

9. **SUPRA/SRC Drinks**
Drinks were to be held on Thursday, November 26, as thanks to the SRC for their assistance with the hiring of a Publications Officer and Administration Assistant.

11. **Other Business**
Rashmi Kumar advised that the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations ACM was being held in Melbourne from December 2-4. Only Rashmi and John Nowakowski had nominated to attend, and no further nominations were received.

Nick Irving raised a matter for consideration, relating to the movement of the council year to match the financial year.

**Meeting Closed:** 5.10pm