

Architecture Alumni Association Council, University of Sydney

## MINUTES OF MEETING

7.30am , 9 June 2009, in the Dean of Architecture's Conference Room, Wilkinson Building

Present: Michael Neustein (chair), Lise Maddocks, Ken Woolley, David Turner

Apologies Tim Osborne, Brian Griffin, Varoujan Bedrossian, Warren Julian

In attendance Julia Wilson, John Elliott

### MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Previous Council meeting minutes and matters arising
  - *The minutes of the previous meeting were not available.*
2. Leave of absence
  - *Michael Neustein: July and August meetings*
  - *David Turner: July meeting*
  - *Ken Woolley to chair July and August meetings*
3. AGM
  - *Constitution and minutes to be posted on the web (JW, JE)*
4. Careers Market Day
  - *Confirmed for Thursday 10 September*
  - *Exhibitor fee: \$600.00*
5. Faculty Chapter Awards
  - *Community achievement: Sue Clarke and Roya Baghai*
  - *International achievement: Lawrence Lai Chung*
  - *Professional achievement: Andrew Andersons*
  - *Young alumni: Mitchell Page*
  - *Graduand award: Andrew Daly.*
6. SpringBack to Sydney
  - *Michael Neustein to invite Craig Knowles to speak in the Quadrangle lecture series*
7. Staff appointments
  - *The meeting noted the length of time that had been taken to advertise and interview candidates for the Professor of Architecture position.*
  - *Ditto for the advertisement of the Dean's position. According to a source in the University Administration, the new Dean's KPIs to include external relations and alumni engagement.*
8. Adjunct teaching
  - *The meeting noted with dissatisfaction that no further action had been forthcoming for over a year on the appointment of adjuncts to assist with teaching overloads.*
  - *The meeting also noted that staff had not renewed their calls for adjunct assistance in recent months, possibly because they were too busy managing the rest of their teaching commitments.*
  - *MN and DT had not been invited to Faculty meetings, despite having being appointed as adjunct staff.*
9. University Alumni Council report (DT)

- *Alumni Council representatives now attending every graduation ceremony and 'working the lawn' handing out lapel pins and welcoming new graduates.*
- *Elections to the Alumni Council and Senate to be held in November. Candidates to be sought for for the vacant Architecture, Design and Planning seat on Council.*
- *The new AlumniOnline portal to go live soon.*
- *The new Alumni Centre currently on hold.*
- *The NSW parliamentary review of university governance had proposed scrapping graduate elections to governing bodies in favour of direct appointments, and reducing governing bodies in size. This was a matter of concern because it would dilute alumni representation on senate and sever the current path of accountability from Alumni Chapters through the Alumni Council, to Senate.*

10. Next Meeting

- *The meeting closed at 9.30am.*
- *Next meeting, Tuesday 14 July 2009, 7.30am.*