Architecture Alumni Association Council, University of Sydney

MINUTES OF MEETING
7.30am, 14 April 2009, in the Dean of Architecture’s Conference Room, Wilkinson Building

Present: Michael Neustein (chair), Ken Woolley, Tim Osborne, Varoujan Bedrossian, Brian Griffin, David Turner, John Elliott

Apologies: Julia Wilson

MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Minutes
   - TO and MN would circulate ‘Special Meeting’ minutes.
   - KW indicated he had not yet seen the March meeting’s minutes. TO indicated he would follow this up.

2. Review of ‘Special Meeting’
   - The Council agreed to focus efforts to successfully realise the ‘normal’ activities.

3. In Praise of Process exhibition review
   - TO noted fiscal matters to be finalised with VB/JE/JW.
   - The issue of storage of the works was discussed, but remained unresolved.
   - It was suggested that a review of the exhibition in a suitable publication (perhaps Aa or Architecture Bulletin) would be beneficial. MN to follow up.
   - KW enquired if copies of the publication had been forward to the exhibitors – TO noted that they had indeed been mailed.
   - JE noted that the next exhibition should be in August 2010 to align with other university events.

4. Archives
   - BG informed the meeting that the assistant archivist from the university would be viewing the ‘historic’ drawings.
   - It was agreed that it would be beneficial if there was a teaching staff member of the faculty present at this meeting/viewing to reinforce the benefits of making the drawings available as a reference tool for students rather than being consigned archival storage.

5. SUAAA Constitution
   - MN indicated that there was an ARO standard pro-forma which the Council might consider adopting/adapting for a revised constitution.
   - The meeting resolved to work towards an AGM to deal with constitution matters on Thursday 14.05.09.
   - It was deemed unnecessary to adopt the ARO pro-forma, but MN and TO would work with the existing constitution and list the necessary changes by 01.05.09.

6. Other business
   - CAREERS MARKET DAY
     - It was noted that Bloomfield-Tremayne were upset following the 2008 Market Day due to the presence of a second recruitment agency at the event. The concensus of Council was that if they wanted exclusive rights to the event, their monetary contribution needed to be significantly more than what it was.
     - MN and VB to liaise to confirm companies for 2009.
     - MN identified opportunities for planning sector and councils to be invited to participate since they maintain reasonable workloads (and staffing) even during tough financial times.
   - MENTORSHIP
     - Kristine Sodersten’s suggestion for a vocational subject was discussed and reviewed.
• GRADUAND DRINKS
  – JE noted that a graduand drinks event had been organised for the evening prior to the graduation. The drinks would be held in the Faculty Hearth, Thursday April 23 5-7pm.
  – All alumni council members were invited to the event.
  – Alumni information pamphlets would be distributed to the graduands at the ceremony in order to make sure that up-to-date contact detail are maintained.

• ALUMNI COUNCIL ELECTIONS
  – Elections would be coming up in May at the AGM.
  – VB to assist MN in organising.

• WEB-SITE & ENCOMPASS
  – The (hugely beneficial) opportunity for the Council to assist the development of the university’s online “ENCOMPASS” network was discussed, but there were no volunteers to liaise with the ARO.
  – JE noted that the Alumni Association web-site was in the process of being updated.
  – It was suggested that the ‘In Praise of Process’ digital content be used on the web-site.
  – TO indicated this was possible and he would liaise with JE on this matter and make the media available.

• PROMINENT ALUMNI INFORMATION
  – This information would be included in the spring “archetype.”

Meeting was closed at 9.30am.

NEXT MEETING PERHAPS PRIOR TO THE AGM (14 MAY 2009) IN LIEU OF ONE AT 07.30 ON 12 MAY 2009