Architecture Alumni Association Council, University of Sydney

MINUTES OF MEETING
7.30am ,15 April 2008, in the Dean of Architecture’s Conference Room, Wilkinson Building

Present: Michael Neustein (chair), Warren Julian, Prianka Rao, Sarah Rheinberger, Varoujan Bedrossian, Ken Woolley, Brian Griffin, David Turner

Apologies Tim Osborne

In attendance: Julia Wilson

1. Previous Council meeting minutes and matters arising
   • The minutes of the March 2008 meeting were adopted as true and correct record. There were no matters arising.

2. Showcase Exhibition (Tim Osborne)
   • Notes from March meeting held over for further discussion
   • Tin Sheds Gallery booking to be confirmed for session 1 2009, to ensure students can view the exhibition. (TO)
   • 5 eminent graduates from each 10 year cohort to be invited to exhibit (TO)
   • Drawing to be the central theme, from Wilkinson and Rees to the present day
   • Expense budget to be confirmed. $5 – 10,000 suggested (VB)

3. Careers Market Day (Varoujan Bedrossian + Julia Wilson)
   • Hearth booked for Thursday 11 September (Note)
   • Faculty diary to be consulted to ensure years 3 and 5 can attend (JW)
   • Staff to be emailed re date (JW)
   • Uni Careers Office to be invited to attend, and to run a CV checking and advisory service (JW)
   • Bloomfield Tremayne to be invited to sponsor the event (MN)
   • Design computing firms to be contacted (JW)
   • Planning firms to be contacted (MN)
   • Developers with in-house architecture capability to be invited: Mirvac, Meriton, Lend Lease (David Russell) (VB)
   • Environmental consulting firms to be invited, e.g. Lincolne Scott (VB)
   • Engineering firms to be contacted: Arup, Steenson Varming, GHD etc (VB)
   • Exhibitor fee to be $600 inc GST, $1,500 for sponsors (Note)
   • Faculty classes to be visited to create awareness of the event (SR)
   • List of past invitees to be prepared (JW)

4. Dean’s Advisory Council (Ken Woolley and Mike Neustein)
   • Mike Neustein to circulate a list of suitable invitees.
   • Invitations to be issued by Prof Julian, together with Profs Nutbeam and/or Coats.

5. Awards
   • It was agreed unanimously (Neustein/ Turner) to proceed with faculty alumni awards.
   • Suitable nominees to be encouraged to nominate for University awards as well.
   • David Turner to prepare nominations with Julia Wilson (DT & JW)
   • Judging panel. Mike Neustein (chair), Ken Woolley, Warren Julian reps from the ARO and SUAC
   • Possible nominees discussed, to be followed up (DT & JW)

6. Notable alumni register
• **David Turner** still waiting for a response from the NSW Chapter of the RAIA to get lists of past presidents and recipients of named awards.

7. **Mentoring**
   - The University’s ‘Encompass’ on-line mentoring planned to go live in mid 2008.
   - Student to student mentoring already in progress.
   - Hazel Baker from ARO to be invited to brief the SUAA meeting on 10 June about the Encompass program (DT)
   - SUAA could help PG students with work experience. Mike Neustein to discuss with Warren Julian. (MN & WJ)

8. **Australian Institute of Building**
   - This organisation has links with UNSW, UTS and UWS but not USYD.
   - Warren Julian and Varoujan Bedrossian to discuss. (WJ & VB)

9. **Archives**
   - Brian Griffin had met with Sharon Perritt.
   - Warren Julian and the Librarian were keen to have the drawing collection accessible to students. Selected drawings could be framed and hung in the building.
   - 500 drawings to be scanned and filed of which 200 were from the McConnell collection
   - Many drawings creased, with tape and pin marks.
   - Funding available for flat bed scanning and digital recording of drawings, purchase of hanging file cabinets and fitting edge strips to drawings for hanging. It was proposed to have students carry out this work.

10. **Sponsorship of e-Type**
    - Varoujan Bedrossian had been approached by a potential sponsor.
    - David Turner to contact ARO to get guidelines for logo placement. (DT)

11. **SUAAS**
    - Architecture Revue planned for session 2
    - It was moved to provide $500 sponsorship (Neustein/Bedrossian) Carried unanimously.
    - Warren Julian indicated that students would receive course credit for work on the revue.
    - Sarah Rheinberger to advise the revue dates, for publication in e-Type (JW)

12. **New Vice Chancellor**
    - Prof Spence was reportedly keen to meet faculties. It was agreed that SUAAA would like to be involved in this process. The Dean to advise further. (WJ)

13. **New Faculty Marketing Manager**
    - An appointment to be finalised shortly.

14. **Next Meeting**
    - The meeting closed at 9.00am.
    - Next meeting, Tuesday 13 May 2008, 7.30am