

Agenda for a meeting of the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association Council to be held in **Footbridge Theatre** on the **26th of August 2019** at **6:00PM**

Chair:	Minran Liu
Minutes:	Domi Johnson & Mucong Li
Attendance:	Domi Dana Johnson, Azhar Saeed (A.S.), Yanning Bai (Y.B.), Mucong LI (M.L.), Xinheng WU (X.W.) Xuning Feng (X.F.), DI Wang (D.W.), Bing Wei (B.W.), Chang Wang (C.W.), Luhua Li (L.L.), Xiner Yuan (X.Y.), Margueritte Biasatti (M.B.), Karishma Rajan Menon, Bec Johnson (B.J.), Cui Li (C.L.), Xue Peng (X.P.) Zhuoyuan Xie (Z.X.)
Staff:	TBC
Guests:	TBC

1. **Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome**

We acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation as the traditional custodians of the land. We acknowledge that the land upon which we meet is stolen land, and that sovereignty was never ceded. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend those respects to all First Nations persons here. This always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.

2. **Governance & Declaration of COI**

1. **Apologies**

Yunhe Wang
David Wang
Jinwei Xie
Yi Ling
Ruolei Wang
Sid Littlehood

2. **Proxies**

Yunhe Wang Proxies to Minran
David Wang Proxies to Wang Di
Jinwei Xie Proxies to Yanning
Yi Ling Proxies to Yanning

3. **Starring of Items**

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

Recommendation: That the Council approves all unstarred items.

4. Resignations (if relevant)

Yanning Bai – International Officer

Yuhang Xia - General Councillor

Minran talks about resignations that Yanning Bai resigned her international officer position and Yuhang Xia resigned his general councillor position

Domi said that it not that pocredure works, cause Yuhang was resigned later than Yanning, which means that there were no vacancies at that moment, then Yanning cannot be nominated to become a councillor.

Azhar said that people it's not very familiar about the constitution. There no vacnent positon in the council in that moment and Yanning should be nominated again and elected to be Co-president in next council meeting.

Yanning said all of this was about the delay of internet, she sent that resignations after Yuhang told her that he already sent an email to resign general councillor position. So,actually, Yuhang send the email first.

Domi says the information can be found from the Secretary Email, we receive the email from Yanning at 1:30 PM and the email from Yuhang at 1:31 PM.

Is not about early or late, follow the constitution again,

Yanning asks, considering the situation of Jack resignations and nomination of Qinghan, what's the differences between that and my situation.

Xiner says Jack (Zikui) Gao resigned his general councillor position and then sent a second email to secretary email to nominate Qinghan to replace.

Azhar says there are no differences if Yuhang send an email to nominate someone else to replace this position, and he can nominate Yanning of course, but the point is that Yanning canot run for Co-president until the election which can be held in next council meeting. Before that, Yanning will become a general councillor if Yuhang nominates her.

Minran says there are no differences between Jack's situation and Yanning's situation, what we should do is that keeping in mind the procedure of how we are working within SUPRA council.

Karishma said that it not said against yanning to running the work, it is not about how many emails you sent, it's all about understanding and following the constitution of our council.

Minran says the council can held another election of Co-president in next council meeting, and Yuhang should send an email to nominate someone else if he would like to.

3. Minutes and Reports of Meetings

1. Minutes of the previous month's meeting

1.Meeting of Council, 9th July 2019

2. Business arising from the minutes

4. Officer Reports

1. Executive Reports

1. PRESIDENT
Minran Liu
Yanning Bai
2. VICE PRESIDENTS
Azhar Saeed *[no report received]*
3. EDUCATION OFFICERS
Xiner Yuan
Shiyu Bao
4. SECRETARIES
Domi Johnson
Mucong Simon
5. TREASURER
Chenghan li
Yunhe Wang
6. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Luhuna Li
Huang Zheng

2. Equity Reports

- 4.2.1 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER
- 4.2.2 DISABILITIES OFFICER
Marguerite Biassatti
- 4.2.3 INTERNATIONAL OFFICER
Yanning Bai
- 4.2.4 QUEER OFFICER
Sid Littlewood *[no report received]*
- 4.2.5 WOMEN'S OFFICER
Zhuoyuan Xie
- 4.2.6 SATELLITE CAMPUS OFFICER

3. Business arising from reports

5. Reports by Staff Members

6. Sydney University Critical Care Society Sponsorship ★

Details Attached in the Council Pack

Jenny present her proposal to the council. She says that Sydney University Critical Care Society is a relatively new student run society that aims to promote hands-on training and experience in critical care medicine for the postgraduate medical students of Usyd. We run many events throughout the year, including workshops, lecture events and our annual Emergency Medical Challenge, a friendly competition where teams are able to demonstrate their knowledge of emergency medical management in a range of scenarios, with real actor patients. This year, in addition to our past events, we are planning to run a state-wide Emergency Medical Challenge as well as a new Wilderness Camp, where students gain some medical training with limited resources in an outdoor camp setting.

Margueritte asks that what is this event about and is this held in last few years.

Jenny says in this year, particularly, in addition to our past events, we are planning to

run a state-wide Emergency Medical Challenge as well as a new Wilderness Camp, where students gain some medical training with limited resources in an outdoor camp setting. And the costs of event were around 200,000\$ in 2016 in total.

Azhar said that if there more information of breakdown, specifically, how much money will be spent in separate section.

Jenny says we cannot give a vary detail information of it, but I can contact our members and then draft a breakdown of our budget.

Margueritte says how could this event benefits SUPRA, cause if we cannot identify those benefits that SUPRA can received, then other student societies also could fund this event, then why SUPRA?

She says Critical Care Society can run publication stuffs with SUPRA and try to increase the voices within student society. And SUCCS is a brand-new organization that need lots of funding to run the event, so if more funding, then easier for us to run this society.

Azhar says you can bring more information and come back to us in the next council meeting, then we can discuss what we can help in detail, because we cannot donate this fund until you have some information in details. And you can talk to any of member of SUPRA council to help you.

Xiner says she can help them to do it and discuss further.

[190826-1]

The council reject the funding of \$2,750 for SUCCS Sponsorship and carry it to next meeting.

Moved: Azhar Seconded: Karishma

In favour: 14

Motion approved.

7. CISA Conference 2019 Report

Attached in the Council Pack

Azhar present this conference and introduce the process of the conferences to council.

8. Request for an Office space for Francine ★

Email Request including the cost for the setup is attached in the council pack

The detailed information was attached in the

Marguerite said that there is no enough working space for them. Then she suggests that Louise could work downstairs, because Louise's work has fewer face-to face meetings with students.

Azhar agrees that working spaces upstairs are more for the caseworkers meeting students regularly.

[190826-2]

The council reject the request for an Office space for Francine

Moved: Azhar Seconded: Minran

In favour: 14

Motion approved.

9. Council to approve \$13800 for Supra Group Fitness Event ★

Details attached in the Council Pack

The funding proposal is presented to the council by Sally which asks for \$13,800 for SUPRA Group Fitness Event. She says this semester SUPRA has contracted with SUSF to provide Rock-climbing, Yoga and Body Pump courses to our memberships. This activity will be held for 12 weeks for every weekend. There are 30 people attending Rock-climbing and 50 people attending Yoga and Body Pump respectively.

The details are showing below:

- Rock-climbing: From Saturday 10 August to Saturday 26 Oct, and the budget is \$4,800 for 12 weeks.
- Yoga: From Sunday 11 August to Sunday 27 Oct, and the budget is \$4,500 for 12 weeks.
- Body Pump: From Sunday 11 August to Sunday 27 Oct, and the budget is \$4,500 for 12 weeks.

Bec asks how you will to publicize this fitness event and how to get student be involved in.

Sally said that our publication is based on Facebook, where the student can exactly receive the tickets, and then we were run the publication through Wechat platform, official Wechat account and ins to ensure the majority of postgrads can receive this opportunity.

Bec says this event is definitely great, and we also think about how SUPRA can benefits from this, maybe reputation or attention from students, but we really need to fully take advantages of it rather than just holding it.

Margueritte says maybe we can pay more attention on the effectiveness and methods of publication, cause some students may still never heard about it.

[190826-3]

The council approve the funding of \$13800 for Supra Group Fitness Event

Moved: Minran Seconded: Bec

In favour: 15

Motion approved.

10. Council to approve \$15000 for the Basketball Game on October 5th 2019. ★

Details attached in the council pack

The funding proposal is presented to the council by Xuning which asks for \$15,000 for SUPRA cup, which is a basketball game on October 5th. He said that this is the first time that SUPRA hold us Basketball Game, and this event will contract to SUSF to help us to run this event. Then a list of offers for the budget of \$15,000 is shown us following.

- Exclusive use of both basketball courts in the Bryden's Stadium for the entire day
- Grandstand seating hire
- Scoreboard hire
- Exclusive access to show court change rooms and toilets
- Sound system and roaming microphone hire
- Tournament administration
- Referee costs
- All marketing and promotional material
- St John's Ambulance First Aid Responders
- Access to the 3 lower level tennis courts as a warm-up zone
- Catering – details TBC
- All cleaning costs – before, during and after the event

Bec asked that how many people will be involved in this event?

Xuning says we hope there will be more than 100 people participate in this game. We plan to enrol 32 teams, and each team should have up to 5 people.

Bec says it is a great opportunity to involve postgrads to our event. But the question is how you will to publicize SUPRA cup and how to get student be involved in this game.

Xuning says we will publicize the event via our social media, Facebook, Ins, Wechat platform and SUPRA official Wechat account, to do so. And speaking of enthusiasm and participation of the postgrads, firstly, students who around me are really interested in this game. Second, there are a lot of people involved in the 3v3 basketball cup which help by Unisports, which means that there are plenty of students in Sydney Uni would like to sign up to a basketball game hold within university. So, the participation of the game would not be an issue.

Karishma asks how this \$15,000 funding going to be used?

Xuning says all the information of the costs was attached in the council pack.

Karishma says but the breakdown of the funding was not be included in it.

Xuning says we hadn't got a detailed breakdown of the funding from SUSF, and actually, we still need to discuss the costs with them furthermore. This \$15,000 budget was generated by previous information.

Azhar says if we don't have the breakdown, then we will have a hard time accessing the costs and evaluating whether it is worthy.

[190826-4]

The council reject the funding of \$15000 for the Basketball Game on October 5th.2019

Moved: Azhar **Seconded:** Karishma

In favour: 15

Motion approved.

11. Delegate Women Officer work with Karen to be her Co-Women Officer. ★

Details attached in the council pack

Sally present her proposal to the council. She says due to my heavy commitment in SUPRA's community committee and my academic as a Master of Commerce, I would like to appoint Qian Zhi Lai (Karen) as my co-women officer. Karen is responsible, reliable and detail-oriented, as shown in the tasks she handled throughout the semester 1, 2019. She had attended the Academic Board Meeting and voiced up as the representative of postgraduate students, facilitated focus group discussion about the students' mental health issues and managed the SUPRA's Facebook and Instagram accounts. I believe she is capable of reducing my workload, and thus allowing me to execute my words during the election.

Azhar says whether it is acceptable under the constitution. It is because

This person should be one of our council members to be nominated to become a Co-women officer. Does Karen is a councillor now?

Minran says she isn't a general councillor.

Then Azhar says this is unacceptable.

[190826-5]

The council reject the nomination of Karen to become a Co-women officer.

Moved: Azhar **Seconded:** Karishma

In favour: 15

Motion approved.

12. Support the Global Climate Strike September 20 ★

Details attached in the council pack

Minran gives the council some time to read related material thoroughly.

Margueritte says this event will be held in a month later, and the files only present a total number of donations rather than a detailed information of how this money is going to be used. So I think it is hard to evaluate whether we should support this event.

Bec says that I am quite interested in this aspect actually, but there are few people pay attention to it, which means it is worthy to donate money to them. However, we should have more detail information about it.

Margueritte says I don't think so, because I never seen the advertisement of this event before, and it costs so much, and I don't think it's reasonable.

Azhar says we cannot ensure that student who attend this event will not be considered as a absent of lecture by their professor.

Domi says that she can resent the email to them and get more information about it.

[190826-6]

The council reject the donation to the Global Climate Strike September 20

Moved: Azhar **Seconded:** Margueritte

In favour: 15

Motion approved.

13. Other Business

13.1 Wine & Cheese costs

Domi asks that how much the costs of the Wine & Cheese which held in 23th?

Sally says it's about 1500\$.

Then domi says is this 1500\$ has been approved by council? Because I didn't heard about it.

Minran says this money should be approved in the last council meeting or mancom meeting,

however, he thought it's been approved from last semester and didn't pay any attention of it, which is his fault, then he says he will ensure every funding should be been approved by council and president from now on.

Bec says Wine & Cheese is great event and opportunity to SUPRA to connect with postgrads,

but we should follow the procedure of the SUPRA and tell university how we going to spend each sum of the money.