



Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association

Minutes for a meeting of the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association Council to be held in **Badham 145 Tutorial Room 2 on the **23th** of **October 2019** at **5:00PM****

Chair:	Minran Liu
Minutes:	Mucong Li
Attendance:	Xiner Yuan, Xinheng Wu, Chang Wang, Sid Littlewood, Karen Lai, Zhuoyuan Xie, Cui Li, Luhua Li, Chenhan Li, Bing Wei, Qinghan Zhang, Yuhang Xia, Xuning Feng, Shiyu Bao, Yunhe Wang, Yanning Bai,
Staff:	TBC
Guests:	Chris

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

2.1 Apologies

Di Wang
David Wang
Jinwei Xie
Sayan
Huan Zheng
Ruolei Wang
Yi Ling
Yanning Bai

2.2 Proxies

Di Wang Proxies to Xinheng Wu

David Wang Proxies to Xiner Yuan
Jinwei Xie Proxies to Cui Li
Huan Zheng Proxies to Luhua Li
Yi Ling Proxies to Cui Li
Yanning Bai Proxies to Simon

2.3 Starring of Items

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

Recommendation: That the Council approves all unstarred items.

2.4 Resignations (if relevant)

3. Minutes and Reports of Meetings

4.1 Minutes of the previous month's meeting

4.1.1 Meeting of Council, 26th Aug 2019.

4.1.2 Meeting of Council, 11th Sept 2019.

4.2 Business arising from the minutes

4. Officer Reports

5.1 Executive Reports

5.1.1 PRESIDENT

Minran Liu

Yanning Bai

5.1.2 VICE PRESIDENTS

Azhar Saeed

5.1.3 EDUCATION OFFICERS

Xiner Yuan

Shiyu Bao

5.1.4 SECRETARIES

Domi Johnson

Mucong Li

5.1.5 TREASURER

Chenghan li

Yunhe Wang

5.1.6 DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Luhuna Li

Huang Zheng

5.2 Equity Reports

5.2.1 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER

5.2.2 DISABILITIES OFFICER

Marguerite Biassatti

5.2.3 INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Yuhang Xia & Xuning Feng

5.2.4 QUEER OFFICER

Sid Littlewood

5.2.5 WOMEN'S OFFICER

Zhuoyuan Xie & Karen

5.2.6 SATELLITE CAMPUS OFFICER

Karishma Menon *[no report received]*

5.3 Business arising from reports

6 Reports by Staff Members

SAAO & Legal report

7 Support the journal of Pilament.

Chris (the editor of the journal of Pilament) introduced the journal of Pilament and distributed samples to every council in seat. He asked SUPRA to support this journal \$5000 because the journal is an avenue welcoming all postgrads to publish and express themselves. He mentioned that the sponsorship from SUPRA is a tradition as the formal SUPRA presidents supported. He said SUPRA's logo has always been on their website as an important sponsor.

Chris (councilor) asked a detailed allocation of the funding, how they will spend the funding.

Chris responded that they would mainly spend the money on their web maintenance, and then he showed their current website to us.

Chris (councilor) questioned whether website maintenance cost so much?

Chris (the editor) responded that their team would like to improve the UI design of the website, also include more functional link to make it easier for searching and archiving. And he ensured that he will always keep the expenditure reasonable with valid receipts.

Xiner Yuan questioned if they would be free to all postgraduate authors?

Chris (the editor) said YES that they won't charge students for publishing their article, and all digital materials are free on the website.

[191023-1]

The council approve the funding for supporting the journal of Pilament

Moved: Minran **Seconded:** Sid Littlewood

In favour: 24

Motion approved.

8 Council to approve \$1959.1 for the Wine & Cheese Event October.



Details attached in the agenda pack.

Zhuoyuan Xie asked council to approve \$1959.1 for the Wine & Cheese Event October. The detailed budget has been included in the agenda pack which covered food, drink and live band. The estimate number of attendees will be 150 students.

Sid Littlewood said that it is a comprehensive budget and not expensive for 150 students party.

[191023-2]

The council approve \$ 1959.1 for the Wine & Cheese Event October

Moved: Minran **Seconded:** Xiner Yuan

In favour: 14

Motion approved.

9 Council to approve of increasing stipend for women officer.



Details attached in the agenda pack.

Karen said the Women Officers' duties have evolved as SUPRA has expanded the outreach significantly to all postgraduate students through various activities including the monthly Wine and Cheese event and the weekly Fitness Group event. Karen said that they have always been ready and able when asked to take on additional work and new job responsibilities.

Karen and Sally believed that a review of their duty record with the SUPRA, their recent achievement will demonstrate justification for an increase of maximum working hours to 14 hours per week.

Sid said she appreciated Karen and Sally's job and questioned if this adjustment are duties based or long-term based.

Karen said this is duties based and only effective within our term of office.

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The council approve of increasing stipend for women officer

Moved: Minran **Seconded:** Chang Wang

In favour: 13

Abstain: 1

Motion approved.

10 \$1504.43 for hiking event October.



Yuhang said that the passed hiking event was successful. They have organised more than 50 postgraduate students hiking for Blue Mountain. The fee included renting bus and water.

Yuhang ensured that he will provide the receipt to the financial manager for reimbursement.

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The council approve of \$1504.43 for hiking even October

Moved: Minran **Seconded:** Xuning Feng

In favour: 14

Motion approved.

11 Other Business