

# Minutes



**Committee:** Council Meeting  
**Location:** Zoom  
**Date:** 27 April 2023  
**Time:** 6:30 pm

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Chair: Weihong Liang (W. L.)  
Minutes: Frona Wan (F. W.)  
Attendance: Amy Davidson (A. D.), Arash Araghi (A. A.), Dinglin Bu (D. B.), Eva Midtgaard (E. M.), Frona Wan (F. W.), Guangwen Fu (G. F.), Gemma Smart (G. S.), Hao Chen (H. C.), Jackie Ding (J. D.), Janice Zhang (J. Z.), Jiahui Zeng (J. Ze.), Ke Liu (K. L.), Lindsay McCabe (L. M.), Liqian Yang (L. Y.), Matthew Compton (M. C.), Qiaoyu Guan (Q. G.), Ruipeng Duan (R. D.), Sihan Liu (S. L.), Wei Lyu (W. Lyu.), Weihong Liang (W. L.), Xu Han (X. H.), Yao Yao (Y. Y.), Yuhan Cheng (Y. C.), Yun Zheng (Y. Z.), Yuning Zhang (Y. Zha.)  
Staff: N/A  
Guests: N/A

## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

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 Conflicts of Interest

### 2.1 Apologies

Esther Zeng (E. Z.), Jinjing Mao (J. M.), Juliana Sanchez-Tarazona (J. S.), Vivian Bai (V. B.)

### 2.2 Proxies

Juliana Sanchez-Tarazona (J. S.) to Arash Araghi (A. A.), Vivian Bai (V. B.) to Xu Han (X. H.), Jinjing Mao (J. M.) to Frona Wan (F. W.), Esther Zeng (E. Z.) to Frona Wan (F. W.)

### 2.3 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest (if any)

## 2.4 Starring of Items

**Councilors are invited to star any agenda items they would like to discuss.  
Recommendation: That the Council approves all unstarred items.**

## 2.5 Resignations (if relevant)

# 3. Minutes and Reports of Meetings

## 3.1 Minutes of previous month's meetings

### 3.1.1 Council, 30 March 2023

# 4. Officer Reports

## 4.1 Executive Reports

### 4.1.1 PRESIDENT

Weihong Liang

### 4.1.2 VICE PRESIDENT

Jingxin (Janice) Zhang  
Xu Han

### 4.1.3 CO-EDUCATION OFFICER

Yuning Zhang  
Sihan Liu

### 4.1.4 SECRETARY

Xinxin (Frona) Wan

### 4.1.5 CO-TREASURER

Ruipeng Duan  
Liqian Yang

### 4.1.6 CO-DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Cheuk Chi (Hailey) Sin  
Guangwen Fu

## 4.2 Equity Reports

### 4.2.1 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER

Lindsay McCabe  
Amy Davidson

### 4.2.2 DISABILITY OFFICER [Not submitted yet]

Eva Midtgaard  
Gemma Lucy Smart

### 4.2.3 INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Ke Liu  
Yun Zheng

#### 4.2.4 QUEER OFFICER

Joseph Jordan Black

#### 4.2.5 WOMEN'S OFFICER

Vivian Bai  
Qiaoyu Guan

#### 4.2.6 SATELLITE CAMPUS OFFICER

JinJing Mao

#### 4.2.7 HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH STUDENT OFFICER

Arash Araghi  
Gemma Lucy Smart

### 4.3 Business Arising from Reports

## 5. Reports by Staff Members

### 5.1 Staff report between 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## 6. Matters for Discussion

### 6.1 Budget Approval for Graduation Party 2023 [Proposed by J. Z.]

The budget is calculated based on last year's cost breakdown. It is budgeted at \$4,300 for the event costs.

- \$3,400 based on quotes from Fave Events for decoration, light-up letters, DJ and photobooth;
- \$300 for costs of photographers;
- \$500 for lucky draw and merchandise;
- \$100 for miscellaneous costs

### 6.2 Proposal for SUPRA to get Formal tickets at St Pauls formal dinner 15.05.2023 [Proposed by E. M.]

We can buy up to 10 tickets for the formal dinner at St Pauls 15.05.2023, for \$25 dollars a head.

The tickets can be given away by lottery to SUPRA members, and advertised in grad-post as well as on social media.

We think this is a great way to give the postgrad community an opportunity to experience college life if they do not live in college.

E. M. explained it's going to be a trial run at this stage and could allow more students to come if interest goes.

M.C. raised concern regarding the methods of receiving the tickets and suggested the potential of having the formal dinner at other colleges other than St Pauls.

The motion will be modified with more considerations and brought to upcoming meetings.

### ★ 6.3 Proposal for one year trial of SUPRA Carer Officer

Carers are a significant but under-represented group within the post-graduate community at USyd. Their needs have traditionally been considered by the Women's Officer and the Disabilities Officer\*\*, but many carers do not fall within either role's remit. To genuinely consider the needs of carers and to represent their voice, we are proposing the introduction of a trial of a Carers Officer to investigate the needs of post-graduate carers at USyd.

The aim of this role is to identify the needs and priority of students with carer responsibilities on campus. Carer's include people with caring responsibilities for children, older members of the community, and people with disability/disabled people, chronic illness, or other people who need ongoing assistance.

The main aim of this trial is to investigate the needs of carers at USyd and how SUPRA can support and advocate for postgraduate carers. The Carers Officer will work in collaboration with post-graduate carers, the university, and SUPRA officers and networks to establish the needs of carers. As part of this the Carers Officer will also establish a social platform for USyd carers to meet and connect. At the end of the trial, the Carers Officer will produce a report compiling the experience and wisdom gained from the year to present to Council, with a focus on how SUPRA can better represent carers, as well as recommendations for moving forward.

The role should be given a stipend for 14 working hours of work per fortnight, equivalent to the equity officer roles. This role should be assigned by council to a suitable candidate, with lived experiences as a carer.

Moved: G. S.

Second: F. W.

In favor: 18

D. B., L.Y., G.Q., R.D., S.L., W.Lyu., Y.Y. did not vote.

## 7. Matters for Noting

## 8. Other Business

- A kindly reminder to submit monthly report in a timely manner. [Proposed by F. W.]
- W. L. mentioned the contestable funding application is open for submission, follow-up emails will be sent out about key milestones. Any ideas are welcome to be brought up and discussed within Council.
- M.C., A.A., L.M., raised awareness regarding the reduced Council's engagement in the monthly meetings.