

**Minutes**

# Committee: Council Meeting

# Location: Zoom

# Date: 21 September 2023

# Time: 6:30 pm

# Chair: Weihong Liang (W. L.)

# Minutes: Vivian Bai (V. B.)

# Attendance: Arash Araghi (A. A.), Benny Shen (B. S.), Dorothy Liu (D. L.), Eva Midtgaard (E. M.), Frona Wan (F. W.), Gemma Smart (G. S.), Hailey Sin (H. S.), Hillary Davis (H. D.), Jinjing Mao (J. M.),  Justin Wu (J. W.), Lauren Lim (L. L.), Qian (Eileen) Yang (Q. Y.), Qiuming Zhang (Q. Z.), Ray Zhou (R. Z.), Sabrina Chen (S. C.), Siran (Shirley) Li (Si. L.), Wei Lyu (W. Lyu), Xiaoqiao Zhao (X. Z.), Xingyan Zhou (X. Zhou.), Zheqi Ding (Z. D.)

# Staff: Nil

# Guests: Yikai Mao

# 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.

# Governance & Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

# Apologies

# Ke Liu (K. L.), Chaoyang Li (C. L.)

# Proxies

# Ke Liu (K. L.) to Sabrina Chen (S. C.)

# Chaoyang Li (C. L.) to Justin Wu (J. W.)

# Declaration of Conflicts of Interest (if any)

# Starring of Items

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

# Resignations (if relevant)

# Minutes and Reports of Meetings

# Minutes of previous month’s meetings

# Council, 31st August 2023

# Officer Reports

# Executive Reports

* + 1. PRESIDENT

Weihong Liang

* + 1. VICE PRESIDENT

Xinxin (Frona) Wan

* + 1. CO-SECRETARY

Sabrina Chen

Vivian Bai

* + 1. CO-TREASURERS

Zihao (Justin) Wu

Chaoyang Li

* + 1. EDUCATION OFFICER

Yinfeng (Benny) Shen

* + 1. CO-DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Siran (Shirley) Li

Jinyi (Dorothy) Liu

# Equity Reports

* + 1. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER

Lindsay McCabe

* + 1. DISABILITY OFFICER

Gemma Smart

* + 1. HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH (HDR) STUDENT OFFICER

Arash Araghi

* + 1. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICER

Xingyan Zhou

* + 1. QUEER OFFICER [not submitted]

Jules Rankin

* + 1. SATELLITE CAMPUS OFFICER

Jinjing Mao

* + 1. WOMEN’S OFFICER

Qiuming Zhang

# Other Officers’ Reports

* + 1. CO-COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS

Ke Liu

Hailey Sin

* + 1. CARER’S OFFICER

Eva Midtgaard

# Business Arising from Reports

# Reports by Staff Members

# Staff report for September 2023

# Matters for Discussion

# 2023 CET Wine and Cheese Party [proposed by Xingyan Zhou (X. Z.)]

*(Please find attached SUPRA CET Wine and Cheese Party Motion.docx for more details.)*

The Community Committee would like to host a Wine & Cheese Party for students from Centre for English Teaching (CET). They plan to provide pizzas, snacks, and wine for approximately 100 students at the Courtyard on 11th December, with an estimated total cost of $2,100.

# Supervisor of the Year (SOTY) Award [proposed by Arash Araghi (A. A.)]

The Supervisor of the Year (SOTY) Award is SUPRA's annual event aimed at recognising excellence in supervision and research at the University of Sydney. This year, we have received a record number of 157 nominations from various faculties, the highest number in recent years.

The SOTY working group, responsible for managing this year's event, has estimated the associated costs for the 2023 SOTY event, which is scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd. We are requesting a total budget of $4,500 to cover these expenses, and the cost breakdown is as follows:

1. Venue hire and catering costs, including alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages and fully vegan options, as well as finger foods for up to 200 guests - $3,000.
2. Trophies for the winners (up to 26 winners) - $1,300.
3. Miscellaneous expenses (with a $200 buffer) - $200.

# Matters for Noting

Weihong (W. L.) recommended that the council engage in deliberations regarding the scheduling of future Council Meeting dates. It is worth considering whether it is necessary to determine all the specific dates and times for the upcoming year, although these matters were previously addressed during our September Management Committee meeting.

# Other Business

Gemma (G. S.) announced that access to the Disabilities Space on campus will be granted to the disability community by the conclusion of September. It is noteworthy to acknowledge that this achievement follows a protracted advocacy effort spanning several years.