Agenda

Committee: Council Meeting
Location: Zoom
Date: 28 May 2026
Time: 6:30 pm AEST

Chair: **Yiman Wu (Y.W.)**

Minutes: Abishek Ilangovan (A.I.)

Attendance: **Abishek Ilangovan (A.I.), Damilola Kareem (D.K.), Dihao (Amper) Zhu (D.Z.), Emily Boxall (E.B.), Hayden Huang (H.H.), Jenny Zhang (J.Z.), Kejun Liu (K.L.), Lucian Zheng (L.Z.), Luka Guo (L.G.), Niana Chen Yan (N.Y.), Rafael (Anzhe) Li (R.L.), Sarah M. Huffman (S.H.), Terry (Zhihao) Yu (T.Y.), Weihong Liang (W.L.), Will (Cong) Zhang (W.Z.), Yang Yang (Y.Y.), Yiman Wu (Y.W.), Qiuming Zhang (Q.Z.)**

Staff:

Guests:

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

Yuhan Huang (Y.H.)

Brie Watson (B.W.)

2.2 Proxies

2.3 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest (if any)

★ 2.4 Starring of Items

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

2.5 Resignations

3 Minutes and Reports of Meetings

3.1 Minutes of previous month's meetings

3.1.1 Council, 30th April 2026

Moved: Will (Cong) Zhang (W.Z.)
Seconded: Yang Yang (Y.Y.)

4 Officer Reports

4.1 Executive Reports

4.1.1 Co-PRESIDENTS

Yiman Wu and Qiuming Zhang

4.1.2 Co-VICE PRESIDENTS

Anzhe (Rafael) Li and Kejun Liu

4.1.3 CO-SECRETARIES

Yuhan Huang and Abishek Ilangovan

4.1.4 Co-TREASURERS

Haolong (Fryderyk) Liao and Jiahao Huang

4.1.5 EDUCATION OFFICER

Weihong Liang

4.1.6 HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH (HDR) STUDENT OFFICER

Xiaoyun (Vivian) Bai

4.2 Equity Reports

4.2.1 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER AND DEPUTY ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER [Not submitted]

Brieanna Watson and Lindsay McCabe

4.2.2 DISABILITY OFFICER

Sarah M Huffman

4.2.3 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICER AND DEPUTY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICER

Dihao (Amper) Zhu and Zhiyang (Lucian) Zheng

4.2.4 QUEER OFFICER

Zhihao (Terry) Yu

4.2.5 SATELLITE CAMPUS OFFICER [Not submitted]

Irene (Da Eun) Lee

4.2.6 WOMEN'S OFFICER AND DEPUTY WOMEN'S OFFICER

Yang Yang and Chen (Niana) Yan

4.3 Other Officers' Reports

4.3.1 CO-DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATION

Luka Guo and Anne Ailina Li

4.3.2 CO-COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS [Not submitted]

Emily Boxall and Cong (Will) Zhang

4.3.3 INTERIM CARER OFFICER [Not submitted]

Eva Midtgaard

4.4 Business Arising from Reports

5 Reports by Staff Members

5.1 Staff Report for April-June period to be presented at the July meeting.

6 Matters for Discussion

6.1 Dragon Boat Festival Volunteer Party

Proposed by Cong Zhang

(Please find attached 6.19 Dragon Boat Festival Volunteer Party Proposal.docx for more details.)

Motion:
That SUPRA Council approves expenditure of up to 350 AUD to host the Dragon Boat Festival Volunteer Party on 19 June 2026.

Background:
The proposed event aims to recognise and thank student volunteers for their contributions and support throughout SUPRA activities and events. The Dragon Boat Festival Volunteer Party will provide an opportunity for volunteers to connect, celebrate, and strengthen relationships within the SUPRA community.

The event will include food, refreshments, and social activities in a relaxed environment intended to acknowledge volunteer contributions and encourage continued engagement.

Budget: Up to 350 AUD for food, refreshments, and event materials.

Purpose:
To recognise volunteer contributions, strengthen community engagement, and support positive relationships among SUPRA volunteers and student representatives.

6.2 SUPRA HDR Board Game Night

Proposed by Vivian Bai (V.B.)

(Please find attached Proposal for SUPRA HDR Board Game Night.pdf for more details.)

Motion:
That SUPRA Council approves expenditure of up to 500 AUD to deliver the SUPRA HDR Board Game Night on 22 June 2026.

Background:
The SUPRA HDR Board Game Night is proposed as a social engagement initiative aimed at fostering informal connections and strengthening interactions among Higher Degree by Research students outside of their research environments.

The event will feature casual and group board games designed to encourage conversation, teamwork, and community building. The initiative also seeks to strengthen engagement within the growing HDR community, including the SUPRA HDR WhatsApp group and future HDR initiatives.

Event Details:

- Date: Monday, 22 June 2026
- Time: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Location: SUPRA Office Level 1
- Expected attendance: 20 HDR students

Budget: Up to 500 AUD, including:

- Board game purchases

- Catering and refreshments

Purpose:
To strengthen HDR student networks, promote peer connection across faculties, and encourage greater engagement with future HDR initiatives and programs.

6.3 SUPRA Welcome Fair 2026 Semester 2

Proposed by Yiman Wu (Y.W.)

(Please find attached SUPRA Welcome Fair 2026 S2 Proposal.pdf for more details.)

Motion:
That SUPRA Council approves expenditure of up to 5,500 AUD to support delivery of the SUPRA Welcome Fair 2026 Semester 2 on 18 August 2026 in partnership with Student Life.

Background:
Following the success of the Semester 1 Welcome Fair, SUPRA proposes to deliver a Semester 2 Welcome Fair to continue supporting student transition, wellbeing, and community engagement. The Semester 1 event attracted more than 1,000 students, included 28 participating stalls, and connected students with University services, student organisations, and support initiatives.

The Semester 2 Welcome Fair will maintain the core model while introducing improvements to the activity and engagement areas. The event will focus on welcoming new students who missed traditional Welcome Week activities, reconnecting students with support services, and strengthening community engagement early in the semester.

SUPRA will lead event planning and student engagement activities, while Student Life will support venue arrangements and coordination with University services. The event is expected to include approximately 30–35 stalls.

Budget: Up to 5,500 AUD, comprising:

- Student engagement and activity area: 500–1,000 AUD
- Photo booth, lighting and event atmosphere: 2,000 AUD
- Student prizes and giveaways: 2,000 AUD
- Event signage and student giveaway gifts: 500 AUD

Purpose:
To support student transition and engagement, strengthen awareness of student services and organisations, and continue SUPRA's large-scale community building initiatives.

7. Matters for Noting

7.1 Pride in Research Seminar Collaboration

Proposed by Vivian Bai (V.B.)

Noting:
Council notes that on 27 May 2026, the SUPRA HDR Network and SUPRA Queer Network collaborated with the University of Sydney Pride Network to host the "Pride in Research" seminar at the Susan Wakil Health Building.

The event featured presentations from three queer HDR student speakers across different disciplines, followed by discussions on queer research, visibility, and inclusion within academia, as well as an informal networking session with catering. Approximately 25 participants attended through both in-person and online formats.

The event provided an interdisciplinary and supportive space for HDR students, staff, and LGBTQIA+ community members to engage in discussions around research, identity, and student experience at the University. Expenditure for the event was approved by the Co-President, Yiman Wu.

Council acknowledges and thanks the Pride Network, speakers, volunteers, and attendees for their support and contribution to the event.

8. Other Business