

**Minutes**

# Committee: Council Meeting

# Location: Zoom

# Date: 30 September 2021

# Time: 6:30 pm

# Chair: Shiyu Ma (S.M.)

# Minutes: Frona Wan (F.W.)

# Attendance: Arash Araghi (A. A.), Ada Choi (A. C.), Benny Shen (B. S.), Celine Li (C. L.), Clara Ma (C. M.), Crystal Zhang (C. Z.), Di Liu (D. L.), Di Wang (D. W.), Eva Midtgaard (E. M.), Elma Song (E. S.), Frona Wan (F. W.), Isabella Chen (I. C.), Joseph Black (J. B.), Janice Zhang (J. Z.), Lindsay McCabe (L. M.), Moxuan Chang (M. C.), Miran Liu (M. L.), Penny Li (P. L.), Pin Sun (P. S.), Sihan Liu (S. L.), Shiyu Ma (S. M.), Sky Xie (S. X.), Shengyang Li (S. Y. L.), Simon Zhou (S. Z.), Weihong Liang (W. L.), Xuetong Tao (X. T.), Yige Peng (Y. P.)

# Staff: TBC

# Guests: Gemma Lucy Smart (G. S.), Yuning Zhang (Y.Z.)

# 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

# Chang Wang (C. W.),

# Proxies

# Chang Wang (C. W.) to Di Wang (D. W.)

# Not present

# Balu Prem Nair (B. P. N.), Lu Xu (L. X.), Maruge Zhao (M. Z.), Yuxin Jiang (Y. J.)

# Declaration of Conflicts of Interest (if any)

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# 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, 26th August 2021

# Moved: Y. P.

# Seconded: D. W.

# In favor: 22

# Abstention: 3

# (J. B., Z. S., D. L. didn’t vote)

# Motion approved.

# Business arising from minutes

# Officer Reports

# Executive Reports

* + 1. CO-PRESIDENTS

Shiyu Ma

Yige Peng

* + 1. CO-VICE PRESIDENTS

Chang Wang

Di Wang

* + 1. EDUCATION OFFICER

Yinfeng (Benny) Shen

* + 1. CO-SECRETARIES

Xinxin (Frona) Wan

Siying (Celine) Li

* + 1. TREASURER

Minran Liu

* + 1. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sky Xie

# Highlights: It was suggested by Co-presidents in academic board meetings that students without Medicare card should be able to get vaccinated.

# Vice-presidents have been collaborating with international officers to organize online events for new SUPRA volunteers and thinking about advocating NSW government’s plan on bringing back international students back on campus.

# B. S. gave a report regarding the projects that is ongoing from Edu officer’s side.

# One officer from each role then all gave a 2-min presentation regarding works that were done in the last month. For further details, please refer to all officers’ reports.

# Moved: D. W.

# Seconded: S. X.

# In favor: 23

# (B. S., S. Y. L., A. C., D. L., P. S. didn’t vote)

# Motion approved.

# Equity Reports

* + 1. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER

Lindsay McCabe

* + 1. DISABILITY OFFICER

Eva Midtgaard

Gemma Lucy Smart

* + 1. INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Weihui (Elma) Song

Weihong Liang

* + 1. QUEER OFFICER

Joseph Jordan Black

Yuning Zhang

* + 1. WOMEN’S OFFICER

Penny Li

Isabella Chen

* + 1. SATELLITE CAMPUS OFFICER

Cheuk Hang Clara Ma

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# Highlights: International officers had been in contact with student life office regarding the English learning program for international students; Queer officers had been dealing with issues to advocate gender diversity. For detailed information, please refer to equity officers’ reports in the agenda package of September.

# Moved: Y. P.

# Seconded: M. L.

# In favor: 22

# (B. S., S. Y. L., A. C., D. L., P. S., M. C. didn’t vote)

# Motion approved.

# Business arising from reports

# Reports from Staff Members

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# Moved: M. L.

# Seconded: X. T.

# In favor: 19

# (C. W., D. W., B. S., S. Y. L., A. C., D. L., P. S., M. C., L. M. didn’t vote)

# Motion approved.

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# Matters for Discussion

# Using Kumospace for future online events [Proposed by E. M.]

# It was suggested by E. M. that SUPRA get a subscription to Kumospace to hold future online social events. It was demonstrated that this platform is good for having group talk, giving presentations. There is a 30 VS 150 people limitation before and after subscription, as E. M. mentioned.

# Action: The Council would seek if there were any better options (e.g., more engaging interface and an economic option).

# Nomination of Gemma Smart as a Deputy to the Disability Officer [Proposed by E.M.]

# A brief presentation was given by E. M. and G. S., and both would be happy to hold future events and dedicate themselves to Equity groups.

# Moved: F. W.

# Seconded: D. W

# In favor: 22

# Abstention: 3

# (J. B., Z. S., D. L. didn’t vote)

# Motion approved.

# Election for co-Education officer [Proposed by B.S.]

# As mentioned by B.S., having another HDR student to join the executive team can help SUPRA work better for the whole postgrad cohorts, especially in the case that an HDR officer was not yet elected.

# After that, the candidate (X. T.) gave a brief presentation regarding previous work at SUPRA and future work plans (e.g., focusing on students’ mental health and wellbeing, creating a calendar with information of workshops/events offered by the university).

# Suggestion from A. A.: Education officers could contact faculties and ask them for help in organizing future events.

# M. L. took the role as the returning officer.

# Voting result: X. T. was successfully elected as a co-Education officer, according to the anonymous voting results from Zoom poll. The poll results were shared to all councilors for review by F. W.

# Election for co-DSP [Proposed by S.X.]

# A brief presentation was given by M. C. Key information: As a previous Co-DSP, M. C. has helped promote regular events, made videos for SUPRA induction 2020 & 2021, etc.

# D. W. took the role as the returning officer.

# Voting result: M. C. was successfully elected as a co-DSP, according to the anonymous voting results from Zoom poll. The poll results were shared to all councilors for review by F. W.

# Request for leave of absence and nomination of Janice Zhang as the acting secretary to Early December [Proposed by C.L.]

# A temporary leave of Council was proposed by C. L. and J. Z was happy to take the working co-secretary role in these months.

# Suggestion from Y. P.: all newly elected officers (Co-DSP officers, Co-Edu officers, Disabilities officers) who share office should submit an annotated duty statement detailing which officer is taking which role prior to the next Meeting of Council.

# Moved: Y. P

# Seconded: E. S.

# In favor: 26

# (D. L., S. Y. L. didn’t vote)

# Motion approved.

# Matters for Noting

# R U OK events (Feedback, outcomes and reflections.)

# It was reported that the event for HDRs went really well. 10 people in total joined the online event and had a lovely chat, forming a sense of community. G. S.’s feedback from the chat box: We had a chance to talk about the challenges we've all had that affect our mental health. I think the peer-to-peer format was effective and I'd like to hold another similar event in future. In mental health month, I'm running a panel discussion webinar on Disclosing Your Disability for HDRs and another one on the history of mental health activism on campus.

# Council members expressed thanks to those who helped organize the events.

# Updates from Education officer

# All together 13 projects are ongoing. Detailed information regarding the university- level meetings and other projects were presented by B. S.

# Highlights: 1). Covid-WAM proposal 2). Exam guidelines for students 3). A summary of SUPRA’s engagement in university inductions 4). Future collaboration with Student Life sector 5). Future English program for international students 6). Meeting with CISA (Council of International Students Australia) 7). VPN feedback survey 8). Approval of more types of vaccinations to welcome international students back to Australia.

# Updates for report templates

# All designed workflow tools and key concepts in different workflows were demonstrated by E. M. and it was suggested by D. W. to use OneDrive. Feedback from all councilors is welcome and will be highly valued to improve the tools.

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# Other Business