

**Minutes**

# Committee: [Council Meeting]

# Location: [Zoom]

# Date: [25 November 2021]

# Time: [6:30 pm]

# Chair: Yige Peng (Y.P.)

# Minutes: Frona Wan (F.W.)

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

# Staff: Nil

# Guests: Nil

# 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

# Clara Ma, Sky Xie, Moxuan Chang

# Proxies

Clara Ma to Xuetong Tao

Sky Xie to Jingxin Zhang

Moxuan Chang to Elma Song

# 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, 28th Oct 2021

# Moved: X. T.

# Seconded: E. S.

# In favor: 24

# Abstention: 1

# (L. M. did not vote)

# Motion approved.

# 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

Xuetong (Jessy) Tao

* + 1. CO-SECRETARIES

Xinxin (Frona) Wan

Jingxin (Janice) Zhang

* + 1. TREASURER

Minran Liu

* + 1. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sky Xie

Moxuan (Agatha) Chang

# 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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# Business Arising from Reports

# It was suggested by A. A. that SUPRA should endorse a new reporting system and it is important for SUPRA to provide as much information as we can on the website. The amendments items on the Constitution, and the applications for SSAF funding have been discussed.

# A discussion on the data analysis of new registered members for SUPRA was held between A. A. and Y. P.: SUPRA has social media assistants to help us expand our members.

# It was mentioned by A. A. that international officers’ report for Nov was comparably less detailed, and an agreement was reached between W. L. and A. A. that international officers have been putting great effort and the international officers would like to add more details on their reports.

# Moved: D. W.

# Seconded: P. L.

# In favor: 24

# Abstention: 1

# (L. X. did not vote)

# Motion approved.

# Reports by Staff Members

# Moved: X. T.

# Seconded: F. W.

# In favor: 23

# Abstention: 1

# (L. X., I. C. did not vote)

# Motion approved.

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# Matters for Discussion

# Proposal for funding for the *Indigenous Knowledges Symposium [Proposed by L.M.]*

# The symposium was held last year. It is a culturally safe space for students to be able to share their research. With aboriginal academics and the broader community, students can get practice in presenting their research and get some feedback in culturally supportive way. Last year, we teamed up with some international universities, academics and Community members, so we had First Nations people from Canada America and New Zealand, etc.

# It was mentioned by L. M. the symposium will be open to the university community.

# Moved: M. L.

# Seconded: B. S.

# In favor: 24

# (L. X., I. C. did not vote)

# Motion approved.

# Implementation of a shared file holding a calendar of all committee meetings past and upcoming for the year. [Proposed by E.M.]

# It was highlighted by Y. P. that committee chairs can summarize relevant information and have meetings to further discuss on this.

# Moved: E. S,

# Seconded: A. A

# In favor: 22

# (L. X., I. C., M. L., W. L. did not vote)

# Motion approved.

# “Should the council invest time and resources on trying out and developing a system to improve reporting standards, collaboration and transparency across council?” [Proposed by A.A.]

# A new workflow tool is expected, as demonstrated by A. A. to provide a detailed report as, at the same time, a better structured system that can be produced at any time, and it will be much easier for officers to manage the ongoing projects and the emerging projects. Both A. A. and E. M. encouraged more councilors to give feedback.

# Feedback from councilors: 1). prefer the shareholder proposed by SUPRA staffs rather than the proposed workflow tools (P. L.); 2) the maintenance issue: in the foreseeable future years we can't guarantee next Council will have councilors being good at coding (E. S.).; 3). the current reporting system cannot allow everyone to get involved in every ongoing project of SUPRA (E. M.); 4). It is hard to write every work item in a coding system, but a word document can allow more content. It was suggested that everyone can make their own choice on whether to use the workflow tool (W. L.).

# It was demonstrated by Y.P. that the report system of SUPRA is quite similar to other student organizations. A concern was raised by A. A. and E. M. on the legal liability, and it was suggested that we should work in transparency and match our due diligence as much as we can.

# Moved: F. W.

# Seconded: E. S.

# In favor: 2

# Not in favor: 11

# Abstention: 6

# (L. M., J. B., S. Z., I. C., P. S., A. C., L. X. did not vote)

# Motion approved.

# "Should the council review the current culture and opt in mandatory training sessions on procedural regulations and codes of conduct" [Proposed by A.A.]

# Matters for Noting

# Changes to degree length for HECS/HELP fees. [Proposed by E. M. & G.S.)

# Other Business