



# Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association

**Minutes for a meeting of the Sydney University  
Postgraduate Representative Association Council to  
be held via [Zoom](#) on the [18th of March 2020](#) at [6:30PM](#)**

**Chair:** Minran Liu

**Minutes:** Xinheng Wu

**Attendance:** Yao Ma, Sid Littlewood, Di Wang, Huan Zheng, Karishma Menon, Kelly Wang, Lan Xia, Luhua Li, QianZhi Lai, Qinghan Zhang, Xiner Yuan, Xinyun Lu, Xiayu Hang, Xuning Feng, Yanning Bai, Yixuan Shen, Zhuoyuan Xie, Xinheng Wu

**Staff:**

**Guests:**

## 1. **Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome**

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 COI**

### 2.1 **Apologies**

Azhar Saeed  
Ruolei Wang  
Yi Ling  
Chang Wang (Chris)  
Rebecca Johnson  
Shiyu Bao (Eolande)  
Domi Dana Johnson

### 2.2 **Proxies**

Azhar Saeed Proxies to Xinheng Wu  
Domi Dana Johnson to Xinheng Wu  
Ruolei Wang Proxies to Xiner Yuan

Yi Ling Proxies to Xinyun Lu  
Chang Wang (Chirs) Proxies to Cui Li  
Shiyu Bao (Eolande) Proxies to Xiner Yuan

### **2.3 Starring of Items**

Council is invited to star any agenda items they would like discussed.  
**Recommendation:** That the Council approves all unstarred items.

### **2.4 Resignations (if relevant)**

## **3. Minutes and Reports of Meetings**

### **4.1 Recording of motions by circulation**

### **4.2 Business arising from the motions by circulation**

## **4. Officer Reports**

### **5.1 Executive Reports**

#### 5.1.1 PRESIDENT

Minran Liu

Yanning Bai

#### 5.1.2 VICE PRESIDENTS

Azhar Saeed *[No reports received]*

#### 5.1.3 EDUCATION OFFICERS

Xiner Yuan

Shiyu Bao

#### 5.1.4 SECRETARIES

Domi Johnson

Xinheng Wu

#### 5.1.5 TREASURER

Yunhe Wang *[No reports received]*

#### 5.1.6 DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Luhuna Li

Huang Zheng

### **5.2 Equity Reports**

#### 5.2.1 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER *[VACANT]*

#### 5.2.2 DISABILITIES OFFICER

Marguerite Biassatti *[No reports received]*

#### 5.2.3 INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Yuhang Xia & Xuning Feng

5.2.4 QUEER OFFICER

Sid Littlewood

5.2.5 WOMEN'S OFFICER

Zhuoyuan Xie & Karen

5.2.6 SATELLITE CAMPUS OFFICER

Karishma Menon *[no report received]*

**5.3 Business arising from reports**

**6 Reports by Staff Members**

**7 Council to approve to update SUPRA Electoral Regulations** ★

Details attached in the Council Pack.

Minran presented a suggested motion from Ingird to make some amendments to Electoral Regulations regarding this year's online voting for General Council Election. He stated that the online voting is more convenient than current in-person voting which can greatly encourage the students to vote, and benefit the health and wellbeing of students, in case the situation of COVID-19 goes worse. To make online voting possible, it's necessary for the Council's approval to update the SUPRA Electoral Regulations ASAP so that the Returning Officer can start to process with the implementation of online voting.

Sid (Queer Officer) asked if the Council is also considering online voting for Equity Election this year, because she thought that current difficulties caused by COVID-19 are even worse in the case of Equity Election, given the Equity Election is running before the General Council Election.

Xinheng pointed that moving Equity Election to online might need in advance constitutional amendments which has to be made through AGM.

Minran agreed on Sid and said that theoretically it's totally OK with running online voting Equity Election, however he don't know how to implement it technically, as Equity Election needs students with equity network identity. Minran stated that he will e-introduce the Returning Officer to all the Equity Officers so that they can communicate the details furthermore.

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The council approve to update the SUPRA Electoral Regulations.

**Moved:** Minran, **Seconded:** Xuning Feng

**In favour:** 26

**Motion approved.**

## 8 Council to approve 10,000 AUD “Expendable fund” to prepare ★ medical materials for postgrads fighting COVID-19

Minran suggested to approve 10,000 AUD “Expendable fund” to prepare medical supplies for postgrads’ precautions in fighting COVID-19. Regarding the current public health crisis, most SUPRA on-campus activities have been postponed, and students’ study have been moved online, people are panic buying, he said it is necessary and warm for SUPRA care students and to prepare essential medical supplies for postgrads fighting COVID-19.

Karishma asked what’s the medical supplies specifically? And how to distribute them?

Minran responded it will be hand washer, or masks. And we may need distribute them near the campus, e.g., Victoria Park.

Sid suggested why not considering vouchers as distribute these medical supplies will increase us risks.

Xinheng said it’s not about money, it is about care the students and provide something for them, currently it’s kind of struggling for students to buy them in-store.

Karishma suggested to contact the medical school and see if they have these medical supplies in stock; and to contact each faculty – the guys who asked us before for doing induction, to see if they can help us to distribute to students.

Minran responded that it’s a great idea and we will try to do this.

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The council approve 10,000 AUD “Expendable fund” to prepare medical materials.

**Moved:** Minran, **Seconded:** Sid

**In favour:** 26

**Motion approved.**

## 9 Other Business

Sid suggested why not bring some online social events to gather students online to make them feel better at home, as we do not have any on-campus activities right now, like online games or whatever. Xinheng said it’s a great idea as most international students who do not have family here may feel lonely at this difficult time. Minran agreed on this and suggest let us come out some fun and warm online events soon, if anybody have any idea, feel free to discuss on next meeting or email me.