



# Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association

**Agenda for a meeting of the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association Council to be held in SUPRA's office on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 at 6:00PM**

<b>Chair:</b>	Minran Liu
<b>Minutes:</b>	Mucong Li
<b>Attendance:</b>	Yanning Bai (Y.B.), Mucong LI (M.L.), Xinheng WU (X.W.) Xuning Feng (X.F.), DI Wang (D.W.), Bing Wei (B.W.), Chang Wang (C.W.), Xiner Yuan (X.Y.), Cui Li (C.L.), Zhuoyuan Xie (Z.X.), Yuhang Xia (Y.X.), Jinwei Xie (J.X.), Huan Zheng (H.Z.), Yi Ling (Y.L.), Yunhe Wang (Y.W.), Ruolei Wang (R.W.), David Wang (D.W.). Sid Littlewood (S.L.).
<b>Staff:</b>	Louise
<b>Guests:</b>	Chris, Nanda

## **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**

Sayan Mitra  
Karen  
Qinghan Zhang  
Xue Peng  
Luhua Li  
Domi  
Chenghan Li

Eolande (Shiyu) Bao  
Rebecca Johnson

## 2.2 Proxies

Karen Proxies to Xiner  
Qinghan Zhang Proxies to Xiner  
Luhua Li Proxies to Huan Zheng.  
Domi Proxies to Mucong Li.  
Chenghan Li Proxies to Cui Li.  
Eolande (Shiyu) Bao Proxies to Huan Zheng.

## 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. SUPRA Executive Elections

#### 3.1 Co-President Elections

One nomination received;

1) Yanning Bai

#### [190911-1]

The council approve that Minran Liu become the returning officer as the  
Co-President Election

**Moved:** Minran **Seconded:** Mucong Li

In favour: 18

**Motion approved.**

Minran says that committee received only one candidate nomination, so  
Yanning Bai has been declared as Co-president.

### 4. Minutes and Reports of Meetings

#### 4.1 Minutes of the previous month's meeting

4.1.1 Meeting of Council, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

4.1.2 Meeting of Council, 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019.

#### 4.2 Business arising from the minutes

### 5. Officer Reports

#### 5.1 Executive Reports

5.1.1 PRESIDENT

Minran Liu

Yanning Bai

#### 5.1.2 VICE PRESIDENTS

Azhar Saeed

#### 5.1.3 EDUCATION OFFICERS

Xiner Yuan

Shiyu Bao

#### 5.1.4 SECRETARIES

Domi Johnson

Muong Simon

#### 5.1.5 TREASURER

Chenghan li

Yunhe Wang

#### 5.1.6 DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Luhuna Li

Huang Zheng

### **5.2 Equity Reports**

#### 5.2.1 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER

#### 5.2.2 DISABILITIES OFFICER

Marguerite Biassatti *[no report received]*

#### 5.2.3 INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Yanning Bai

#### 5.2.4 QUEER OFFICER

Sid Littlewood *[no report received]*

#### 5.2.5 WOMEN'S OFFICER

Zhuoyuan Xie *[no report received]*

#### 5.2.6 SATELLITE CAMPUS OFFICER

Karishma Menon *[no report received]*

### **5.3 Business arising from reports**

## 6 Reports by Staff Members

## 7 Support the Global Climate Strike September 20 ★

Details Attached in the Council Pack

Louise said that she is going to have a vacation then she has to give this speak to council on this council meeting, and she brings some students and supporters of the strike in case of anyone has any questions.

She said the climate strike was already been discussed on last council meeting, but it was not going so well. This is a great opportunity for SUPRA to be supportive to student communities, and if we do not do so, then it will nobody else to support and it go against with SUPRA's aims and duties. Actually, even every student in USYD can be benefited from this strike, so this donate is not just for SUPRA, it is also for whole student communities.

Moreover, both of students and universities are willing to let the climate strike goes well because they can be benefited from it, so it is really important for student societies to support them. Louise says I will introduce this event to my friend and colleagues and wish everyone coordinate with me as only if student societies stick together, this event can be publicized to more people.

Chris says I am really appreciated that SUPRA shows completely supportive action to climate strike. I understand that \$1500 is really costly for the strike, so we are going to use it effectively. We are going to make souvenir such as T-shirt, and we are going to try our best making this event goes smoothly in order to provide great experiences for those students attended. Though the strike in Sydney is just a part of this whole event, but the climate change is a global problem in recent years, so it is important and useful to let students in Sydney to understand that.

Sid says I think it is a great opportunity for SUPRA to help students, I mean, we are careful about their lives, supportive with in postgraduates' community, which is really cool. Then this is also very tally with SUPRA's vison, and I think support them financially is really effective and helpful.

Di says if there are anything associated with SUPRA. Maybe within strike's loge or flyers. And I wish our councillors can take their responsibility to publicize it in order to make this event be reached to much more people. Lastly, I am wondering if there is something to guide people who want to attend, because personally, I was not really familiar with those strike things.

Chris says yes we can involve SUPRA's loge in our publicity materials, and it definitely that we are going to make a strike guide to acknowledge people about climate problem and the information about this event.

Minran says we should also take care of students' safety during the event. Maybe we should keep in touch with police to ensure everyone is safe and the event goes smoothly.

**[190911-2]**

The council approve the funding for Global Climate Changes Strike

**Moved:** Minran **Seconded:** Di Wang

In favour: 18

**Motion approved.**

Nanda said that I am very grateful for getting so many people interested today. And we also hope to find more students to participate in our activities.

The growing global concern about climate change is the basic idea of our event. We hope to let more people know what exactly those changes are and get them involved. We are very appreciated to SUPRA for investing us, and we are grateful for the trust, understanding and support between us. Furthermore, we can continue our cooperation until the next year.

Xiner says if you need SUPRA to help you to organize this event.

Nanda says that will be great, and we can set up a working team together and ensure the strike goes on wheels.

Minran said that he is totally agree with this idea, and this is really essential that we can keep in touch furthermore. Then it could be one part of responsibilities of education communities to do that.

### **[190911-3]**

The council approve the setting up for working team and following corporations.

**Moved:** Minran **Seconded:** Xiner Yuan

In favour: 18

**Motion approved.**

## **8 Electoral Regulations Review 2019**

Details Attached in the Council Pack

Minran asks that how we going to organise an online-election.

Louise says although we still need a returning officer to supervise the process, we do not need any off-line facilities such as tent, polling booth and security guards, then we can save a lot of money from that. Candidates can send email to returning officer and then they can get a set of information of how to run an election from returning officers, which is a direct information transaction. USU was start to trying it already, and we should also do so.

David asks that how are we going to ensure students do not vote themselves by signing other students information.

Louise says that speaking of integrity, I have to admit it is does untouchable. But it should be perfected in our policy or even start making new policies within online-election aspects. It is worthy to do that.

Minran says it sounds reasonable and reliable, maybe we can start reviewing our policies and trying to find a way to make this online election goes on wheels. But it is no doubt that we cannot apply that until we can ensure this online thing is available and reliable.

**[190911-4]**

The council approve the reviewing of electoral regulations.

**Moved:** Minran **Seconded:** Xiner Yuan

In favour: 18

**Motion approved.**

**9 Council to approve \$1732.6 for the Wine & Cheese Event Sept.★**

Details Attached in the Council Pack

Sally offers those information about this month's Wine & Cheese Event. She says we do have breakdown this time which can help us to better understand how we are going to put these money. This budget include foods, drinks, and materials for little activities. We still booking Hermann's bar this time because courtyard was still unavailable, but what the difference is that we are going to hold a DJ party this time to make the event much livelier and jollification.

**[190911-5]**

The council approve the funding of \$1732.6 for Wine & Cheese Event Sept.

**Moved:** Selly **Seconded:** Yanning

In favour: 18

**Motion approved.**

**10 Council to approve \$15000 for the Basketball Game on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. ★**

Details attached in the council pack

Xuning gives the information about Basketball Game October to council. He said that because of the lesser registration we received, we were planning to cut down the numbers of teams to 20 for men and just 2 teams for women. We booked four courts at stadium, three of them for competition and the other one for athletes to warming up. Moreover, we also have some other actives such as three-point competition and one-on-one match to enrich our games. Also, we still got a DJ to make the make the event much livelier and jollification.

Minran asks that maybe we need more women teams, and how we going to encourage them to sign up.

Xuning says it might be unnecessary, because we set a 5v5 competition for women teams and there are a plenty of vacancy for them to alternate people from substitutes bench.

**[190911-6]**

The council approve the funding of \$15000 for Basketball Game October.

**Moved:** Xuning **Seconded:** Xiner

In favour: 18

**Motion approved**

**11 Delegate Women Officer work with Karen to be her Co-Women Officer. ★**

Details attached in the council pack

Sally present her proposal to the council. She says due to my heavy Commitment in SUPRA's community committee and my academic as a Master of Commerce, I would like to appoint Qian Zhi Lai (Karen) as my co-women officer. Karen is responsible, reliable and detail-oriented, as shown in the tasks she handled throughout the semester 1, 2019. She had attended the Academic Board Meeting and voiced up as the representative of postgraduate students, facilitated focus group discussion about the students' mental health issues and managed the SUPRA's Facebook and Instagram accounts. I believe she is capable of reducing my workload, and thus allowing me to execute my words during the election.

**[190911-7]**

The council approve the nomination of Karen to become a Co-women officer.

**Moved:** Sally **Seconded:** Minran

In favour: 18

**Motion approved.**

**12 Delegate international Officer Work with Xuning Feng to be his Co-international Officer. ★**

Yuhang Xia present her proposal to the council. He says I would like to appoint Xuning Feng as my co-women officer. I believe she is capable of reducing my workload, and thus allowing me to execute my words during the election.

**[190911-8]**

The council approve the nomination of Xuning Feng to become a Co-International officer.

**Moved:** Yuhang Xia **Seconded:** Yanning

In favour: 18

**Motion approved.**

### **13 Other Business**

#### **14.1 In Solidarity with all International Students at Monash University**

Minran says that as you people may heard, the Monash University's Campus Student Union has passed a clause which states that only students who are eligible to work 22 hours a week are able to run in student elections. This is effectively bans all international students from participation who are only legally allowed to work 20 hours per week according to their student visa. This action is extremely and effectively bans dominant opposition groups from participation, deprives international students of their equal right to practise democracy, and undermines Australia's reputation as a vibrant democracy. Supra unequivocally and strongly condemn MONSU's decision which marginalises international students and advise Monash University Student Union to withdraw the discriminatory ruling which holds on place in Australia.