



## WUPA COUNCIL

### AGENDA – 02 September 2020

The Special meeting of 2020 WUPA Council is held at 13:30 on Wednesday, 02 September 2020 via Zoom online meeting.

**CHAIR:** Yannan Li, Acting President

**MINUTES:** Yannan Li, Acting President

1. Apologies and Absence
2. WUPA President Casual Vacancy interview and discussion

## APOLOGIES AND ABSENCE

## AGENDA ITEM 1

### PRESENT:

Yannan Li  
Jianye Huang  
Yiwei Zhang  
Yuewen Zhu  
Jicheng Jiang  
Lingyu Meng

### IN ATTENDANCE

Yuxi Ruan (Invited)

## WUPA President Casual Vacancy interview and discussion

## AGENDA ITEM 2

On 03/08/2020, WUPA President Chuhaio Liu resigned from his position due to change of studying institution. With the assistance of University Governance and Student Service, WUPA organized the casual vacancy for the president position. Yasmine Russell was appointed as the Deputy returning officer. The nomination notice was sent via SOLS on 25/08 to all eligible postgraduate students. The nomination period started from 25/08 till 31/08 5pm.

At the close of nomination time, total 15 Applications were received. Yannan sent an email on 01/09 to all the candidates, confirming if the candidates can attend the interview at Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep at 2pm. 11 Candidates confirmed to attend. For those who couldn't attend, they were given an opportunity to respond to the following question,

**“Apart from the information provided in the application, is there anything else you would like to add?”**

The attending candidates were allocated into three time slots. 14:10, 14:30, 14:50. Candidates' applications were sent to all WUPA council members prior to the meeting. The council agreed to invite Yuxi Ruan, WUPA President in 2017-2019 to be part of the interview panel, considering Yuxi has extensive experience in WUPA. It was suggested to keep the meeting in an orderly manner, questions about candidates would be collected by Yuxi prior to the interview. During the interview, Yuxi would be the one interacting with candidates. In the interview, all candidates were asked to respond to the following two questions,

- **As WUPA President, what do you plan to do for the next few months?**

- **What do you know about WUPA, have you participated any WUPA activities before?**

The interview completed at 3:10 pm. total 10 attended, one no show.

During the members' discussion, these are the selection criteria: plans for the remaining year, personal availability and experience in organizing event.

Most of candidates have a clear vision on what direction they want lead WUPA to. In terms of what exactly they would do, only few of them gave a clear plan. Some interesting plans includes holding webinars to address student mental health and welfare, building an interactive student support platform. The council appreciates the plans the candidates outlined, however considering the current COVID-19 situation and most importantly the limitations that WUPA has. Many of them are unlikely to be fulfilled. The council noted that some candidates' plans were good and achievable, e.g. regular updates on WUPA Facebook, virtual gym session, building a stronger engagement with other UOW units. There are candidates who are currently not located in Wollongong. This is another factor council took into consideration. As the COVID restrictions are gradually easing, WUPA council is considering to host physical activities toward the end of year, therefore WUPA members will be physically required. The council was happy to see, majority of the candidates have relevant experience in organizing events.

Based on the criteria, the council members decided Lingzhi Kang would be the most suitable candidate for this position. Lingzhi has outlined her plan in the next few months, includes, holding 1 or 2 movie nights, talks with UniMovie on COVID safe guidelines will be conducted shortly. Building connection with UOWx, getting WUPA activities recognised by UOWx. Collaborating with career central to hold webinar. Holding the end of year party is still in the plan, but COVID-19 safe guideline will be closely followed. Overall, council members aligned with Lingzhi's plan and happy to work with her in the next few months.

The chair has informed the successful candidate Lingzhi Kang via email on Friday 04/09 at 3pm. The candidate replied the acceptance at 5.10pm. Lingzhi Kang will starts as the President from Monday 07 Sep

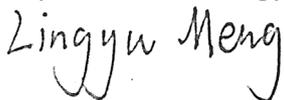
**The meeting concluded at 4.00pm.**

This minute is verified by

Acting President: Yannan Li



General representative: Lingyu Meng



General representative: Jianye Huang

