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Dear Ticket Contacts and Independent Candidates,

I am Sylvia, the ticket contact for Overseas Students Association. I am writing to you all to announce our position on the SRC election next week.

The reason for OSA to run as the third ticket this year is to ensure that both Voice and Standup! tickets are keeping their campaign promises to the International Student Community at UNSW.

After the winning of the International Student's Officer (ISO) positions by Daphne HUANG and Van HUANG from Standup! ticket last year, they have not received any form of meaningful support from the Voice executives. The annual budget for SRC International Students Collective was \$5,000.

This year OSA will make sure that whoever is elected into the ISO position will be representing the interests only for International [sic] Students. The ISO position will no longer be a "puppet" role on any ticket.

Joe WILSON from Voice approached me first by email on 19 September 2013 after the close of nominations, and we have made our 3-point request clear to both tickets.

### **1. Independent [sic] OSA campus operations**

Affiliated under National Liaison Committee (NLC), the national peak body for International Students in Australia, OSA is the peak representative body for 13,269 International Students at UNSW with operations at both Main and COFA campuses. On campus level, OSA is the voice of the International Student Community for advocacy and lobbying, focusing on five key areas of NLC community operations: Culture, Representation, Compliance, Welfare and Leadership. OSA runs our independent and autonomous campus operations to provide international student support services and ensure democratic international student representation.

### **2. OSA's share of SRC annual funding**

Based on university enrolment record for 2012, there are 13,269 International Students at UNSW. We are 26.1% of the entire student population, and we should have a fair share of the SRC annual funding. If the SRC funding for 2014 is the same as this year at \$290,000, OSA's shared funding should be guaranteed at \$75,690 ( $\$290,000 \times 26.1\%$ ) for international

student representation.

### 3. OSA's exclusive use of office space

STUDENTeam is the executive branch of OSA campus operations. On campus level, STUDENTeam is comprised of a working group of elected OSA Presidents and Councillors, along with NLCampus Executives and Representatives appointed by NLC national office. We need separate office space on campus for our exclusive use.

During the past weeks, we have been talking directly with both ISO candidates: Emily LIU and Wei Lun for their feedback on our negotiations with their respective ticket leaders. OSA has made very clear to both tickets that we will make our decision by close of business [sic] on Friday, 18 October 2013 based on the track record and the promises to honor the above request.

After careful consideration, OSA Executive Council has made the decision to support the Standup! ticket on the Executive ballot paper this year based on their promises to fully honor the above request.

Please be noted that this is our final decision. You can find our "how to vote" card attached for your reference.

Good luck with your campaigns next week!

Regards,

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