

Dear NATPA's members,

Dr. Taitzer Wang and other eleven members of the North America Taiwanese Professors' Association (NATPA) issued a letter questioning the President and Board of Directors on their insurance of the statement on NATPA's position regarding Dr. Tsai Ing-wen's Ph.D. degree on October 14, 2019, and requested the current Board of Directors to investigate the appropriateness of the statement and a special meeting to debate this issue. In response to Dr. Taitzer Wang's letter and request, the current President and Board of Directors have concluded with the following actions and recommendations.

1. The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)'s statement on Dr. Tsai Ing-wen's Ph.D. degree conferral was issued on October 8, 2019, by the LSE Library (<http://www.lse.ac.uk/News/Latest-news-from-LSE/2019/j-October-2019/LSE-statement-on-PhD-of-Dr-Tsai-Ing-wen>). The NATPA does not hold the authority and appropriateness to challenge Dr. Tsai's degree awarding institute. The Board of Directors stands firm in the statement dated October 14, 2019.
2. Article 2, Section 2 of the NATPA's Bylaws states: "A special meeting of NATPA may be called by the President of the Board of Directors or by the written request of at least twenty (20) members with approval of the Board of Directors. The time and place of the meeting shall be as specified by the President." As a result, according to our Bylaws, the President and Board of Directors are not obligated to consider Dr. Wang's request.

In closing, the NATPA would like to remind our members of the founding purposes of this organization. We certainly respect Dr. Taitzer Wang's intent of this letter and freedom of speech that we all cherish. Through our Constitution, Article 2 detailed below, we sincerely hope our members are certainly willing to further the general welfare of Taiwanese communities in North America.

NATPA Constitution, Article 2 Purposes:

"The purposes of NATPA are:

- (1) to promote scientific and professional knowledge and its utilization;*
- (2) to facilitate international understanding, educational exchange, cultural contact among people in Taiwan, the United States, and other countries;*
- (3) to sponsor scholarly research and education on subjects related to Taiwan; and*

(4) to further the general welfare of Taiwanese communities in North America. The association establishes and administers charities and scholarship funds to support scientific research and educational activities pertaining to the above objectives."

Sincerely,

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