

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Monday 27 Oct 2025, 6:30pm

University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Ligertwood 111

AGENDA AND MEETING PAPERS

AGENDA

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

The SRC acknowledges that we meet on the traditional country of the Kaurna people. We acknowledge that the land upon which Australia has been built was and always will be an integral part of the spiritual and cultural history of Indigenous people and that this land was never ceded.

1.2. Attendance

Provisional for reference only:

Sheet provided for signing-in, and online attendance recorded.

- President: Aiden Wang
- General Secretary: Sam Andonas
- Education Officer: Harish Thilagan
- Welfare Officer: Danush Lokesh
- Ethno-Cultural Officer: Keith Chou
- Postgraduate (Coursework): Janini Babukrishnan
- Postgraduate HDR Officer: Allen Yucheng Xie
- International Student Officer: Jennifer Tran
- Mature Age Officer: Nick Li
- Disability Officer: Jayden Squire
- Environment Officer: Cheuk Nam Parco Chan
- Social Justice Officer: Jarrod Xia
- Roseworthy Officer – Jamie Lan Cheng U
- Waite Office: Weija Zhu
- General Councillors:
 - Sudharsanan Venkatraman
 - Prasanth Ramesh
 - Adrian Niculescu
 - Aashiq Asan Raja Mohideen Batcha
 - Shyam Kumar Madesh
 - Ngoc Nam Phuong Pham
 - Xuanjie Wang
 - Ngoc Hai Dang Pham

Late:

1.3. Apologies

1.4. Absences

1.5. Adoption of Agenda

Procedural Motion: that the agenda as circulated be adopted.

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang **Seconded:** **Motion Passed/Failed**

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting on the 13th of October 2025 as a true and accurate record (Attached).

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang **Seconded:** **Motion Passed/Failed**

Motion: That the SRC accept the in-camera minutes of the meeting on the 13th of October 2025 as a true and accurate record (Attached).

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang **Seconded:** **Motion Passed/Failed**

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Action	Responsible	Status
Email Uni about Study Plans	Aiden	Completed
N/A	N/A	N/A

4. Correspondence

5. New Members

N/A

6. Office Bearer Reports

- 6.1. President**
- 6.2. General Secretary
- 6.3. Education Officer
- 6.4. Welfare Officer**
- 6.5. Women’s Officer
- 6.6. Queer Officer
- 6.7. ATSI Officer
- 6.8. Disability Officer**
- 6.9. Environment Officer**
- 6.10. Postgraduate Officer – HDR
- 6.11. Postgraduate Officer – Coursework
- 6.12. International Student Officer**
- 6.13. Social Justice Officer
- 6.14. Ethno-Cultural Officer**
- 6.15. Rural Officer
- 6.16. Mature Age Officer**
- 6.17. Roseworthy Campus Officer

- 6.18. Waite Officer
- 7. **Motions on Notice**
- 8. **General Business**
- 9. **Executive Report**
N/A
- 10. **Emergent Business**
N/A
- 11. **Date of the Next Meeting**
- 12. **Appendix**

Item 6: Office Bearer Reports

There shall be reports at every meeting from the SRC President and all persons who have attended formal meetings on behalf of the organisation. Additional reports submissions are encouraged outside of the compulsory meetings.

Reports are required from the Welfare Officer, Women’s Officer, Environment Officer, ATSI Officer, Ethno-Cultural Officer, Rural Officer, Mature Age Officer **on every even meeting.**

Item 6.1: President’s Report – Aiden Zeyang Wang

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President one last time. This has been a year of significant institutional change, including the University merger and consequential organisational reforms. I wish to formally acknowledge Council’s resolve, diligence and support throughout particularly in authorising the President to progress external legal instructions, manage regulator engagement, and prepare transition options for the student representative function post-merger. Previous activity and context are set out in my reports in past meetings so I won’t double mention it here further.

Delegation after the final meeting

Consistent with ordinary practice at the conclusion of the annual meeting cycle and to ensure operational continuity, I recommend Council resolves to delegate residual day-to-day affairs to the Executive until the earlier of until the end of the elected term which is 30th November 2025.

Motion: That the SRC delegates its affairs to the Executive until 30th November 2025. Effective after this meeting.

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang

Seconded:

Motion Passed/Failed

SRC Food Pantry


The Food Pantry has matured into a structured mutual-aid service under its governance. Across the operating period to date, we have recorded **in excess of 7,000 individual transactions**, supporting **more than 2,000 students** through both arms of the program

(traditional pantry and fresh-food market). A quantitative summary and governance dashboard are attached at Appendix for council's noting.

Communications and social media governance

As SRC is winding up its organisations, I have been in close contact with YouX Marketing relating to our social media accounts. Please find attached below for context:

27/10/2025, 2:17 am

 Outlook

Re: FYI – SRC deregistration: social channels and other comms

From Aiden Zeyang Wang <aidenzeyang.wang01@adelaide.edu.au>
 Date Thu 2025-10-23 4:39 PM
 To Kearin Hausler <kearin.hausler@adelaide.edu.au>
 Cc Kim Fereday <kim.fereday@adelaide.edu.au>; Nina Pattingale <nina.pattingale@adelaide.edu.au>

Thanks Kearin and Nina,

Appreciate the clarity. Quickly update - **SRC has formally passed the statutory required resolution and is now sitting with lawyers to action and consolidate.**

With the above confirmed, for our Monday meeting on the 27 Oct 2025 I will get the council to pass the following, i thought might share to align our understanding re marketing progression:

1. SRC align comms with YouX re windup (delegated to president to formalise when there's further updates from YouX)
2. Positionally approve the suggested wording (with executive delegation to change if YouX changes its comms in any ways)
3. Delegate to Kim or someone nominated by Kim(aka Nina) to oversee all src social media account and President outlook imbox.

The above is a rough idea of what I'm going to propose to the SRC , I don't see any issues atm with passing so happy for YouX marketing to proceed with planning assuming the above has been passed.

P.S. For the point of 'messaging around interim services for what SRC usually provide', the short answer is I have no clue atm. My best assumption is that in the interim, we have two options which the transitional board will need to vote on:

1. Temporarily do a USASA Model where Board does both Advocacy and Governance.
2. Defer all SRC stuff later as they do not belong to board domain. The board will only address extremely urgent matters. Sll SRC services will be pushed back until new Org has been set up.

My best estimate is probably a hybrid of both, the Board will inevitably deal with some, but given its many other priorities, I would assume less the better to not be distracted by other governance work.

Happy to hear your thoughts too but the above is just some thought bubbles and also quick commons re our next steps.

Have a good weekend ahead.

Kind regards,
Aiden

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From: Kearin Hausler <kearin.hausler@adelaide.edu.au>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 4:19 PM
To: Aiden Zeyang Wang <aidenzeyang.wang01@adelaide.edu.au>
Cc: Kim Fereday <kim.fereday@adelaide.edu.au>; Nina Pattingale <nina.pattingale@adelaide.edu.au>
Subject: Re: FYI – SRC deregistration: social channels and other comms

Hi Aiden,

Thanks for your patience. Nina has been working through this same process for our YouX accounts in close collaboration with the AU marketing team to ensure we are meeting their expectations for the transition and closure of accounts.

I want to acknowledge that this is all Nina's work which I am sharing.

Our recommendation is to post an announcement that will stay at the top of the SRC page (pinned), outlining all relevant information:
 - Why the page is now inactive
 - State that there is no SRC for xx period of time

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- Where to go for new student association
- Where you can go if you have questions (assuming marketing email address)
- A thank you

If Nina is able to launch our AUSA social channels and start retiring YouX channels by **Friday 14 November**, the SRC could schedule their comms to align with this. We will be able to confirm these dates shortly.

For your consideration, here is some suggested copy for your post:

Dear Students,

As the 2025 study year comes to a close, so does a significant chapter in student representation at the University of Adelaide. With the creation of the new Adelaide University Student Association (AUSA), and the retiring of YouX, the YouX Student Representative Council will also proceed with deregistration.

The SRC page is now inactive. All future updates will be managed by AUSA.

There will be no active SRC for the transition period while AUSA establishes its full structure and operations.

For all student representation matters, please reach out to AUSA through their new channels.

If you have any questions, you can contact the team at [ausa.marketing email address].

Thank you to every student who has supported and participated in the student representation council over the years, your involvement has been a crucial part in ensuring the SRC was able to leave a positive impact on university life. We look forward to seeing the exciting future with AUSA and Adelaide University.

To answer your other questions:

- 1. Do you see the SRC account to continue to exist? Also what happens to its contents and data if not? (should we set up an archive to save all posts?)**

Yes, the University has advised that accounts should not be deleted, but instead transitioned into a dormant state with appropriate pinned posts with explanations and links. Kim and Nina can manage this process on behalf of the SRC following the official wind-up on 30 November if that is useful/preferable.

- 2. At the end of November, I intend to Post a FINAL single pinned notice directing people to YouX and the new AUSA touchpoints incase students would like to reach out, do you have any suggestions on the wording or what to cover in this final post?**

Suggested text provided above, the only thing you will need to clarify is messaging around how the services provided by the SRC will be covered in the interim until a new SRC is elected at AU. I'm hoping you might have some insights around this as we would appreciate an update for our own communications.

- 3. SRC President's outlook inbox Will no longer be monitored after 30 November 2025, what are you thoughts on this? Perhaps I should set a auto-reply status message post 30 November?**

We agree, If you are happy to draft an auto-response we can check it for you. I would address the relevant types of enquiries you normally receive such as student enquires, University staff enquiries, and media enquiries with specific suggested contacts for each. Does Kim have access to this inbox? If so she can monitor any email traffic that requires attention after 30 November

Please let us know if you have further questions or need more information, we are happy to assist however we can.

Regards,

Kearin

From: Aiden Zeyang Wang <aidenzeyang.wang01@adelaide.edu.au>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 2:53 PM
To: Kearin Hausler <kearin.hausler@adelaide.edu.au>
Cc: Kim Fereday <kim.fereday@adelaide.edu.au>; Nina Pattingale <nina.pattingale@adelaide.edu.au>
Subject: Re: FYI – SRC deregistration: social channels and other comms

Thanks Kearin for the update. That would be awesome and plenty of time for me to update council.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
Aiden

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Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 9:26 AM
To: Aiden Zeyang Wang <aidenzeyang.wang01@adelaide.edu.au>
Cc: Kim Fereday <kim.fereday@adelaide.edu.au>; Nina Pattingale <nina.pattingale@adelaide.edu.au>
Subject: Re: FYI – SRC deregistration: social channels and other comms

Hi Aiden,

Quickly confirming that we will get some advice through to you well ahead of the 27th, I'm aiming to get back to you in the next couple of days.

I'll be in touch.

Regards,

Kearin

From: Aiden Zeyang Wang <aidenzeyang.wang01@adelaide.edu.au>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 12:42 PM
To: Kearin Hausler <kearin.hausler@adelaide.edu.au>
Cc: Kim Fereday <kim.fereday@adelaide.edu.au>; Nina Pattingale <nina.pattingale@adelaide.edu.au>
Subject: Re: FYI – SRC deregistration: social channels and other comms

Hi Kearin,

Thanks for your email, that sounds great.

Our final Council meeting is scheduled for **27 October 2025**. Would it be reasonable to expect a rough outline of how this process might work for the SRC by then? If not, I'm happy to call a special meeting before 30 November to keep members informed.

I appreciate your suggestions and advice when you're ready.

My main concern is ensuring clarity for students, affiliates, and media as we approach the end of the SRC. I'd like to avoid any confusion or last-minute issues, especially given that this is the first time we haven't held elections and therefore don't have a formal handover mechanism apart from the board.

P.S. re board escalation is a separate issue which I may need to consult transition board as some matters SRC deal with are not suitable for board. So, the registration of the new SRC would be a matter I'll actively follow up to ensure transition. (happy for you to leave this with me and ill update you asap if I know more about new SRC, but in the meantime lets just prepare for winddown and not yet have a ready and running new SRC.)

Kind regards,

Aiden

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Subject: Re: FYI – SRC deregistration: social channels and other comms

Hi Aiden,

Firstly, thank you for being proactive with this and including us in the conversation. We are working through a similar process for YouX and our associated accounts and channels so it's a timely discussion.

We would love to collaborate with you on this and will assist however we can.

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I've added Nina into this email as she is responsible for much of this work and will have valuable insights.
Perhaps for now I will consult with her and then we can come back to you with some suggestions and advice?
Let me know if this is agreeable and we can move forward from there.

Regards,
Kearin

From: Aiden Zeyang Wang <aidenzeyang.wang01@adelaide.edu.au>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 11:48 AM
To: Kearin Hausler <kearin.hausler@adelaide.edu.au>
Cc: Kim Fereday <kim.fereday@adelaide.edu.au>
Subject: FYI – SRC deregistration: social channels and other comms

Hi Kearin,

As a result of the creation of AUSA, the SRC intends to proceed with **deregistration** of the SRC (formal vote scheduled today and provisional voting has passed for this pathway).

I'm emailing to seek your thoughts on Legacy SRC social accounts (Facebook and others) and some key timelines, which I will also be reporting back to Council:

1. The SRC will have no members left after **30 November 2025(as no elections have been held)**.
2. Do you see the SRC account to continue to exist? Also what happens to its contents and data if not? (should we set up an archive to save all posts?)
3. at the end of November, I intend to Post a **FINAL single pinned notice** directing people to YouX and the new AUSA touchpoints incase students would like to reach out, do you have any suggestions on the wording or what to cover in this final post?
4. SRC President's outlook inbox Will no longer be monitored after 30 November 2025, what are you thoughts on this? Perhaps I should set a auto-reply status message post 30 November?

This isn't an action request, just wanted to keep YouX marketing in the loop for some views and opinions, also Happy to align on phrasing and timing when you're ready.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
Aiden

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I propose the following motion to council:

Motion:

- That Council authorises the President to align and issue all communications regarding the SRC’s wind-up/transition in coordination with YouX, and to finalise wording upon receipt of further YouX updates.
- That Council approves in principle the proposed public statement on wind-up/transition and delegates to the Executive authority to settle any non-material amendments necessary to maintain consistency with YouX communications.
- That Council designates Kim (or Kim’s nominee, being Nina) as custodian of all SRC social media accounts and the President’s Outlook inbox with full admin access for continuity, records retention and archiving pending completion of the transition under the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA) s 43A.

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang

Seconded:

Motion Passed/Failed

SRC Governance and Merger – In-Camera Placeholder

Motion:

That this meeting resolves to proceed in camera for the purpose of discussing Governance and Merger, in addition, the President has prepared a report to AUSA regarding Governance recommendations and new SRC for council noting.

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang

Second:

Motion Passed/Failed

Acknowledgements

I extend gratitude to Executive, Officers, Councillors, YouX colleagues and University stakeholders for their cooperation. Earlier reports capture the breadth of engagement. which underpinned our program of service and reform this term.

Yours sincerely,

Aiden Zeyang Wang

President, Student Representative Council

Item 6.2: General Secretary’s Report – Sam Andonas

Hi all,

As this is our final meeting of the year, before the SRC ultimately winds-up, I feel it important to reflect on the progress made by the SRC and the work I have undertaken as General Secretary and Public Officer of the organisation.

Earlier in the year, I successfully completed the long-overdue update to Consumer and Business Affairs to formally register the change of Public Officer for the SRC Association. This ensured that our organisation remained compliant with all relevant state regulations and relevant governance standards. Since then, I have continued to review and uphold the Public

Officer responsibilities to guarantee the Council's adherence to constitutional and legislative requirements.

Throughout my term I have prepared meeting agendas and papers, recorded minutes, and ensured proper documentation of SRC discussions and decisions. These processes have been central to maintaining transparency, accountability, and institutional continuity in a time of particular scrutiny – after which the SRC was ultimately cleared.

In addition to these duties, I have taken the time to speak with students across campus to understand the key issues affecting them; particularly around exam-time stress, study support, and communication with university services. These insights have reinforced the importance of the SRC continuing to play an active role in student advocacy, ensuring feedback is not only collected from students, but meaningfully acted upon wherever possible.

I recommend to the future SRC that the documentation and engagement process be streamlined. Notably, clearer communication channels and opportunities for students to directly provide feedback to the SRC should be advertised to a greater degree. Doing so will strengthen the SRC's visibility and improve the effectiveness of its representation of students.

I am grateful for the professionalism and collaboration shown by the members of the SRC that I have been lucky to work with and look forward to seeing the future SRC continue to grow in its advocacy and impact on campus.

Warm Regards,
Sam Andonas
General Secretary
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Item 6.4: Welfare Officer's Report – Dhanush Lokesh

Key Issues:

Practical experience is an essential part of engineering and technology education. Universities have made internships a compulsory component of their programs to provide students with exposure to professional workplaces. Students, especially international students, face several difficulties in securing such placements. At the same time, universities often do not provide mandatory hands-on HOT courses, which are crucial for their project students. This report discusses these problems and presents recommendations to improve both internship accessibility and technical skill development by introducing mandatory "hot courses."

Students face significant challenges with mandatory internships due to limited availability, intense competition, and restrictive visa requirements. The number of internship positions in Australia is insufficient compared to the growing number of students who are required to complete them. Employers often prefer candidates with prior local experience or long-term work rights, leaving international students at a disadvantage. Additionally, many internships offered are unpaid or parttime, which do not meet the full academic requirements. These barriers create stress and delay graduation timelines.

Similarly, the absence of mandatory “hot courses”—such as laser engraving, machining, and 3D printing—creates another gap in university learning. Without structured practical training, students lack the fabrication and prototyping skills required for their research and design projects. This leads to heavy dependence on technical staff or external workshops to complete simple project components and slows down progress. Furthermore, students who have no experience operating workshop machinery or 3D printers struggle to contribute effectively to research environments where hands-on manufacturing is essential.

Recommendations:

To address these challenges, universities should enhance their internship programs while introducing mandatory hot courses as part of every engineering and technical degree. Strengthening partnerships with local industries can help increase the number of available internships and provide flexible, research-based options for students facing visa limitations. Simultaneously, making technical courses in laser engraving, machining, drilling, and 3D printing compulsory will ensure every student develops essential fabrication skills for research and innovation. These courses should include safety certifications, hands-on workshops, and direct application in final-year or postgraduate projects. Universities can create a more inclusive and skill-oriented education system that prepares students for both professional and research careers.

Item 6.8: Disability Officer’s Report– Jayden Squire

“In the true defence of free speech, student justice and a functional university”.

24/10/2025

Dear President Wang and the Student Representative Council,

This is my final report as Disability Officer of the Student Representative council. I first ran for this body in 2021, on the connect ticket, receiving 45% of the vote. This was the best result I would achieve for years, dropping to 10% in 2022, 3% in 2023, before what many say, is one of the biggest comebacks in stupol history, with nearly 70% of the vote in 2024. Many are saying the greatest. Trump would be envious.

I acknowledge the hard work of incumbent SRC President Aiden Wang, incumbent board President Merlin Wang and the former SRC and Board President Oscar Ong. While I disagree with the transition, Aiden and Merlin have worked hard to ensure that a transition is a success.

I was the first Liberal to sit on the Student Representative Council since 2021, I am glad that upon the shutting down of the SRC, two other Liberals have joined me on the SRC. I am proud that I upheld the small liberal ideals, and I truly hope Malcolm Fraser is proud of me. The SRC works best when it is comprised of a true representation of the political, cultural and social make up of the social body

of the university. The decline in thought diversity on the SRC is perhaps a truly sad thing, and I hope the new University ensures that the future student body cannot be hijacked by damaging interests. I am not putting blame on this decline on any singular person.

The failure of the SRC to ever really put up a fight against the merge, was truly the result of political hacks seeing their staffer jobs are more important than that of the wellbeing of the student body. The merge is designed to do one thing; limit student thought diversity, push students to the speediest graduation possible and to take the most amount of money from them without providing good services for that money. The merge will likely have damaging consequences to the university, both the academics, research and student life for many years to come. I truly hope I am wrong on this issue. But, in a few years time, I will likely look back and be proven right. That is why this report will go in the minutes. The SRC has consisted of many great politicians throughout the ages, including the current Premier of South Australia, Peter Malinauskas, and many Liberal Party greats such as Christopher Pyne and Andrew Southcott. We must ask ourselves, how many of the current members of the SRC, have the talent, vigour or ability to achieve in politics outside of the SRC?

I have always been an advocate for Jewish students, and for them to be protected against vile antisemitism, along with defending the state of Israel to exist. However, genuine concerns of the actions of the government of Israel since October 7th 2023, and perhaps long before that, have been sidelined. With the SRC failing to create dialogue on this serious matter, throughout my entire service on the SRC, the sidelining has allowed rogue activists to hijack this issue. This is about a broader issue, the limitations of freedom of speech. I truly believe that the free speech at the University should be defined by Justice Samuel Alito's powerful dissent in 2011 supreme court case *Snyder vs Phelps* (2011) "*so outrageous in character, and so extreme in degree, as to go beyond all bounds of decency, and to be regarded as atrocious and utterly intolerable in a civilized community.*" And that '*in order to have a society in which public issues can be openly and vigorously debated, it is not necessary to allow the brutalization of innocent victims*'. Therefore, I will say that protests surrounding the Palestinian issue, do not in-fact go beyond these levels of human decency. By not taking these issues seriously or listening to the overwhelming concerns of the student body, the extremes took over. If we allowed this debate to occur through SRC sanctioned and ran meetings, the overwhelming vast majority of the student body would have made the simple yet accurate conclusion: That Israel has a right to exist in peace, and that also, Palestinians have the right to exist, and not be used as targets by a government, that disproportionately committed acts to stay in government. This isn't me making an apology for standing up for Jewish students and Israel, but perhaps if I could do this all again, I would have supported and advocated for dialogue on this issue on the SRC in a more robust manner. This isn't just about Palestine, or Israel, but about what we allow as true freedom of speech on campus. This might seem like a ramble, but I will end this part with this to make sense of my belief of freedom of speech on campus: I do not believe neo nazis should be allowed on campus, as that would be

extreme and outrageous in character, however if students wish to debate or protest the current status of immigration within Australia, that would indeed be a fair debate without the brutalization of victims. I hope the new University will protect freedom of speech.

Student Politics is not only where people find out who they are politically but make friends across a broad spectrum of ideas and thoughts, many of which become lifelong. The last 5 years of stupol wouldn't have been the same without: Billy Zimmerman, Cyrus Kelly (the president in our hearts), Ed Archer, the whole cooker coalition from 2023. I can't forget Georgia Thomas. Lastly, the connect team, oh I couldn't forget you, Evi Cacas and others, who first asked me to run for stupol in early 2021. In saying this, I also year after year, faced threats by radical extremists during stupol from both sides of the spectrum. Many are asking, will I run again in the new University? I sure hope not. I am truly disappointed that I have not achieved anywhere near what I had aspired to achieve on this body.

I say, for the final time to this body, stop the merge and protect in person lectures!

As always,

Jayden Squire

Disability Officer



Item 6.9: Environment Officer's Report– Cheuk Nam Parco Chan

Supporting Student Wellbeing During the End of Semester

As the semester draws to a close, students across the University of Adelaide are managing their studies and preparing for the upcoming examination period with dedication and resilience. The end of semester is often a challenging time, as academic workloads, assessments, and future planning converge. It is encouraging to see many students actively engaging in revision, study groups, and campus activities, demonstrating strong adaptability and commitment to their goals.

However, this period can also bring heightened stress and fatigue. It is therefore essential to prioritise mental health and study support to maintain a healthy, balanced university environment. Students are encouraged to make use of available resources such as Counselling Support, Wellbeing Hub, studying group and peer mentoring programs, which are designed to help manage stress, improve study habits, and promote emotional wellbeing. Staff and student leaders also play a key role in fostering an inclusive and supportive atmosphere, where students feel comfortable seeking help when needed.

As the final year of the University of Adelaide before its merger with the University of South Australia, this moment holds special significance. It represents both the end of a historic chapter and the beginning of a new, unified institution that will carry forward our shared

values of learning, sustainability, and community. The strength, compassion, and cooperation shown by students during this transition highlight the enduring spirit of the university community.

As the Environmental Officer, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all students in maintaining not only academic excellence but also a positive and sustainable study environment. As we approach exams and prepare for the next stage in our shared journey, I wish every student success, good health, and confidence for the future. May this final semester at the University of Adelaide be remembered for its unity, growth, and hope for what lies ahead.

Item 6.12: International Student Officer's Report– Jennifer Tran

International Student Officer Report

Over the past two weeks, several positive highlights have emerged within the international student community. Recently, many international students from our university participated in the StudyAdelaide International Student Awards held on 24 October. With many receiving awards and recognition across various categories. It was inspiring to see their contributions, leadership, community involvement, and academic achievements celebrated at a statewide level.

South Australia continues to be a welcoming destination for international students, and it is wonderful to see Adelaide being chosen as a place where students not only study but also thrive, contribute, and build meaningful connections. This recognition reflects the impact international students make within our university and the broader community, reinforcing the value of diversity, cultural exchange, and student leadership in shaping the student experience.

I look forward to continuing to collaborate with the SRC and stakeholders to further support our international student community. This is almost the end of this semester, and every student is focusing on revision for their upcoming exams. I wish you all flying colours and a happy holiday!

Item 6.14: Ethno-Cultural Officer's Report – Hok Him Chou

To be delivered verbally.

Item 6.16: Mature Age Officer's Report – Zhe Li

Over the past month, I have continued to speak with mature age students through the Mature Students Association, in the Lounge, and during casual conversations across campus. Many of these students have shared both positive experiences and real challenges that affect their study and daily life. Mature age students often return to study after years in work or family

life, and they bring strong motivation and valuable experience. However, they also face unique pressures that younger students may not.

A common issue is the difficulty of balancing study with full-time or part-time work, as well as family and childcare responsibilities. Some students find that course schedules and tutorial times clash with their working hours. While most lectures are recorded, some tutorials still require physical attendance, which can be difficult for those working shifts or with parenting duties. I plan to continue working with faculties to ensure that flexible learning options and consistent lecture recordings are available to all students.

Many students also spoke about the importance of having comfortable and quiet study spaces on campus. The Mature Students Lounge remains an important place for connection and focus, but I have received feedback that the furniture and lighting could be improved. I believe small upgrades would make a big difference. I will continue collecting feedback and raise this issue with the SRC and Facilities team to make the space more welcoming and accessible.

Some students, especially international mature students, have mentioned that they are not always familiar with the local job market or community resources. They would like more support in understanding post-graduation pathways, such as career planning, local networking, and employment opportunities in Adelaide. I am planning to work with the Careers Service and the MSA to host a session where graduates and professionals can share their experiences about finding meaningful work after study. This will also help international students understand how to plan their next steps in Australia.

Another area raised is the need for more peer mentoring opportunities. Mature students often have a lot of life experience to share, and connecting them with younger students could benefit both sides. I am exploring ways to link mature students with peer mentoring programs, helping them to feel more included and valued in the university community.

Lastly, several students mentioned the need for a small rest area on campus — a quiet place to recharge between classes, especially for those who travel long distances or have long days on campus. This is a simple but meaningful change that could support the wellbeing of many mature students.

Overall, these discussions show that mature age students are highly motivated and committed, but they need a few more practical supports — better flexibility, suitable spaces, clearer career guidance, and stronger community connections. I will keep working with the MSA, the SRC, and university services to turn these ideas into real actions that help mature age students feel supported and included at the University of Adelaide.

Item 7: Motions on Notice

N/A

Item 8. General Business

N/A

Item 10. Emergent Business

All emergent business matters as detailed here must be provided in writing to the General Secretary within a reasonable timeframe following the agenda reports deadline. It is anticipated that all emergent business items be submitted to the General Secretary at least two days prior to the scheduled meeting. Any submissions beyond this timeframe will be considered at the discretion of the General Secretary and President, or alternatively, they will be included in the agenda papers for the subsequent meeting.

N/A

Item 11. Date of Next Meeting

N/A – This is the final meeting of the SRC



Appendix: SRC Food Pantry Minutes

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Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the SRC Food Pantry Committee will be held:

Date: 19/08/2026

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Location: Ligertwood 228 and Teams

0 Meeting Open

Aiden declared the meeting open at 12:06pm

1 Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia.

2 Attendance and Apologies

Present:

Aiden Zeyang Wang – SRCFP Chair

Kathryn Howes – YouX Executive Officer

Liam Johns - Secretary

Prasanth Ramesh – Market Distribution Coordinator

Jiexun (Jason) Yu – General Committee Member

Keith Chou - General Committee Member

Kim Fereday – Non-voting Member / SRC Administrator

Apologies:

Jennifer Bao Tin Tran – Charity Distribution Coordinator

Absent:

Merlin Wang – YouX President

Jacqui Faliszewski – Non-voting Member

Andrew Hickey – Non-voting Member

Zhe (Nick) Li – General Committee Member

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3 Conflict of Interest

Members shall declare any potential conflicts of interest that may affect the impartiality or integrity of discussions and decision-making during the meeting.

Aiden read the declaration. No members raised a conflict of interest.

4 Adoption of Agenda

Standing Procedural Motion: that the agenda as circulated be adopted.

Moved: Liam Johns **Seconded:** Prasanth **Motion:** Passed

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Standing Procedural Motion: that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

Moved: Liam Johns **Seconded:** Prasanth **Motion:** Passed

6 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

From Previous Meeting:

Action	Responsibility	Status
Investigate and update current data security.	Aiden.	Complete
Meet with Kearin to discuss the SRCFP’s structure.	Aiden, Kathryn, and Prasanth.	Complete
Investigate alternative storage locations + methods for SRCFP products.	Aiden and Jarrod.	Complete

From This Meeting:

Action	Responsibility	Status
Coordinate social event.	Aiden, Kim, and Kathryn.	
Determine best use of residual funds.	Aiden and Kathryn.	

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7 Chair's Report

I am pleased to present this Mid-Year Report, marking just over **one full year** since the SRC Food Pantry formally began operations. Congratulations to all involved staff, students, and community partners on this milestone. Your efforts have transformed a vision into one of the most impactful student welfare initiatives at the University of Adelaide. Now it has served almost **6000 students**.

From Inception to Impact

Last year, the SRCFP opened its doors in Semester 2 and welcomed over **2,500 students** in just ten weeks. It was a highly successful soft launch, despite initial limitations such as limited food variety and storage constraints. Our early offerings were largely non-perishable staples, and while they provided essential relief, we recognised that students hoped for greater value and variety.

In response, I committed over the summer to a comprehensive revamp of our operational model. As some foundational members graduated, I welcomed a new cohort of passionate student leaders who brought fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the table.

Strategic Expansion and the UVAGAI Partnership

One of the most significant developments this year has been our formal partnership with UVAGAI, who were already running limited fresh food markets on campus. We saw the opportunity to collaborate and build something more ambitious. After negotiations, we signed a service contract with UVAGAI to co-deliver a fresh food market under the SRCFP banner.

This has resulted in:

- The creation of a dedicated Fresh Market Section within our pantry offering;
- The recruitment of an additional casual staff member (Perishable Coordinator) to support expanded operations;
- A streamlined and demand-responsive purchasing system that replaced the original flat \$45 box model with the support of the Non-perishable Coordinator.

Operational Gains and Financial Sustainability

With the outstanding support of Prasanth (UVAGAI), Jennifer, and Jarrod, our service has grown in both efficiency and impact:

- Purchases are now tailored to demand, resulting in minimal waste and higher student satisfaction.
- For the first time, the pantry has generated revenue, marking a step toward self-sufficiency. In Semester 1, the fresh market brought in **\$2,682.29**, despite only launching in Week 3.

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- UVAGAI has also developed a custom software system that automates data collection and stock reporting. This has been instrumental in managing inventory and refining logistics.

Acknowledgement and Gratitude

To all our volunteers, coordinators, committee members, and university partners, thank you! Your dedication has allowed the SRCFP to mature into a well-governed and student-centred initiative. We are laying down a structure that is both operationally sound and financially promising.

Branding and Volunteer Identity

Throughout this year, there has been growing recognition of the need to formally clarify our initiative's branding and identity. While the Food Pantry originated as an SRC idea, it now operates as a formal YouX subcommittee. I acknowledge that promotional materials have not always consistently reflected this structure. While it is important to credit the SRC for its founding vision, we must begin scrutinising the brand identity more closely.

Next semester, I plan to work with relevant stakeholders to align our marketing approach, ensuring that all materials, digital, print, and apparel reflect a clear and unified identity. This also ties into our long-standing intention to order volunteer T-shirts, which has been delayed due to these branding uncertainties. A final decision on whether branding should reflect the SRC, YouX, or a co-branded identity will be key before proceeding however due to merger this may not go ahead as planned.

Volunteer Engagement and Social Events

Recognising the critical role of volunteers in our operations, I have always intended to hold an end-of-semester social event to thank and celebrate their contributions. Unfortunately, Semester 1 became particularly busy, and we were unable to host this. Now that more committee members have returned and operations have stabilised, we are planning to hold this long-overdue event.

I'd like to extend my thanks to Jennifer, who has been instrumental in assisting with this initiative. I will leave the detailed planning to her, and I look forward to seeing our volunteers come together in celebration and appreciation.

Infrastructure and Storage

One of the most exciting operational developments is that Infrastructure has offered us a dedicated storage room in Union House. This will resolve many logistical issues we previously faced around stock overflow and short-term storage in offices.

The room is currently being cleaned and prepared, and once ready, it will allow us to store both non-perishable goods and equipment securely and efficiently.

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Looking Ahead: The Merger and SRCFP's Future

As the University of Adelaide and UniSA continue with the proposed institutional merger, the SRCFP must prepare for significant structural change. While we are proud of the revenue generated and the move toward operational sustainability, there is a real possibility that we will not continue in our current form post-merger.

UniSA already operates a similar service, though structured very differently. At some point, the committee may need to decide whether we should propose a merger of our operations or await formal guidance from YouX and the future student governance body.

Regardless of what the future holds, we must remain committed to our founding purpose: **advancing student welfare by ensuring affordable food access during a cost-of-living crisis**. Should the committee not continue beyond 2026, I encourage members to consider donating any remaining raised funds to a charity aligned with our mission or plan for events that may promote our purpose one last time for our students.

Ultimately, the decision lies with the committee. There is also the possibility that the new AUSA (Adelaide University Student Association) may choose to establish a successor committee to carry on this important work. I will provide more updates once I have more clarity.

Yours sincerely

Aiden Zeyang Wang

SRCFP Governance Committee Chair

Aiden spoke to his report. He congratulated members and volunteers on a successful first year of operations, and he thanked the YouX team (Kathryn, Summa, and Kim) for their hard work and support.

Aiden noted the SRCFP's rapid expansion between this year and last, highlighting that it grew from serving 2500 people in semester 2 of 2024 to almost 6000 people in the first eight months of 2025. This growth, he stated, was only possible with the help of "34 different volunteers" and the SRCFP's partnership with UVIGAI.

Aiden also praised Jennifer and Jarrod's decision to shift from a hamper model (i.e., \$45 for a set basket of items) to a dynamic model based on student demand. This decision ultimately reduced costs by 30%, making the SRCFP more sustainable in the long run. He suggested that some of these savings could be used on branding/uniforms for volunteers.

Lastly, Aiden expressed the need to host a social event this semester as a reward for the team's hard work.

Action Item: Aiden to organise social event with Kim and Kathryn.

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8 Market Distribution Coordinator

1. Introduction

The Food Pantry has continued to be an essential support service to students at the University, offering accessible, free, and low-cost grocery essentials. The initiative directly addresses food necessity and financial difficulties among most students, while also supporting their overall well-being and academic perseverance.

During the first semester, the pantry provided canned goods, instant noodles, and spreads. Additionally, a variety of lower-cost grocery items have been provided to meet students' necessities. Students have indicated that they highly value the affordability and convenience of the service, with the majority expressing appreciation for the convenience it brings to their weekly budgeting and living costs.

The pantry has made a real difference not just in terms of food, but also as a sense of care and support among the campus community towards our students. This report covers pantry operations that I took over pantry coordination from Jarrod beginning in Week 8 and continued until the end of the semester. The report also outlines the functioning, results, and future recommendations of the pantry and identifies the merit of continued investment in this important initiative.

2. Pantry Operations

Operating: Every Wednesday 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Level 4 Union House

Team Members:

Quinting Li	Junxi Zhong	Yiming Ji	Ran Zhang
Shyaam	Aashiq	Sathaan	Nahul
Alim	Parameshwari	Sanjana	Rishi
Nithin	Ashok	Varun	Amudhan
Varhun	Akash	Vinith	Nowmica
Harish	Janani	Subramaniyan	Hai Dang
Tommy	Phuong Linh	Nam Phuong	Mai Linh
Quang Thang	Minh Duc	Khuat Huyen	Thao Ngan
Duy Hung	Tuan Minh	= 34 total + 3 Coordinators	= 37 people

3. Usage & Impact

Number of students served: 60+ students per hour

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Items distributed during the term:

** Please note that available items change weekly and not all items are offered at once.*

CSR White Sugar	Woolworths Microwave Long Grain White Rice
Edgell Mixed Vegetables	Leggo's Bolognese Tomato & Garlic Pasta Sauce
Kellogg's Special K	Leggos Napoletana Tomato & Herbs Pasta Sauce
Spam Classic Canned Ham	Maggi Hearty One Pot Casserole Recipe Base
SPC Diced Tomatoes	Oral B Toothpaste Enamel Densify
Sun Rice Medium Grain White Rice	Rinoldi Foodbank Shorts Pasta
Bega Peanut Butter Smooth	Safcol RF Tuna in Springwater
Edgell Corn Kernels	Hellman's Chilli Mayonnaise
Indomie Mi Goreng Noodles	Medallion Diced Peach Cups
Kellogg's Wheat Flakes	SPC Pear Slices In Juice
McKenzie's Black Beans	Siena Cannellini Beans
Snack Crackers	Safcol Tuna In Oil

Restock frequency: Every Tuesday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

4. Challenges & Learnings

- Stock Management Difficulties

One of the key challenges was managing pantry stock effectively, especially when using online ordering systems. Certain items were unintentionally purchased multiple times, while others went out of stock for several weeks due to oversight. To address this, a Microsoft Excel tracking system was implemented. Each item's status was recorded weekly, allowing for better visibility on what needed to be restocked, reduced, or removed. This system proved to be highly effective which offer clear and easy-to-understand stock management and help reduce unnecessary purchases.

- Limited Quantity of Free Essentials

Currently, free items are limited to two per person, which is appreciated by many students, but some have expressed a wish to access more. This limitation is largely due to budget constraints and limited supplier options. Efforts are ongoing to secure additional funding and new providers, with the aim of expanding the offering in Semester 2.

- Inconsistent Volunteer Availability

Volunteer support was helpful but sometimes inconsistent, especially during mid-semester and exam periods. This occasionally made setup and distribution more difficult for a small team. In the future, implementing a scheduled volunteer roster and clearer shift expectations may help improve reliability.

5. Acknowledgements

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We also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations.

We extend our sincere thanks to all volunteers, donors, and student support services who helped keep the food pantry running smoothly this semester. Your contribution has made a significant difference in the lives of many students.

Because Jennifer is on placement, Aiden spoke on her behalf. He highlighted that each round of orders has been slightly cheaper than the last – especially compared to the original hamper model -- because the SRCFP now tailors its supply to student preferences. This, he said, was made possible through the live tracking of items. In terms of challenges, Aiden stated that there is sometimes inconsistency in the availability of volunteers – a problem which might necessitate the help of YouX staff.

9 Charity Distribution Coordinator

1. Introduction

The Food Pantry is one of the most important support services for students, especially those who are going through financial hardship or struggling with food insecurity. For many students, it's not just about free groceries, it's about being able to eat, manage their tight budgets, and still attend uni without worrying about money.

This report is a detailed overview of how the pantry functioned during the second half of Semester 1, 2025. It includes the number of students we served, the types of items we distributed, what worked well, the challenges we faced, and areas we are actively working on to make it better. As the perishable coordinator, we've tried to make sure everything ran smoothly and responsibly, even when we had limited stock or unexpected changes.

2. Key Statistics and Figures

Total Transactions: 353

No. of weeks:

6 Total Value of Food Distributed: \$1,998.30

3. Items Distributed

3.1. Types of Items

The main items distributed were:

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- Fresh vegetables (e.g., carrots, potatoes, onions when available)
- Fresh fruits (e.g., oranges, apples, etc.)
- Bread (white and multigrain loaves, buns, etc.)
- Cereals (Kellogg's grains, etc.)

3.2. Stock Rotation and Distribution

Volunteers were trained to place older items in front, ensuring “first in, first out” stock rotation. This helped reduce waste. On days when some items were limited (like bananas or potatoes), we put limits per student to make sure everyone could get at least something

4. What Went Well

There were quite a few positives this semester:

High Demand Shows Real Need: Every pantry session, students queued up before the actual opening time. This clearly shows that the pantry is an essential service.

Fair Distribution During Low Stock: We fixed the price for at least 50% less than the market price which was the main reason for the students to turn up. When we had fewer items, we placed limits per student. This made sure that every person in the queue got something instead of the first few students taking everything.

Team Coordination: The volunteer team worked well. Everyone knew their roles, and we didn't have to micromanage on the spot. Setups and pack-downs were quicker compared to previous semesters.

No Major Incidents: There were no conflicts or complaints during the pantry days. Students respected limits and the process, and feedback was mostly positive.

5. Challenges Faced

Even though a lot went well, there were some clear issues:

Unpredictable Deliveries: The biggest challenge was that we never knew exactly what items we'd get until the day before the pantry. That made it hard to plan signage, table layout, and limits in advance. Sometimes, items mentioned in the delivery note didn't arrive at all.

Missing Essentials: Onions, which are used in most home-cooked meals, were sometimes missing. This disappointed students, especially those who were depending on essentials. Some days, even basic items like rice or bread didn't come in enough quantity.

No Waste Management Policy: We didn't have any proper system for dealing with leftover perishable items. This became an issue, especially when we had small amounts of items left

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over that couldn't be stored or reused. There was no clarity on whether to donate it elsewhere, compost it, or discard it.

6. Areas we are Working On

Getting Other Food Suppliers: We're looking into other local suppliers or partnerships (including small grocery stores or bakeries) that can help provide more consistent or different stock apart from Foodbank.

Student Awareness: We plan to send out an official email to all current students through the SRCFP Chair, explaining what the pantry is, when it happens, and how it's useful. This will help students who still don't know about the service.

Waste Management: We're working on introducing a basic waste management plan to handle leftover perishable items. Whether it's giving it to other clubs, composting, or offering it to nearby community kitchens, we want to make sure there's no wastage.

Early Notification for Deliveries: We're trying to see if Foodbank can send us the delivery list earlier, maybe by Monday so we can plan ahead, print signs, and prepare volunteers properly.

7. Final Reflections

This semester, even with limited stock, unpredictable deliveries, and no waste system, we did our best to serve everyone who came. We had good teamwork, positive responses, and a clear demand that proves how important this service is.

There's still room to grow, more stock, better communication, a proper waste plan, and more awareness among students. But what we've done already has made a difference to many students. That's the goal, and that's what we'll keep working towards

Prasanth read his report to the room. He particularly emphasised Foodbank's inconsistency, stating that its delivery time not only varies greatly from week to week, but that sometimes entire food items are missing.

Aiden echoed Parath's sentiments and also complimented him for his work on an app to monitor the market's supply and demand.

10 Other Businesses

Other businesses for members to raise which was not included in members report or motions - for discussion.

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Aiden moved two motions:

Motion 1: The SRCFP Formally appoints Jennifer Tran to the position of Charity Distribution Coordinator.

Seconded: Liam Johns **Status:** Passed

Motion 2: The SRCFP formally appoints Keith to the position of General Committee member.

Seconded: Liam Johns **Status:** Passed

Kathryn then explained how the UOA-UNISA merger will impact the SRCFP. She made the following points.

- USASA currently has a dedicated employee that runs the food pantry – a setup which is far more efficient than our model. As a result, any post-merger pantry will likely follow USASA’s path.
- AUSA’s wellbeing program will likely include the food pantry, similar to the breakfast club under YouX.
- Because the food pantry’s final structure has not yet been determined, it is unclear whether the fresh food market will continue in 2026.

Finally, Aiden noted that surplus funds might be leftover by the end of the semester. He suggested using these residual funds for a charity drive.

Action Item: Aiden to coordinate with Kathryn regarding use of residual funds.

Motion: The SRCFP committee Authorises Aiden and Kathryn to determine the use of residual funds if the SRCFP is wound up by the end of the semester.

Seconded: Prasanth Ramesh **Status:** Passed.

11 Next Meeting

TBD – Called by the Chair and Secretary

12 Meeting Closed

Aiden declared the meeting closed at 12:41pm.