

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

Meeting opened 6:38pm

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 HDR Officer: Allen Yucheng Xie
- International Student Officer: Jennifer Tran
- Mature Age Officer: Nick Li
- General Councillors:
 - Sudharsanan Venkatraman
 - Prasanth Ramesh
 - Adrian Niculescu
 - Aashiq Asan Raja Mohideen Batcha
 - Shyam Kumar Madesh
 - Ngoc Hai Dang Pham
- Others:
 - Samoda Silva – a1821579

Late:

1.3. Apologies

Disability Officer - Jayden
Postgraduate Coursework Officer - Jannani

1.4. Absences

1.5. Adoption of Agenda

Procedural Motion: that the agenda as circulated be adopted.

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang

Seconded: Sam Andonas

Motion Passed

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: Sam Andonas

Motion Passed

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: Sam Andonas

Motion Passed

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

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

Aiden states that he has inquired the University regarding student's study plans and has been informed that the jurisdiction of study plans belong to Adelaide University.

Aiden further shares that he has emailed Tom Steer at Adelaide University regarding this and will continue to inquire and raise the concerns of students regarding study plans.

4. Correspondence

5. New Members

N/A

6. Office Bearer Reports

6.1. President

Aiden notes that it has been a long year with many amazing moments, taking a moment to thank those who have been around over the past four years he has spent in council. He shares that OnDit is doing a nostalgic article for the Universities final year, for which he has submitted his presidents report.

Motion: That the SRC delegates is constitutional power to the Executive until 30th November 2025. Effective after this final meeting.

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang

Seconded: Sam Andonas

Motion Passed

Aiden notes that the food pantry's addition of fresh food has seen great success this year, with it being hosted weekly – a mega food run will be held this Wednesday at the hub. All students are encouraged to attend. Further, a fundraiser will be held that day where the SRC will match all donations and this will go to charity. The YouX board will deliver this. So far more than \$7,000 has been raised.

It is the intention of the committee to donate this money to charity or within University services to better student life on campus.

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: Allen Xie

Motion Passed

Sam Asks for how long previous SRC meeting minuets and other information will remain on the YouX website before the site is shut down.

Aiden will inquire and get back to council, however assumes that will have legacy website etc.

6.2. General Secretary

Sam reflects on the year and the successes the SRC has been able to achieve, thanking everyone involved in making the SRC such an incredible organisation – and members for making everything flow smoothly. Sam especially thanks those involved in the food pantry, with the program seeing great success. He recommends that the next SRC ensure student advocacy continues to be front and centre, with ample opportunity for students to contribute to conversations regarding their experience at university.

6.3. Education Officer

6.4. Welfare Officer

Taken as read.

6.5. Women's Officer

6.6. Queer Officer

6.7. ATSI Officer

6.8. **Disability Officer**

Taken as read.

6.9. **Environment Officer**

Taken as read.

6.10. Postgraduate Officer – HDR

6.11. Postgraduate Officer – Coursework

6.12. **International Student Officer**

Taken as read

6.13. Social Justice Officer

6.14. **Ethno-Cultural Officer**

Keith is honoured to have been able to work with everyone on the SRC.

Aiden notes that Keith did an incredible job with the multicultural ball, with so many clubs coming together under a single event.

6.15. Rural Officer

6.16. **Mature Age Officer**

Taken as read.

6.17. Roseworthy Campus Officer

6.18. Waite Officer

7. Motions on Notice

N/A

8. General Business

Aiden asks if there is any other matters to raise.

Aiden mentions that he engaged with IMO a lot this year for student consultation – and that consultation took place between everyone involved. The May and September updates have helped students, which is good – however unfortunately it didn't continue, that so much was going on and so it ended, but overall was positive. Letter to DVCSES study plans should've been out September according to latest info but now its almost November.

Council raises concerns and members making various comments about their experiences with study plans.

Aiden states that students are disappointed that plans are not out, and so hopefully this improves soon. Since September the 8th, its been very busy and so no information has been received from the Uni.

Aiden asks if anyone knows when enrolment will start?

Adrian says that they said enrolment will open in Q1 2026 or Q4 2025.

Aiden says we are already very far into Q4 2025, so hopefully it opens soon.

Aiden asks if anyone has seen course outlines for next year?

Members of council have not.

Samoda shares that they have space for it but have not provided proper/complete outlines.

Adrian shares that he has just opened University of Adelaide student portal which shows the enrolment checklist has opened for 2026.

Nick Li shares that there are problems with his study plan with issues to go to the officer – as no physical place has been provided to visit until November 30 – a long time after the study plans are received.

Aiden thanks Nick as Aiden is unable to see any communications due to graduating at the end of this year. Aiden notes that study plans are a big problem and invites any other observations.

Samoda shares that last week she received an email with the enrolment checklist which stated that December 1st enrolments will open for every student.

Aiden thanks Samoda.

Various other concerns of study plan timelines were shared and discussed at meeting.

Student Study Plans are a key concern of council.

Adrian shares that the info he has right now was not in an email and was only found by opening the site and checking at this current time.

Samoda says the email included extra information regarding the process.

Aiden asks if there is any other business to discuss.

Samoda asks if the email Aiden shared had been sent yet.

Aiden clarifies that it has not.

Samoda asks if there is a way she can be notified of the response or if the information will become public.

Aiden states that the response will go to an executive meeting, and Samoda can attend.

Aiden asks if there is any other business to discuss.

Aiden asks if Samoda has any questions about winding up before council moves to an in-camera meeting.

Samoda says not really, just if there is anything worth mentioning in a reel it would be great to share.

Aiden shares that the council will discuss recommendations for the new AUSA board when they create the new SRC and what the council should keep or could do better and how it can be reformed – also informed by independent advice. This advice will also go to the YouX Board, which will hopefully be passed and referred to the AUSA transitional board for the new SRC constitution.

Further, it took long for the AUSA constitution to be formed, and so it will likely also take a long time to decide how the new SRC will be formed – Aiden is unsure how this will go – however is optimistic. There are significant cultural differences between both sides of the negotiation so Aiden will continue to try his hardest to bring a harmonious environment at the new Council – even among factional politics – student service should remain the main most important focus.

Samoda thanks Aiden for the information.

Aiden asks if there are any further questions.

None are raised.

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: Harrish

Motion Passed

Meeting moves in-camera 7:20pm.

Moves ex-camera 7:31pm.

9. Executive Report

N/A

10. Emergent Business

N/A

11. Date of the Next Meeting

N/A

12. Appendix

Meeting closed at 7:32pm.



Adelaide University
c/o Mr Tom Steer
Deputy Vice Chancellor Student Experience and Success
H4-07, City West Campus
Adelaide SA 5000

27 October 2025

BY EMAIL ONLY: Tom.Steer@unisa.edu.au

Dear Mr Steer,

RE: Study plans for 2026 - request for revised timeline, enrolment communications, and student support arrangements

I write on behalf of the University of Adelaide Student Representative Council (SRC) to seek clarity regarding 2026 study plans, their expected rollout, and related student communications and support in light of the University merger.

Background

Earlier this year, I engaged closely with Vanessa, Mel, and Courtney from the IMO, with mutual updates flowing both ways. Those exchanges covered:

- (i) the “hot topics” raised by students, clubs, or in Council;
- (ii) burning questions and assurances sought; and
- (iii) matters affecting academic success and student life.

This dialogue supported transparent, informative engagement at Council meetings and in broader communications to students. For example, during the recent “Save Our Lectures” campaign, amplified by media coverage, our consultations and the concerns we relayed led to the University amending its wording to be more specific, improving student understanding and reducing ambiguity to avoid misunderstandings as such from happening in the wider student body.



Council minutes note that, although the University had stated its position on lectures before students raised the issue at Council, the wording was perceived as vague and did not provide the assurances sought. This risk has then developed and fuelled some of the earlier grassroots campaigns.

I highlight this example because Council often serves as the bridge between the University and students on matters of concern. Lectures were one such matter; currently, study plans are the recurring theme.

Recent communications with the University

On 15 August 2025, a brief slide was provided to Council and students with information approved for sharing with the wider student body. This was the latest information received by Council from the University however that slide did not mention any change to the study-plan timeframes on which students had been relying under the University's last advice.

That piece of communication released to council namely, a three-phase approach, with the third batch release scheduled between August and September 2025 (as per the slide approved and provided to Council on 15 March 2025). Council and concerned students have continued to rely on that information as the most up-to-date position.

We further note that check-ins with AU staff appear to have ceased on 8 September 2025 due to competing demands. No further updates specific to study plans have been provided to Council since then. These engagements had been effective and informative, and we acknowledge the team's contributions to student consultation.

Council meeting of 13 October 2025

The key issue the Council believes is the lack of updated information and effective dissemination.



At this meeting, external students and Officers of the Council raised concerns that they have yet to hear back from the University, and this frustration was echoed by several Council officers who are also transitioning to the new University. Students identified the following immediate impacts:

- Uncertainty about 2026 enrolment timing (Uni Adelaide historically opens enrolments in early December).
- Limited visibility on courses and course outlines, including popular electives with scarce places.
- Planning constraints for exchange, reduced load, and other variations.
- Need for clear, equitable enrolment advice (including disability adjustments and international-student needs).
- Budgeting pressures for fees, materials, labs and pracs, particularly for international students (noting similar effects on domestic students).
- Current wording of “More information about enrolments will be sent to you prior to them opening” reads as open-ended and hampers planning.

What those students seem to be asking for now

Students seek:

1. A revised timeline, with specific dates (or date ranges) for:
 - a. release of their study plans(as the original September proposed deadline is no longer possible);
 - b. publication of 2026 course availability and course outlines ASAP or an exact date; and
 - c. enrolment opening exact date with where to find help if stuck.
2. A short note on any new enrolment-support measures for AU courses.



3. Details of targeted initiatives for cohorts requiring additional support (online and in-person channels; service hours; disability adjustments; and tailored international-student advice).

Next steps

Council has acknowledged the issues raised by students above and writes to request:

1. That the University answer the questions set out above so we can promptly passing on some of these information; and
2. That the University provide periodic updates to Council on study plans and enrolment arrangements, to support effective dissemination. We understand the IMO's competing priorities arising from the merger; if meetings are not feasible, a short-written update addressing student concerns raised through Council would be greatly appreciated; And
3. The Council has observed inconsistency of some of the critical matters such as some students received communication around when enrolment will be open, but some didn't. Others might already have their study plan, but the rest haven't. Double degrees are not out yet but single degrees are out etc. The Council wish to ask for a formal linier chain of communication that has come out so far so we can then bring these students all on to the same page, where possible, and other clubs or interested non-officer students as well.

To be clear, while students have complained about the matters above, this letter is a formal raising of those issues by the SRC on their behalf. We appreciate the frustration form students, and equally so we appreciate that advocating and conveying student views as an intermediate is part of our role, and we value the ongoing partnership with the university aimed at a better student experience. We also acknowledge the amout of planning that goes into 60k study plans.



We are ready to assist with briefing and dissemination and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aiden Zeyang Wang".

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