

Meeting in Hughes 322 Thursday 28th April 2022

1. Procedural Matters

Ana Obradovic opened the meeting at 6:34

1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Ana acknowledged the owners of the land we were on as that of the Kaurna people.

1.2. Attendance

Ana Obradovic, Billy Zimmermann, James Wood, Ulian Cox, Georgia Thomas, Mat Monti, Nix Herriot, Jack Crawford, Ramon O'Donnell, Wendy Yu, Dhuruva Padmanabhan, Liam Johns, Tom Wood, Falie Klieve, Eddie Satchell, Henry Southcott, Francesco Ciampa, Chanel Tresize, James Dimas, Marilee Hou, Bir Khan, Alicia Turner, Steph Madigan

1.3. Apologies

1.4. Absences

1.5. Adoption of Agenda

Procedural Motion: That the agenda be adopted as circulated

Moved: Billy Zimmermann **Seconded:** Ulian Cox **Motion carried**

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Recommendation: That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 7 April 2022 as a true and accurate record (**Appendix 1**)

Ana handed the chair to Billy Zimmermann at 6:36

Ana sought to remove the final sentence, arguing it was a part of cross from discussion and was not part of the formal debate. Amenable to the chair. It was also mentioned that Francesco's name was incorrect on one page.

Recommendation: That the SRC accept the amended minutes of the meeting of 7 April 2022 as a true and accurate record

Moved: Ana Obradovic **Seconded:** Georgia Thomas **Motion carried**

Billy handed the chair to Ana Obradovic at 6:40

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

ACTION	PERSON	STATUS
Bank handover	Billy & Ana	COMPLETE
Certify SGM Attendees	Billy	COMPLETE
Publish a Facebook post asking the AUU to disclose information related to the rebrand of the AUU	Billy Zimmermann	Ongoing

that the SRC makes a post on its Facebook page linking the Roseworthy petition and outlining its importance.	Liam Johns and FB Admin	Ongoing
The SRC will write to the Premier Peter Malinauskas and Labor's education spokesperson Blair Boyer expressing the SRC's opposition to their proposed university merger.	James Wood & Ana Obradovic	COMPLETE
write to Blair Boyer and Susan Close expressing the SRC's opposition to the militarisation of Universities and their research.	Ramon O'Donnell	COMPLETE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SRC President will seek the support from the SRC Presidents of Flinders University and the University of South Australia in relation to this policy. The SRC President will then write jointly with the SRC Presidents of the other noted South Australian universities to: the Australian Federal Minister of Immigration and the Australian Federal Minister of Education; and Study Adelaide <p>noting the position and requesting a response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SRC President will also write to the relevant officer of the University requesting their endorsement of the above. 	Ana Obradovic	COMPLETE
The SRC President will write to the AUU President requesting the AUU Constitution Schedule 4 be repealed at the next meeting of the AUU and that the SRC President provide a response to the above points noted and that the SRC will publish the AUU President's response to this request.	Ana Obradovic	COMPLETE

It was noted by Eddie to have point 3 completed by next meeting.

4. Correspondence

5. New Members

6. Motions on Notice

7. Office Bearer Reports

7.1. President

Ana handed over the chair to Billy Zimmermann at 6:46

Motion:

That the SRC demands the following of whatever party/ies are elected to government on May 21st:

- Increases to the minimum wage to comfortably above the decades-long high 5.1% rate of inflation.* Disposable income hasn't risen in over a decade. Instead, wage rises of 2.3% mean real incomes have fallen by almost 3%. During this same period, billionaires in Australia more than doubled their wealth. Cost of living must be addressed as a matter of urgency by

the incoming government.

- *Rental caps.* The housing crisis in Australia has become acute. Rental vacancy rates are at their lowest in years: 1% nationally, and 0.2% in SA. Landlords are taking advantage of tight markets to test driving rental prices to unprecedented highs. Rental prices should be capped to an affordable percentage of household income to guarantee housing for all.
- *100% renewables by 2030 and a just transition for fossil fuel workers into the renewable sector.* The IPCC is clear that we have surpassed our ability to limit global warming to 1.5%. This is the result of governmental negligence, prioritising the economy over people and the planet. Urgent action to transition to real zero, not the fake “net” zero emissions, will be necessary to stand a chance of avoiding runaway climate change. Leadership from the government can play a key role in decarbonising our universities as well, funding research into the knowledge, skills and technology necessary to decarbonise the economy.
- *Reverse the racist policy of support for boat turnbacks and offshore processing.* Asylum seekers shouldn't be scapegoated for political gain by politicians. Refugees should be welcomed into Australia, not locked up or put on discriminatory visas.

Moved: Ana Obradovic

Seconded: James Wood

Motion Carried

Billy handed over the chair to Ana Obradovic at 7:04

7.2. Welfare Officer

Ulian Delivered his lengthy report following up items from previous years SRC's.

MOVED EN BLOC:

MOTION: Address the Limitations of the Universities' Mental Health First Aid Training Course.

1. The SRC recognises the benefits that the Mental Health First Aid Training Course provides in introducing initial support to adults who are developing mental health problems.
2. The SRC approves of the following recommendations, as listed under the Welfare Officer's Report, section 1.2 Mental Health First Aid Training.
 - If passed, the SRC President writes to the relevant authority detailing the SRC's recommendations to improve the accessibility and availability of the University's Mental Health and First Aid Training Course.

MOTION: Addressing the Challenges Faced by Current and Future University Policies.

1. The SRC requests the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice President (Academic) to allow the first report of the *Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2024* to be made accessible to the general public, as stated under the Strategy,
2. The SRC requests a response to the relevant authority on any documents regarding the Wellbeing Operational Group, and the future status and viability of this taskforce,

3. The SRC requests future continued consultation into the development of strategies that are relevant to the roles and responsibilities, set forth by members of the Council,
4. The SRC requests for current plans/strategies to be updated and uploaded on the University's website, at the earliest possible basis,
5. The SRC requests future policies to adopt a target-approach model, that provides timelines for the University to achieve its objectives.

ACTION POINT:

- If passed, the SRC President writes to the relevant authorities detailing the SRC's recommendations to address the current challenges faced by current University policies.

Moved: Ulian Cox

Seconded: Billy Zimmermann

Motion Carried

7.3. Women's Officer

Georgia took most of her report as read giving a continuation from Mat's report last meeting and inviting people to the SA Vigil for Domestic Violence.

7.4. Environment Officer

Nix delivered his report.

7.5. Ethno-Cultural Officer

Marilee gave her report noting her work on an ethno-cultural safe space.

7.6. Rural Officer's Report

Liam introduced his report, he invited Roseworthy students Claire Bensted, Tobi Threadgold to speak to his motion.

Motion:

The SRC:

1. Amend points 7.a.ii of the constitution such that subpoints 16 and 17 are added, with these points reading "Roseworthy Campus Officer" and "Waite Campus Officer".
2. Amend point 7.d of the constitution such that subpoints XI and XII are added, with these points reading:
 - a. "XI. To be Roseworthy Campus Officer, a person must be studying at least one subject at the university's Roseworthy campus."
 - b. "XII. To be Waite Campus Officer, a person must be studying at least one subject at the university's Waite campus."

Amendment added by Liam Johns

Add point 3, 4, & 5:

3. The General Secretary and Rural Officer will explore hosting a by-election for the positions of Roseworthy and Waite Campus Officers in which only students studying at least one subject at these locations can vote for their respective representatives.
4. The General Secretary and Rural Officer will explore the feasibility of autonomous voting for the positions of Roseworthy and Waite Campus Officers for all future elections by enquiring with the AUU and will report on their findings to the SRC.
5. If the above investigation into a possible byelection fails, the positions will be filled by the standard process of appointment.

Proposed by mover so not vote required

Amendment proposed by Jack Crawford

Change point 5 so it reads:

5. That these positions be created and filled upon their election by students at the soonest possible date.

Ana handed the chair to Billy Zimmermann at 7:53

Jack's amendment put:

Moved: Jack Crawford

Seconded: James Wood

Amendment Fails

Amended motion put:

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Moved: Liam Johns

Seconded: Falie Adeline

Motion Carried

8. General Business

9. Emergent business

9.1 Adelaide University SRC stands against course cuts!

Motion:

Preamble:

Vice-Chancellor Peter Høj is preparing for major course cuts. Unsatisfied with sacking almost 100 professional staff as part of their deeply unpopular faculty mergers, university management have outlined their intention to discontinue “unviable” courses with the stroke of a pen. In an email to staff on 27 April, Høj claimed that “a very large number of courses would seem to be loss-making”. In other words, courses that do not generate enough money – regardless of educational or academic worthiness – may be cut. As experience at universities interstate has demonstrated, we can anticipate this process to threaten significant numbers of academic jobs.

Faculty mergers have caused the loss of many professional staff. While the full knock-on effects of mergers are yet to be felt, we can expect that remaining professional staff will ‘do more with less’ and academic staff will shoulder increased workloads. Staff are already underworked, under-resourced and increasingly casualised after years of sector-wide austerity.

Last year, the No Adelaide University Cuts campaign warned that faculty mergers would lead to the cancellation of courses deemed to be unprofitable. Mergers, we said, are part of the beginning of a longer-term agenda of cascading cuts and corporatisation. Høj’s latest announcement confirms this. Threatening to cut courses under the cloak of “organisational sustainability” reflects the prioritisation of profits over education. First on the chopping block will presumably be courses which are essential to human knowledge but do not serve the priorities of the corporate university. For instance, last year the University of Western Australia used claims of a supposed deficit and “low enrolment” to discontinue the entire anthropology and sociology disciplines.

Further course cuts will be catastrophic for our quality of education and the right of students to study what they want. As the No Cuts campaign have argued, cuts are unnecessary in the context of a Vice-Chancellor paid in excess of business executives and politicians, large operating surpluses, millions of dollars in reserves and Adelaide University’s status as one of only three Australian universities to increase international student enrollments in 2019-20.

This SRC was elected with a mandate to fight attacks on education and we should continue our campaign against the corporate university by opposing these latest attacks. Vocal opposition gives us the best chance to defeat these course cuts. In response to poor pay and working conditions – against the backdrop of recent course cuts – staff are preparing to strike at the University of Sydney in support of students and their SRC. Last year, a student and staff campaign against restructures at Flinders University, involving protests and a petition of over 4000 signatures, prevented the abolition of Italian studies. At Adelaide University, we must commit to fight further job losses and refuse to accept a single cut to courses.

Motion:

That the SRC:

1. Strongly opposes all proposed cuts to courses at Adelaide University.
2. Commits to fighting course cuts as part of its ongoing education campaign.

Actions:

1. The SRC will take a group photo expressing our opposition to course cuts at the end of this meeting.
2. The SRC will publish this motion on its Facebook page.

Moved: Nix Herriot

Seconded: Ana Obradovic

Motion Carried

Billy handed the chair over to Ana Obradovic at 8:26

10. Other Reports

10.1. Executive Report on the Mature Age Officer Casual Vacancy

Name	Ana - Late	Billy	James	Uljan	Georgia
Amy Myles	Amy was passionate and had extensive experience in volunteering and other advocacy work. She had interesting ideas for making uni more welcoming to women	Amy seemed incredibly well-rounded with lived experience of someone trying to balance coming back to uni with the other stresses of life. Amy would make a great addition to the SRC.	NOT SUBMITTED	Amy presented herself well. A well-informed and confident individual, who has experienced the challenges of being a mature-aged student first hand whilst presenting a number solutions to combat these issues. Amy will be a fine addition into the Council	Amy spoke of a number of volunteering roles she currently undertakes and presented herself as an engaged member of the university community, with many great ideas for improvement.
Naziul Karim Khan	Naziul is experienced and political. He's got a clear vision for involving international students and orienting the council towards activism.	Naziul (Bir) had the experience of someone who has advocated for many different causes. His activism work for social causes as well as in cultural groups stood out. It's clear that if Bir were to be on the SRC, it would be a more diverse, active space.		Naziul is an informed and passionate individual who presented himself with deep cause and conviction about the importance of social causes and local activism. Naziul with his previous experience and connections with the ethnocultural and mature-aged community represents himself as a strong contender for the position.	Naziul is a passionate activist with an impressive involvement in a variety of causes. He has existing connections within the mature age student community and was keen to collaborate with our ethnocultural and international communities as well.
Sonnay					Sonnay was not present to be interviewed.
Wayne McCosh	Wayne was willing to give the position a go even though he was less experienced than other candidates. He's had a rich life and has insight into what it's like to study as a parent.	Wayne had a well rounded experience and knew the unique challenges that mature students face.		Wayne presented an alternative approach to the challenges faced by mature-aged students. A fascinating and joyful individual, who has been engaged extensively with the university community.	Wayne had a unique perspective on issues that mature age students face. He was well spoken and open about his experiences and involvement in the university community.

Motion:

The SRC Accepts the Executive's report and recommendation on the Mature Age Officer Casual vacancy and accordingly appoints Naziul Karim Khan to fill the vacancy for Mature Age Officer.

Moved: Billy Zimmermann

Seconded: Francesco Ciampa

Motion Carried

Ana closed the meeting at 8:29