

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Monday 04 Aug 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:

- President: Aiden Wang
- Social Justice Officer: Jarod Xia
- International Student Officer: Jennifer Tran
- Mature Age Officer: Nick Li
- Postgraduate (Coursework): Janini Babukrishnan
- Waite Office: Weija Zhu
- Women's Officer: Lin(Wella) Huang
- Ethno-Cultural Officer – Keith Chou
- General Councillors:
 - Sudharsanan Venkatraman
 - Prasanth Ramesh
 - Adrian Nicolescu

1.3. Apologies

1.4. 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 May 2024 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

Moved: **Seconded:** **Motion Passed**

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

4. **Correspondence**
5. **New Members**
6. **Motions on Notice**
7. **Office Bearer Reports**

Office Bearer Reports

- 7.1. **President**
- 7.2. **General Secretary**
- 7.3. **Education Officer**
- 7.4. Welfare Officer
- 7.5. Women's Officer
- 7.6. **Queer Officer**
- 7.7. ATSI Officer
- 7.8. **Disability Officer**
- 7.9. Environment Officer
- 7.10. **Postgraduate Officer – HDR**
- 7.11. **Postgraduate Officer – Coursework**
- 7.12. **International Student Officer**
- 7.13. **Social Justice Officer**
- 7.14. Ethno-Cultural Officer
- 7.15. Rural Officer
- 7.16. Mature Age Officer
- 7.17. Roseworthy Campus Officer
- 7.18. Waite Officer

8. **Motions on Notice**
9. **General Business**
10. **Executive Report**
N/A
11. **Emergent Business**
N/A
12. **Date of the Next Meeting**
13. **Appendix**
 - 13.1. Appendix 1: Minutes of the Council Meeting (17th May 2023)

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 General Secretary, Education Officer, Queer Officer, Postgraduate Officer – HDR, Postgraduate Officer – Coursework, Social Justice Officer, Disability Officer, International Officer **on every odd meeting**.

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

Welcome back to Semester 2! I hope everyone had a restful break and is feeling recharged after exams. As we begin what will be the final semester in the University of Adelaide's standalone history, I want to take a moment to reflect on where we are, and where we're heading.

The Merger and Our Future

This semester marks a crucial chapter as the University of Adelaide and UniSA move towards establishing a new, unified institution. As part of the Student Representation Working Group, I've continued active discussions with both the University and YouX regarding the future of student voice post-merger.

My priority has been to ensure that student representation remains central to this process. I've been advocating for a future student association that reflects the best of both institutions: strong advocacy, robust welfare services, and democratic integrity. I remain committed to representing your interests throughout the merger and ensuring there's continuity, accountability, and a clear path forward for student voice in the new university structure.

SRC Food Pantry Returns

The SRC Food Pantry is back in full swing this semester. If you haven't had the chance to visit yet, please drop by Level 4 of Union House every Wednesday from 12–2pm. From affordable grocery items to free essential supplies, the pantry is here to support students doing it tough. I'm incredibly proud of this initiative, which has now helped thousands of students access food with dignity and ease. Your support and involvement keep it going strong.

Casual Vacancies Now Open

Following recent Council changes, the SRC has opened expressions of interest to fill several casual vacancies. Applications for the initial round have now closed, and successful candidates will be presented to council shortly.

Throughout Semester 2, I'll continue working on projects spanning student wellbeing, international student support, and equity-focused policy reform. My role also includes monitoring campus safety, maintaining continuity in Council operations, and liaising with both internal and external stakeholders to amplify student concerns.

Above all, this semester is about finishing strong, ensuring the SRC remains focused, effective, and inclusive as we head into this period of transition. Whether you're starting your final semester or just getting into your stride, know that the SRC is here for you.

If you have questions, ideas, or need support, please don't hesitate to get in touch at srcpresident@adelaide.edu.au. I'm always here to listen and advocate on your behalf.

Warm regards,

Aiden Zeyang Wang

President, Student Representative Council

University of Adelaide

Item 6.2: General Secretary's Report

N/A

Item 6.3: Education Officer's Report

N/A

Item 6.6: Queer Officer's Report

N/A

Item 6.8: Disability Officer's Report

N/A

Item 6.10: Postgraduate Officer - HDR's Report

N/A

Item 6.11: Postgraduate Officer – Coursework's Report

Postgraduate Coursework Report – SRC Update

Student Grade Discrepancies and Support Recommendations

As observed in last academic periods, a significant number of postgraduate coursework students have encountered issues related to incorrect grade reporting. This situation has had both academic and psychological consequences on students. I would like to highlight the matter and propose a few recommendations for the University's consideration.

Key Issues Identified:

- Several students have reported failing grades that were later found to be the result of administrative errors—specifically, the failure to update correct marks in the system.
- These discrepancies cause undue mental stress and anxiety for students, particularly those relying on satisfactory academic performance to maintain scholarships or meet visa conditions.
- The process of resolving such issues often requires students to contact course coordinators, the Faculty of SET, and administrative staff multiple times, leading to delays and communication gaps.
- In most cases, the actual assessments have been passed, but results were not correctly reflected in the system.

Recommendations:

- Grade Verification Protocol: Implement a robust grade verification process before results are released to ensure data accuracy across MyUni and Access Adelaide platforms.
- Provision of Exam Resources: Encourage all course coordinators to provide high-quality, standardized study materials—including sample questions, clear rubrics, and revision guidelines—to support student exam preparation.
- Scholarship Retention Safeguards: In cases where grade errors are identified and corrected, students should not face unintended consequences such as the complete loss of scholarships. Instead of revoking the entire scholarship due to failure in a single subject, it is recommended that the scholarship continue for the subjects in which the student has passed. This approach ensures fairness and continued support for academic progress.

I respectfully urge the University to consider these suggestions as part of its continuous improvement efforts in supporting postgraduate coursework students.

Item 6.12: International Student Officer's Report

International Student Officer Report

Prepared by: Jennifer

Date: 24 July 2025

I have been focusing on listening to feedback from our international students and thinking about meaningful ways to address their concerns better.

One common issue that came up was homesickness and not knowing where to turn for help or community. As a response to this matter, I have been personally introducing some students to their related cultural clubs on campus and encouraging them to get involved. Many students felt more at ease after finding people who speak their language or share similar backgrounds. It reminded me how important social connection is for international students, especially those who are new and still adjusting.

I'm hoping to keep doing this, and I'm also thinking about introducing a small guide or resource sheet to help students easily find clubs or support services.

I'll share more updates as I go, and I'd love to collaborate with anyone who's interested in making these resources more accessible.

Item 6.13: Social Justice Officer's Report

In my final semester at the University of Adelaide, the two universities will face the final merger. During this period, the university needs to ensure that the original rights of the University of Adelaide students are preserved to the greatest extent possible. As the Social Justice Officer, I will be fully aware of the changes that students will face during the merger, such as changes to courses and campuses. I will listen to students' opinions at all times, collect them for reference by the SRC, and advocate for their rights.

Regards,
Jixuan Jarrod Xia

Item 7: Motions on Notice

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

Below is list of all the proposed meeting dates of the SRC for the second semester before SWOTVAC, pending council ratification at its first meeting:

- 4 August 2025
- 18 August 2025
- 1 September 2025
- 15 September 2025
- 29 September 2025
- 13 October 2025
- 27 October 2025

12.1 Appendix 1: Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting

The meeting minutes of the previous meeting was not submitted by the pervious General Secretary, further details pending confirmation form the SRC Coordinator.