

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Monday 04 Aug 2025, 6:30pm

University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Ligertwood 111

MINUTES

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1. Procedural Matters

Aiden Wang opens the meeting at 6:41pm.

Motion: that Sam Andonas takes minutes for the meeting.

Moved: Aiden Wang

Seconded: Adrian Niculescu

Motion: Passed

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

Sheet Provided to members for signing and online attendance recorded.

- 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

Other non-member students:

- Sam Andonas – a1926892
- Yucheng Xie - a1818136
- Liam Pham – a1949675

1.3. Apologies

N/A

1.4. Adoption of Agenda

Procedural Motion: that the agenda as circulated be adopted.

Moved: Aiden Wang

Seconded: Keith Chou

Motion: Passed

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Aiden Wang advised that the minutes of the 4 June 2025 meeting have not yet been made available, despite his repeated follow-ups. These minutes were the responsibility of the then-General Secretary, Edward Archer, who has failed to provide them to either Aiden or to Kim (SRC Administrator), as required.

Aiden noted that he has proactively chased this up with YouX staff, and it is disappointing that the former General Secretary did not fulfil such obligation of his role. Despite reminders, the minutes remain outstanding, which has delayed proper confirmation. This is also the reason why on the YouX website, the minutes has not been uploaded.

Aiden stated that unless these minutes are received and processed appropriately, the Council may need to consider alternative measures, including a collective resolution to recall and ratify the content of the meeting if necessary.

Motion: That Aiden Wang will continue to inquire with YouX about the previous minutes, and the ones earlier in the year (as they are currently missing on YouX website).

Moved: Aiden Wang

Seconded: Nick Li

Motion Passed

Motion: That the SRC approves the minutes of the 25th July 2025 Special Council Meeting circulated to members.

Moved: Aiden Wang

Seconded: Adrian Nicolescu

Motion Passed

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Aiden enquires the council as to if any matters can be recalled from memory due to the previous minutes not being provided by the previous General Secretary.

Janani recalls that last meeting, a motion in support of first year students was passed. A survey has been created and is on the Facebook. Aiden confirms that he has created a form for that initiative and made a Facebook post about this new initiative.

Aiden encourages everyone to fill out this survey to ensure students can be advocated for properly.

Aiden inquires as to other matters from collective memory.

Keith recalls a merger petition; Adrian clarifies the matter may have concerned faceless lectures.

No other matters are raised.

4. Correspondence

N/A

5. New Members

Aiden communicates that the first round of casual vacancy had opened previously. Aiden has made an inquiry to Edward Archer regarding applications that have been made; however, Edward Archer has not replied to that email.

Adrian asks if any candidates are known, due to the importance of filling the vacancies and it has been quite a while now.

Aiden states that the only known candidate is a Post Graduate HDR Officer candidate and Environmental Officer Candidate who CC'd the President into the nomination email, that all other applicants are unknown due to Edwards failure to fulfill his duties to provide such info to the council, that the executive have convened and passed a motion that it will extend applications one more week as it is unknown if the two candidates are the only person to have applied, and that the Application for that round closed 2 August.

Adrian seeks clarification on the extension for transparency and good governance.

Aiden notes to council that the extension for that round was due to fairness and to provide an opportunity to members who have applied before to apply again(if it has not been made aware to the President), this time in the official SRC President Email Address for transparency.

Aiden mentions that the executive will commence interviews very shortly, that on 9 August another round of casual vacancies will close as has been communicated on the Facebook page, and that this will be conducted by the executive and presented to council.

Jarrod Xia disconnects from the meeting.

Sam asks to clarify if the official email accounts should have been used for casual vacancy nominations from the beginning.

Aiden noted that for casual vacancies, it is important that the official SRC president account is used, rather than individual student accounts. good governance requires official accounts to be used so that it is transparent and accountable, and does not cause delay for council, as is currently occurring.

Aiden notes that this is also why for official council communications, the SRC President Email is used for communication to students or get into contact with students.

Jarrod Xia reconnects to the meeting.

6. Motions on Notice

N/A

7. Office Bearer Reports

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7.1. President

Report taken as read.

Aiden notes that international students are being assaulted across Australia. Club submissions have been received corroborating this; these have been referred to the University, and YouX. Still, it is important for himself to address this systematic issue. It is unfortunate and should not be occurring. Aiden has issued letters and will issue a letter in his personal capacity. Aiden calls the council to support this decision, with subsequent drafts to be communicated with the Executive.

Aiden encourages students, not just international but domestic as well, that if they have been hurt or impacted on campus, to please reach out to himself and other official services on campus. Aiden condemns any harmful behaviours and reiterates that every student has the right to feel safe on campus at all times.

Aiden notes that recently an Instagram account has come to his attention due to an enquiry from a student: au.src.

Aiden confirms that this is not an account owned by the SRC and has also obtained confirmation that YouX marketing is unaware of the account. YouX suspects that this might be suspicious activity, and the matter will be looked into. Aiden will provide information to council in due course.

The council conveys its concern on this matter.

Motion: That the President investigates the suspicious social media account purporting to represent the SRC, and liaises with YouX staff to prevent confusion arising among students who may mistakenly believe it to be official. The Council confirms that this account is not, to the knowledge of the SRC, affiliated with or authorised by the SRC. The President shall provide updates to Council as this matter progresses.

Moved: Aiden Wang

Seconded: Adrian Niculescu

Motion Passed

- 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

Report taken as read

Janani has asked the University to double-check student grades before release, as students have made complaints that marks have been changed after reaching out to university for clarification, and that scores are changed after speaking to coordinator.

Aiden inquires as to the scale of this matter.

Janani reiterates that Students are not getting their grades delivered accurately, and that a group of students have experienced this - a significant number of students affected being international students.

Motion: That the executive is delegated to investigate this matter further and engage in any correspondence required.

Moved: Aiden Wang

Seconded: Adrian Niculescu

Motion: Passed

7.12. International Student Officer

Report taken as read

Jennifer communicates that feedback from international students reflect a concern about being lost, and feeling homesick, and that she has encouraged students to turn to their community and community associations to find friends during university time, speaking from personal experience. Jennifer is considering getting guides in magazines to ensure support services are better-known for students.

Motion: That all reports be taken as read.

Moved: Adrian Niculescu

Seconded: Nick Li

Motion: Passed

7.13. Social Justice Officer

Report taken as read.

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

Motion: That the Council adopts a formal leave approval process whereby all leave requests submitted by SRC members shall be subject to approval by the Executive. Where appropriate, this process shall be incorporated into the SRC governance framework as a positional policy amendment, subject to Council approval.

Moved: Adrian Niculescu

Seconded: Janani

Motion: Passed

Aiden indicated that earlier this year, the council has changed its casual vacancy policy where the one week notice post formulating recommendations were deleted by council. This is still not reflected on governance documents so might do so soon and advise YouX.

Motion: that this meeting resolves to proceed in camera for the purpose of discussing a governance matter.

Moved: Aiden Wang

Seconded: Adrian Niculescu

Motion: Passed

Meeting moves in camera at 7:06pm.

Meeting moves ex camera at 7:14pm.

Motion: That Sam Andonas continues to take minuets post in camera meeting.

Moved: Adrian Niculescu

Seconded: Jennifer Tran

Motion: Passed

9. General Business

Aiden mentions that since the special council meeting, powers of the General Secretary fall on to Aiden as president, due to the constitutional provisions and vacancy, and that he had prepared this agenda under that delegation of council.

Aiden States that from now until appointment of a new General Secretary, the affairs of General Secretary shall fall to him.

Aiden encourages all students to apply for the casual vacancies.

10. Executive Report

N/A

11. Emergent Business

N/A

12. Date of the Next Meeting

Refer to the proposed meeting dates under the president's report. This has been approved unanimously by council.

Aiden Wang closes the meeting at 7:16pm.