

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Monday, 18th Aug 2025, 6:30 PM

University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Ligertwood 111

MINUTES

AGENDA

Aiden Wang open the meeting at 6:35pm

1. Procedural Matters

Motion: That Sam Andonas takes minuets 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 Kurna 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

Members in Attendance:

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

- President: Aiden Wang
- International Student Officer: Jennifer Tran
- Mature Age Officer: Nick Li
- Postgraduate (Coursework): Janini Babukrishnan
- Waite Office: Weija Zhu
- Women's Officer: Lin Huang
- Ethno-Cultural Officer – Keith Chou
- Environment Officer- Cheuk Nam Parco Chan
- Postgraduate HDR Officer – Allen Yucheng Xie
- Roseworthy Officer – Jamie Lan Cheng U
- General Councillors:
 - Sudharsanan Venkatraman
 - Prasanth Ramesh
 - Adrian Niculescu

Other non-member students:

- Sam Andonas – a1926892
- Shyam Kumar Madesh – a1997016
- Poppy Pilmore – a1821662
- Samuel Drape – a1868934
- Grace Ewing – Past Student
- Edward Quah – a19134
- James Scalzi – a1743070
- Liam Phan – 1949675

- Duc Nhat Khanh Vo – a1978657
- Tan Dat Trong – a1986849
- Ngoc Nam Phuong Pham – a1956378
- Aashiq Asan Raja Mohideen Batcha – a1933153

Motion: That the SRC permit Grace Ewing to attend this meeting of the council as non-current student. Grace came together with Poppy as per invitation form the President.

Moved: Adrian Niculescu **Seconded:** Aiden Zeyang Wang **Motion: Passed**

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:** Adrian Niculescu **Motion: Passed**

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting on 04 August 2025 as a true and accurate record (separately attached).

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang **Seconded:** Adrian Niculescu **Motion: Passed**

Motion: that the special council meeting 11 August 2025 6:30pm agenda as circulated be adopted. (separately attached)

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang **Seconded:** Adrian Niculescu **Motion: Passed**

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Action	Responsible	Status
N/A		

4. Correspondence

5. New Members

Environment Officer – Cheuk Nam Parco Chan (Parco)

Roseworthy Officer – Lam Cheng U (Jamie)

Postgraduate HDR Officer – Yucheng Xie (Allen)

Aiden acknowledges Malaysian Student Association (MSA) President's attendance and the large initiative being taken by the association, invites Keith to introduce.

Keith introduces the initiative; the multicultural ball, with its aim to celebrate and promote multiculturalism, explaining that it will give attendees the opportunity to meet new people and make friends of diverse backgrounds, then inviting the President of the MSA to elaborate.

MSA President states that original plan was to host 3-4 associations, but that it has now grown to 8+, currently being mostly South-East Asian associations, and continuing to expand to other cultural collaboration. The President of the MSA stated further that invites to many more associations have been sent, that the multicultural ball will be held at Ms Q - a Malaysian business that will offer \$20 discount per head, that planning has mostly been done with the document made available, and that the event aligns with SRC values celebrating diversity & showcasing cultures, advertising that the event shall have pageants, performances and be a great opportunity for networking, aiming to be a landmark event for the merger – with plans for it to occur every year.

Aiden invites questions, none are asked. Aiden clarifies that typically SRC does not get involved with these events, however, due to the breadth of the campus footprint, this is a great initiative for the SRC due to the number of people that will be attending and the wide impact this even has on campus and student culture. Aiden further mentions that SRC will push some caveats such as sponsoring alcohol or food etc as these are within the club realms, but the SRC can organise sponsorships to recognise how great of an initiative it is or give prize money for associated matters.

MSA President says that a member of parliament may be in attendance and if this may affect anything.

Aiden responds that this shouldn't cause any issues and it further proofs the wide impact this event has and the need for SRC to acknowledge the efforts and representation.

Aiden asks the SRC if there are any questions regarding the budget. No inquiries are made.

6. Office Bearer Reports

- 6.1. **President – Aiden Wang**
- 6.2. General Secretary
- 6.3. Education Officer
- 6.4. **Welfare Officer - Vacant**
N/A
- 6.5. **Women's Officer – Lin Huang**
- 6.6. Queer Officer
- 6.7. **ATSI Officer - Vacant**
N/A
- 6.8. Disability Officer
- 6.9. **Environment Officer – Parco Chan**
- 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 – Keith Chou**

Motion: That the SRC:

1. Support for the *Multicultural Ball* (early October), with the final budget to be presented on the meeting.
2. Approve the grants for prizes and sponsorship in the Multicultural Ball.
3. Appoint the Ethno-Cultural Officer to work with YouX about the grant approval process on behalf of the SRC.

Moved: Hok Him Chou (Keith)

Seconded: Adrian Niculescu

Motion: Passed

Aiden notes how large the event is, and states that the SRC is supportive of all associations or clubs that aim to organise such large scale events.

Aiden further notes the below motion to compliment the above motion:

Motion That the SRC:

1. Approves an initial budget allocation of \$1,000 to support the Multicultural Ball, with this amount to be directed towards prizes and sponsorship of the event as an endorsement of the spirit and purpose of the event.
2. Authorises an additional allocation of up to \$1,000 to provide flexibility for enhancing the event to achieve the condition sets out in point 3, subject to the Ethno-Cultural Officer reporting back to Council Executive with a justification for additional expenditure and can be approved by Executive.
3. Sets the condition that SRC support and the entirety of contribution and additional allocation, is contingent upon the event remaining multicultural in scope, wide impact across cultural groups, inclusive of diverse cultural groups, and aligned with the SRC's objectives.
4. Appoints the Ethno-Cultural Officer to liaise with stakeholders regarding the grant approval process and to oversee the use of SRC funds in collaboration with the event organisers.

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang

Seconded: Keith Chou

Motion: Passed

Keith says students worry about how the merger may affect the cultural clubs, and have shown concern regarding the continuing existence of these clubs due to the important support network that they provide.

Aiden notes that the merger will not only affect cultural clubs, and though the specific matters of cultural clubs fall into the Ethno-Cultural Officers realm to cover, it is important to also note that many other clubs are going to be affected, and so the SRC will continue to vouch for all other clubs, working just as hard to ensure these clubs are supported, working with the new student association on how they would like to approach the matter of clubs, and what the next steps are or how much clarity can be given - regardless of if they are ethno-cultural or anything else such as faculty clubs or political clubs.

Motion: That the SRC:

1. Recognises the concerns raised by cultural club leaders regarding the future of cultural clubs in light of the 2026 UniSA–University of Adelaide merger.
2. Endorses the importance of this issue to ensure cultural clubs remain supported and inclusive in the merged institution.
3. Appoints the Ento-Cultural Officer to draft a letter, to be sent through the SRC President, formally enquiring with YouX about the development and continuity of cultural clubs post-merger.

Moved: Hok Him Chou (Keith) **Seconded:** Jennifer Tran **Motion Passed/Failed**

Aiden noted that as there are also many other clubs in addition to the cultural clubs who are willing to get more information or updates. Aiden will raise this to YouX on behalf of SRC and hope to soon obtain more clarity on how to best move clubs forward.

Motion: That all reports be taken as read

Moved: Adrian Niculescu **Seconded:** Aiden Zeyang Wang **Motion: Passed**

6.15. Rural Officer – Vacant

N/A

6.16. Mature Age Officer – Nick Li

6.17. Roseworthy Campus Officer

6.18. Waite Officer

7. Motions on Notice

8. General Business

Sudharsanan applied for leave for which has been approved by the Executive on Religious grounds and extenuating circumstances. Aiden elaborates to council a provisional way of approaching leave since last week's motion:

1. Member requests leave → emails executive (dates + Compassionate / Extenuating).
2. If it can't wait (between meetings/urgent) → Executive grants approval before meeting or if less than 12 hour's notice before a meeting, refer to council for retroactive approval only if there's Compassionate / Extenuating circumstances.

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

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang **Seconded:** Adrian Niculescu **Motion: Passed**

Moved in camera 7:25

Moved ex camera 7:30

9. Executive Report

N/A

10. Emergent Business

Aiden invites James to speak

James introduces himself and the save our lectures campaign, explaining that due to the new Adelaide University stating no in person lectures in 2026, we don't know the extent of this for many faculties, but to their knowledge that's what they have been told. James further states that the save our lectures campaign is calling for transparency and asks if the SRC is opposed to transitioning to only digital lectures.

Aiden inquiries about the motion to be moved.

Aiden invites all to share. Stating that he has inquired the university, the response being that they have a current definition of FAQ and that very soon they will update the FAQ to provide more info for all students. Aiden also communicates that the university has also sent Aiden some items for in-camera discussion due to their confidentiality, in terms of public information, the university is looking at amending the quoted statement to clarify.

Aiden notes that online classes appear to be a new norm ever since covid, with some students sharing their dislike, and others preferring it.

Aiden expresses his thanks and happiness to see a group come to the SRC to discuss an important matter.

James quotes the university page, 'learners will no longer be expected to attend face to face lectures – they will be replaced by rich asynchronous digital activities with an equivalent learning volume.' And asks if the SRC supports this statement.

Poppy provides that the context of this question is that the move would axe lecturer jobs and impacts different students abilities to engage in class content and campus lifestyle.

Sam Andonas re-reads and summarises the above information for council.

Aiden asks if there are any questions.

Aashiq asks if this pertains to the hybrid structure of lectures being both recorded online while physically held.

Aiden states this is about only online, not physical or hybrid methods.

James states that no clarification has been received from the university, and that transparency is being sought from the university – in their own field science there will be no in-person

classes for lectures.

Adrian thanks the group for coming and reiterates support for responsible and respectful student activism. Adrian shares that he concurs in seeing the value of face-to-face lectures, and the hybrid model especially, due to every student having their preferred learning styles catered to with the hybrid model.

Aiden asks for any questions. None are raised.

Motion: That the SRC oppose the changes being made to in person lectures at the newly merged Adelaide University moving from in person to digital only.

Moved: James Scalzi

Seconded: Adrian Niculescu

Motion: Passed

Motion: that this meeting resolves to proceed in camera for the purpose of discussing the above digital lecture matter (in-camera section).

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang

Seconded: Adrian Niculescu

Motion: Passed

Moves in-camera 7:02pm

Moves ex-camera 7:15pm

Aiden states that an NUS event is coming up, inviting members to participate or attend the event if they so wish.

Adrian raises concerns about NUS and that it being used as a political platform advancing agendas different to matters affecting students, further questioning NUS affiliation that students pay for, inquiring as to if it is a good use of student funds.

Motion: That the SRC formally unaffiliate from NUS

Aiden explains what NUS is to the council, that the SRC have unaffiliated in the past, re-affiliating this year. He counters that:

1. Only 3 months are left in the year, is it worth disaffiliating?
2. Because of the merger we may not even exist, so can we really decide if we should unaffiliate or affiliate in the future?
3. Might need to get more clarity on how we will merge before moving forward.

Adrian feels that recent actions coming out of NUS are unaligned with the values of SRC, and that therefore it is prudent for the SRC to take a position of disaffiliating even if it is short.

Motion: That the SRC shall reconsider its affiliation with NUS for the remainder of the semester based on its value to students and council of the University of Adelaide.

Jennifer noted against and wanted to note this in minutes.

Some members expressed dissent. Other members expressed assent

Moved: Adrian Niculescu **Seconded:** Nick Li **Motion:** Passed Non-unanimous

Motion: That the President shall consider expressions of interest in the event, and that the council approves participation and consequentially funding of tickets for attendance.

Same Split as above (Adrian noted against wanted to note this in minutes).

Moved: Aiden Wang **Seconded:** Sudharsanan Venkatraman **Motion:** Passed

Aiden shares that an email about the George Duncan memorial was sent to his email, stating that the SRC used to participate and collaborate but has not officially this year, still Aiden encourages people to get involved.

Aiden mentioned to council that YouX is affiliated with CAPA, he has received an invitation though the YouX President to attend their annual conference representing SRC with one YouX delegate. He will report back to Council.

Lin has suggests a destress yoga social session, also catering for this. Quoted session at \$250.

Motion: Destress Yoga social Initiative
That the SRC:

1. Allocates responsibility for the coordination of a pilot destress yoga social initiative to the Women's Officer.
2. Approves a budget allocation of up to \$500 for the delivery of the program.
3. Notes that an initial quote of \$250 has been obtained for one yoga session, with scope to explore further refreshment subject to budget capacity.
4. Authorises the Women's Officer to make enquiries regarding equipment requirements and to make decisions necessary to ensure the delivery of this program. The Women's officer shall report back to Council upon completion.
5. Grants approval for the Women's Officer to proceed with arrangements in line with this resolution.

Moved: Lin Huang **Seconded:** Prasanth Ramesh **Motion:** Passed

Further, Lin shares that students have raised concerns about period products not being available or being out of stock, as per previous meeting's report, and wishes to address this issue.

Motion: Period products Restock support.
That the SRC:

1. Notes that the University of Adelaide currently provides free sanitary products, but that shortages and inconsistent restocking have been reported to the women's officer.

2. Authorises the Women's Officer, in liaison with the University Wellbeing Office, to monitor the implementation of the University's program and provide updates to Council.
3. Approves, in principle, a budget allocation of up to \$500 to support supplementary restocking or distribution of sanitary products if required by the department, with expenditure contingent upon confirmation from the Women's Officer following discussions with the University.
4. Grants the Women's Officer delegated authority to implement this support should it be deemed necessary, and to report back to Council on actions taken.

Moved: Lin Huang **Seconded:** Jannani Babukrishnan

Motion: Passed

Motion: That the Student Representative Council:

1. Appoints the President as the principal representative and liaison of the SRC in matters arising from or related to YouX's proposed amalgamation, including any engagement and actions with YouX or other relevant stakeholders.
2. Authorises the President to explore, initiate, and coordinate any preliminary inquiries, proposals, or actions necessary to assess the options available to the SRC in the context of their merger, including governance, structural, and operational implications. Any decisions made, the President shall report findings or recommendations to Council for deliberation and transparency in-camera.

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang **Seconded:** Adrian Niculescu

Motion: Passed

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

Moved: Aiden Wang

Seconded: Adrian Niculescu

Motion: Passed

Meeting moves in camera 7:37

Meeting moves ex-camera 7:57

Aiden closes the meeting at 7:58pm

11. Date of the Next Meeting

01 September 2025 Ligertwood 111 6:30pm

12. Appendix