

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Monday, 30th Sep 2024, 6:00 PM

University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Ligertwood 113

Minutes

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1. Procedural Matters

Aiden opens the meeting at 6:18pm

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.

Aiden acknowledges the traditional owners,

Jayde acknowledges welcome to country,

1.2. Attendance

Provisional for reference only:

Aiden Zeyang Wang, Briana Symonds-Manne, Xenon Lane, Valeria Caceres Galvez, Ashraf Bin Abdul Halim, Nix Herriot, Lashhanth Dhevaraju, Akshay Kumar Agarwal, Jocelyn (Yiyan) Zhang, Louis Jiang, Yang Zhang, Afser Hussain, Binu Arundi Rajasuriya, Soraya Rezaee, Robin Wood, Jayden Thyer, Edward Archer, Saahib Panesar, Jayden Squire, Jixuan (Jarrod) Xia, Bao Tien (Jennifer) Tran, Alec Tedesco.

Late:

1.3. Apologies

Soraya, Lani

1.4. Absences:

Briana Symonds-Manne, Sage Jupe, Alex Bastiras

1.5. Adoption of Agenda

Procedural Motion: that the agenda as circulated be adopted.

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang

Seconded: Edward Archer

Motion Carried

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Xenon speaks to the motion 1.5, claiming that other factions moved to block the attendance to the SRC, asks for the presidents response.

Nix Herriot's point of order, dissent over the previous minutes.

Motion: That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting on the 19th August 2024 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

Moved: Edward Archer

Seconded: Jayden Squire

Motion Carried

3. Correspondence

4. New Members

Education Officer

5. Office Bearer Reports

5.1. President

Aiden assumes his report has been read

Speaks to the event of the media interpreting the announcement of the removal of face-to-face lectures. Notes the university requires better comms, noting the university is working on this. Aiden has raised student concerns about scrapping face-to-face lectures. Aiden has contacted one of the individuals responsible for the decision. Recommends that the SRC and relevant members should wait off on any SRC action.

Ed clarifies on which type of lectures are being scrapped.

Xenon speaks to the believed the irrelevance of the academic meeting.

Aiden says he opposed the cutting of face-to-face lectures if that's what the students wanted.

Nix speaks to the staff email and quotes the InDaily lectures. States that there has been public outrage on the topic and that's the university might be course correcting. States that left action opposes any changes to lectures.

Ramon referring to Staff news and states the university cannot be trusted.

Aiden refutes that the university can be trusted to do what the students want.

Leon comments on aidens comment on the university's attitude towards protests and free speech. Notes syndey university has changes laws to suppress protests. Why has aiden amitted any comments to free speech.

Aiden responds by referring to report.

Motion that The SRC: Accepts the recommendations from the executive to appoint the casual Vacancy aforementioned.

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang

Seconded: Edward Archer

Motion Carried

5.2. General Secretary

Aiden wants to amend the motion that the SRC delegates the power to the executive rather than a committee.

Tom comments on not taking advice from uni and points to the importance of how the organising is done and that it should be.

That the SRC delegates power to the executive for the creation of a petition opposing the removal of face-to-face lectures.

1. That the executive distribute petition to the SRC for the purposes of organizing around the petition.
2. The collection and announcement of that petition result is left to the General Secretary to put to the SRC.

Moved: Edward Archer

Seconded: Jayden Squire

Motion Carried

- 5.3. **Education Officer**
- 5.4. Welfare Officer
- 5.5. Women's Officer
- 5.6. **Queer Officer**
- 5.7. ATSI Officer
- 5.8. **Disability Officer**
- 5.9. Environment Officer
- 5.10. **Postgraduate Officer – HDR**

Nix speaks to report.

Ramon speaks to the motion, agrees with Nix that this is an attack on students. A precedent is set that the University will act in its own self-interest. Asks why students would want to go the Adelaide

Ed speaks to not aggravating relations the university

Xenon says the university will not care.

Nix says the two are mutually exclusive.

Motion:

That the SRC:

1. Condemns reports that Adelaide University will scrap face-to-face lectures. It believes that the merged institution should retain in-person lectures.
2. Issues a public statement to this effect, publicises this statement on its social media and communicates this statement to co-Vice Chancellors Peter Høj and David Lloyd.

Moved: Nix Herriott

Seconded: Xenon Lane

Motion Failed

Aiden states that privacy of students is paramount.

Aiden states his position says that it is important to have both options and that it should be semester based.

Xenon speaks to the motion says the SRC should defend semester and that trimesters are a trojan horse for staff cuts. Reiterates the need for SRC to defend semesters.

Leon states that it is an attack on staff and students as well as a cost cutting methods. ‘

Nix says the university states that trimesters will be the only option. Reiterates the need for the motion to pass.

Motion:

That the SRC:

1. Demands that university management drops trimesters from its transition plan for Adelaide University.
2. Issues a public statement opposing trimesters and publicises this statement on social media.
3. Commits to campaigning against trimesters and other attacks that negatively impact student learning and staff teaching conditions, including course cuts and restructures.

And

4. That the results of the student survey on trimesters be released to the council and publicly posted on the SRC’s social media pages.

Moved: Nix Herriott

Seconded: Xenon Lane

Motion Failed

5.11. Postgraduate Officer – Coursework

Lashanth speaks to report and will provide a more detail response.

5.12. International Student Officer

5.13. Social Justice Officer

5.14. Ethno-Cultural Officer

5.15. Rural Officer

5.16. Mature Age Officer

5.17. Roseworthy Campus Officer

5.18. Waite Officer

6. Motions on Notice

7. General Business

No motions without notice.

8. Executive Report

N/A

9. Emergent Business

N/A

10. Date of the Next Meeting

11. Appendix

11.1. Appendix 1: Minutes of the Council Meeting (19th August 2024)

Next meeting

Aiden concludes the meeting at 7:24pm.