

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Monday, 19th Aug 2024, 6:00 PM

University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Ligertwood 113

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 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

Provisional for reference only:

Aiden Zeyang Wang, Briana Symonds-Manne, Xenon Lane, Valeria Caceres Galvez, Sage Jupe, Domin Joseph, Alex Bastiras, Ashraf Bin Abdul Halim, Nix Herriot, Lashhanth Dhevaraju, Jake Ford, Olivia Aston, Akshay Kumar Agarwal, Jocelyn (Yiyan) Zhang, Lani Bushnell, 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

Oscar Harding

1.4. Absences:

1.5. Adoption of Agenda

Procedural Motion: that the agenda as circulated be adopted.

Moved: Edward Archer

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: Edward Archer

Seconded:

Motion Passed/Failed

3. Correspondence

4. New Members

Education Officer

5. Office Bearer Reports

5.1. President

5.2. General Secretary

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**
- 5.11. **Postgraduate Officer – Coursework**
- 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**
- 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 (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

Dear Council Memebrrs,

Adelaide University



On Monday, 15 July 2024, I had the honor of witnessing a historic moment as the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia officially launched Adelaide University. This merger represents a significant step forward in enhancing our educational and research capabilities, aimed at benefiting all students and the broader community.

I understand many of you may have questions, especially those graduating after Semester 1 of 2026. Here are some key points:

1. **Continuity of Programs:** All existing programs will continue, including key disciplines like Aboriginal Languages, Agriculture, Allied Health, Creative Arts, Law, Midwifery, Music, and Oral Health. There will be no major changes to what is currently offered ([InDaily](#)) ([Premier of South Australia](#)).
2. **Elective Courses:** If you're unsure about selecting electives, rest assured that guidance will be provided. You can choose from a variety of courses, and more detailed information is available through Ask Adelaide.
3. **Internship Opportunities:** The new university aims to expand partnerships, providing more internship opportunities with top organizations, including Deloitte. This is part of our effort to enhance your learning experience and career readiness.

For any questions, feel free to reach out to Ask Adelaide. To learn more about Adelaide University, please visit the [official website](#).

As we edge closer to the end of the year, I will continue providing updates to all of you regarding the merger and how we can better assist the students through doing this transitional phase.

Welcome New Members

Thank you for attending the SCM last Monday. Following the council's decisions, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to Jennifer and Jarrod as new council members. Additionally, I am excited to welcome Ed as our new General Secretary, joining both the council and our executive team.

Transition Period

Having served as General Secretary and Acting General Secretary since the beginning of the year, I recognize that there will be a transition period for our members to get use to interacting with the council via two people rather than the original one. I also acknowledge that Ed may need some time to settle into his new role. I am dedicated to facilitating this transition for Ed and for all of you in the coming weeks.

Guidance and Handover

I am currently in the process of providing gradual guidance and a handover to Ed in the coming weeks to ensure his success in the role and leading to our first meeting with him as GS. I will subsequently share the necessary information that he needs to succeed.

Upcoming Meetings Preparations

From the next meeting onwards, please address your agenda items and motions to Ed only, no longer needed to CC me in your emails unless for specific things specified in the Standard Orders. Submission deadlines and times should remain the same unless announced by Ed or myself otherwise.

I thank you all for your patience and understanding and for the next two to three weeks, if you have any questions, confusion or concerns about how to engage with myself and Ed, please email me anytime.

Trimester / Semester Offerings

Last semester at the You X Board meeting, board members engaged in an extensive debate on the proposed trimester offerings at the university and whether this change would benefit students. Various perspectives were presented both for and against the proposal. Along with the board, we have decided to formally request submissions from students or representatives on their opinions regarding trimesters. These submissions will significantly influence the SRC's stance on the matter and will also inform the You X Board as they consider whether to take a stance on trimester offerings for students moving into the new university.

After the last SRC Meeting I have promised to bring the semester and trimester preference into debate and endeavor for the council to form an opinion.

I will be presenting the final submissions to you all at the SRC meeting to all members.

Motion: that the SRC

1. Engages in a discussion and form a stance on the matter of trimester and semester preference.
2. The President to inform You X board at it's next board meeting regarding SRCs stance on the matter.

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang

Seconded:

Motion Passed/Failed

SRC Food Pantry Initiative

The SRC Food Pantry Committee has been established by YouX, and I have been given the responsibility as Chair to assemble the initial team. The primary focus of this Committee is to ensure effective functioning and governance of the Food Pantry initiative.

To give more background, this initiative originated from the SRC's concerns regarding student welfare amidst current challenges such as inadequate housing, job insecurity, financial impacts, and the broader difficulties student faces post COVID. These factors contribute greatly to food insecurity among our students. Now after few months working on it, I'm excited to witness the early stages of our committee with all of you the university

The goal of the Food Pantry is to create a structured and sustainable solution to address food insecurity at the University of Adelaide. This initiative aims to support students who struggle to meet their nutritional needs due to various financial and social issues.

Over the semester break, I have had the pleasure to chair the first meeting of the SRCFP. The meeting was crucial as we explored various ideas on how to effectively implement the food pantry initiative and streamline our efforts moving forward.

2024 NATIONAL TEMPORARY MIGRANT WORK SURVEY

I have been contacted by the Migrant Justice Institute for a survey they are running for international students. I would encourage all international students to utilise this opportunity to reflect on your working experience in Australia.

The Migrant Justice Institute want to hear about the experiences of international students working part-time in Australia. We encourage you to participate in this important survey to have your say on how you have been treated at work.

This research, led by the Migrant Justice Institute, will allow us to better support you and future international students. Your answers will help researchers recommend improvements to Australian laws and policies, to ensure all students experience safe and fair working conditions.

You will also learn important information about your rights at work and where to get help if you experience any problems.

Take the survey now (<https://www.migrantjustice.org/survey>)

The survey is anonymous and confidential, and will take about 10-13 minutes to complete. By completing the survey you **can enter a prize draw to win one of 50 x \$200 Mastercard gift cards**. You only need to provide contact information, not your name or any other personal details.

We are committed to ensuring that you feel supported and that your experience as an international student living and working in Australia is positive.

If you have questions about this study please contact the survey leads, Associate Professor Bassina Farbenblum (b.farbenblum@unsw.edu.au) or Associate Professor Laurie Berg (laurie.berg@uts.edu.au).

Help the researchers spread the word

Create and share a video on social media promoting the survey and why you think it's important, and [you could win](#) a \$500 Mastercard Gift Card! The researchers want to hear from anyone who has worked in Australia on a temporary visa. [Learn more](#). [Link: <https://www.migrantjustice.org/video-share>]

I will present more updates verbally to the council in due course around this space and I look forward to formally begin our operations and open the doors to students.

That's all from me now, thanks for reading this far and as always, as your Acting President, I'm here to support you and the students anytime. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at: srcpresident@adelaide.edu.au

Kind Regards,
Aiden Zeyang Wang
President of the SRC

Item 6.2: General Secretary's Report – Edward Archer

Before I detail my report, I'd just like to take the time to thank everyone for the patience and understanding in my transition into this role. I'd like to think that I am flexible and understanding so I hope that can be given in return. I'd also like to thank Aiden for his handover and his assistance in my transition into the role.

Over the past year we have seen several protest surrounding the destructive conflict occurring in Israel and Palestine. The conflict the region and has left many civilians dead or severely injured and many believe, myself included, that it should come to end. This is the

overwhelming consensus internationally and nationally with Anthony Albanese and the Labor party calling for a comprehensive ceasefire late last year. The need for a cease fire is a humanitarian issue, not a political one, and I believe that the SRC should put aside any factionalism and stand for peace.

Furthermore I believe that every student should have the right to peacefully protest about causes that feel passionate about and that the SRC should encourage. The SRC is supposed to be a voice for students and should allow to the use their own voices if they so wish. However, it is also important that protest to do not come at the expense of other students and is not disruptive to services provided by the university.

Motion:

The SRC recognises the need for a cease fire between Israel and Palestine and will carry out the following:

1. Will post letter on the SRC's Facebook page that it officially recognises the need for a cease fire.

Moved: Edward Archer

Seconded:

Motion Passed/Failed

Motion:

The SRC recognises that students should have the right to protest about causes that they are passionate about as long as:

2. The protesting is peaceful and not disrupting students access to services and ability to study.
3. That the cause and protestors is not discriminatory to any particular group.
4. The protest is aligned with university policy.

Moved: Edward Archer

Seconded:

Motion Passed/Failed

Item 6.3: Education Officer's Report – Brianna Symonds-Manne

Chaired the Historic Student General Meeting of Adelaide Uni students.

This was the largest meeting for Palestine to happen at the Adelaide Uni campus, this meeting unanimously voted up a pro-palestine motion demanding that the University Divest from weapons companies complicit in the genocide in Gaza. This meeting, having met the requirements of the constitution, has important consequences on the policy of this SRC. I will deliver the rest of my report verbally.

Item 6.6: Queer Officer's Report – Sage Jupe

Not submitted

Item 6.8: Disability Officer's Report – Jayden Squire

Nina Marnni,

I acknowledge we are on the lands of the Kaurna People and pay respect to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Mawson Building Ramp

Firstly, the ongoing progress with disability access to the Mawson Building. Construction has begun as planned for a ramp, which gets to the ground floor of the building, which access faculty offices (some), the world class Tate Museum and the Mawson Lecutre Threatre. However, the majority of the teaching activities within the Mawson occur on the second floor. My first motion is to seek clarification around this decision.

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability includes the right to accessibility. Australia's 1992 Disability Discrimination Act includes premises standards to ensure people with disability have "dignified, equitable, cost-effective and reasonably achievable access to buildings, facilities and services".

However, a building is exempt if the owners can demonstrate modifying a building would cause them "unjustifiable hardship".

I do not believe that the structure being constructed either fits the the DDA (1992) description of accessibility and that the university is faced with unjustifiable hardship, when the University of Adelaide is going ahead with an expensive merge, and other expensive changes (such as the removal of the University of Adelaide Club), at huge costs.

In other news, I will note that a Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) Implementation Working Group (IWG) meeting was held, however I was absent due to sickness. I will discuss more about this in a future meeting.

I have signed a joint letter that encourages raising the 2024 disabled minimum wage of \$2.90. I was contacted and read the information surrounding this campaign. I note that I signed this letter on behalf of myself, in my role as Disability Officer, not on behalf of the SRC or YouX.

Motion:

That the University of Adelaide's YouX Student Representative Council sign the associated letter (<https://forms.gle/FGJX8GUUaH4QzePd6>.) that seeks to encourage and lobby associated governments to increase the minimum wage of disabled people in Australia.

Motion:

The disability officer on behalf of the entire Student Represenative Council will seek clariticaiton from University Infrastructure as to why a rampage structure was chosen to be constructed, instead if an elevator that would have made the building fully accessible.

Moved: Jayden Squire

Seconded:

Motion Passed

Item 6.10: Postgraduate Officer - HDR's Report – Nix Heriot

Not submitted

Item 6.11: Postgraduate Officer – Coursework’s Report - Lashhanth Dhevaraju

Will be delivered Verbally

Item 6.12: International Student Officer’s Report - Akshay Agarwal

Will be delivered Verbally

Item 6.13: Social Justice Officer’s Report – Alex Bastiras

Not submitted

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

The council voted with Majority that the meetings will be held every second Monday. A schedule of the meetings are as follows.

- **18th March**
 - 1 April (Easter Monday)
 - 15 April (Mid- Semester Break)
 - **29 April**
 - **13 May**
 - **27 May**
 - 10th June (SWOT Week)
 - 24 June (Exam)
 - 8th July (Mid-Year Break)
 - **22 July**
 - **5 August**
 - **19 August**
 - **2 September**
 - 16 September (Mid-Semester Break)
 - **30th September**
 - **14 October**
 - 28 October (SWOT Week)
 - 11 November (Exam)

- 25 November (End of year break)

12.1 Appendix 1: Minutes of the Council Meeting (13th May 2024)

Meeting in Ligertwood 113 6:00pm 13th May 2024

Aiden Zeyang Wang opens the meeting at 6:13pm.

12. Procedural Matters

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.

Delivered by Jayde ATSI officer.

Aiden appointed Binu as minute secretary.

2. Attendance

Aiden Zeyang Wang, Briana Symonds-Manne, Xenon Lane, Valeria Caceres Galvez, Sage Jupe, Domin Joseph, Alex Bastiras, Ashraf Bin Abdul Halim, Nix Herriot, Lashhanth Dhevaraju, Akshay Kumar Agarwal, Jocelyn (Yiyan) Zhang, Louis Jiang, Afser Hussain, Binu Arundi Rajasuriya, Soraya Rezaee, Robin Wood, Jayden Thyer, Edward Archer, Oscar Harding, Saahib Panesar, Jayden Squire.

Online – Jocelyn (Yiyan) Zhang, Akshay Kumar Agarwal, Robin Wood, Louis Jiang, Alec Tedesco, Soraya Rezaee, Saahib Panesar, Valeria Caceres Galvez, Oscar Harding

Aiden made an Amendment - Alex attended the previous meeting.

Late:

3. Apologies

N/A

4. Absences

Jake Ford, Olivia Aston, Lani Bushnell, Yang Zhang

5. Adoption of Agenda

Procedural Motion: that the agenda as circulated be adopted.

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang

Seconded: Lashanth

Motion Passed

13. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Motion: That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting 30th November 2023 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

Moved: Aiden Zeyang Wang

Seconded: Lashanth

Motion Passed

14. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

Action	Responsible	Status
Re-open the trimester / semester survey for students	Aiden	Completed.
Write 2 letters regarding the ATSI motion on cultural awareness training for staff and students.	Jayde	Continuing
Saahib reports back to the council on some updates regarding this sustainability initiatives.	Saahib	Continuing

Aiden asked to send reports as Words.

15. **Correspondence**
16. **New Members**
17. **Office Bearer Reports**
 1. **President**

Motion: that the SRC

3. Engages in a discussion and form a stance on the matter of trimester and semester preference.
4. The President to inform You X board at it's next board meeting regarding SRCs stance on the matter.

Nix - Question regarding whether the form was posted.

Jayden - Was not posted on the SRC FB.

As the form was not posted, Aiden withdrew his motion and will move the motion to the next meeting.

Aiden addressed to the council regarding the Food Pantry and its surrounding initiatives.

2. General Secretary
3. Education Officer
4. **Welfare Officer**

Xenon: Discussed the purpose and support for the University for Gaza encampment.

Alex: Highlighted that international students' should also make contributions.

Public member: Felt condescended by a Socialist Alternative member during conversation.

Bri: Stated she isn't responsible for other members' actions.

Public member: Clarified they weren't blaming Bri but questioned if supporters would be condescended.

Bri: Asked for support; mentioned relevance issues.

Tom (public): Assured no condescension and mentioned civil discussions at the encampment; noted lack of SRC support.

Sage: Requested other SRC members' views on Gaza.

The council went into a discussion

Aiden moved the council along due to time constraints.

5. **Women's Officer**

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Valeria: Mentioned insufficient funds for period products; discussed university's plan for vending machines; informed about the PPEP program; invited members to the program; submitted a report to parliament on pelvic pain and endometriosis.

Jayden: Asked about usage figures for period products.

Valeria: Replied she is seeking those figures; emphasized funding will prioritize emergencies and constraints; aims for universal access.

Jayden: Inquired about the number of bathrooms and vending machines.

Valeria: Stated 8-10 bathrooms and 4 vending machines.

Bri: Argued university should fund period products; raised broader issues like cost of living and homelessness, especially for middle-aged women; highlighted the situation in Gaza and invited the women's officer to support the encampment.

Valeria: Agreed with Bri on larger issues; reiterated her motion is actionable by the SRC and university administration.

Aiden: Requested data to reinforce the point to university admin.

Aiden: Clarified if one or two letters to the vice chancellor and YouX are needed.

Valeria: Said it is up for debate.

Aiden: Proposed a private discussion on letter drafting; asked to circulate the social media post for council voting.

Valeria: Agreed to the private discussion; noted the next meeting is after the program.

Aiden: Confirmed he will send a circular motion to approve this.

7. **Queer Officer**

8. **ATSI Officer**

Jayde: Shared insights from a symposium and proposed cultural training for the SRC.

Bri: Questioned Jayde, stating indigenous rights are both human and political issues; referenced Palestine as a similar case.

Jayde: Asked if there was a specific question.

Ash: Emphasized the political nature of depriving indigenous rights and the need for political movements to alleviate suffering.

Aiden: Noted amendments that cultural training cannot bind all students and staff but could be a required module.

Jayden: Asserted that implementing such training shouldn't be difficult.

Aiden: Clarified it is a constitutional issue.

Xenon: Suggested separate votes on the first three amendments to avoid stifling members' voices.

Edward Archer: Agreed on removing disrespectful individuals from meetings.

Aiden: Proposed a possible solution if insists is changing the standing order to allow removal by vote for cultural disrespect.

Jayden: Agreed with the proposal.

Tom: Asked for clarification on the motion; Aiden sought Jayde's input on amendments.

Jayde: Agreed to the amendments and to refine them for the next meeting.

Alex: Discussed the limitations of cultural training and the source of racism, using The Voice as an example.

Zoom members: Experienced audio issues at 6:40 PM.

Aiden: Checked for Zoom member questions; none were raised.

Jayde: Replied to Alex, advocating for education and cultural awareness training.

Tom: Agreed on education but pointed out that training alone doesn't eliminate discrimination; cited police violence as an example.

Jayde: Suggested regulations and collaboration for training, focusing on indigenous perspectives.

Vote Conducted on the first three amendments; motion regarding students and staff binding will be addressed by a letter.

Tom (public member): Mentioned SALts abstaining from the vote for previously stated reasons.

Jayde: it's a shame Salt memebrs abstained the motion.

Moved: Jayde Thyer

Seconded: Jayden

Motion Passed Passed

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Disability Officer

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Environment Officer

Saahib: Delivered through Zoom. Reported inability to find proof of sustainable acts mentioned in the university paper. Has emailed the sustainability department for follow-up on the sustainability report and is awaiting a reply. Will send another follow-up email and may meet them if no response is received.

Jade: questions Saahib's environmental initiatives

Saahib will report back to the council in due course and put it down as an action item.

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Postgraduate Officer – HDR

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Postgraduate Officer – Coursework

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International Student Officer

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Social Justice Officer

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Ethno-Cultural Officer

Ash: Mentioned his PDF submission was successful but had a formatting error. Asked to deliver a verbal report.

Tom and Nix: Supported Ash's request.

Aiden: Stated they are unable to allow a verbal report due to previous incorrect submissions. This is a matter of principle.

- 16. **Rural Officer**
Will present next meeting
- 6.15- **Women's officer**
- 17. **Mature Age Officer**
- 18. Roseworthy Campus Officer
- 19. Waite Officer
- 18. **Motions on Notice**

Motion:

- 1. The SRC writes a letter to the Vice-Chancellor and YouX Board calling on them to provide long-term, protected and sufficient funding so the period poverty program can meet the needs of students.
 - a. The Women's Officer will write the letter on behalf of the council and bring back a draft for next meeting.

Will write a draft letter regarding the future of the period product movement and offering.

Moved: Valeria Caceres **Seconded:** Jayden **Motion Passed**

Motion:

- 1. The SRC will promote on its social media information about the Menstrual Hygiene Day Event being hosted by Student Life and the Women's Officer.
 - a. Social media square and copy to be provided by the Women's Officer

Moved: Valeria Caceres **Seconded:** Lashanth **Motion Passed**

No general business, next meeting will likely be in the same room