

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**



**Wednesday, 31st May 2023, 6:30 PM**

**University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Hughes 322**

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**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

#### 1.3. Apologies

#### 1.4. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion:** that the agenda as circulated be adopted.

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang

**Seconded:**

**Motion Passed / Failed**

#### 1.5. Welcome

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Motion:** That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

**Moved:** Georgia Thomas

**Seconded:**

**Motion Passed / Failed**

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Action	Responsible	Status
Planning & Budgeting for Roseworthy Consultation	Georgia	Rescheduled and ongoing (Georgia will distribute 200-250 though executive)
Bank Handover	Georgia, Aiden and Kim	Ongoing

### 4. Correspondence

### 5. New Members

### 6. Office Bearer Reports

#### 6.1. President

#### 6.2. General Secretary

6.2.1. Motion: UofA Committee Record of Appointment

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Motion carried**

6.2.2. Motion: SRC Social Media Presence Performance Report – Facebook

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Motion carried**

6.2.3. Motion: Delegation of the SRC Bank Account to GS

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Motion carried**

6.2.4. Motion: Delegation of the role of Public Officer of the SRC to GS

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Motion carried**

- 6.3. Education Officer**
- 6.4. Welfare Officer**
- 6.5. Women’s Officer**
- 6.6. Queer Officer**
- 6.7. ATSI Officer**
- 6.8. Disability Officer**
- 6.9. Environment Officer**
- 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**
- 6.15. Rural Officer**
- 6.16. Mature Age Officer**
- 6.17. Roseworthy Campus Officer**
- 6.18. Waite Officer**

**7. Motions on Notice**

- 7.1. Defend Right to Protest: Oppose Labor’s Anti-Protest Legislation**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Motion carried**

**8. General Business**

**9. Executive Report**

N/A

**10. Emergent Business**

- 10.1. Motion: Feed Back on Disability Support**
- 10.2. Motion: Disability Support Name Change**

**11. Date of the Next Meeting**

**12. Appendix**

- 12.1. Appendix 1: Minutes of the Council Meeting (17th May 2023)**
- 12.2. Appendix 2: SRC Proposal for a Food Pantry on Campus**
- 12.3. Appendix 3: SRC Bi-Annual Social Media Report**
- 12.4. Appendix 4: Disability Survey Form**

## 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 – Georgia Thomas

#### **Adelaide Law School 6th Anniversary of the Uluru Statement from the Heart**

On Friday 26th May I attended an event hosted by the Adelaide Law School and the AULSS to mark six years since the creation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. The event was fantastic and notably both the Law School and the AULSS pledged their support for the Statement and a Yes vote in the upcoming Voice referendum. The Law School is the first at the University of Adelaide to publicly voice their support for this.

#### **Breakfast Club Subcommittee**

The first meeting of the YouX Breakfast Club Subcommittee was held on Wednesday 17th May. We spent a good chunk of the meeting discussing how Breakfast Club came to be and how it operates. The SRC had a key role in advocating for the creation of Breakfast Club back in 2014 and so it is fitting that we have now catalysed a review into how it can best serve students. We heard that Breakfast Club remains a popular service and that Student Care is currently operating at capacity to support students. We did not successfully get through the entire meeting agenda in the hour that was allocated for the meeting. As of this report’s submission no date has been set for the next meeting of this subcommittee.

#### **Food Bank Proposal**

I have been working closely with the Welfare Officer to create a proposal for a food bank on campus. Our motivation for looking at Breakfast Club expansion was growing levels of food insecurity amongst students, and Breakfast Club being the best program providing free food on campus. We have expanded our thinking to look at trialing a food bank to support students with essentials. We prepared a proposal (appendix 2) and met with Martin McCarron and Lachlan Coleman to discuss. This report will be tabled to the next meeting of the Student Engagement Committee for consideration and we hopeful we can receive some funding to explore this.

#### **Period Products on Campus**

Free period products on campus have now officially rolled out and we have received excellent engagement with the announcement of this from the SRC’s Facebook page. The current

products have been supplied by TABOO, which is exciting given the founder is an alumni of the uni. Long-term, there will be Share the Dignity vending machines installed on campuses to dispense the products for free.

### **Union House Student Reference Group**

The Union House Reference Group I sit on met this past week to confirm our thoughts on proposed plans for the new Union House renovation. We signed off on our final plans and these will now be passed higher in Infrastructure for costing reviews and final sign-offs.

Per usual, please get in touch with any questions or ideas. My best contact is via email - [srcpresident@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:srcpresident@adelaide.edu.au).

In Unity,  
Georgia Thomas

## Item 6.2: General Secretary's Report – Aiden Zeyang Wang

I bring great pleasure to deliver my second report to the SRC. As mentioned last meeting and report, there's a few streamline initiatives to put in place to ensure smooth operations within our council. As promised, here are some of my progresses.

### Organisational Housekeeping

Earlier this week, I sent an email to all members regarding the updates of your profiles. It is essential for our students to associate names with the faces of their representatives. While there has been some reshuffling in our membership, this should not delay us from updating our profiles efficiently. Once all updates are received, I will forward them to Kim for implementation. Here is a message from Kim which she has also circulated to all of you prior:

*Good morning SRC team,*

*For those who don't know me, I am Kim the SRC Administrator. Whilst I am new in this position, I have been at AUU/YouX for 15 years doing a variety of roles including Office Co Ordinator, Administrator, Clubs, Store Supervisor of The Merch Store & The General, Office Coordinator for AU Sports & the Fitness Hub.*

*I will work with most of you over the next year to make the 2023 SRC the best ever! So in saying that, below is a bunch of questions that I need answered from you ASAP. Please attach a photo no bigger than 1 MB. This is your first impression to the students.*

*Cheers,  
Kim Fereday  
SRC Administrator*

I have now assumed responsibility for maintaining the attendance roster and report delivery tracking sheet, previously managed by Georgia. Upon receipt of your reports, I will promptly update the tracking sheet. While most office bearers have been consistent with report submission, I must remind everyone that according to our constitution, membership lapses upon failing to submit two consecutive reports or four reports during the term of office. I've observed that some reports have been missing and some members have been delivering verbal reports only. I understand the pressures of busy schedules and upcoming exams, but it's crucial to remember our commitments as representatives. We owe it to the students to remain diligent in our roles.

I've received the updated SRC contact list from Kim. I'm in the process of accurately recording all new member details and archive past members' information.

### Reports of Office Bearers and Agenda

You may have noticed some adjustments to the SRC agenda papers. My aim was to structure them better for more streamlined meetings. Going forward, each point of the table of contents will specify 'N/A' for issues not needing attention. Office bearers are welcome to submit additional reports for the agenda, irrespective of their reporting schedule. Also, for better planning, the date of the next meeting will be included at the bottom of each agenda.

As a gentle reminder, meeting notices will be sent at least a week in advance, and reports for agenda papers should be sent to me at least four days prior to the meeting. While I understand unexpected circumstances may arise, timely submission would greatly facilitate the agenda preparation process, for which I allocate specific time each weekend. Being on time helps you and helps me too!

### **Reports Required by Constitution:**

In our last meeting, I mentioned our upcoming bi-annual report and requested members holding a seat on a UofA committee to submit their reports. In light of this, I would like to propose a procedural motion for everyone currently holding a seat to confirm their appointment with me. Along with your next general report, please include your committee report (if applicable) so I can consolidate all documents together.

These are the current constitutional positions:

- Academic Board x 3 (2 Undergraduate, 1 Postgraduate)
- University Learning Committee (1 Undergraduate, 1 Postgraduate)
- Research Education & Development Committee (1 Postgraduate)
- APAEC – (1 Undergraduate, 1 Postgraduate)
- Quality Enhancement Committee (1 Student)
- Student Affairs Committee (4 Students)

**Please note, I have identified instances where names have not been updated, and we will address these amendments on the spot to avoid confusion and in future meetings.**

Regarding committee reports, if you have trouble recalling or accessing past meeting agendas, providing a summary would suffice. However, moving forward, I will be a bit stricter about committee reports, ensuring they are sent to me regularly to tick-off. This will facilitate the compilation of a comprehensive bi-annual report at the end of our term in December without me chasing everyone to dig their records last minute.

### **6.2.1 Motion: UofA Committee Record of Appointment**

Proposed Motion:

1. Members of the SRC who currently hold a position on any of the following UofA committees are requested to confirm their appointment with the General Secretary:
  - Academic Board x 3 (2 Undergraduate, 1 Postgraduate)
  - University Learning Committee (1 Undergraduate, 1 Postgraduate)
  - Research Education & Development Committee (1 Postgraduate)
  - APAEC – (1 Undergraduate, 1 Postgraduate)
  - Quality Enhancement Committee (1 Student)
  - Student Affairs Committee (4 Students)
2. All members currently serving on any UofA committees are required to submit relevant key findings or issues from the past 5 months (if applicable) to the General Secretary before the next SRC meeting, separate from their regular report submission.

## Reports by Policy

In accordance with the social media policy, the President, General Secretary, and designated administrators will provide biannual reports outlining the levels of social media engagement. These reports will also be shared with the You X marketing and communications manager. I have compiled our data into a report for your reference (**Appendix 3**).

### 6.2.2 Motion: SRC Social Media Presence Performance Report – Facebook

Proposed Motion:

1. The SRC acknowledges the observations regarding social media performance presented by the General Secretary.
2. The General Secretary is tasked with forwarding the report to the You X Marketing and Communications Manager for their reference.

### Procedural and Governance:

In taking over responsibilities from Agastya Mudgal, the former SRC General Secretary, I need to request the delegation of bank account access. I propose the following motion to the Council:

### 6.2.3 Motion: Delegation of the SRC Bank Account to General Secretary

Proposed Motion:

1. Authorize Aiden Zeyang Wang (SRC General Secretary) as a signatory for the SRC bank account, replacing Agastya Mudgal (former SRC General Secretary).

As the new General Secretary, I also require the Council to appoint me as the Public Officer of 'The Student Representative Council (Adelaide) Incorporated' as per standard operating procedures. In this role, I will ensure adequate record keeping related to our finances and other relevant documents and register myself with the ATO. I am still gathering our expense details for the past six months with Georgia and Kim but will finalize this soon. I propose the following motion to the Council:

### 6.2.4 Motion: Delegation of the role of Public Officer of the SRC to General Secretary

Proposed Motion:

1. Authorize Aiden Zeyang Wang (SRC General Secretary) as the new Public Officer for the Council, replacing Agastya Mudgal (former SRC General Secretary).

That's all from me now, thanks for reading this far and as always, as your General Secretary, I'm here to support you and the students anytime. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at: [a1837337@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:a1837337@adelaide.edu.au) or [aidenzeyang.wang01@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:aidenzeyang.wang01@adelaide.edu.au)

Kind Regards,

Aiden Zeyang Wang  
SRC General Secretary

## Item 6.4: Welfare Officer's Report – Rafael Aquino

### SRC Welfare Officer Report

31/05/2023

#### Student Engagement Committee

Recently, I have been proxying for the SRC President on the University's Student Engagement Committee. The most recent meeting on the 10th of May, considered issues such as what is ultimately the role of Student Engagement Committee; how can the wider student body find us and engage with us; and how can we facilitate this engagement into a more effective student voice.

The meeting also contained a presentation from Pro-Vice Chancellor of Student Learning Prof. Suzanne Le Mire on "Education in a Digital World" which is the university's Learning and Teaching strategy from 2023 to 2028. While it was an interesting and certainly exciting strategy to adapt the pedagogy of the university into a more flexible, digital, AI-assisted and on-demand. I did raise concerns about what this would mean for teaching and academic staff as well as whether this decreases the incentive of students to go to campus and engage with student life.

#### Foodbank

The SRC President and I met with Martin McCarron and Lachlan Coleman; the Executive Director of Student Experience and the Director of Student Engagement respectively on the 26th of May, to discuss a trial of an SRC operated Foodbank that would be available to all students.

During the meeting we provided a report which contained a study conducted by the University of Melbourne with higher-education students across Victoria. The study looked at how food insecurity affected various aspects of their livelihoods. From the responses, the researchers developed a toolkit containing various best practices and recommendations; one key recommendation being the development of a "Campus Pantry" i.e., a Foodbank.

The report also contained various case studies from other student unions around Australia such as Deakin University Student Association and ANUSA on how their respective organizations have delivered these services to strengthen our case and show that it is possible. Finally, the report sets out what the current offerings at the University are, feedback from students and our aims with Foodbank; more specifically our proposal to conduct a trial of the Foodbank for the remainder of the academic year to track engagement from students and to refine the program.

We received very positive feedback on our report from Martin and Lachlan and were eager to find ways the University can fast track the establishment of the trial Foodbank. The report and proposal will also be discussed at the upcoming Student Engagement Committee meeting.

#### George Duncan Memorial

I also attended the George Duncan Memorial on the 10th of May at the University Footbridge. It was a solemn and moving event to commemorate the life and mourn the tragic targeting and

murder of Dr. George Duncan motivated by his sexual identity. I heard from speakers such as gay activist Will Sergeant and openly gay members of the SA Parliament, Rob Simms MLC and Ian Hunter MLC on their experiences and advocacy for the Queer community.

The memorial served as a reminder in the importance of standing in solidarity with LGBTQI+ members of our community; how far we have come but also how far we still have in the fight for queer liberation and the fight against all forms of bigotry against the Queer community.

In Unity,

Rafael Aquino

SRC Welfare Officer

## **Item 6.5: Women's Officer's Report – Anjali Malhotra**

### **SRC Women's Officer Report:**

#### **Updates:**

At present, I have not had any replies from the clubs I have emailed, I will be re-sending emails overtime to ensure they are reaching clubs and potentially also contacting them via their social media contacts mediums.

I have had the meeting with Latisha Sykora; Indigenous Student Support Officer (UofA), as mentioned in previous reports as being scheduled for a future date. The discussion was insightful and productive, and I will continue to be in touch with various female student support officers at the University of Adelaide to discuss any issues/feedback they have in regards to women's issues. At present she did not have any concerns of her own insight and/or raised to her by students she provides support to, but I have reassured the open channel of communication available to discuss any issues that may arise in the future.

Additionally, I would like to commend the efforts of the SRC in the free period and hygiene products on campus initiative, and the recent achievement in collaboration with the Student Life team. As the Women's Officer for the Student Representative Council, I am incredibly proud of the efforts of the SRC, and incredibly pleased to see these steps and solutions becoming permanently in place for the betterment of women.

I will continue to look into future initiatives at the university and keep the SRC updated on my involvement within the university community as both SRC executive and female representative. Thank you.

Kind Regards,  
**Anjali Malhotra**  
**Women's Officer**  
**University of Adelaide**

## **Item 6.7: ATSI Officer's Report – VACANT**

N/A

## **Item 6.9: Environment Officer's Report – VACANT**

N/A

## **Item 6.14 : Ethno-Cultural Officer's Report – Sana Vohra**

**Not Submitted**

## **Item 6.15: Rural Officer's Report – Hamish McNamara**

**Hamish has indicated he will be delivering a verbal report.**

## Item 6.16: Mature Age Officer's Report – Tony Tu

Since we have last met, I have been on campus twice, communicated with the Access and Equity Coordinator, the MSA, virtually with my SRC colleagues and in person with my former colleagues at the AULSS as well as had an impromptu meeting in the Ligertwood building.

The university has recently hired a new role that would assist my constituents, an Access and Equity Coordinator focusing on disadvantaged student groups that include mature aged but also other disadvantaged groups which is a positive step, I have received correspondence from her and have sought feedback from mature student groups regarding how a person in this role could assist them particularly the transition to university which is crucial for mature age students. I am hoping that we could assist improve this experience moving forward.

Ideas canvassed include:

- Providing tailored information and resources for different student groups.
- Creating a resource guide that addresses common concerns and challenges that these students may face, and practical advice and support.
- Similar to a program offered by the AULSS (disclosure previously committee member on AULSS) mentorship within the Mature Aged Association
- Workshops that provide opportunities for students to connect with each other and build a sense of community

Did one on campus check in within Ligertwood building and canvassed the opinions of law students prior to Law Ball and after Educational events held by the AULSS, cost of living has become a big issue and exam revision opportunities toward the exam period particularly revision sessions, consult hours and flexibility for mature age students. The study group divide and lesser opportunities including study isolation is also a great concern as we head into June.

I intend to consult with MSA again in Second Semester, work with my colleagues on SRC to see how we can assist Cost of Living assistance at university, breakfast programs, period poverty assistance and opportunities to assist with food as well as the other cost that I had not realised impacted students, utilities and even laundry.

Looking forward to our next meeting and elaborating further on the Cost of Living as well as how to assist our disadvantaged mature age students.

## Item 6.18: Waite Officer's Report – Merlin Wang

### Breakfast Club Update

I am humbled to be appointed as the chair of Breakfast Club Sub-Committee and the committee has been working closely with Student Care and the University to improve the services, we offer at Breakfast Club to better address student welfare and student wellbeing. However, there are significant challenges that we are facing at the moment and sometimes we cannot have a consensus between different stakeholders. Student Care is not keen extending this service on Monday, but alternatively to offer food vouchers for student in need to apply for them. Both the SRC President and I were not convinced by this idea because we believe that it is not as accessible as directly providing free breakfast to students in need. The problem with food vouchers is that there are only limited number of students actually knowabout this, and because cost of each voucher is relatively high so it restricts the number of students who can actually get these vouchers and more students in need will be left behind which is not what we are expecting to see. I believe students do have the same need on Monday with all other days and not offering breakfast Monday means the students in need are not receive the same amount of support that they can have in other days and if they live in poverty or catching early buses or by whatever reasons they miss their breakfast at home, they will not be able to have breakfast unless paying for the expensive cafes in Hub Central. Student Care also mentioned that the reason for not offering Breakfast Club on Monday is due to delivery issues, from my believe this is just an excuse, we might have the problem but it is not that hard to be solved. There are Coles and Woolworth in Rundle Mall and even though the prices are not as good as we get from other supplier, we only need to pay for that occasionally. Under current circumstances I have developed some plans that I want to discuss with the entire SRC.

### 3 stages-plan

#### Stage 1: Extending Breakfast Club on Mondays

Under this situation, I believe it more urgent for us to start offering breakfast on Monday as I think this meets the best interest of the most students.

#### Stage 2: Free Breakfast Boxes in Waite and Roseworthy

After stage 1, it is the time to solve this problem for regional students. The reason for this to be the second stage is because it takes longer time for us to manage and contact relative stakeholders so we are unable to proceed them at the same time as North Terrace.

#### Waite:

Waite Hub is an excellent location for us to place our breakfast boxes and we will be working in partnership with Waite Peer Mentoring program to see if they can offer some volunteers and a storage place for the food. As Waite is relatively closer we can use the same food suppliers as we have in the city.

#### Roseworthy:

For Roseworthy as there are lots of commute students there and the café is not open until 9, therefore having a free breakfast box will be very helpful for these students. However, Roseworthy's demography is a bit different as there is no mentoring program there so we

possibly need some help from local clubs and associations. I will arrange meeting with the Roseworthy Officer Arnav Gupta and General Councillor Lani Bushnell to see what the possible solutions can be and come across a practical approach.

### **Funding shortage**

As the budget was allocated last year and there is not anywhere that we can cut fundings from so we need to make the best use of the current funding and asking for more support from the university. At the moment, there is a significant portion of the breakfast club funding is spent on the salaries of the two casual staff which is completely unnecessary because the work they do is just handing out breakfast which does not require any skills at all. There I believe if we can cut these two casual staff we will be able to have sufficient funding to extend and improve this service.

### **SRC and YouX involvements**

As I mentioned previously, we kind of have to cut the casual staff to improve and extend the services of Breakfast Club which means that we need volunteers to do the job. As the shift is relatively early, normal YouX Volunteers will not be reliable on this therefore I have proposed SRC and YouX members to volunteer for the work. I believe we are elected to represent and serve students and Breakfast Club is an important service of the student so we should have the responsibility to take over the job. I have developed a transitional plan for this which is having one casual staff and replace another one by student rep. There are only 20 working days in a month and the total number of SRC and YouX member is 36 so the frequency that we need to volunteer is less than once per month. Therefore, we will be able to deliver more and breakfasts for all students.

Sincere regards

Merlin Wang

## Item 7.1: Motions On Notice: Defend Right To Protest: Oppose Labor's Anti-Protest Legislation

### **Preamble:**

The Malinauskas Labor government is shamefully collaborating with the Liberal Party to attack the right to protest in South Australia. On 18 May, both Labor and the Liberals rushed draconian anti-protest legislation through the Lower House of parliament. This came as a reaction to Extinction Rebellion protests the day before against a conference held by fossil fuel bosses. The new anti-protest bill proposes an increase in the fine for public obstruction from \$750 to \$50,000, or alternatively a 3-month jail term. This is a disgraceful attack on civil liberties and a shocking indictment of the state Labor government.

In a speech to fossil fuel barons at the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association Conference, Minister for Energy and Mining Tom Koutsantonis proclaimed that the state was “at your disposal.” By cracking down on climate activism and civil liberties more broadly, Labor has shown themselves to be loyal servants of the rich. Instead of punishing the fossil fuel bosses for holding our planet hostage, they want to muzzle activists.

This new bill is the latest attack in a concerning national trend of state governments passing draconian laws to suppress the freedom to protest, most recently in NSW, Tasmania, Victoria and Queensland. Labor's new anti-protest bill in SA will be the harshest one yet if it comes into law. All activists and unionists need to stand firmly in defending the right to radical and disruptive protest— our best weapon against all injustice and oppression in society. Fundamental rights such as abortion rights, the 8 hour day and gay rights were all won through protests and mass disruption. We live in a world of deepening crisis and the system remains one of great inequality and injustice. We cannot surrender our right to protest. Future struggles of the working class and the oppressed will undoubtedly require mass disruption so we must protect our rights now and defy attacks by the ruling class.

Numerous human rights groups, NGOs and unions have condemned the new amendments including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Australian Friends of Palestine Association, and the Australian Education Union.

Student unions played a decisive role in defying unjust laws and winning the right to protest in South Australia during the Vietnam Moratorium marches. The SRC must stand up now to defend the hard-won right to protest in the face of this anti-democratic onslaught. To stand by while the rich and powerful wage war on activists would be a shameful, right-wing abdication of the SRC's political responsibility to resist these attacks.

### **Motions:**

### **The SRC:**

1. Condemns the SA Labor and Liberal parties for their bipartisan support for extreme new anti-protest laws and calls upon the parliament to immediately revoke the legislation.
2. Supports the right to disruptive protest as an essential means to defend and win our rights and social gains.
3. Commends the hundreds of people who attended the Friday, May 26th protest against the passing of the anti-protest bill, and endorses this action as the correct, defiant response needed to push back draconian laws.

#### **Action Points:**

1. The SRC endorses future actions against the passing of this anti-protest bill.
2. The SRC will post a public statement on social media accounts opposing the anti-protest bill i.e., the proposed amendments to the Summary Offences Act that further represses the right to protest and calls on the SA government to immediately scrap the bill.
3. The SRC will put out an open letter condemning Labor's anti-protest laws with the SRC office bearers and councillors in agreement putting their name to the letter.

I appreciate that the general secretary Aiden accepted that into emergent business. As I mentioned in the last report, I was in discussion with disability support team and received the reply on Monday (29<sup>th</sup> May).

### **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.

#### **Item 10.1 Feedback for Disability Support**

I appreciate that the General Secretary Aiden Zeyang Wang for accepting my item into emergent business and thank President Georgia Thomas for approving it. As I mentioned in the last report, I was in discussion with disability support team and received the reply on Monday (29<sup>th</sup> May).

I have contacted to disability support team if it is allowed to share the students' emails who take support from them to collect feedback about that how the students are happy with the supports from disability support team. As a result, they cannot share this information with SRC, however, they are happy to do this survey to improve disability support system. Hence, I would like to share the link to the survey using SRC Facebook page(Appendix 4).

#### **10.1 Motion: Feed Back on Disability Support**

##### **Motion**

1. We SRC will share this link of survey on SRC Facebook page.

#### **Action**

1. The result of this survey will be shared with Disability Support Team.
2. We SRC Disability Officer will discuss with disability support team and other relevant stakeholder if need based on the result of this survey and try our best to improve the disability support system within our University on behalf of the SRC.

#### **The name changes of disability support**

I have raised the issue of the name “disability support” to disability support team. Disability support is used by the students with disability and illness, and the students with illness are not called disabled students. I have contacted to disability support team, and I received the reply:

*I appreciate you raising the issue about the name of our service and want to assure you that this is an issue that we are well aware of, as a matter of interest for many people in the university community and one that forms part of many discussions related to our service.*

It seems it has been this issue all along, thus, I would like to push out to change the name of disability support team to accessibility support or some names that can be included in all the students who need supports as SRC.

#### **10.2 Motion: Disability Support Name Change**

##### **Motion**

1. We SRC endorse changing the name of disability support to Accessibility Support.

##### **Action**

1. We SRC Disability Officer will officially write a letter to the University requesting that the name of Disability Support be changed to Disability Support Team.
2. We SRC will continue discussions with the disability support team.

Yuka Maruyama  
Disability Officer

#### **Item 11. Date of Next Meeting**

**The date and time of the next meeting will be on Wednesday (TBC) of May 2023 6:30pm at University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Hughes 322**

## 12.1 Appendix 1: Minutes of the Council Meeting (17th May 2023)

### Meeting in Hughes 322 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

#### 1. Procedural Matters

*Georgia Thomas opened the meeting at 6:36pm*

##### 1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Georgia acknowledged the owners of the land we were on as that of the Kaurna people.

##### 1.2. Attendance

Georgia Thomas, Aiden Zeyang Wang, Veronica Yang, Daniel Garcia Zapata, Wella Huang, Merlin Wang, Yuka Maruyama, Grace Franco, Arnav Gupta, Billy Zimmermann, Rafael Aquino Leila, James, Wood, Ruby Stewart, Tony Tu, Lani Bushnell

**Late:** Shuhui (Tom) Zhai at 6:40pm, Yeganeh Soltanpour at 6:50pm, Hamish McNamara at 7:12pm

**Ondit:** Louise

**Member of the Public:** Loki

##### 1.3. Apologies

Simranjeet Singh Dahia, Sana Vohra

##### 1.4. Absences

Jiaming Lai, Arnav Gupta, Jack Butcher

##### 1.5. Adoption of Agenda

**Procedural Motion:** That the agenda be adopted as circulated

**Moved:** Georgia

**Seconded:** Billy Zimmermann

**Motion carried**

#### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Recommendation:** That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2023 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

**Moved:** Rafael

**Seconded:** Aiden

**Motion carried**

#### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Action	Responsible	Status
Planning & Budgeting for Roseworthy Consultation	Georgia	Rescheduled and ongoing (Georgia will distribute 200-250 though executive)
Bank Handover	Georgia, Aiden and Kim	Ongoing

#### 4. Correspondence

#### 5. New Members

#### 6. Motions on Notice

#### 7. Office Bearer Reports

##### 7.1. President

*Georgia handed over chair to Aiden Zeyang Wang at 6:39pm*

Georgia delivered her report. The following were highlighted:

She confirmed the permanent availability of free period products at the University of Adelaide through a partnership with Taboo Period Products. She also mentioned her intention to address the issue of misinformation regarding international student healthcare

to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor. Additionally, Georgia will work with the Environment Officer to follow up on the progress of the new Sustainability Strategy Committee mentioned in the 'Here for Good Report'. The Executive of the SRC has moved a circular resolution approving the advertising of casual vacancies for the positions of Environment Officer and Queer Officer for a period of one week.

**Ramon:** commented on the government and VC Peter Hoj's continued funding of fossil fuels and expressed concern over these unsustainable affiliations.

**Georgia:** agreed with Ramon's comment and noted that the ties to the University Council and the Sustainability Strategy may not be sufficient to promote diversity in solutions and sustainability overall.

*Aiden Zeyang Wang handed over the chair to Georgia Thomas at 6:44pm*

### 7.2. General Secretary

**Aiden:** suggested that most of their report be taken as read, providing a brief introduction to complement their new role as General Secretary.

**Billy:** expressed their appreciation for the report and thanked Aiden for creating the agenda papers.

**Aiden:** appreciated billy's remarks

### 7.3. Education Officer

Grace delivered her report. The following were highlighted:

She attended The Voice protest and spoke at the rally, expressing concerns about the raise in HECS and its impact on students, leading to increased debt.

**Michael, Member of Public:** commented on the federal government's budget, describing it as terrible. He encouraged all meeting attendees to participate in future rallies and events.

### 7.4. Queer Officer

Billy delivered his report. The following were highlighted:

Billy noted the excellent quality of the George Duncan Memorial speakers. He mentioned that the rainbow room is currently closed but expressed hopes for its finalization in the near future. Billy also shared that he was invited to speak at IDAHOB and delivered remarks to students and staff. Additionally, Billy announced his resignation as Queer Officer.

**Merlin:** on behalf of Progress, expressed gratitude for Billy's contributions to the Student Representative Council (SRC) and acknowledged his dedication as Queer Officer.

**Aiden:** expressed appreciation for the handover provided by Billy, particularly regarding the minutes and the example agenda paper. This support contributed to a smooth transition in his current responsibilities.

### 7.5. Post Graduate Officer (Research) Report

VACANT

### 7.6. Post Graduate Officer (Coursework) Report

Daniel delivered his report. The following were highlighted:

He mentioned that international students are facing increasing challenges in navigating their degrees, particularly in terms of visa requirements and related issues. He expressed concern about the vulnerability of international students in this regard.

He also raised concerns regarding the potential impact of university mergers on student courses and the uncertainty surrounding credit calculation. The implications of these mergers on students' academic journeys remain unclear.

### **7.7. Social Justice Officer's Report**

Wella delivered her report. The following text below was requested as complimentary to her verbal report:

Good day, respected members of the Student Council. Today, I stand before you to address an urgent matter that has recently affected our university community. This week, one of our fellow students fell victim to a scam, losing a substantial amount of 150,000 RMB. As a representative of the Social Justice Office, I have been providing support and consolation to this student, encouraging them to seek assistance from the appropriate authorities.

Since my arrival at the University of Adelaide earlier this year, I have actively engaged in raising awareness about the perils of online scams. Through my efforts, I have successfully aided five individuals in identifying and evading internet scams. Unfortunately, it saddens me to report that we have recently heard of another student falling victim to a telephone scam. As a Social Justice Office, I strongly advocate for the implementation of safety awareness seminars and regular awareness campaigns to educate and empower our university community in preventing such incidents.

To address the growing threat of scams on our campus, I propose that the university initiate safety issue workshops in collaboration with relevant experts and law enforcement agencies. These workshops would serve as a platform to educate students about different types of scams, their warning signs, and effective preventive measures. By equipping our fellow students with knowledge and awareness, we empower them to identify potential threats and safeguard themselves against scams.

Furthermore, I recommend the establishment of a dedicated task force comprising both staff and student representatives to spearhead regular campaigns focused on disseminating information about safety issues. These campaigns could employ various mediums such as social media platforms, notice boards, and campus-wide newsletters to consistently remind students about the importance of vigilance and precautionary measures.

In addition, I urge the university to collaborate with local law enforcement agencies to develop and distribute educational materials addressing prevalent scams in our community. By keeping our students informed about the latest scamming techniques and tactics, we can help them stay one step ahead of fraudsters.

In conclusion, it is our collective responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of every member of our university community. By organizing safety issue workshops, conducting regular awareness campaigns, and fostering collaboration with law enforcement agencies, we can establish a robust system that equips our students with the knowledge and skills to prevent scams. Let us unite as a Student Council and advocate for these essential measures to safeguard our university community from falling victim to fraudulent activities.

### **7.8. Disability Officer's Report**

Yuka's report was indicated as "to be taken as read" with the assistance of Merlin.

## 7.9. International Officer's Report

Yeganeh delivered her report.

## 8. General Business

### 8.1. Anti Semitism – Daniel Garcia

#### Motion

##### The SRC:

1. Stands in solidarity with Jewish students and staff on campus and expresses its commitment to keeping our university safe and inclusive to everyone.
2. Condemns the University's decision to ignore the pleas of Jewish students and staff on campus, and demands their inclusion in discussions on decisions that will directly impact them.
3. Demands the immediate implementation of a definition of antisemitism, in consultation with the Jewish students and staff at the University of Adelaide, in order to build a safe environment for the Jewish community.

##### Action points:

- The SRC will release a public social media statement condemning the University's inaction and lack of engagement with the Jewish community and promoting a safe and welcoming environment for all members of the University's community.
- The SRC will write to the University Council and the National Union of Students, conveying the SRC's position, and calling upon them to adopt a definition of antisemitism that will be effective in protecting Jewish students and staff.

##### Grace moved an amendment:

1. Stands in solidarity with Jewish students and staff on campus and expresses its commitment to keeping our university safe and inclusive to everyone
2. Demands the immediate implementation of a comprehensive definition of discrimination and hate speech, that takes into consideration the various and unique ways it can manifest, in consultation with students from culturally, religiously and ethnically diverse backgrounds whom the policy would impact most.

Daniel seconded and affirmed these amendments.

#### Discussion:

**Billy:** expressed support for standing in solidarity. He noted that the issue is expansive and that there should be a sizable working group involved in the process.

**Tom:** voiced opposition to the motion. He argued that it is not a general motion, but a specific one seeking to condemn the university and anti-Semitism. He expressed concern over incidents involving Nazis on campus and opposition to the definitions by socialists, arguing that these actions are inherently divisive. Tom made particular mention of both progressive and traditional Jewish students and a potential wrongful infringement of their rights.

The Adelaide council and staff are accused of not correctly opposing the definitions, purportedly infringing upon academic freedom and freedom of speech.

**Maddy:** pointed out a perceived conflation in the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition. She suggested that the strategy of consulting with students



might be a way to subtly introduce the definition and suppress voices against anti-Semitism. She argued that this situation could serve as a platform for a right-wing agenda, calling it a method of attack and suppression. They likened the situation to providing a soft-landing pad for an organization to establish a foothold.

**Grace:** spoke on the motion in its amended form, stating that the motion now primarily supports students on campus and promotes the implementation of our discrimination and hate speech policies. She asserted that external scrutinizers grandstanding about the IHRA definition is not applicable in this case. Instead, we need to focus on supporting our students, acknowledging their rightful place in the community.

**Merlin:** suggested moving on to a vote immediately, proposing a procedural move.

**Moved:** Merlin Wang

**Seconded:** Shuhui (Tom) Zhai

**Motion Failed**

**9. Emergent Business**

N/A

*Georgia Thomas closed the meeting at 8:11pm*

## Appendix 2: SRC Proposal for a Food Pantry on Campus



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### SRC Proposal for a Food Pantry on Campus

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## Background:

It is estimated that between a quarter and two thirds of Australian university students experience some form of food insecurity. This is a large number of students with insufficient or unstable access to affordable, nutritious, or culturally appropriate food.

This proportion is much higher than that of the general population. As cost of living and inflation soars, we acknowledge that there are additional pressure on students that impact their ability to thrive at University.

This submission has been prepared by the SRC President and SRC Welfare Officer.

This submission outline's the SRC's desire to see real action on tackling food insecurity amongst students.

## The Research

### Campus Food Insecurity Working Paper

In 2020 and 2021, a [team](#) at the University of Melbourne set out to explore students' lived experiences of food insecurity. Along with 5 student co-researchers, trained in qualitative methods and with their own experience of food insecurity, they conducted 94 interviews with self-identified food insecure students attending 13 different higher education institutions across Victoria. Many of these were international students, and included a diverse range of participants from those in completing their undergraduate degrees, graduates and PhD students.

The research focused on understanding students' relationship to food, both at home, on campus and around their neighbourhoods. Students were asked about how food insecurity affected their friendships, peer and personal relationships, and their studies. These students were asked how they would tackle these problems, and the research formed the basis for a [toolkit](#) for universities to use to address food insecurity in students. This toolkit examines best practices and recommendations from around the world in the area of student food insecurity.

The toolkit concludes that food insecurity occupies the zone where the student experience, student wellbeing, sustainability, and reactivating campuses after covid intersect - "there are therefore multiple reasons for the substantial investment of resources in countering the problem of food insecurity on campuses".

Please see below excerpt from this toolkit that forms the basis of this proposal:

### **Campus Pantry**

**Overview:** *Pantries have emerged across a number of Australian institutions in response to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis. However, there is a need to establish a campus pantry as a permanent fixture of student life and support.*

*Although the promotion and usage of the pantry would target students and staff experiencing or at risk of food insecurity, the pantry would provide universal access to non-perishable staples (eg. canned goods, cereal, rice, grains, oats, snacks), fresh produce (fruit and vegetables), and other perishables (eg. milk, bread).*

*Pantry items would be sourced through donations from the university community, local businesses and established charitable pantry networks in the area with positive flow on effects for the reduction of food waste.*

**Examples of Best Practice:** *Pantries are widely used across many campuses in the United States. The U.S. College and University Food Bank Alliance has over 700 member institutions and organisations. The University of California System has a well-established pantry system at all of its schools, especially at UC [Berkeley](#) & [Davis](#).*

### **Benefits:**

- *Low initial input and resource costs. It is possible to utilise pre-existing foodbank networks.*
- *Adds an important social dimension to food provisions, reducing stigma and encouraging discussions about wellbeing, food struggles and other basic needs.*
- *May also provide students with other items such as hygiene products and toiletries.*
- *Strong potential to partner with existing pantries in universities.*
- *Opportunities for student leadership and engagement through experiential learning, volunteers and internships eg. At the University of Melbourne: [University of Melbourne Leaders in Communities Award](#) or [MULT20012 Arts internship: Not for Profit](#).*

**Addressing food insecurity:** *Accessing information about community food relief organisations can be difficult for students, especially those newly arrived at university and those who are experiencing food struggles for the first time. A pantry is a convenient and non-threatening resource for students when publicised as a student wellbeing service. This approach may also help to reduce the significant stigma attached to the use of charitable food organisations.*

*Moreover, our research suggests that young people value the ability to choose the food they access, as well as the freedom to cook meals for themselves with ingredients that suit their cultural needs and preferences. An issue with some emergency food assistance schemes (e.g. SecondBite) is that a lack of control over one's diet can work to undermine students' sense of autonomy and self-esteem. In this regard, the food insecure students we spoke with would prefer a scheme that provides them with ingredients and produce. A food pantry would address these considerations and provide food insecure students with greater autonomy over their diets and food choices.*

## Examples from other institutions

Across Australia, many campuses have taken real steps to address food insecurity by implementing food pantries or other services.

The following list is not expansive of all University supports and contains supports which are either run by the Student Union, University, or a combination of the two.

### Queensland University of Technology

The QUT Guild operates a [food bank](#) available to all students, though they note that they "have limited stock and this service is meant to support students in need who are facing financial hardship and difficult circumstances". The food bank is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10am and 2pm. Students are limited to one visit per fortnight, and 10 items per visit.

### Australian National University

[Student Bites](#) is a food service program that began at ANU, and has now expanded beyond the university. Student Bites collaborates with OzHarvest to collect quality excess food from supermarkets and delivers it free of charge to students and other communities in need in Canberra and beyond.

At ANU, fresh food is delivered by OzHarvest every week on a Friday - predominantly fruit and vegetables, but sometimes bread and other items. This is managed through their student space and mostly facilitated by their student space managers (staff members). According to the ANU Students Association, engagement with this program is high.

ANU also runs a [food pantry](#) of non-perishable items. This is run by a small team of staff, student peer educators from the Engagement and Success team, University Experience and a large number of our amazing student volunteers. The pantry is open for a period of four hours each Tuesday and Thursday of the semester.

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ANUSA has been working to establish relationships with supermarkets and stores to expand their programs and engage with the community, they have experienced positive progress with ALDI and Bakers Delight.

#### Deakin University

The Deakin University Student Association (DUSA) operates a [food pantry](#) at all campuses that is available every two weeks during the semester from 11am until all food is gone. They provide free fruit, vegetables, pantry items and recipes for students.

DUSA also has a [survival centre](#) where students can reach out and arrange a time to access free basic food items, personal hygiene products, sexual health products, clothing, towels, stationary, notebooks and more.

#### University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU) operates [Union Mart](#), a space that provides students with a range of food and household items and is based on a 'take what you need' philosophy. The Mart is open Mondays and Fridays from 12:30pm to 2:30pm and students can make bookings to come and grab what they require.

Union Mart operates alongside a variety of [other food relief measures](#) by the University of Melbourne. A notable one is the Fresh Food Project, which supplies 5kg of high-quality fruit and vegetables students can order and collect weekly.

#### Flinders University

The Flinders University Student Association (FUSA) and the University Wellbeing Centre collaborated in 2018 to begin operating the [Flinders Community Market](#). This is a space where students can access free and low-cost food every Thursday of the semester and exam periods between 11am and 1pm. Fruit, vegetables and bread are free, with other food items heavily discounted. Volunteer hours at the Market can contribute towards the [Flinders Horizon Award](#).

#### University of Tasmania

Similar to ANUSA, the Tasmanian University Student Association (TUSA) receive about 250kg of fresh fruit & veggies donated each Thursday through a Tassie food rescue organisation called Loaves & Fishes, that they give out to students for free through a scheme called '[Freshie Bags](#)'.

Additionally, they have another local organisation that goes to local bakeries collecting leftover baked goods each day. These are made available free of charge for students to collect as they need. This is usually all gone within a few hours.

They are currently in the process of expanding their food security projects to a larger scale through, 'The Food Hub' a physical space where university donations will supplement aforementioned existing food rescue initiatives. This project also incorporates a social enterprise cafe & bar, as well as running community events based around learning to cook, nutrition awareness, cooking on a budget, etc.

Their university has also recently committed non-SSAF funding to addressing food insecurity after numerous reports and constant campaigns from students to push them to act.

### University of New South Wales

The University of New South Wales' Arc (their Student Union) offering is called [Food Hub](#), and is for the most part entirely funded by Arc. It functions on a sessional basis on three days of the week for two hours each and students register ahead of time on EventBrite to collect any foodstuffs they need. It offers:

- *Bread - e.g., Sourdough bread*
- *Long life milk - e.g., Oat, Soy, Almond milk etc.*
- *Fresh fruit and vegetables - e.g., Bananas etc.*
- *A wide variety of non-perishable pantry items*
- *Bulk food items*
- *Rice*
- *Tea & Coffee*

It is primarily staffed by volunteers and also takes food as well as monetary donations to add to Arc's existing funding capacity.

### **Current offerings at the University of Adelaide**

Information about food support at the University of Adelaide is difficult to locate online - simple google searches do not return easy to access information about any support available in this area through the university.

Student Care, operated under YouX (Adelaide University Union), provides free breakfast via their Breakfast Club service between 8:30am and 10:30am, Tuesday to Friday during the academic semester at the North Terrace campus. Their offerings consist of toast, yoghurt and toasties on selected days.



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The Student Care section of the YouX site also mentions 'material assistance' stating the following:

*"Should you need material assistance in the form of food support, emergency financial assistance to cover unexpected but necessary expenses related to e.g. transport, medications or housing assistance you can speak with the Education and Welfare Officer regarding 'once off' or more longer term assistance to resources that may be able to alleviate an unexpected financial hardship".*

Students are provided with the option to call or email Student Care to access this support. It is worth noting that there is not a quick contact form on the site for easy and quick contact. Student Care has experienced an uptick in the amount of students reaching out for material support in the last quarter, indicating that there is an increased need for more support for students.

At the moment, these services have barriers that prevent students from accessing them. The services are not widely advertised and it is not as easy as it could be to find out information. The two services available through Student Care - Breakfast Club and material support - are the only food supports we could locate available at the University of Adelaide.

Importantly, a food bank should not just be limited to a morning breakfast service or to only having breakfast goods; it should be accessible for a longer period of time with a larger variety of foods. This provides an additional layer of flexibility to students who may have commitments, as they would be able to access it throughout the day.

Whilst these two services are provided by a branch of our student union, no services are offered by the university itself.

## **What we have heard from students**

A student during O'Week noted to us at our stall that as a trimester student, Student Care's Breakfast Club did not work for a large part of their academic year.

Additionally we have fielded questions about why Breakfast Club does not operate on Monday's. Both of these questions are very reasonable questions and when raised with YouX (AUU), the SRC received the answer that it is a matter of cost and lack of capacity.

For students at our satellite campuses we have also heard negative things. We have spoken with students at Roseworthy who were unaware of any breakfast services offered. YouX (AUU) does offer some food when their Education Welfare Officers visit the campus but this is not promoted online. The student union's website is out of date, advertising mobile breakfast programs twice a term which do not happen in the traditional Breakfast Club format.

We have also heard from Waite students who were unaware of what was offered at their campus. These students were very disappointed. There has been a 'Brunchfest' program run at Waite but the SRC believes that this was not advertised as widely as it should have been or else the students we talked to would be aware of it.

We are working with Student Care to address these concerns, however the broad lack of awareness of student support services is concerning. There is a clear desire for students to have access to food security programs at our university, and the creation of a foodbank is a way which we believe this can start to be addressed.

## What we would like to see at the University of Adelaide

We are currently falling behind our counterparts in supporting our students and urgent intervention is needed.

**We are proposing the trial of a food pantry on campus for the remainder of the academic year** - this allows us to trial a service that has seen great success and engagement at other universities and model it off of best practices. We can use the temporary pantry to track engagement and determine whether there is a need for a permanent operation on campus. It will allow student representatives to discuss the issue of food insecurity with students and destigmatise accessing support at university. This is intended to compliment, rather than compete with, the existing offerings from Student Care - our goal is for as much support for students to be available as possible. What is offered by the food bank would be different to the both the operations of Breakfast Club and individuals support from Student Care, and will allow us to promote Student Care services to students who utilise the food bank.

It is also an opportunity to increase the general visibility of the Student Representative Council as a body

ANU list the aims of their food pantry as being to:

- Deliver a no-cost Food Pantry, which is a safe, non-judgmental space for **all enrolled students** experiencing food insecurity to access food support and connect to support as needed.
- Provide opportunities to cultivate a culture of social inclusion and equity through engagement in co-curricular activities and events that not only teach valuable life-long skills but give back to community.
- Encourage students to engage with our team, get help navigating the complexities of university and student life.



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**We seek to replicate these aims.**

These aims deeply resonate with our intention to trial a similar program at the University of Adelaide. Students are facing insecure living now more than ever, and it's critical we look to take action on campus wherever we can.

The Student Representative Council is only provided with a slim budget, and as such we require university support to create this trial.

Location

We believe a central accessible location is critical.

The recently closed space in Hub Central, previously home to The General would make an excellent location for the food pantry.

Although we acknowledge that it is most likely not possible at the moment, we have ambitions that if successful, this program could be replicated at Roseworthy and Waite.

Partnership

The SRC despite our small budget will be able to work with the university on this project.

We will be able to contribute volunteers to assist in whatever needs to be done to maintain the food pantry throughout the year.

Additionally we will be able to contribute \$500 to the establishment and initial purchase of food items.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Yours sincerely,**

**SRC President**  
Georgia Thomas

**SRC Welfare Officer**  
Rafael Aquino



Appendix 3: SRC Bi-Annual Social Media Report

# SRC Bi-Annual Social Media Report

Aiden Zeyang Wang - General Secretary

31<sup>st</sup> May 2023



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## 1. Compliance

This report fulfills the requirements of the Student Representative Council (SRC) social media Policy, providing a comprehensive overview of the council's engagement and highlighting areas for improvement over the past six months. Additionally, the report will be shared with the You X Marketing and Communications Manager once approved by the Council.

## 2. Introduction

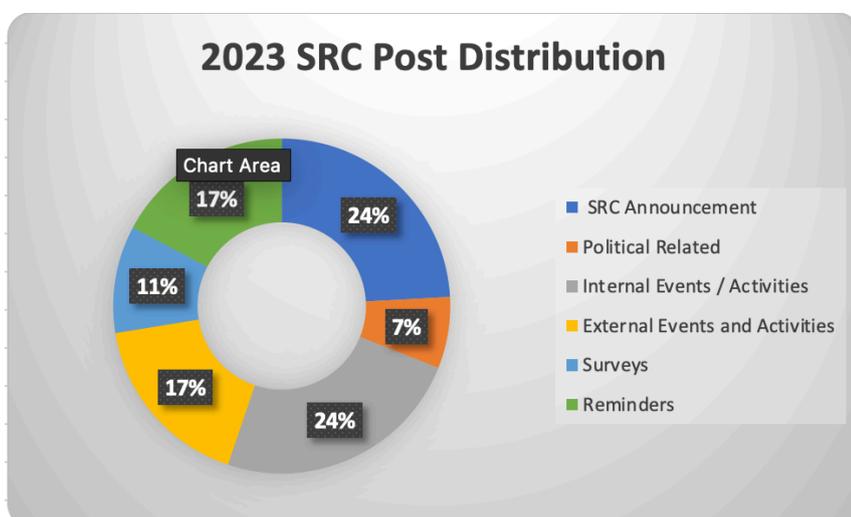
This report aims to present a comprehensive and critical analysis of our social media performance – Facebook, focusing on the engagement metrics imp articular likes. By comparing data from the current year (2023) and the previous year (2022), we can identify some differences, understand the changes in audience interaction, and devise strategies for improvement.

## 3. Analysis of Current Year's Performance (2023)

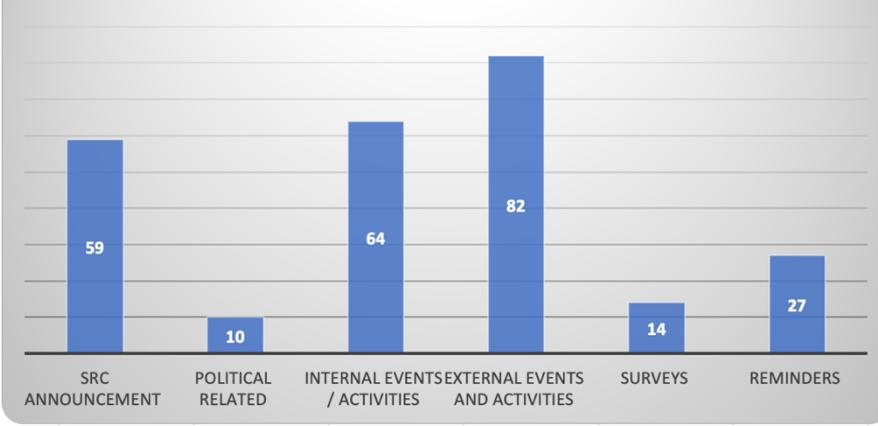
As of 31st May 2023, we have made a total of 29 posts across different categories, receiving a total of 256 likes. The categories include SRC Announcements, Political Related Posts, Internal Events/Activities, External Events/Activities, Surveys, and Reminders. The following table presents the breakdown:

category	Number of posts	Likes	like/post
SRC Announcement	7	59	8
Political Related	2	10	5
Internal Events / Activities	7	64	9
External Events and Activities	5	82	16
Surveys	3	14	5
Reminders	5	27	5
Total	29	256	

Our most engaging content appears to be External Events and Activities, with an average of 16 likes per post, while our Political Related posts and Reminders lag behind, both averaging 5 likes per post. However, it's important to note that the engagement is not directly proportional to the volume of posts and due to the low engagement of comments and shares, I've decided to not include them in the analysis.



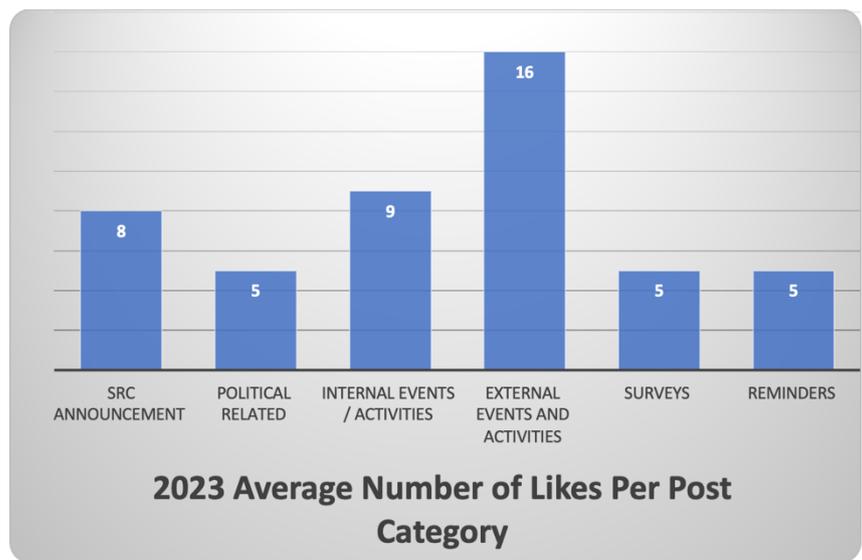
### 2023 Number of Likes by Category



In the first half a year, our social media strategy has taken a noticeable inward turn from last year, focusing more on SRC Announcements and Internal Events/Activities, which make up about 48% of our posts. However, these categories have not been as engaging as we might have hoped, receiving an average of 8 and 9 likes per post, respectively.

A reason for this low engagement might be the nature of the content within these categories. The internal events or activities might not have resonated well with the student community, whether due to their nature, scheduling, or the way they were promoted on social media or maybe students have not successfully integrated with our posing style after the change of student representatives from last year.

Our least frequent category, Political Related posts, are also one of our least engaging, receiving just an average of 5 likes per post. This suggests that our audience may not be as interested in political content as they were in 2022 or simply wanted feeling overwhelmed from last year. Regardless, we can see a clear shift in representative focus here from last year.



The most engaging content category is External Events and Activities.

This category averaging 16 likes per post despite making up just around 17% of our total posts. This suggests that these types of posts are highly interesting to our audience perhaps because they offer more unique opportunities for students, or maybe they're just being promoted more effectively by us than the Internal activities happening around.

Reminders have received a moderate amount of engagement, suggesting that students seem to appreciate being kept updated and reminded about important dates, deadlines, or events.

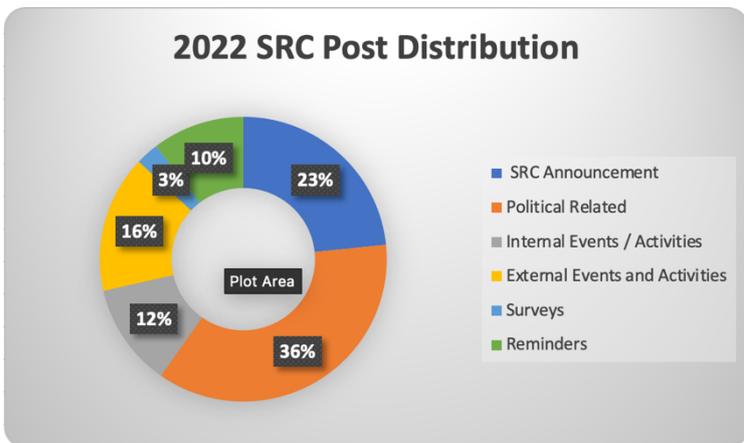
In summary, our current performance reveals a discrepancy between the volume of posts and the level of engagement, indicating that we need to reconsider our content strategy to better align with our audience's interests. By understanding these nuances, we can identify opportunities for improvement and work towards enhancing our social media engagement.

In summary, our current performance reveals some discrepancy between the volume of posts and the level of engagement. It's crucial to consider our social media postings to better align with student interest and frequently identifying ways to promote and enhance social media engagement.

#### 4. Comparison with Previous Year's Performance (2022)

Under the 2022 Student Representative Council, they made a total of 77 posts and received 1729 likes. This year's performance shows a significant decline in both post volume and overall engagement proportionally. The breakdown for 2022 is as follows:

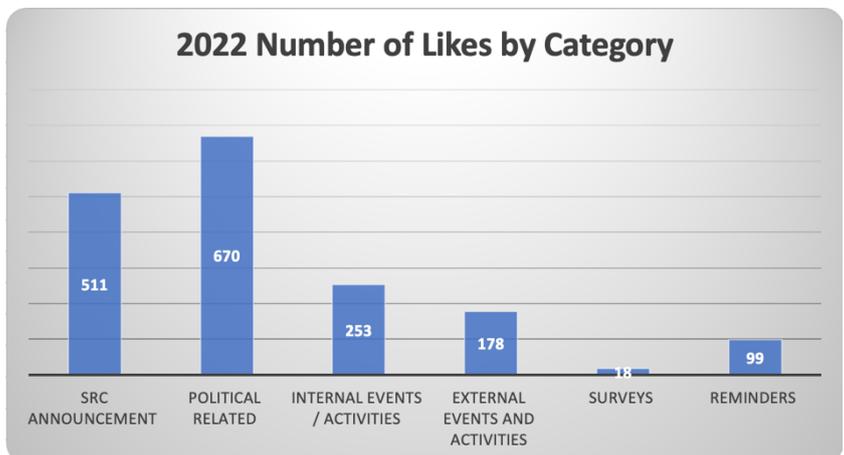
SRC Announcement	18	511	28
Political Related	28	670	24
Internal Events / Activities	9	253	28
External Events and Activities	12	178	15
Surveys	2	18	9
Reminders	8	99	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1729</b>	

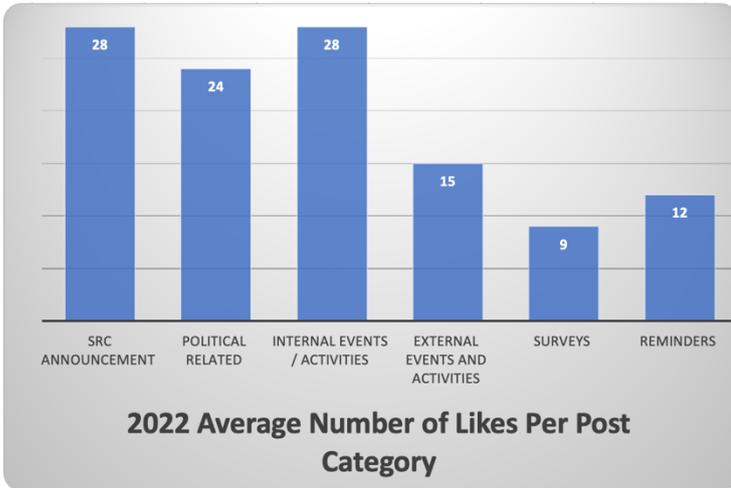


In 2022, SRC Announcements and Internal Events/Activities both received a higher average of likes per post (28), suggesting a higher interest or resonance with the student body in these areas. On the other hand, the most substantial total likes (670) were for Political Related posts, indicating that while these posts were more frequent, they also drew a significant amount of attention back then which we are all very much aware.

Comparing the performance metrics of the current and previous years provides us with a deeper understanding of our student body's behavior. For example, we can see from the volume and engagement of the Political Related Posts that the SRC facebook page has provided some more vocal students with a platform to engage in discussion on hot political topics, controversial ideas and other debatable opinions. They feel the necessity to express opinions and want to stay informed. However, It's worth to flag that as a

Comparing the performance metrics of the





representative body, the impacts of controversy is real. Constant engagement with politically inclined topics can lead to polarization within the student community, potential misinformation, or even external legal or public relations issues for SRC. We can see many examples as such in the past when you scroll down.

On the other hand, the high engagement in Internal Events/Activities in 2022 could potentially indicate a strong interest from the student body in campus affairs. This engagement may have been driven by the urge

to socialise due to the impacts of COVID-19, or those activities where just highly relevant or beneficial to students back then.

## 5. Insights and Key Learnings

Our analysis reveals a shift in our social media strategy from the previous year. While in 2022 the previous SRC Representatives were more externally focused and political, in 2023 our focus has turned more inward, dealing with student affairs.

In 2023, SRC Announcements and Internal Events collectively make up about 48% of our posts. Despite the higher frequency, their average likes per post are significantly lower than in 2022, suggesting that our audience engagement with these types of content has diminished.

Our social media strategy shift from 2022 to 2023 appears to be reflected in our engagement metrics. While the decision to focus more on student affairs was likely made with the best intentions, it may not have resonated as expected with our students that much.

In particular, the decrease in likes for SRC Announcements and Internal Events/Activities in 2023, despite the higher post frequency, suggests a lack of resonance with the audience. My best guess from looking at those post is that the announcements were not as relevant or exciting, or perhaps the internal events were less appealing or poorly communicated. A lack of diverse content might have also contributed to lower engagement, with the audience possibly seeking more variety in the content categories.

## 6. Recommendations and Conclusion

Given the noticeable decrease in engagement, particularly in the categories of SRC Announcements and Internal Events/Activities, it's clear that we need to reassess our content strategy. Here are a few recommendations:

1. **Increase Student Engagement:** Given the low level of shares and comments, we should introduce strategies to foster increased interaction. This might include posts that directly ask for student input, contests, or engaging content like videos or interactive polls/surveys. We should also encourage shares and likes amongst clubs and societies.
2. **Optimize Posting Frequency:** More posts do not necessarily translate into higher engagement. We need to identify the best times to post when our audience is most active and spread our posts effectively across these times.
3. **Evaluate Content Quality:** Perhaps the drop in engagement is a result of the quality or relevance of our content. We need to ensure that our posts are providing value to our students, addressing their concerns, interests, and needs.

While the performance in 2023 has been underwhelming compared to the previous year just by looking at the data alone, It's prevalent to see that a different representative body will aim differently on how to communicate with their students. Sometimes, we need to look and evaluate posts on a case by case bases to better understand engagement.

Overall, the lack of engagement underscores the need for a more dynamic, responsive, and student-centric approach in our social media strategy. Our goal should be not just to be the 'voice on campus' but also to create a space where every student feels heard, represented, and engaged.

**If you have any questions, feedback or concerns regarding this report, please feel free to contact me (Aiden Zeyang Wang) via [a1837337@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:a1837337@adelaide.edu.au) .**

## Appendix 4: Disability Survey Form

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HWmQmUVCHX\\_19zeDuzFCiRSGj8c-Z4EZGtkRnV3Wi0A/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HWmQmUVCHX_19zeDuzFCiRSGj8c-Z4EZGtkRnV3Wi0A/edit)

### Feedback - Disability Support

Hi there, firstly, I appreciate you all are taking time to open this form. I am Yuka in the final year bachelor of media, and working as SRC Disability Officer. I am working to improve the school facilities and equipment, I would love to hear from you about your experience! Thank you for supporting me, and I will do my best to solve the issues for us.

Switch accounts



 Not shared

\* Indicates required question

What are you studying? \*

Your answer

Are you happy with support from disability team or university in your uni life? \*

- 1 Awful
- 2 Not very good
- 3 Good
- 4 Really good
- 5 Brilliant

5 Brilliant

Are you happy with school facilities and equipment?

1 Awful

2 Not very good

3 Good

4 Really good

5 Brilliant

What do you want uni to change? Please write down any advice if you are not happy with your current support or school facilities and equipment.

Your answer

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Are you happy to be contacted by disability team or me about your answer to discuss? If yes, please write down your student number and name.

Your answer

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Submit

Clear form

Never submit passwords through Google Forms.