

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Wednesday 5th March 2025, 6:00pm

University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Ligertwood 316

Zoom Link:

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

- General Secretary: Edward Archer
- Education Officer: Edward Faulkner
- Environmental Officer: Colby Miles
- International Student Officer: Akshay Agarwal
- Mature Age Officer: Nick Li
- Postgraduate (Coursework): Janini
- Rural Officer: Oscar Harding
- Welfare Officer: Patrick Pile
- Women's Officer: Lin Huang
- Queer Officer: April Glyn-Roe

1.3. Apologies

1.4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: that the agenda as circulated be adopted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion Carried/Failed

1.5. Welcome

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Recommendation: That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 16th December 2024 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

ACTION	PERSON	STATUS
SRC Counter guide Get update from YouX on printing budget and potential dates. Additionally, send to marketing for approval.	Edward Archer, General Secretary	Ongoing

4. **Correspondence**
5. **New Members**
6. **Motions on Notice**
7. **Office Bearer Reports**

7.1. General Secretary

Welcome to our first scheduled meeting of the 2025 Student Representative Council, I look forward to having a productive year on council fighting for the interests of students.

My primary concern at the moment for the SRC is the filling of vacancies. It is unfortunate that participants in the election were disqualified for poor behaviour in the election, and this has left the council with 15 vacancies. Additionally, the ATSI officer and the Waite officer did not renew their YouX membership, voiding their membership of the council and bringing the total vacancies to 17. I have been in discussion with YouX and the University around how these vacancies should be filled in a fair and equitable way and hope to have this resolved soon. The ATSI and Waite Officer will be opened up to the casual vacancy policy once this is decided upon.

I also wanted to touch on some of the work I have done in advocating for students around the time of the merger. A couple weeks ago, ABC Radio contacted me to comment on the University's *Contemporary Degrees for the Future* media release. While the release was broad and didn't address many concerns, I spoke to a sense of cautious optimism and that the University seemed to be moving in the right direction.

As such, a primary concern of this SRC should be the academic and service changes around the merger. The SRC should advocate for the best outcome for students and stress the importance of putting those who come to university to study and contribute to society above all other priorities. In my role as General Secretary, I will investigate the possibility of an education campaign on issues such as lectures and reach out to the University of South Australia Student Association for possible collaboration.

7.2. Education Officer

While it early in my term as the Education Officer I thought I should update the council on some of the work I have been.

My main priorities at the moment are:

1. Engaging with the University Education Committee alongside Patrick Pile, our welfare officer.
2. Working with the General Secretary on possible Education campaigns.

From my experience talking to students, the greatest concern that students have at the moment is the how their course experience will be changed by the new institution. This is especially true for students such as me that will likely be graduating at the new university and may be concerned about the possibilities of trimesters or the lack of face-to-face lectures.

With that, I'll keep my report short and look forward to this council getting behind some education campaigns and advocating for students.

7.3. Queer Officer

First and foremost I would like to thank the YouX Student Representative Council for appointing me to the role of SRC Executive at our Special Council Meeting in December. The opportunity to represent and fight for the rights of the many LGBTQIA+ students we have at the University of Adelaide on SRC Executive is not one I intend to let go to waste especially considering that we appear to be at a historical crossroads.

In the meantime however, the past few months have been extraordinarily confronting for the Transgender community - with the recent election and inauguration of President Donald J Trump in the United States emboldening a number of individuals to either discriminate or advocate for discrimination against the Transgender members of our community. There are a number of LGBTQIA+ students here at the University of Adelaide who come from or have partners or friends residing within the United States. Consequently, the actions of the new administration have particularly hit home for many students with there existing many concerns for the welfare and safety of their loved ones – a point I made sure to deliver to the South Australian Premier when I spoke with them late last year. There does not currently exist a way for LGBTQIA+ Americans to request asylum in Australia which is of particular concern considering the recent change in passport regulations. Advocating for the establishment of such a pathway is one such avenue I may wish to explore over the duration of my term as Queer Officer.

The establishment of a permanent Queer Rights Committee here at the University of Adelaide is one I have been in constant communication with many people on for months. There currently exists no avenue for LGBTQIA+ students to explore activism here at university due to consistent misuse of the role of Queer Officer – a role I do not expect to be in indefinitely. The role, and by extension the Committee, should serve as an outlet for LGBTQIA+ students to fight for their rights, normalise our collective presence on-campus, as well as join with other bodies to advocate on the issues that matter to students as a whole. The rules that the University of Adelaide Pride Club have to abide by does not allow for a substantive degree of freedom when it comes to matters of advocacy but nonetheless it has been majorly successful in recent years in advocating for LGBTQIA+ rights on-campus. There should be a strong connection between the Committee and the Club due to the strong likelihood of membership crossover, but the latter (and especially the Rainbow Room) should remain a safe, secure, social environment where students are able to connect with others and explore their gender identity.

Through this Committee, I wish to advocate for more progressive access to gender affirming care especially since it seems to be coming under the microscope from multiple Australian Governments. Personally, I struggled to get Hormone Replacement Therapy due to medical gate-keeping as well as lack of informational resources and it led to a massive decline in my mental health. This is the primary reason on why I transferred from Flinders University to the University of Adelaide at the end of 2022 – I needed a change in environment. With the recent ban on Hormone Replacement Therapy for young people in Queensland it is steadily becoming apparent that the question of Gender Affirming Care in general will be on the agenda of conservative governments across Australia. On the long-term, I also aim to put Intersex issues on the front of the public Agenda as I believe it to be both unjust and disgusting that many children who do not fit into the gender binary are forcefully operated

on sometimes even without the consent or knowledge of parents in an attempt to fit them into the category of either male or female.

Finally, I would also like to formally condemn the decision of On Dit's editorial team to publish the article titled “Why you actually agree with TERFs” in Issue 92.4 as well as choose to debate the basic human right to an abortion in Issue 92.7: Elle Dit – a special edition that has traditionally served as a voice for progressive activism as well as a mouthpiece for women to fight and express frustration with the patriarchal elements of our system and society. As a Transgender Woman, I stand in solidarity with the many members of our community, especially the Women's Collective, who were let down by this disgraceful decision and call for the debate in question to be removed from On Dit's online account. I also wish to denounce the decision of On Dit's social media team to publicly attack the Pride Club as well as covertly target the Pride Club in the aftermath of students rightfully being upset and raising concerns. There has been an immense amount of solidarity express privately between the many existing clubs on campus with there being a clear, concise, almost unanimous agreement that advocating for discrimination against Transgender people is wrong and not what YouX, clubs, nor the University of Adelaide stands for.

Heading into the new semester I also wish to thank the broader LGBTQIA+ community for placing their trust and faith in my ability to exercise my role and duties. I will endeavour to do the best I physically can do to represent and fight for the further enfranchisement of our united community as well as fight my absolute hardest to combat all forms of discrimination at the University of Adelaide both now and into the future.

Ad Future,

April Glynn-Roe

The YouX SRC Queer Rights Committee

Purpose:

The viewpoints, experiences, and opinions of LGBTQIA+ students have often not been in consideration as often as they should have been recently at the University of Adelaide. Therefore, it is necessary to develop a Committee that can directly advise multiple groups all across the University about the issues that face LGBTQIA+ students so as to help build a safer and more inclusive on-campus environment. It is worth noting that the University of Adelaide Pride Club does not solely serve the purpose of being an body that fights for LGBTQIA+ rights but also exists as a safe space that many students use to experiment with their gender identity and make new friends. Thus, it is important to keep the structures of the Pride Club and Queer Rights Committee as separate as possible whilst keeping them intrinsically linked due to the quality of the viewpoints and experiences that the former can offer.

Motion:

1. SRC creates the SRC Queer Rights Committee under Section 7c of the SRC Constitution and immediately resolves to appoint the SRC Queer Officer as its chair.
2. SRC commits to eventually investigating the possibility of setting aside an annual budget that can aid the Queer Rights Committee in completing its duties and projects.

3. SRC expresses its belief that the SRC Queer Rights Committee should be maintained in some capacity with the merger between USASA and YouX being right around the corner.

Action:

1. SRC Social Media Administrators make a post on Instagram and Facebook stating that the SRC Queer Officer is seeking expressions of interest for involvement in the SRC Queer Rights Committee alongside a link to its application form.
2. SRC Queer Officer reaches out to those who have privately expressed interest in the recent past about being involved in the SRC Queer Rights Committee.

Moved: April Glynn-Roe

Seconded:

Motion Carried/Failed

The Eternity Gate

Purpose:

For years, many Transgender and Gender Diverse people have been ignored by the health system due to doctors following strict guidelines that ignore people who do not conform to harmful medical stereotypes. This lack of support and medical gatekeeping over what feels like an eternity often causes a spiralling of mental and physical health that impacts upon the ability of Transgender and Gender Diverse students to continue their studies. Finding a GP who is willing to provide Gender Affirming Care under the Informed Consent Model is essential as to improving the health of Transgender and Gender Diverse students at the University of Adelaide as it trusts in their inherent ability to best understand their own gender identity.

Motion:

1. SRC acknowledges the pain and suffering that medical gate-keeping causes and recognises the importance of providing Gender Affirming Care to the many Transgender and Gender Diverse students at the University of Adelaide.
2. SRC commits to supporting any relevant campaigns led by currently elected members pertaining to the issue of Gender Affirming Care in the near future.

Action:

1. SRC Queer Officer investigates whether there is a General Practitioner at the University Health Practice willing to practice Hormone Replacement Therapy under the Informed Consent Model.
2. SRC Queer Officer communicates with the University of Adelaide to investigate whether students seeking Gender Affirming Care at the University Health Practice can have their appointments or medications financially subsidised.

Moved: April Glynn-Roe

Seconded:

Motion Carried/Failed

The Student Media Saga: Genesis

Purpose:

The recent publication of the On Dit article 'Why you actually agree with TERFs' has caused an extreme amount of distress for members of the LGBTQIA+ community, with many students and allies expressing outrage on social media. SARAA – the leading organisation for LGBTQIA+ activism in South Australia, has even published a letter it sent to the University of Adelaide Integrity Unit on its website as well as provided a link to it in its monthly newsletter to members. This represents an embarrassment for not only On Dit and YouX but the University of Adelaide community as a whole. Consequently, alterations should be made to the “Rules Concerning Student Media” so as to ensure that this kind of incident does not occur again.

Motion:

1. SRC condemns the decision of On Dit Editors to publish the article titled 'Why you actually agree with TERFs' and condemns their disgusting social media response targeting the Pride Club – a place that has traditionally served as a safe space for many marginalised students.
2. SRC stands in solidarity with the University of Adelaide Pride Club and its members as well as the many students who have experienced distress as a result of the article being published.
3. SRC calls for the YouX Board to add provisions to the 'Rule Concerning Student Media' in Section 6 of its Code of Conduct for On Dit Magazine Editors stating that they must;
 - a. “6.10 Follow the Australian Press Council's Advisory Guidelines for the Reporting on persons with diverse sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics.”
 - b. “6.11 Take a reasonable degree of precautions when publishing articles so as to ensure that there is no misinformation present that could either intentionally or unintentionally mislead readers into adopting discriminatory or bigoted viewpoints.”
 - c. “6.12 Communicate with on-campus autonomous communities and clubs who contain members that may have their mental health negatively impacted by the publishing of an article (as defined by YouX staff) at least a week prior to its publishing.”

Action:

1. SRC General Secretary forwards this Motion to the YouX President and requests that it be added as an Agenda Item for the next YouX Board Meeting.

Moved: April Glynn-Roe

Seconded:

Motion Carried/Failed

SRC Event Liason

Purpose:

For the purpose of holding SRC Events it is necessary to appoint an SRC Event Liaison as specified under the SRC Event Planning Policy. The purpose of the liaisons is to help plan events, maintain event budgets, liaise with external university organisations, and guide individual council members in organising events.

Motion:

1. SRC appoints the current SRC Queer Officer as a 'SRC Event Liaison' for the purposes of organising, coordinating, and assisting other members of council in holding SRC Events.

Moved: April Glynn-Roe

Seconded:

Motion Carried/Failed

SRC Social Media

Purpose:

A reforming of the SRC Social Media Policy is desperately needed due to the upcoming merger placing a lot of stress upon Social Media Administrators. It is also quite clear that some of the policies are simply just not required such as that SRC is presently forced to maintain a Twitter/X Account - a regulation that is particularly unnecessary due to the site's distinct lack of usage amongst students.

Motion:

1. SRC removes 4d., 4e., and 5. of the SRC Social Media Policy.
2. SRC removes 7. of the SRC Council Social Media Policy
3. SRC amends 3a. of the SRC Social Media Policy to read “The SRC’s social media accounts should be used to provide information on its, or SRC Committees', events, campaigns, projects, and services. It shall also exist to keep students informed upon the issues that matter to them.”
4. SRC amends 4b. of the SRC Social Media Policy to read “Facebook content should be concerned only with SRC events, campaigns and services.”

Moved: April Glynn-Roe

Seconded:

Motion Carried/Failed

7.4. Postgraduate (Coursework)

Not submitted

8. General Business



9. Emergent Business

Appendix 1: Minutes of the Special Council Meeting (16 December 2024)

1. Procedural Matters

Meeting Opens:

6:00pm

Edward Archer welcomes to first Council of the year. Acknowledgement of country in absence of Indigenous representative.

Acknowledgement of Country

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April notes all in attendance and notes the Absences.

Attendance

Edward Archer, Oscar Harding, Edward Faulkner, Colby Miles, Patrick Pile, April Glynn-Roe,

Spectators

Nathaniel Winter, Saxon McDonald, Billy Zimmermann

Absences

Nick Li, Janani, Lin Haung, Jayden Thyer, Frank Wu.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion:

That the agenda as circulated be adopted.

Mover: Edward Archer Seconded: Oscar Harding Motion Carried

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

4. Correspondence

6:01

5. New Members

Edward Archer, Oscar Harding, Edward Faulkner, Colby Miles, Patrick Pile, April Glynn-Roe, Nick Li, Janani, Lin Haung, Jayden Thyer, Frank Wu.

6:02

6. Motions on Notice

SRC Executive Election

Motion:

That Billy Zimmermann be appointed as SRC Returning Officer for the election of the SRC Executive.

Moved: Edward Archer Seconded: Patrick Pile Motion Carried

6:02 chair passed to Billy Zimmermann

Two Nominations for Executive: April Glynn-Roe, Oscar Harding. Both elected.

6:04 Nominations closed, chair passed back to Edward Archer.

In absence of third candidate Edward Archer puts forward that Jayde Thyer is the most adequate candidate to fulfil the third sport. The Question was raised whether Jayde could actually be nominated in-absentia. RO deemed the Constitution did not conflict with this.

Chair passed back to Billy Zimmermann.

One In-Absentia Nomination

Nominations Closed. Jayde Thyer Elected.

6:05 Nominations Closed Chair pass back to Edward Archer

Motion:

That the SRC accepts the Returning Officer's report.

Moved: Edward Archer Seconded: Edward Faulkner Motion Carried

SRC Acting President

Motion:

That the SRC acknowledges Edward Archer as the current acting president and that he has all powers and responsibilities of that role including be present on university working groups.

Moved: Edward Archer Seconded: Patrick Pile Motion Carried

6:06

SRC Hand Over

Motion:

That the SRC authorise the hand over of the SRC Bank Account and SRC Social Media Accounts from Aiden Zeyang Wang to Edward Archer.

Moved: Edward Archer Seconded: Oscar Harding Motion Carried

6:07

Oscar mentioning Tuesdays and Wednesday Nights were fine. April mentioned Wednesday Nights at 6:00pm are perfect. All in attendance agreed.

SRC Meeting Schedule

Motion:

That the SRC sets Wednesday 6:00pm fortnightly as the date and time for regular SRC meetings from the first week of academic week.

Moved: Edward Archer Seconded: Colby Miles Motion Carried

6:09

Delegation of Authority

Motion:

The SRC delegates its authority to the Executive from the close of the meeting at which this resolution is passed until the week prior to Orientation Week.

Moved: Edward Archer Seconded: April Glynn-Roe Motion Carried

Meeting Closed 6:10pm