

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**



**Wednesday 04 May 2025, 6:00pm**

**University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Hughes 323**

**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
- 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.

#### 1.5. Welcome

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

ACTION	PERSON	STATUS
<b>SRC Casual Vacancies</b> Executive conducting interviews of applicants.	Edward Archer, General Secretary	Ongoing

### 4. Correspondence

### 5. New Members

## **6. Office Bearer Reports**

### **6.1. The President**

Dear Council Members,

As we march into the exam period, I want to extend my best wishes to all of you. This time can be challenging, and it's crucial to prioritize your mental health and well-being. The University of Adelaide offers a range of support services to assist you:

**Counselling Support:** Free, confidential, short-term professional counselling is available to all enrolled students. You can access individual counselling sessions, workshops, and web-based resources to enhance your well-being.

**Wellbeing Hub:** This platform provides study tips, information on mental health, and advice on relationships and body health to help maximize your well-being.

**Exam Wellbeing Resources:** The University offers resources to help manage exam stress, including revision tips and strategies to maintain mental resilience during this period.

Remember, you're not alone, and support is always available, you can simply search up these resources on google and they pop up Straight at the top.

In terms of student representation, I am honored to have been appointed to the Student Engagement Committee by Justine Robertson, Manager of Students as Partners. This role allows me to actively represent student interests, especially as we approach the final stages of the merger between the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia. I look forward to engaging in meaningful discussions with Justine about the current and future student experience and contributing to initiatives that benefit our diverse student body.

As always, I am here to support you. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [srcpresident@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:srcpresident@adelaide.edu.au).

Your's Sincerely,

Aiden Zeyang Wang

President of the Student Representative Council

### **6.2. Welfare Officer**

Dear Council Members,

Since my last report, I received an email from NUS Welfare Officer Lucy Fawcett regarding the NUS's latest project for 2025. This project is a survey about student well-being. This survey aims to achieve a clear understanding of the main issues that students currently face. The survey will cover a range of issues such as course affordability and placement-related costs, academic experiences and accessibility, Budgeting and housing security, income support and employment conditions and mental health, stress and access to counselling. The goal of this survey is to get a clear student-led picture so that we can push for better support for students, smarter policy and for real change. This survey is

completely anonymous, and students at the end of the survey can opt in to win one of three gift cards. This will also be done on a separate form to ensure that the survey remains anonymous.

On my end, I have started to put up posters on notice boards around campus, and I'm awaiting a response from the university about putting up posters of the surveys around campus. If fellow council members wish to assist anyway, don't hesitate and reach out to me.

Kind Regards,

Patrick Pile

SRC Welfare Officer

### **6.3. Ethno-Cultural Officer**

Dear Council Members,

Over the past few weeks, I have been actively engaging with representatives of various cultural clubs to gather their insights on how we can better support their activities while aligning with the objectives discussed in our previous meeting. Based on these consultations and ongoing research, I have outlined the following preliminary proposals and policies:

#### **1. Increased Funding for Cultural Clubs**

Allocate additional funding to cultural clubs to enhance their capacity to organize meaningful and impactful cultural activities.

#### **2. Simplification of Processes and Administrative Support**

Streamline the application and administrative processes for organizing events. Provide practical support such as assistance with promotion and logistics to reduce the burden on club members.

These initiatives are still in the planning phase. I am currently conducting further research and gathering data—with the support of relevant individuals and departments—to develop a comprehensive proposal. These plans and related motions are expected to be presented in upcoming council meetings.

Additionally, a concern has been raised regarding how the university can support individuals—rather than clubs—in promoting their cultures. As an initial response, I am exploring the possibility of establishing a small-scale grant program to assist individuals in organizing cultural initiatives. This proposal would, of course, require the approval of the council or other appropriate bodies.

I look forward to discussing these initiatives further in future meetings.

Yours sincerely,

Hok Him (Keith) Chou

Ethno-Cultural Officer, Student Representative Council

#### **6.4. Women's Officer**

Purpose:

During the recent final exam period, many female students have been spending extended hours studying in the Hub. This has led to a noticeable shortage of menstrual products, which were already in limited supply. Currently, there are no sanitary product dispensers installed in the women's bathrooms on Level 4 of the Hub, nor is there any accessible contact point for students in need of assistance. This lack of provision has created inconvenience and discomfort for menstruating students. Additionally, the dispensers on Level 3 of the Hub have not been restocked regularly, further exacerbating the issue.

#### **6.5. Disability Officer**

Access issues with document. Will be provided verbally or copy closer to meeting.

#### **6.6. International Student Officer**

Dear Council Members,

Last week, I spoke with some of the international students about where they prefer to study on campus.

All of them informed me that having quiet, comfortable, and well-stocked study spaces to study from helps them focus better and stay motivated.

The Barr Smith Library continues to be popular, especially during exams. But students also wanted more informal places to study in groups or have a quick break. Some thought extra power points, better light, and later opening times in some sections would be appreciated.

I recommend gathering more feedback on space needs for studying from students and perhaps promoting lesser-used areas on campus that are ideal for studying. Having a rough manual of studyspaces would also be helpful for first-year students.

Thank you once again for continuing to place student health and academic success at the top of your agenda.

### **7. Motions on Notice**

#### **Menstrual Products**

Providing free and accessible menstrual products on campus is a matter of basic dignity, inclusivity, and wellbeing. Ensuring that students have access to these essential items would not only alleviate stress during crucial academic periods but also demonstrate a tangible commitment to supporting female students and all who menstruate.

#### **Motion:**

1. SRC advocates for the installation of sanitary product dispensers in all women's bathrooms on Level 4 of the Hub, and for these to be stocked with menstrual pads and other essential items.

2. SRC calls for the regular weekly restocking of menstrual products in the women's bathrooms on Level 3 of the Hub and within the University Library.

**8. General Business**

**9. Emergent Business**

## Appendix 1: Minutes of the Previous Meeting (14<sup>th</sup> May 2025)

### Minutes

#### 10. Procedural Matters

AW opens the meeting at 6:08pm

##### 10.1. 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.

##### 10.2. Attendance

- President: Aiden Wang
- General Secretary: Edward Archer
- Education Officer: Edward Faulkner
- Social Justice Officer: Jarod Xia
- International Student Officer: Jennifer Tran
- Ethno-Cultural Officer: Keith Chu
- Mature Age Officer: Nick Li
- Postgraduate (Coursework): Janini
- Disability Officer: Madhav Aiyappa
- Rural Officer: Oscar Harding
- Waite Office: Weija Zhu
- Welfare Officer: Patrick Pile
- Women's Officer: Lin Huang
- Queer Officer: April Glyn-Roe
- General Councillors:
  - Lachlan Priest
  - Rachel Files
  - Kris Duda
  - Sudharsanan Venkatraman
  - Prasanth Ramesh
  - El Hall
  - Raphael Duffy
  - Adrian Nicolescu

##### 10.3. Apologies

Colby Miles

##### 10.4. Absent

Lin Huang

## 10.5. Adoption of Agenda

### Motion:

That the agenda as circulated be adopted.

**Moved:** Aiden Wang

**Seconded:** Edward Archer

**Motion Carried**

## 10.6. Welcome

## 11. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Recommendation:** That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Edward Archer

**Seconded:** Patrick Pile

**Motion Carried**

## 12. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

ACTION	PERSON	STATUS
SRC Casual Vacancies	Edward Archer, General Secretary	Ongoing

## 13. Correspondence

## 14. New Members

## 15. Office Bearer Reports

### Procedural Motion

To take officer bearer reports as read.

**Moved:** Edward Archer

**Seconded:** Lachlan Priest

**Motion Carried**

## 16. Motions on Notice

AW believes he is the best person to represent the SRC

RD comments that AW shouldn't be representing what the SRC should look like. RD cites the election tribunal and doesn't wish for that to be carried over to the new institution.

AW believes the motion has been misinterpreted

AG points out principal representative is the issues

AW believe the representation should be centralised. AW doesn't feel strongly about it.



AG wants it amended.

AW opens the floor to discussion, no one moves any amendments.

AW states that there should be an independent SRC but points out the level of admin and comms and emphasises the importance of having a single representative.

EA mentions that due to Aiden not being an elected member of the SRC and only appointed, he does not represent students as much as elected members and therefore should not represent the SRC.

### **Delegation of Authority for YouX Amalgamation Related Affairs**

Since early 2024, I have actively represented the SRC as part of the University Merger Student Representation Working Group, advocating for the protection and strengthening of student voice in the context of the proposed amalgamation between the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia.

Through these efforts, it has been agreed between YouX, USASA, and the universities that a Student Representative Council will continue to exist within the new student association. However the governance, form and membership of the SRC has not been established and its currently an ongoing process.

Given the pace of developments and the importance to perform actions to ensure the SRC's interests are properly explored, protected, and advanced during this transitional and uncertain period, it is appropriate for Council to formally delegate authority to the President to act as the principal representative on merger-related matters.

### **Motion:**

That the Student Representative Council:

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

**Moved:** Aiden Wang

**Seconded:** Nick Li

**Motion Failed**

AG wishes to comment, defers to OH

OH comments on the point of leadership, that he is only the leader of his honour group and that doesn't justify appointment.

AG believe the answers to the questions asked by the executive were not satisfactory

AW believes Allen is the right person due to planning and club experience.

AG still concerned and that the question asked to Allen were not able to answer by him and would often deflect.

EA moves procedural motion to limit speaking time to 1 minute per person per motion.

**Procedural Motion:**

To limit speaking time to 1 minute per person per motion.

**Moved:** Edward Archer

**Seconded:** Patrick Pile

**Motion Carried**

AW asks for final comments before moving onto voting.

**Executive Recommendation – HDR Officer**

The Executive did not include the appointment of the HDR Officer in the previous meeting's recommendations. For this meeting, the Executive now formally recommends the following to Council:

**Motion:**

That the Student Representative Council:

- Appoints Yuchen (Allen) Xie to the position of Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Officer for the remainder of the 2025 term, as recommended by the Executive.

**Moved:** Aiden Wang

**Seconded:** Jared Xia

**Motion Failed**

EH comments that appointing members of council is the primary way that progress gains power in student institutions.

**Procedural Governance**

As I step in to the role of SRC President, I'm bring a few procedural compliance matters to the council's attention for approval:

**Motion:**

That the Student Representative Council:

- Authorises Aiden Zeyang Wang (President) as a signatory to the SRC bank account;
- Appoints Edward Archer as the new Public Officer of the Student Representative Council (Adelaide) Incorporated;

**Moved:** Aiden Wang

**Seconded:** Edward Archer

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: Executive Election – General Executive Member**

That the Student Representative Council:

- Holds an election at this meeting to fill the vacant General Executive member position previously held by Jayde Thyer, in accordance with the SRC Constitution.

**Moved:** Aiden Wang

**Seconded:** Jared Xia

**Motion Carried**

AW nominates Nathaniel Winter as returning officer.

JB nominates for Exec vacancy.

NW declares JB elected due to lack of other nominations.

AW motions to move the SRC in camera to discuss confidential matters for the merger.

**Procedural Motion:**

To move the SRC in Camera to discuss matter relating to the merger.

**Moved:** Aiden Wang

**Seconded:** Jared Xia

**Motion Failed**

AW clarifies that the council definitely doesn't want to hear about this information relating to the merger.

EA changes his mind and moves in camera motion.

**Procedural Motion:**

To move the SRC in Camera to discuss matter relating to the merger.

**Moved:** Edward Archer

**Seconded:** Aiden Wang

**Motion Carried**

The SRC moves in camera at 6:36pm.

SRC moves ex camera at 6:52pm

**Campaign Liaison**

~~If there are interested members, I would like to move a motion to appoint a member of council as a Campaign Liaison and if necessary to conduct an election under the simple majority voting system.~~

**Motion:**

~~For SRC to recognise a member of council as the campaign liaison. Their responsibility is to:~~

- ~~1. Provide weekly reports to the SRC on the progress of ongoing campaigns~~
- ~~2. To assist campaign organisers in the coordination and running of campaigns~~

~~**Moved:** Edward Archer~~

~~**Seconded:**~~

~~**Motion Carried/Failed**~~

EA amends his motion to a committee instead of single liaison.

### **Campaign Committee**

If there are interested members, I would like to move a motion to appoint five members of council as to the SRC Campaign Committee for the purpose of assisting with the running of ongoing campaigns and providing reports to council.

#### **Motion:**

For SRC to authorise the General Secretary to appoint five members of council to an SRC Campaigns Committee. Their responsibility is to:

1. Provide weekly reports to the SRC on the progress of ongoing campaigns
2. To assist campaign organisers in the coordination and running of campaigns

**Moved:** Edward Archer

**Seconded:** Edward Faulkner

**Motion Carried**

EH speak to motion on the day of cation re trump. EH congratulates Australia for its resounding rejection of trump style politics at the federal election and highlights the need to advocate for further cutting ties to the US.

EA agrees with EH's assessment of the election, but moves an amendment to remove the sentence "The \$368 billion earmarked for nuclear-powered submarines as part of the AUKUS deal should be spent on healthcare, education, and housing". Lachlan priest agrees and seconds the amendment.

RD disagrees and believes removing these parts of the motion negates the motion.

#### **Amendment:**

To remove "The \$368 billion earmarked for nuclear-powered submarines as part of the AUKUS deal should be spent on healthcare, education, and housing." from the motion.

**Moved:** Edward Archer

**Seconded:** Lachlan Priest

**Motion Failed**

### **National Day of Action to Cut Ties with Trump's America**

Far-right billionaire Donald Trump sits at the head of the most powerful and militaristic state in the world. He is using that power to spearhead a revival of American military supremacy and a global movement of reaction against working-class people and oppressed groups.

Australia is not immune from these global shifts in politics. Billionaires here like Clive Palmer and Gina Rinehart have embraced the cause of Trumpism and want to push politics to the right here as well.

Students need to stand up to this far-right threat and demand that Australia cut ties with Trump's America. The \$368 billion earmarked for nuclear-powered submarines as part of the AUKUS deal should be spent on healthcare, education, and housing.

The 24 May National Day of Action demanding Australia cut ties with Trump's America is an important initiative on the part of Students for Palestine groups, independent peace activists, IPAN, Labor Against War, and other organisations. The SRC welcomes this initiative and pledges its support.

**Action**

1. The SRC endorses the 24 May National Day of Action demanding Australia cut ties with Trump's America;
2. The SRC will help to promote local protests happening around the country as part of this National Day of Action;
3. The SRC authorises its members to speak at local rallies as SRC representatives.

**Moved:** El Hall

**Seconded:** Raphael Duffy

**Motion Failed**

**17. General Business**

EA moves motion to appoint himself as representative of the SRC in merger matter given he is the most senior elected member of the SRC and has been providing the council with updates on the merger since his term has started.

**Motion:**

That the Student Representative Council:

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

**Moved:** Edward Archer

**Seconded:** April Glynn-Roe

**Motion Carried**

**18. Emergent Business.**

AW close the meeting at 7:18pm