

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Wednesday 19 March 2025, 6:00pm

University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Ligertwood 316

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.

Moved: Edward Archer

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

SRC Casual Vacancies	Edward Archer, General Secretary	Ongoing
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4. Correspondence

5. New Members

6. Motions on Notice

SRC Queer Rights Department

Purpose:

- At the last council meeting the SRC Queer Rights Committee was formed under Section 7c of the SRC Constitution. This section also specifies that “powers, functions and composition” should be brought into effect in regulation. For the purposes of fulfilling this part of the Constitution it is therefore necessary for council to legitimise and confirm these regulations as now being existent. It has been decided upon by a vote of Pride Club members that using the name SRC Queer Rights Department sounds more official and allows it to serve more as a direct continuation of the Sexuality Department that once existed on SRC.

Motion:

1. SRC changes the name of the SRC Queer Rights Committee to the SRC Queer Rights Department,
2. The SRC Queer Rights Department Regulations document shall be in effect for all stated purposes and reasons relating to said group. All future SRC Queer Officers are expected to make a fair attempt to fairly represent the group to an adequate standard.
3. SRC expresses the opinion that each SRC Officer that serves on a SRC Committee, Department, or Collective should be expected to make every reasonable effort to campaign and fight on behalf of the members of their respective group/s.
4. SRC confirms that the SRC Queer Rights Department is the legitimate successor of the former Sexuality Department that once existed within the Students' Association of the University of Adelaide (SAUA).

Action:

1. SRC directs YouX staff to attempt to find any and all records which remain that relate to the former Sexuality Department for the purposes of ensuring continuation as well as preserving Queer history.

Mover: April Glynn-Roe

Seconder:

Motion Carried/Failed

SRC Queer Rights Department Regulations

Motion:

That the SRC approves the attached regulations for the SRC Queer Rights Department seen in Appendix 1.

Moved: April Glynn-Roe

Seconded:

Motion Carried/Failed

12.22 Condemning Hazing, and commending the community cohesion achieved by the South Australian residential colleges through SAAUCC as a role model for intercollegiate affairs across Australia

Preamble:

The vast majority of people who choose to attend college are rural and regional students who don't have connections in the city and wish to find their place and people while at uni. When operated effectively, safely and inclusively, residential colleges become some of the most cohesive communities of tertiary students in Australia.

This strong community bond is compounded by Intercollegiate activities such as sporting competitions and social gatherings. In South Australia, an exceptional community has been built between Lincoln College, Aquinas College, St Mark's College, Flinders Uni Hall, and St Ann's College through their intercollegiate association SAAUCC (South Australian Association of University College Clubs). It is imperative to highlight the many positive impacts that residential colleges have had, in light of the recent hazing incidents this year, which are beyond despicable.

Action:

1. The NUS will Initiate correspondence with NAAUC (National Association of Australian University Colleges) to articulate its commendation of the work of SAAUCC, and its condemnation of the recent hazing events this year

7. Office Bearer Reports

7.1. Environmental Officer

Request to deliver report verbally during the meeting.

7.2. Welfare Officer

With the university semester just recently starting, students are returning to the swing of things and adjusting to university life once again. There are a couple of things that my fellow students have brought to my attention from O-week to the present.

1. Students from first and second-year programs are concerned about the changes to their programs when the merger takes effect on the 1st of January 2026. The main areas of concern are campus movement between UoA and UniSA campuses and what the university will do to help students who will have to travel to multiple campuses.

2. First-year students felt unsettled during O-Week by a political student group that didn't have an official stall. Students have suggested that certain areas should be off limits at all times. An example would be in front of Hub Central where most students flow through throughout the day.

Other than the areas of concern, I will be visiting the food pantry throughout the university semester to discuss ways that the food pantry can be improved. I also hope to be able to attend the food pantry committee meetings to see how it's being operated and ensure that the food pantry committee is acting in the best interests of the students. I will continue to bring forward any issues that affect a student's welfare to the SRC to ensure that they are having the best possible university experience.

7.3. Women's Officer

Not submitted.

7.4. Mature Aged Officer

Not submitted.

7.5. Rural Officer

I want to first thank, and express gratitude to the voters who accepted me onto the SRC in the role of Rural Officer and for also provisionally electing my fellow boons Oliver and Madhav, in the recent student elections.

After living in the regional Riverland town of Barmera for most of my life, I moved down to Adelaide to study chemical engineering in 2023. I currently board at St Ann's College in North Adelaide, where I have the privilege of living with 116 Rural, 58 Interstate, and 20 Overseas students. I am honored to consider friends like these a core constituency, not just at Anns but also the other residential colleges, St Marks, Aquinas, and Lincoln, and boarders elsewhere. It is a unique cohort that lives at most 20 minutes away from North Terrace, and in my opinion, houses the greatest and most cohesive community of Tertiary Students in South Australia. Holding this office puts me in the best position to address their grievances to the SRC when they arise.

On the current Trimester discussion, I have asked around St. Ann's College to hear various opinions. One was that that 3 course Trimesters does sound appealing to some students, as they often feel with four course semesters that they are always neglecting one of their subjects, although the terms would be shorter. Another was a unanimous rejection of 4 course trimesters, which would cram 12 courses into the academic year. I also heard some students ask why Adelaide Uni should change from something that works well and uproot the whole system in the process.

It is important to note that a transition to Trimesters would completely disrupt how and when intercollege events (between Flinders Uni Hall, St Marks, Lincoln, Aquinas, and St Ann's) with the Douglas Irving High Table Cup get organised throughout the year. Trimesters would also add another exam period, and fragment breaks from Uni into more but at shorter lengths. It is imperative that the Universities take the residential colleges with them in the merging process and consult them often and at every turn.

Being in such close proximity to campus, collegians are also hit hard by the news regarding plans to can face to face lectures. Again, I am truly grateful to be able to do good with this position and continue to make the most of canvassing the opinions and concerns of the Rural community and the colleges to the SRC.

I would also like to take this opportunity to speak briefly about NatCon. In the second week of December last year, fellow UoA students Ed Archer, Saxon McDonald, and myself travelled to Federation University in Ballarat to attend the conference. I was awarded this opportunity after being elected as a NUS delegate in last year's elections, seizing the chance to go in and bat for my fellow college punters.

It was here that I had the chance to move a motion of my own, which condemned recent hazing incidents in the eastern states and commended the work of the South Australian Association of University College Clubs (SAAUCC for short) in fostering a safe and inclusive community in 2024 as the gold standard for intercollegiate affairs across the country. I am proud to say that it passed and is now NUS policy.

I seek to table said document if possible.

To wrap this up I do want to thank the conference organiser Ben Naiju, Former NUS President Ngaire Bogemann, Student Unity leaders Sabine, Jonothan, Lucy and Aiden, and SA Unity state convenors Oliver, Nathaniel, and Ed for their efforts. Yet, we have the most to thank for in the mighty St Ann's Boons and St Marks' Lions, who helped to elect myself as an NUS delegate with 742 votes, Ed Archer with 116 votes, and Ellie Venning with 88 votes. It was my pleasure to represent Rebuild and the South Australian colleges, and I look forward to furthering my impact in future NUS endeavours.

8. General Business

9. Emergent Business.

Appendix 1: Minutes of the Previous Meeting (5 March 2025)

Meeting Opened at 6:27

1.1 Acknowledgment of Country

Ed conducts land acknowledgment.

1.2. Attendance

Edward Archer
April Glynn-Roe
Nick Li
Lin Huang
Colby Miles
Edward Faulkner
Janini

Kansas Bird
Sebastian Andrew
Samoda Silva
Adrian Niculescu
Aiden Zeyang Wang
Saxon McDonald

1.3 Apologies

Patrick Pile

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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

Moved: Edward Archer

Seconded: Edward Faulkner

Motion Carried

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

Ed briefly spoke on the SRC counter guide in getting an update from YouX on printing budget.

4. Motions on Notice

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: Oscar Harding

Motion Carried

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: Edward Faulkner

Motion Carried

April moved an amendment to strike points b and c from original motion and replace them with “6.11 Strive for reasonable factual accuracy, fairness, and adequate disclosure, and make reasonable efforts to avoid presenting content that is untrue, false, inaccurate, or misleading.”

SRC Event Liaison

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: Oscar Harding

Motion Carried

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: Edward Faulkner

Motion Carried

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 Strive for reasonable factual accuracy, fairness, and adequate disclosure, and make reasonable efforts to avoid presenting content that is untrue, false, inaccurate, or misleading.”

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: Edward Faulkner

Motion Carried

Kansas, out going pride club president - the pride club had warned the university about the harms this

media can have, talked about how posters made members of the pride club visiting the rainbow feel unsafe.

Observer – More precautions need to be taken to protect these students from targeted attacks

Ed Archer- speaks on his disappointment on On Dits choice to publish

Oscar – Talks about the the damaged reputation of On dit and other publication that publish similar articles.

Kansas – Talks about her involvement with On Dit And impact it has on the community and the disappointment when the magazine publishes this sort of article.

Ed Archer – Mention his disappointment in the decline of On Dits quality as one of the oldest student Magazines

April thanking room for consultation

Other Business

Adrian speaking been given information regarding legal advice needs in-camera session to discuss content been provided. Noting he can only give information cannot comment on it.

Janini comment in-person report from post-grad students on --

Back to discussion on in-camera.

Motion

1. That council discuss the matters mentioned by Adrain N. in camera as it relates to confidential legal advice provided to YouX.

Moved: Edward Faulkner

Seconded: Oscar Harding

Motion Carried

Council in camera at 7:19.

Council ex camera at 7:32

Passing chair to Edward F for moment. Brief comment that we cannot talk about content. Chair passed back.

Aiden briefly talking about the committee how regulations are required.
April talks about already having regulations.

Aiden question about merger Ed meeting with Jenny

Edward A passing chair to Ed Faulkner to comment.

SRC has a role to play in the merger. Academic side talked about. YouX does take the main role due to the role it will play with clubs. SRC plays more of a role with students rather than administration. Not invited to any of the merger committee meetings which is disappointing. SRC likely doing campaigns through the year regarding education in the merger. Brief one last year but not a whole lot was done. Defending face to face lectures due to many students preferring them. Doesnt see how removing option of in-person good.

Passing chair back to Edward Archer.

Motion

2. That council discuss the matters mentioned by Adrain N. in camera as it relates to confidential legal advice provided to YouX.

Moved: Nick Li

Seconded: Lin Haung

Motion Carried

Council in camera at 7:40pm

Council ex camera at 7:44pm

Edward apologises for the multiple in camera sessions.

Meeting closes at 7:46pm.

Appendix 2: Regulations regarding the SRC Queer Rights Department

SRC Queer Rights Department Regulations

1. The SRC Queer Rights Department shall function as an activist body that can focus upon protecting and fighting for the rights and welfare of LGBTQIA+ students at Adelaide University. It shall have the power to represent, argue, and bargain on behalf of LGBTQIA+ students and reserves the right to participate in the organisation of protests, rallies, and campaigns that further its aims and objectives.

2. The Members of the SRC Queer Rights Department shall resolve to;

2.1. Follow the University of Adelaide Pride Club's Club's Code of Conduct,

2.2. Follow the Aims & Objectives of the University of Adelaide Pride Club to the best of their ability,

2.3. Accept responsibility and accept the consequences for any individual and/or collective actions which they commit that directly hurts or has the potential to damage the longevity of the University of Adelaide Pride Club,

2.4. Put Queer Rights above that of personal, ideological, financial, or political interest,

2.5. Individually not miss more than three meetings in a row, at which point the Chair may at their discretion declare the position vacant.

3. Each Member of the SRC Queer Rights Department has the right to;

3.1. Move 'Items for Discussion' as well as 'Motions' and 'Resolutions' at official meetings of the Department,

3.2. Take the lead on personal Queer activist projects, both at university and outside, that the Department has agreed to support,

3.3. Freely express their personal opinion at meetings of the Department without fear of reprisal, so long as they do not violate any of *Section 2* of this document,

3.4. Only have one vote during the voting of Motions and Resolution at official meetings of the Department.

4. The membership of the Queer Rights Working Group shall consist of;

4.1. The **Chair**, whose specific duties shall be but not limited to;

a) Chairing meetings of the Department and resolving to listen and act upon any relevant concerns or ideas that members of the Department have,

b) Taking the lead on directing Department campaigns, initiatives, ideas, and projects as well as keeping the line of communication between members of the Department open,

c) Organising meetings of the Department at least seven days in advance with the assistance of the Deputy Chair,

d) Reserving the right to expel a member of the Department for breaking any of 2 of this document, or alternatively suspend them. Such expulsions and suspensions may be revoked by a simple majority and cannot be repetitively attempted unless new evidence comes to light since such revocation,

e) Reserving the right to veto a Motion or Resolution. This veto however can be over-ridden by a two-thirds majority of voting members present at a meeting.

4.2. The Deputy Chair, whose specific duties shall be but not limited to;

a) Chairing meetings of the Department when the Chair is not present, temporarily incapacitated, or if the position of Chair is vacant,

b) Communicating the date, time, and location of meetings at least seven calendar days in advance to members of the Department via Discord,

c) Writing a meeting Agenda and circulating it to members of the Department at least three hours in advance via Discord,

d) Writing meeting Minutes, and circulating it at most seven calendar days after meetings to members of the Department as well as to members of the University of Adelaide Pride Club via Discord,

4.3. The Vice Chair, whose specific duties shall be but not limited to;

a) Communicating the recent activities, projects, and campaigns, of the SRC Queer Rights Department to SRC,

b) Fighting for the needs of the SRC Queer Rights Department on SRC,

c) Chairing meetings of the Department when both the Chair and Deputy Chair is not present, temporarily incapacitated, or if the two positions are vacant,

4.4. General Members (max. 7), whose duties shall be but not limited to;

a) Designing an annual project that they would like for the Department to collectively support and guide them on that would likely lead to an improvement in welfare for LGBTQIA+ students at the University of Adelaide,

b) Accepting any responsibilities and duties that are assigned to them by either the Chair or by the Department as a whole.

5. Each role within the Department has its own set of appointment criteria, which is that;

5.1. The Chair is to be directly appointed by the University of Adelaide Pride Club President at any point within or directly after its Annual General Meeting,

5.2. The Deputy Chair is to be directly appointed by the Chair at any point within its first official meeting of the year. They must first be a General Member of the Department in order to be nominated to the position. They do not lose their role as General Officer but still only have one vote. An individual may not be both Chair and Deputy Chair at once,

5.3. The Vice Chair is to be whoever is holding the position of SRC Queer Officer. However, they must apply and be confirmed by a simple majority vote of all sitting members present (not including themselves) at the first meeting of the Queer Rights Department of the year. If they cannot secure a confirmation, the position stands vacant. They may reapply once every three calendar months. The Vice Chair may simultaneously hold the role of either Chair, or Deputy Chair and General Member,

5.4. General Members are democratically elected by the members of the University of Adelaide Pride Club in a preferential secret balloting system that shall take place not more than one week after the club's Annual General Meeting. The President of the Pride Club may veto a nomination if they do not believe an individual's presence is safe or beneficial for the Queer community. This veto may be overturned by a simple majority vote of Pride Club Committee Members on its official Committee group-chat. In either case, accurate and fair reasons, as well as evidence if required, must be provided to SRC at its next meeting by the Chair. There may not be more than 7 individual General Members at once.

6. Any serious violations of 2 shall at the Chair's discretion lead to the process of Conflict Resolution laid out in The University of Adelaide Pride Club's Constitution.