

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Wednesday 14 May 2025, 6:00pm

University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Hughes 323

AGENDA AND MEETING PAPERS

Minutes

1. Procedural Matters

AW opens the meeting at 6:08pm

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

- 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

1.3. Apologies

Colby Miles

1.4. Absent

Lin Huang

1.5. Adoption of Agenda

Motion:

That the agenda as circulated be adopted.

Moved: Aiden Wang

Seconded: Edward Archer

Motion Carried

1.6. Welcome

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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

Moved: Edward Archer

Seconded: Patrick Pile

Motion Carried

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

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

4. Correspondence

5. New Members

6. Office Bearer Reports

Procedural Motion

To take officer bearer reports as read.

Moved: Edward Archer

Seconded: Lachlan Priest

Motion Carried

7. 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

8. 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.

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Moved: Edward Archer

Seconded: April Glynn-Roe

Motion Carried

9. Emergent Business.

AW close the meeting at 7:18pm