

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**



**Monday, 1st Sep 2025, 6:30 PM**

**University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Ligertwood 111**

**Minuets**

# AGENDA

## 1. Procedural Matters

Meeting opened by Aiden Wang at 6:43pm

### 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

Sheet provided for signing-in, and online attendance recorded.

- President: Aiden Wang
- General Secretary: Sam Andonas
- Education Officer: Harish Thilagan
- Welfare Officer: Danush Lokesh
- Ethno-Cultural Officer: Keith Chou
- Postgraduate (Coursework): Janini Babukrishnan
- Postgraduate HDR Officer: Allen Yucheng Xie
- International Student Officer: Jennifer Tran
- Mature Age Officer: Nick Li
- Disability Officer: Jayden Squire
- Environment Officer: Cheuk Nam Parco Chan
- Queer Officer: Tommy Tung Quang Nguyen
- Roseworthy Officer – Jamie Lam Cheng U
- General Councillors:
  - Sudharsanan Venkatraman
  - Prasanth Ramesh
  - Adrian Niculescu
  - Liam Pham
  - Aashiq Asan Raja Mohideen Batcha
  - Shyam Kumar Madesh

**Late:**

### 1.3. Apologies

N/A

### 1.4. Absences

### 1.5. Adoption of Agenda

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

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang      **Seconded:** Sam Andonas      **Motion Passed**

## 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Motion:** That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting on the 18th of August 2025 as a true and accurate record (Attached).

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang      **Seconded:** Sam Andonas      **Motion Passed**

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**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang      **Seconded:** Sam Andonas      **Motion Passed**

**Motion:** That the reports be taken as read.

**Moved:** Sam Andonas      **Seconded:** Aiden Wang      **Motion Passed**

## 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

| Action                    | Responsible | Status  |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Multicultural Ball Update | Keith       | Ongoing |
| Disaffiliation from NUS   | Aiden       | Ongoing |
| Destress Yoga Initiative  | Lin         | Ongoing |
| Governance related Update | Aiden       | Ongoing |

Keith states that an email received from the representative of the Multicultural ball, that a form for funds has to be submitted, and that the budget forms to be filled in as possible.

Aiden asks to be CC'd for any communication regarding distribution of funds and offers his support on the matter.

Aiden shares that disaffiliation from NUS is pending a meeting with YouX, and so only after this meeting can it be discussed again.

Adrian shares his strong support for disaffiliation from the NUS, hoping that it can be achieved swiftly.

Aiden speaks on the governance matter – reminding those on council to look over the NDAs distributed.

## 4. Correspondence

## **5. New Members**

**General Secretary – Sam Andonas**

**Education Officer – Harish Thilagan**

**Disability Officer – Jayden Squire**

**Welfare Officer – Danush Lokesh**

**Queer Officer – Tommy (Tung Quang Nguyen)**

### **General Councillors:**

**Liam Pham**

**Aashiq Asan Raja Mohideen Batcha,**

**Shyam Kumar Madesh,**

**Ngoc Nam Phuong Pham**

**Xuanjie (Albert) Wang.**

## **6. Office Bearer Reports**

### **6.1. President**

Aiden discusses that he went to the CAPA conference, reporting that one topic raised at the event was international student rights for post-graduate education – informing that there used to be an international student council ‘CISA’ that has now unfortunately been ended with multiple different organisations trying to fill the role simultaneously. Aiden reports that the meeting discussed how international students can be better represented and that he advocated strongly on behalf of University of Adelaide students.

Aiden reported on the NUS diversity conference.

Aiden speaks on the affiliation fees required in the future by the organisation, with CAPA recently making an inquiry regarding fees that he has responded too and now awaits their answer.

Aiden further discusses the upcoming diversity conference, encouraging students to attend the conference as it is a fantastic opportunity and an important event.

Aiden shows council how to find information about the conference within the previous meetings minutes, speaking on how great the conference would be to attend and that preference will be given to the most relevant portfolios before others are covered.

Motion: that the SRC approves officers attending the NUS conference with paid tickets.

**Motion:** That the SRC:

1. Approves portfolio members who wish to attend the NUS conference with council funded tickets.

**Moved:** Aiden Wang

**Seconded:** Keith Chou

**Motion Passed**

Aiden mentions that he has reached out to those running the ‘save our lectures’ campaign, however, has not yet received a response from the group.

Aiden notes progression on the governance matter.

Aiden introduces the stress-less event, reminding council that typically the council sponsors and collaborates every year with the program, and strongly urges the council to do so again.

**Motion:** That the SRC will collaborate with the Stress-Less event, approving \$1000 of sponsorship and attendance at the event.

**Moved:** Aiden Wang      **Seconded:** Sam Andonas      **Motion Passed**

## 6.2. General Secretary

Sam thanks the SRC for being selected, states that he looks forward to working with everyone to represent students of the University of Adelaide, and notes two important governance matters that must be addressed to ensure good governance of the organisation.

**Procedural Motion:** That the SRC votes to transfer signatory of the SRC bank account from Edward Archer to Sam Andonas.

**Moved:** Sam Andonas      **Seconded:** Adrian Niculescu      **Motion Passed**

**Procedural Motion:** That the SRC votes to transfer the role and responsibilities of the organisations public officer, appointing Sam Andonas as the new officer, and to notify the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs of this change under 15(b) of the constitution.

**Moved:** Sam Andonas      **Seconded:** Adrian Niculescu      **Motion Passed**

Sam notes that as public officer he will report the change in public officer to the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs.

## 6.3. Education Officer

*taken as read*

## 6.4. Welfare Officer

## 6.5. Women’s Officer

## 6.6. Queer Officer

*taken as read*

## 6.7. ATSI Officer

## 6.8. Disability Officer

Jayden says some want to turn this University into a degree factory, that changing the lecture model will negatively affect those with disabilities, and urges all on

council and campus to oppose changes to in-person lectures.

**6.9.** Environment Officer

**6.10. Postgraduate Officer – HDR**

*taken as read*

**6.11. Postgraduate Officer – Coursework**

*taken as read*

**6.12. International Student Officer**

*taken as read*

**6.13. Social Justice Officer**

*taken as read*

**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**

N/A

**8. General Business**

Adrian asks to raise a motion, reading a draft of its wording, saying it is not political, only to address an ongoing issue of hate on campus faced by Jewish students, urging the council to act against all actions of hate, stating that this is to take a stance on hate and to foster a respectful environment.

The chair opens comments to the floor in response to the proposed motion, inviting open conversation and debate.

Jayden asks if votes are public record.

Aiden notes that a matter of the constitution is to be voted on by the council - believing that any voting member is entitled to request that their dissent be recorded if requested.

Council discusses if votes are recorded.

Adrian and Jayden converse on the importance of the motion.

The chair invites those online to speak.

The Chair asks Adrian if he recalls that the university has a stance on the matter already and has issued a public email to all members?

Jayden says that it is important to have a university wide campaign against antisemitism – working with the Jewish clubs – highlighting that Jewish students even require have their own room on campus to keep themselves safe due to violent extremism and hate.

Aiden said that SRC is here for all students and that shouldn't the council provide support for all students to stay safe? Questioned if currently university policies have a gap in protection of some students but not others?

Adrian says we should move a motion directly targeting antisemitism rather than all forms due to the importance of addressing and highlighting the specific issue. Aiden said the council's top priority is to ensure all students feel safe at all times and this should also already be the priority of the university.

Jayden adds that he voted last year to protect specifically transgender students, and that we need not pass broad motions, and that it should be no issue to target a motion to this matter even if its specific.

Aiden deliberate his thoughts on the public statement of Uni (through all student emails) re antisemitism and wonders that if it already covers this matter? It appears that this is a more specific protection motion for me to communicate to the university on behalf of council?

Aiden asks for more context and information.

Few council members ask to understand more too.

Adrian restates he would like to move a motion on the council unconditionally condemns the rise in antisemitism in all forms on and off campus.

Sudarshan inquiries about the motions wording, asking if it is right to include 'both on and off campus' due to the SRCs limited powers and capabilities.

Aiden states that council theoretically can pass any motions, but the key issues is enforceability and scope. Prefer to make it only UofA students as we are UofA SRC.

Aiden says that it is important to make students feel safe, but does this mean that if we pass one group, this will also mean we will need to specifically consider separate categories of students in various backgrounds, ethnicity, political beliefs etc? Potentially see an advocacy equity issue and unsure if we should be making any differentiation and just rely on if any specific students are disadvantaged.

Adrian is amenable to changing his motion, and provides the finalised motion to council, saying that there shouldn't be an equity issue here and that there's nothing wrong with advocating protection of students.

The chair asks if the room has any more comments. asks if other SRCs have moved similar motions.

Adrian says that a council in Western Australia has moved a similar motion.

No further comments, the chair calls for a vote.

**Motion:** That the Council:

1. Unconditionally condemns the rise in antisemitism in all its forms in the University of Adelaide.
2. Commits to working actively and collaboratively with Jewish student clubs and representative organisations to combat antisemitism and foster a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all.

3. The council appoints Adrian to be the main point of contact this this motion and liaison. Developments shall be submitted to council for tabling and consideration.

**Moved:** Adrian Niculescu   **Seconded:** Jayden Squire   **Motion Passed Non-Unanimously**

The chair, by request of members notes that three additional members voted in favour per member requests.

Aiden presents a letter from NAPSA, relating to ‘placement poverty,’ from the National President of the National Australian Pharmacy Student Association – and advises that he will report back to council once he has consulted a friend doing a degree relevant to the content of the letter, as no members of the council are aware of this issue.

Aiden shares that he has received a letter from Kyle McCormick regarding a first nations rally, and encourages interested members to participate, noting however that details are not provided in the email.

Adrian notes his concern over the rally as he believes it to be polarising and that it may not be of concern to students.

Sam seeks clarity if Aiden is suggesting that the SRC should not participate, which is confirmed by Adrian.

**Motion:** That the president will respond to the email and ask for more information about the rally and its plans.

**Moved:** Sam Andonas   **Seconded:** Jayden Squire   **Motion Passed**

Aiden notes that after the SRC’s most recent Indigenous Officer graduated, there has not been an Indigenous officer, and that before then, the SRC had not had an Indigenous officer for a while, further stating that the council should be more inclusive on this matter and gain Aboriginal and Torrens Strait islander perspectives on related council matters.

Sam notes the importance of seeking and being aware of Aboriginal and Torrens Strait Islander perspectives on relevant matters before council.

Adrian takes issue with the term ‘sovereignty’ as read in the received email.

## 9. Executive Report

N/A

## 10. Emergent Business

The council is immensely grateful for Emma Smith and the apples she wishes to donate for the SRC food pantry.

Sam notes the wholesome nature of the gesture.

Jayden wishes to move a motion to make the SRCs stance on keeping in-person lectures more publicly known.

Jayden states that choice is incredibly important to have for in-person or online lectures, and that the opportunity to speak to a lecturer after a lecture is incredibly important

Jayden notes that university is even more costly for international students compared to domestic students, and that everyone should be getting good value for their money – with it being important that a stance is taken by the SRC.

**Motion:** That the SRC:

- a) Publicly opposes the reduction of in person lectures,
- b) Via a statement of opposition on the SRC Facebook page.

**Moved:** Jayden Squire

**Seconded:** Sudharsanan Venkatraman

**Motion Passed**

Aiden notes that the council members have received standard form NDA for new members that is a YouX template, moving a motion that council members will send signed NDAs back soon, and that everyone remaining agrees to be bound by the NDA to avoid exposing the council to risk in discussing privileged and confidential matter.

Aiden notes that privileged information must be considered and the advice was to use NDAs.

**Motion:** That the members of the SRC:

- a) Will sign and return the NDAs to the President by the following meeting, and
- b) That members that have not yet signed agree to be bound by the NDA and its contents.

**Moved:** Aiden Wang

**Seconded:** Jayden Squire

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

Aiden states that this is just a procedural mechanism to protect the organisation.

Aiden states that the media has released a news article, lots of allegations in his view against council and himself.

Aiden said it is unfortunate that some past council members where unable to keep things within council to resolve. Also commenting on this matter whilst its still under investigation. that it's unfortunate that they are spreading lots of inaccurate information at the expense of council. This is quite unacceptable.

Members of coucil express agreement to the Chair.

Prasanth asks that isn't this matter currently to be delt with by regulator?

Aiden said yes, then opens the article online for members to view, he notes to council that this matter is currently with CBS and its very inappropriate for some past members to be commenting on things that are subject to ongoing decision by the regulator.

Nick asks if this is a breach?

Aiden said that he is not sure, but its likely inappropriate to make comments whilst things are in the process and not finalised, not believing there being any rules stopping any individual from doing anything around this. However this also might depend on any damage caused to council, which may alter the circumstances.

Jennifer confirms that submission has been made to the CBS – and that it is the CBS who will make the determination if the allegations against council are substantial or not?

Aiden affirmed.

Aiden clarifies that many quotes from the article, which may be the quoted persons right to provide, have already had evidence to the contrary provided to the regulating body, and that the regulator is currently reviewing the matter.

Aiden said that the council ultimately need to first respond and cooperate with the regulator per legal request.

Further, Aiden reports that the article states the attorney general's department has 'got involved,' and will seek clarification regarding this as no determinations has been made as of yet, and that the way this has been expressed by media is quite blurry. It is factual that CBS has only asked for SRC to provide necessary documentation.

Council in our previous meeting also have all the information which the council agreed to publish to media of factual responses.

Further, Aiden notes that contrary to what's been said in the article, an opportunity was provided for the previous General Secretary Edward Archer to respond to accusations to ensure natural justice, however he chose not to appear in front of council. More details have been discussed in camera and submitted to the regulator for review.

Aiden states that the SRC has always and will continue to thoroughly follow the SRC standing orders, constitution, and relevant statutes.

On other point Aiden pointed out was a quite in the news relating to Ed' questioning the organisation in the article being democratic and that accusing of the council opting out for democratic process.

Both YouX and University have responded to this allegation and that just to use public records to counter. There's plenty of public records said before council that filling vacancies are priority and that he is the one who moved motion for council to fill vacancies. It is according the rules and not-undemocratic.

Relevant passages were provided by Aiden to council as these are the confirmed meeting minutes of 19 March, 2nd April and 30 April 2025 and that all public have access to these.

Also, Aiden scrolled the article to address another point and he said to council:

Another key concern I have is process fairness. The article states: “In response to Wang’s denial, Archer said ...”. This suggests the journalist went back to Mr Archer after the council’s written responses were provided but did not return to me as the spokes person for the SRC with those further allegations for comment. In effect, Archer received a sequential right-of-reply, the Council did not. Several assertions (e.g., alleged motive; characterisation of Executive powers etc) were not put to the council in that form before publication.

Aiden said that this is quite unfair and that council should have reasonable right of reply on allegations which were not put to council.

Members agreed and asked Aiden to point out if there’s any other places in the articles that are factually incorrect.

Aiden said that this concludes some general findings which are evident that was not mentioned by media. Anything privileged and confidential determined by council should not be discussed in detail publicly until a determination is made by the regulatory body and felt that he should comment on this specific matter due to in the article, a past member commenting publicly to the media before determination and for some of the key factually incorrect statements is not a good thing to do.

Aiden asks if anyone have any additional questions.

Jayden asked if the chair can go more into details and the facts to present to council. This was echoed by a few other council members.

Aiden said that more than happy to. In the best interest of the origination and that we are likely considering sensitive and confidential information, Aiden suggest council to go in camera.

Members agreed and no further questions.

**Motion:** That this meeting resolves to proceed in camera for the purpose of discussing the above governance matter.

**Moved:** Adrian Niculescu

**Seconded:** Liam Pham

**Motion Passed**

The meeting moves in camera at 8:00pm.

The meeting moves ex-camera 8:25pm.

**11. Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 6:30pm at University of Adelaide North terrace Campus, Ligertwood 111.

Aiden closes the meeting at 8:25pm.