



**Adelaide  
University  
Union**

Adelaide University Union  
Board Meeting Agenda  
January 2022

17-01-2022



## Mission, Vision and Values

### Vision

Our belief is that an educated, engaged and passionate community can change the world for the better.

### Mission

The Union strives to enrich the student experience by ensuring:

- I. that the student voice is heard and valued;
- II. that the full range of student communities is fostered and engaged;
- III. the health, safety and wellbeing of students which allow for development, both individually and collectively.

### Values

Our values lie at the heart of what we do and our commitment to these principles will allow for our individual differences to be overcome.

- Accessible Education

The Union recognises that education is one of the most powerful determinants in a person's life and that it must be accessible for all students regardless of social or economic status.

- Diversity

The Union recognises that within the student community there are many communities defined by gender, ethnicity, faith and economic status, etc. Each community possesses a unique student experience and we value, embrace and promote that diversity.

- Partnership & Community

The Union believes that the University experience will be richer for students if it includes interaction with a broader range of community partners, whether they be social, cultural, sporting, charitable or business.

- Professionalism

The Union recognises that the task of representation requires the highest standards of ethical behaviour, efficacy, and service, as well as management and professional skills all aimed at delivering benefits for students.

- Democracy

The Union is committed to a student organisation governed by the students of the University of Adelaide and seeks to foster and strengthen democratic decision-making processes.



## Adelaide University Union Board Meeting Agenda

For the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2022

In the Board Room at 5:30pm

### **1. Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners and Apologies** **OO**

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### **2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest** **OO**

*That all directors and officers in attendance declare that they have read and considered all papers within this agenda that require decision making and have no known conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest with respect to those matters.*

### **3. Unstarred Agenda Items** **OO**

**Recommendation:**

That all unstarred items are approved.

### **4. Minutes of Previous Meeting** **OO**

**Recommendation:**

That the Board accepts the minutes of the meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 as a true and accurate record.

**5. AUU President's Report\*** **OO**

**6. SRC President Report** **AO**

**7. Any Other Business\***

**8. In Camera Items\***

**9. Close:**

**Next Meeting:** 09/02/2022

**Close of Submissions:** COB 02/02/2022

**Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:**

Oscar Ong (OO)

Ana Obradovic (AO)



## Adelaide University Union Board Meeting Minutes

For the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2021

In the Board Room at 5:30pm

<b>Present:</b>	
Oscar Zi Shao Ong (President)	
Isaac Trumble (Vice-President) (Zoom)	
Luke Allen (Executive, Clubs Committee Chair)	
Emily Deng (Executive)	
Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung (Executive)	
Oliver Douglas (Student Media Committee Chair) (Zoom)	
Grace Franco	<b>Visitors:</b>
Rebecca Etienne	Habibah Jaghoori
Felix Eldridge	
Gary Sutherland (Observer)	<b>Minutes Secretary:</b>
Michael Physick (Observer)	Chuyue (Angela) Qin

*Meeting started at 5:36pm.*

### **1.Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners and Apologies**

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## 3. Casual Vacancy Left by Billy Zimmerman

OO

Oscar Zi Shao Ong explained the background of the motion and noted that Billy Zimmermann has resigned. He outlined that the board could operate efficiently with 9 directors, given there has been a period of time where 8 directors were on the board and there were no impediments to the operation of AUU.

Felix Eldridge said that the board would work optimally with 10 directors. He mentioned that in previous cases, the only reason when there were under 10 directors was a lack of candidates. He said that the board should be filling the vacancy given the opportunity.

### **Recommendation:**

The Board resolves to not fill the Casual Vacancy left by Billy Zimmermann.

**Moved:** Luke Allen

**Seconded:** Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung

**CARRIED**

## 4. Unstarred Agenda Items

OO

Felix Eldridge asked Oscar Zi Shao Ong to explain the starring system.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong explained that the unstarred items won't be discussed, and directors could star additional items if they want. He clarified that motions within the unstarred items will be passed en bloc if the motion in this item passed.

Grace Franco asked when directors could star items. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said they could do so before the motion to approve all unstarred items has been moved, and that he encourages them to contact him before the meeting regarding starring.

Felix Eldridge would like to star item 5. Oscar Zi Shao Ong accepted.

### **Recommendation:**

That all unstarred items are approved.

**Moved:** Felix Eldridge

**Seconded:** Luke Allen

**CARRIED**

## **5. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**OO**

Felix Eldridge asked whether he could vote on the minutes of the previous meeting given he was an observer, but now a board director.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong said he will be able to vote on this motion.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Board accepts the minutes of the meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung

**Seconded:** Felix Eldridge

**CARRIED**

## **6. Appointment of Board Secretary**

**OO**

Moved and carried en bloc with item 4.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Board appoint Chuyue (Angela) Qin to be the Board Secretary.

**CARRIED**

## **7. AUU President's Report\***

**OO**

Oscar Zi Shao Ong went over his report and stressed that he expected the board directors to perform in a high professional manner and hoped that this year would be productive. He encouraged the directors to reach out to him and Gary Sutherland at any time if they would like to discuss matters, especially items in agenda.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong stressed that the clubs have already used all of the grants for the year, even after the additional \$20,000 grants. Gary Sutherland further added that an additional \$20,000 has also been given to critical grants managed by Student Care. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that the directors should be proud of this achievement and all the students they have helped.

## **8. Clubs Committee Chair's Report\***

**LA**

Luke Allen said that he has scheduled the first clubs committee meeting. He mentioned introducing the option for clubs to “freeze” themselves when they became inactive, instead of having to go through the deregistration and reregistration process. Further, he speculated that this could provide leeway to clubs to reconvene and continue to provide services to the students without too much delay.

Grace Franco asked about how long clubs would be allowed to “freeze” themselves, to which Oscar Zi Shao Ong added that the clubs committee could evaluate it on a case-by-case bases and discuss it in the meetings.

**9. Student Media Chair’s Report\***

**OD**

Oliver Douglass said that he has started planning the first Student Media Committee Meeting and will update the board as more information are available.

**10. SRC President Report**

**AO**

**11. Election of the ONE (1) Executive Members\***

**OO**

Oscar Zi Shao Ong clarified that since Billy Zimmermann has resigned, the board must elect another executive member to fill the casual vacancy.

**Recommendation:**

That the Board appoints Gary Sutherland as the Returning Officer.

**Moved:** Felix Eldridge

**Seconded:** Rebecca Etienne

**CARRIED**

*Chair was passed to Gary Sutherland at 5:50pm.*

Nominations for the position were received and accepted by Felix Eldridge and Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung.

Nominations for scrutineer were received and accepted by Luke Allen and Rebecca Etienne.

Gary Sutherland declared that Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung was elected to the position following a vote of 6:3.

*Chair was passed to Oscar Zi Shao Ong at 5:59pm.*

**Recommendation:**

That the board accepts the Returning Officer’s report.



**Moved:** Rebecca Etienne  
**Seconded:** Emily Deng

**CARRIED**

## **12. Any Other Business\***

Felix Eldridge asked if there will be any “Any Other Business” in-camera meeting, to which Oscar Zi Shao Ong said no.

Felix Eldridge commended the lack of in-camera meeting, though he described the reason as “the time is too early for any rule change and too late for any administrative change”.

Oscar Zi Shao stressed that in-camera meetings do also have importance. For example, for commercial-in-confidence reasons.

Gary Sutherland mentioned that the AUU will be closed from 24<sup>th</sup> December to 10<sup>th</sup> January.

<b>13. Close:</b>	<b>6:03pm</b>
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	12/01/2022
<b>Close of Submissions:</b>	COB 05/01/2022

### **Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:**

Oscar Ong (OO)  
Luke Allen (LA)  
Oliver Douglass (OD)  
Ana Obradovic (AO)

**To:** AUU Board  
**Subject:** AUU President's Report  
**Date:** 10/01/2022

### 1. 2022 O'Week

It has been my major focus to ensure O'Week goes ahead face to face for the AUU since I have heard faculties are pushing O'Week to be online. I advocated the issue through multiple channels, and I am glad to confirm that AUU O'Week will be able to go on f2f.

### 2. Meeting with VC and DVCA

I met with the DVCA before the holidays to outline my goals hoping to achieve this year. I mentioned the need for O'Week to be f2f. I also mentioned the need for AUU to get more commercial opportunities.

### 3. Student Engagement Committee Meeting

#### Mental health support at Roseworthy

Its an issue I raised with the university since last year. There is a need for a higher awareness of the mental health services out in Roseworthy, with only 75% of the appointments are filled.

#### Library Access for Undergrad Students

There has been miscommunication around the issue. The librarian has communicated to library staff to ensure access is provide to undergrad students.

#### National Student Safety Survey

Results will be available around March.

#### Future vaccination policy

I asked whether any mandate would be implemented prior to O-Week as its important for us to plan accordingly, which is uncertain at this point. I also mentioned international students are facing pressure not to be vaccinated, from their parents especially.

#### Update on Organisational Sustainability Program

Faculty mergers were going ahead, and interviews underway for new roles. New structure is aimed to be embedded by 28 March. Jennie reiterated that programs have not changed.

#### International student return

I am glad to see an additional \$500,000 has been allocated to international student welcome and wellbeing, including a welcome desk at the airport, transport from the airport, wellbeing support throughout the year, as well as other events. Students can quarantine at the University of Adelaide Village, if necessary (subject to approval). 95 quarantine places would be available.

#### 4. Board Director Training

This is the first time since awhile, where all board directors have completed the required governance training module as per my request. It's an important training where it helps directors to understand more about their roles and responsibilities. I have also requested first year directors to complete the safer campus training. I am in process of organising an AUU department induction for board directors.

#### 5. Dave Lamb Replacement

The replacement of Dave would be Martin McCarron. I had experience working with him in my previous roles and I look forward working with him.

#### 6. O365 Replacement

The student emails are now replaced by outlook. I have been speaking with the university about the issue since last year. I also raised the need for the timetable to sync automatically with outlook like how it used to be with google through unified. I have asked this to be investigated as a matter of priority.

#### 7. Meetings with the Executive Officer

I have been regularly meeting up with Gary about the progress of O'Week preparations. I will be forwarding the O'Week plans to directors when its finalised. I will be looking to involve directors in different events more this year.

#### 8. Compulsory Vaccinations

With the university now considering compulsory vaccinations, if you would like to, you can share your vaccination status with Gary or myself.

#### 9. Clubs Committee

Luke chaired the first Clubs Committee meeting and we worked through a wide range of clubs issue. We are also working on the safer campus training for clubs. I also raised an issue of the minor grants form wasn't working and its now fixed.

#### 10. Student Media Meeting

The first student media meeting is set to be 14<sup>th</sup> January.

#### 11. Beating Heat Meeting

The meeting discussed plans for AUU, AU Sport and Uni events.

#### 12. Exam Rescue Station

We had great engagement through the exam rescue station.

Yours Sincerely,  
Oscar Zi Shao Ong  
AUU President

**To:** AUU Board  
**Subject:** SRC President's Report  
**Date:** 07/01/2022

Dear Mr Ong,

Below is a report on the SRC's work in achieving our KPIs and obligations.

Our first meeting occurred at 6pm on the 9th of December. It was a productive meeting where we established formal policies on education cuts, climate change and health measures to protect from coronavirus on campus. Many other motions were passed, setting a positive standard for the new committee. Minutes are available from the General Secretary.

Three council members attended the 15th December Student Engagement Meeting and communicated our perspectives to concerned parties, particularly with regards to the UoA education cuts.

I met with the DVCA Jennie Shaw and communicated student concerns to her. We plan to meet again early in January.

SRC council members have formally discussed and voted on plans for O-Week, including the counter guide. We now have a confirmed budget and are using this time to reach out to suppliers and printers so that we can confirm our plans are viable.

Recommendations are being prepared via the SRC President for members to sit on other committees. I will communicate these to you.

The Executive for the SRC was elected in December and has begun to organise for administrative processes like advertising for open positions.

Kind regards,  
Ana Obradovic  
SRC President