



Adelaide University Union Board Meeting Minutes

For the meeting on 9th of February 2022

In the Board Room at 5:30pm

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

Meeting opened at 5:35pm.

1. Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners and Apologies

OO

We would like to Acknowledge that the land we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their Country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

2. In-Camera Items

OO

The board moved in-camera at 5:36pm.

The board moved ex-camera at 5:53pm.

Grace Atta entered the room at 5:54pm.

3. 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.

4. Unstarred Agenda Items

OO

Felix Eldridge asked to star item 6 and 9.

Gary Sutherland asked for the name of the rule to be included in item 6 and 9.

Recommendation:

That all unstarred items are approved.

Moved: Isaac Trumble

Seconded: Luke Allen

CARRIED

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

OO

Recommendation:

That the Board accepts the minutes of the meeting of the 17th January 2022 as a true and accurate record.

6. Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

OO

Recommendation:

That the AUU Board confirms the resolution based on 17th January 2022 that reads:

“Regarding the power granted in Clause 20 of the AUU Constitution, this Board resolves to:

Add to Rules Concerning Student Media:

Clause 2.5 “AUSM content” means any content published and/or distributed by AUSM Director and/or AUSM volunteer which include but not limited to: an issue of On Dit Magazine, an AUSM social media post, an AUSM online article, an AUSM podcast.

Clause 6.9 act within the Equal Opportunity Policy and Student Misconduct Rules of the University, and Defamation Act 2005 (SA) at all times.

Clause 7.9 act within the Equal Opportunity Policy and Student Misconduct Rules of the University, and Defamation Act 2005 (SA) at all times.

Amend:

Clause 2.2 “AUSM Director” means an On Dit Magazine Editor or an On Dit Radio Director.

and authorises the EO to alter the Master Copy accordingly.”

Moved: Isaac Trumble

Seconded: Luke Allen

CARRIED

Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that according to an email he sent to directors who voted against these motions last meeting, he thinks it would be good to note down the reason why directors are not supporting a resolution in the minutes to clarify it to students for transparency.

Felix Eldridge asked whether directors need to justify voting against trivial motions, Oscar Zi Shao Ong confirmed and said that the reason for voting against should be explained so that students are able to know, even if it is for trivial motions.

Felix Eldridge stated that he has no issue justifying his reason, but he was concerned as he recalled social media posts by the SRC that appears to accuse representatives of voting in a particular way. Oscar Zi Shao Ong cited fiduciary duties of directors and said that justifying the reasons would be upholding these duties.

Michael Physick asked whether the reason is captured in the discussion and would be in the minutes, to which Oscar Zi Shao Ong answered that the reasons are not currently explicitly stated in the minutes.

Rebecca Etienne asked whether director should provide a reason for voting for and against. Oscar Zi Shao Ong answered that the reason for against would be more interesting given there has been minimal discussion, to which Felix Eldridge disagreed and said that the discussion was quite extensive in the last meeting. Isaac Trumble agreed and stated that there shouldn't be a requirement for voting on a motion.

Recommendation:

That the AUU Board confirms the resolution based on 17th January 2022 that reads:

“Regarding the power granted in Clause 20 of the AUU Constitution, this Board resolves to:

Amend:

Clause 10.3 The Independent Committee must determine whether the AUSM Director/s named in the Resolution of Board breached an AUSM Director Obligation. The committee may make any recommendations as it sees fit, in all matters not within the jurisdiction and not provided for in these Rules, provided that they act fairly.

Clause 13.2 The AUU may prevent and/or remove the distribution of any AUSM content if the AUU has reasonable grounds to fear successful legal action may be taken against it should the content be distributed.

and authorises the EO to alter the Master Copy accordingly.”

Moved: Isaac Trumble

Seconded: Luke Allen

Grace Franco, Rebecca Etienne, Felix Eldridge dissented the motion.

CARRIED

7. AUU President’s Report*

Chair was passed to Isaac Trumble at 6:03pm.

OO

Oscar Zi Shao Ong went over his report.

Grace Franco asked whether the union is doing anything to attract international students. Oscar Zi Shao Ong outlined the \$500 grants clubs could apply for to create events for international students, stating that the majority of engagement would be through clubs. Grace Franco asked about strategies for encouraging them to purchase memberships, Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that this would be the EO’s role, but they could definitely be engaged during O’Week.

Gary Sutherland said while offshore students likely won’t take up a membership as most of the benefits provided are onshore, given the majority of union members are international students, the union would be focusing on recruiting more students to recover from losses in the last few years.

Chair was passed to Oscar Zi Shao Ong at 6:13pm.

8. SRC President Report

AO

NOT SUBMITTED**9. Clubs Administration Policy****OO**

Oscar Zi Shao Ong outlined that the reason for adding 6.11.4 is to unify the standard for rejecting clubs between EOI and provisional registration and adding 11.5 is to make sure clubs carry out the function they intended or applied for.

Felix Eldridge asked if this was prompted by an event. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that he just wanted to make sure the rules are up to the same standard, and there has not been a specific incident on top of finding an inconsistency in the rule.

Rebecca Etienne asked whether this would prevent clubs from collaborating, as often these collaborations would not strictly follow the aims and objectives states in the club constitution.

Isaac Trumble said that this is not the intent of clause 11.5, as collaboration would still serve the purpose of clubs, and a deviation from it would be a lot more recognisable. He gave a fictional example of the UofA Totally Cooked club rebranding themselves as a radical right-wing club to illustrate a deviation from the club's proposed activities and purposes.

Grace Franco asked about the aim of the addition. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that since the clause is added under club conducts, it will give clubs committee power to intervene situations like this for risk control. Luke Allen further added that if there is no metric given to govern club's direction, then there is no point of assessing club's registration as they might choose to change it as they please.

Felix Eldridge asked whether consultations were conducted through clubs committee, Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that this arose from a discussion between him and Luke Allen, so it has not been through the clubs committee yet.

Grace Franco asked for the person to determine "proposed activities", Oscar Zi Shao Ong said it would be the clubs committee. Grace Franco asked whether existing clubs could still carry out events that are not explicitly stated in their aims and objective. Isaac Trumble stated that "activities" in the clause is not referring to the specific events clubs would plan, but rather the general expected actions of the club. Hence, he said that clubs don't have to list every possible activities they might arrange in the future, and the clause is mainly to prevent clubs from radically changing their direction.

Felix Eldridge said that the “submit to AUU” part of the clause could be clarified further by including the person responsible, whether the clubs admin or clubs committee, to prevent confusion. Isaac Trumble and Oscar Zi Shao Ong felt that this would be a very low-risk event and is not quite arguable.

Rebecca Etienne suggested the board refer the motion back to clubs committee to capture the opinion of clubs representatives. Luke Allen stated that since the board funds the clubs, this relates closely with the board as it would prevent risk for the AUU if potential radical actions by clubs are intervened.

Felix Eldridge asked about potential retributions of a rule breach. Oscar Zi Shao Ong cited clause 7 which outlined actions clubs committee could take, including freezing the club and potentially de-register the club.

Isaac Trumble moved the original motion. Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung seconded it.

Felix Eldridge proposed an amendment to the motion: “Clubs must not significantly deviate from its proposed activities and purpose as submitted to the clubs committee. Any significant deviation from the clubs proposed activities and purposes must be submitted to the clubs committee for approval.”

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Recommendation:

Regarding the power granted in Clause 21 of the AUU Constitution, this Board resolves to:

Add to Clubs Administration Policy:

Clause 11.5. Clubs must not significantly deviate from its proposed activities and purpose as submitted to the clubs committee. Any significant deviation from the clubs proposed activities and purposes must be submitted to the clubs committee for approval.

Moved: Felix Eldridge

Seconded: Grace Franco

FAILED

Recommendation:

Regarding the power granted in Clause 21 of the AUU Constitution, this Board resolves to:

Add to Clubs Administration Policy:

Clause 6.11.4. a provisional club that is substantially similar to a currently funded service/s by Student Services and Amenities Fees (SSAF).

Clause 11.5. Clubs must not deviate from its proposed activities and purpose as submitted to the clubs committee. Any deviation from the clubs proposed activities and purposes must be submitted to the clubs committee for approval.

and authorises the EO to alter the Master Copy accordingly.

Moved: Isaac Trumble

Seconded: Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung

Grace Franco, Rebecca Etienne, Felix Eldridge abstained from voting.

CARRIED

10. Any Other Business*

Felix Eldridge asked about Oscar Zi Shao Ong's decision that missing two shifts in O'Week would equal to not attending a board meeting. Oscar Zi Shao Ong confirmed and said that this is open for negotiation on a case-by-case bases.

Grace Franco asked for the shift details and whether directors are required to attend all the events. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that it was emailed to all directors, and they are required to attend all O'Week AUU events.

Felix Eldridge asked about overlapping events, Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that he will not be policing directors, but he expects them to participate in as many events as possible.

11. In Camera Items*

The board moved in-camera at 6:50pm.

The board moved ex-camera at 7:45pm.

10. Close:

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.

Next Meeting: 09/03/2022

Close of Submissions: COB 02/03/2022

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Oscar Ong (OO)

Ana Obradovic (AO)

Luke Allen (LA)

Oliver Douglas (OD)