



**Adelaide
University
Union**

Adelaide University Union
Board Meeting Agenda
March 2022

09-03-2022



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 9th of March 2022

In the Board Room at 5:30pm

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. 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 17th January 2022 as a true and accurate record.

5. AUU President's Report* OO

6. SRC President Report AO

NOT SUBMITTED

7. Any Other Business*

8. In Camera Items*

9. Close:

Next Meeting: 09/03/2022

Close of Submissions: COB 02/03/2022

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Oscar Ong (OO)

Ana Obradovic (AO)



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

Meeting opened at 5:35pm.

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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

Rule Concerning Student Media

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.”

CARRIED

Moved: Isaac Trumble
Seconded: Luke Allen

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 important 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 for the purpose of transparency.

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.

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 he is doing anything in the international students space. Oscar Zi Shao Ong outlined the \$500 grants, where 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.

Gary Sutherland said while offshore students likely won’t take up a membership as most of the benefits provided are onshore, the AUU 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.

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. 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.

Grace Franco asked for the person to determine "proposed activities", Oscar Zi Shao Ong said its part of the process of clubs registration. 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.

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 them.

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.”

The motion was not amendable by the mover or seconder.

Amendment:

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

Add:

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 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.

FAILED

Moved: Felix Eldridge

Seconded: Grace Franco

Recommendation:

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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 a shift in O’Week would equal to not attending a board meeting. Oscar Zi Shao Ong confirmed.

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 expects them to participate both events.

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)

To: AUU Board
Subject: AUU President's Report
Date: 03/03/2022

1. O'Week

It was a fantastic O'Week, with a 1200+ new memberships already bought on Day 2. I have been able to speak to a lot of new students and clubs. I am excited to welcome our international students to our campus after two years (1167 as of 17/02/22). I also spoke in the Welcome Event of international students, alongside PVCI, Jacqueline Lo.

2. Student Engagement Committee Meeting

The meeting is on next Tuesday, I will provide a summary in the meeting.

3. SRC

The recent conduct of the SRC has been disappointing.

SRC Meeting

The SRC's first meeting's legality was questionable due to the serious lack of organisation and zoom was plagued with technological issues. The majority of the meeting were inaudible in zoom.

Stifling Freedom of Speech

It has been brought to my attention that the SRC has been "hiding" facebook comments. See below:

You don't know what the difference between "Far right" and "Center right" or even Center is.

Counter Guide

The counter guide included a section from the National Union of Students Incorporated, which in turn prohibits the AUU to reimburse the cost spent. Furthermore, The SRC counter guide has comments that might potentially be defamatory, notably, the one that I am most concerned about, is the claim that Counselling Services has a wait time of a month and university sacking six staff. The resources in Counselling Support have not decreased but has increased in FTE and appointments are available within a week (as of 24/02/22) (sooner for emergency appointments based on triage). The frivolous claims have serious implications if the counter guide is distributed to students, especially during O'Week when first years (including international

students) are coming to campus the very first time. Mental health is an extremely serious issue and should not be politicised, the pandemic already has a profound impact on mental health, especially international students leaving their family the first time (Not to mention the already existing cultural barriers for international students). The claim will discourage students to reach out to counselling support. I do not and will never tolerate any attempts to introduce barriers to accessing mental health.

4. Student Care Board Meeting

I chaired the first student care board meeting and we discussed responsibilities of student care. We welcomed Ruth as a valuable addition to our Student Care EWO team. Important supports are continuously provided by our hardworking student care team. Breakfast club will continue as Semester One commences, we are excited to hear there has been a lot of enquiries during O'Week.

5. Clubs Committee Meeting

Luke has scheduled the next Clubs Committee meeting.

6. Meetings with the Executive Officer

I have been regularly meeting up with Gary about the progress of O'Week preparations.

7. Ukraine-Russia

I have reached out to university to ensure students from Ukraine and Russia are well supported through this difficult time. The university don't currently have any students from the Ukraine. Support messages to students from Russia has been sent.

8. Media Enquiry

I have been approached by The Advertiser to make a comment regarding the SRC. I worked with Simone and Kearin and coordinated a respond back to the SRC.

9. Consultation with Roseworthy

I have been in continuing consultation with Roseworthy students regarding AUU and the wider university issues. I have actioned some of those concerns with relevant AUU staff.

10. Visa Rebate for International Students

After the federal government announced the visa rebates for international students, I raised that international students have been having difficulties applying for it. Following that, ISS has now added a reference and link to the visa fee application rebate in emails to students when sending out new CoEs.

11. O'Week Welcome Video

I participated in several O'Week Welcome videos.

Yours Sincerely,
Oscar Zi Shao Ong
AUU President