



Adelaide University Union Board Meeting Minutes

For the meeting on 9th of March 2022

In the Board Room at 5:30pm

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

Meeting opened at 5:33pm.

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 Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their Country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna 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

Felix Eldridge asked for item 4 to be starred.

Recommendation:

That all unstarred items are approved.

Moved: Oliver Douglas

Seconded: Rebecca Etienne

CARRIED

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

OO

Felix Eldridge asked for his comment in any other business to be amended to “missing two shifts in O’Week equals to not attending a board meeting”.

Recommendation:

That the Board accepts the amended minutes of the meeting of the 9th February 2022 as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Luke Allen

Seconded: Felix Eldridge

CARRIED

5. AUU President’s Report*

OO

Chair was passed to Luke Allen at 5:35pm.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong went through the report, reminding directors that the National Student Safety Survey is happening soon.

Grace Atta entered via Zoom at 5:39pm.

Rebecca Etienne asked whether the disclosure training would be available to other student leaders. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that the university is trying to add more sessions. Michael Physick confirmed that additional sessions are being arranged.

Grace Atta asked whether SRC funding was frozen indefinitely or on conditions. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that it is frozen temporary pending on SRC representative’s attendance to the mediation meeting arranged at 24th of March. He noted that the times has changed to 11:30am upon request of the SRC General Secretary.

Merlin Wang entered via Zoom at 5:45pm.

Felix Eldridge asked about the use of “questionable legality” for SRC meeting. Oscar Zi Shao Ong cited extreme audio issues and questioned the legitimacy of votes for people attended via Zoom.

Felix Eldridge said that a few SRC meetings in 2020 also had audio issue via Zoom, and that he thinks “legality” is a strong word over technology issues.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that he is not sure which meeting in 2020 is referred. He showed a recording of the SRC meeting in question, demonstrating the poor quality of audio.

Felix Eldridge commented on the use of “unanimous decision” in the communication to the SRC fund freeze, since the board did not declassify the fact that it was passed unanimously.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that narrative matters here to clarify biased views on how board decisions are made by a few people.

Felix Eldridge reemphasized that the board was not consulted on this decision, and it would be good to notify people in advance. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that he thinks it is based on the chair’s judgement to make sure the reputation of AUU is intact.

Felix Eldridge questioned whether Oscar Zi Shao Ong meant that the chair of the board can disclose in camera decision. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that no, but it is up to the chair to decide what is important to disclose, citing misinformation in recent SRC posts about funding cut. He said that it is important to highlight that the decision to cut funding is not political.

Felix Eldridge asked whether it was foreseeable that the SRC would leak information on funding cut. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that he sent the email based on good faith, and choosing to breach it would be against good faith for the SRC.

Chair was passed to Oscar Zi Shao Ong at 5:52pm.

6. SRC President Report

AO

NOT SUBMITTED

7. Any Other Business*

Felix Eldridge jokingly suggested an idea of staging Oscar Zi Shao Ong as target for people to throw wet sponge towards for fundraising. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that he will take it on notice.

Rebecca Etienne asked whether the union could investigate subsidising parking fee. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that union members receive discounts for Wilson or Upark for parking.

Rebecca Etienne asked about Victoria drive, citing that most students use it for parking. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that it would be up to the city council. He could talk to them about it but there might not be such a system implemented.

8. In Camera Items*

The board moved in-camera at 5:56pm.

The board moved ex-camera at 6:20pm.

9. Close:

Meeting closed at 6:20pm.

Next Meeting: 09/03/2022

Close of Submissions: COB 02/03/2022

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Oscar Ong (OO)

Ana Obradovic (AO)