



**Adelaide
University
Union**

Adelaide University Union
Board Meeting Agenda
April 2021

14-04-2021



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 14th April 2021

Board Room at 6pm

1. Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners and Apologies

CQ

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2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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. Minutes of Previous Meeting

CQ

Recommendation:

That the Board accepts the minutes of the meeting of 10th March as a true and accurate record.

4. AUU President's Report

CQ

5. Clubs Committee Chair's Report

YL

6. SRC President's Report

OO

7. Clubs Administrations Policy

OO, YL, CQ

8. Any Other Business

9. In-Camera Items

CQ

10. Close:

Next Meeting:

6pm 12th May

Close of Submissions:

5th May

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Chuyue (Angela) Qin (CQ)

Oscar Zi Shao Ong (OO)

Yoong Aun (Andrew) Lai (YL)



Adelaide University Union Board Meeting Minutes

For the meeting on 10th March 2021

Board Room at 6pm

Present:	
Chuyue (Angela) Qin (President)	
Isaac Trumble (Vice-President, Student Media Committee Chair)	
Stella Woo (Zoom)	
Yoong Aun (Andrew) Lai (Executive, Clubs Committee Chair)	
Oscar Zi Shao Ong (Executive)	
Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung (Executive)	Apologies:
Billy Zimmermann	
Ivan Bucalo Jankovic (Zoom)	Absence:
Ana Obradovic	
Gary Sutherland (Observer)	Minutes Secretary:
Michael Physick (Observer)	Goh Jing Soong

Meeting started at 6:06pm.

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3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

CQ

Recommendation:

That the Board accepts the minutes of the meeting of 10th February as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Isaac Trumble

Seconded: Oscar Zi Shao Ong

CARRIED

4. AUU President's Report

CQ

The Chair was passed to Isaac Trumble at 6:07pm.

Chuyue (Angela) Qin went over her report, discussed about the success in O'Week, procuring an AUU front office in the Hub and Clubs Committee meeting.

The Chair was passed to Chuyue (Angela) Qin at 6:09pm.

5. SRC President's Report

OO

Oscar Zi Shao Ong delivered his report.

Ana Obradovic asked about reduced funding in courses. Oscar Zi Shao Ong explained that the cut was across faculty, and the Vice-Chancellor will be looking into the matter and DVCA will be doing an analysis on whether the fees can be cut.

Ana Obradovic and Oscar Zi Shao Ong discussed over the recent development in Myanmar. Oscar Zi Shao Ong stated that the university has reached out to the Myanmar students ensuring their wellbeing and the SRC is working hard with the university on this.

6. Any Other Business

Billy Zimmermann wanted to raise a motion concerning the March 19 rally on returning JobSeeker to CoVID-level.

Chuyue (Angela) Qin asked for further elaboration and recommended this item to be introduced to SRC instead. Based on the limited time given for board members to consider this motion properly, it is rejected.

Ana Obradovic wanted to raise a motion asking Isaac Trumble to resign, and accused him for being a “misogynistic, sexist person” and claimed that Isaac is “like the senior member of his party, serial rapist Christian Porter, it has started for Isaac at University”.

Chuyue (Angela) Qin expressed strong disagreement against Ana Obradovic’s use of language and reminded her of the roles and responsibilities of board members.

7. In-Camera Items

CQ

The Board moved in-camera at 6:18pm.

The Board moved ex-camera at 7:23pm.

Chuyue (Angela) Qin made the information that the board removed clause 5.4 in casual vacancy policy ex-camera.

Billy Zimmermann provided a formal apology to the board over sharing a social media post alleging Isaac Trumble’s misconduct to a public Facebook page “Overheard in the University of Adelaide”.

Ana Obradovic provided a formal apology and retraction of her statements to the board over sharing a social media post alleging Isaac Trumble’s misconduct, as well as for using inappropriate language and analogy towards him.

Gary Sutherland mentioned that the technology to livestream ex-camera board meetings is ready and will be introduced next meeting.

8. Close:

Meeting closed at 7:26pm.

Next Meeting: 6pm 14th April

Close of Submissions: 7th April

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Chuyue (Angela) Qin (CQ)

Oscar Zi Shao Ong (OO)

To: AUU Board
Subject: AUU President's Report
Date: 07/04/2021

It surely was an eventful period of time since our last meeting – but with the semester breaks ahead, hopefully everyone could have a good rest. Don't forget that the university shuts down for the last week of break.

AUU-related

1. New Space in Hub

We have acquired the old accommodation space next to the General on ground level, Hub for AUU. The plan is to use the space as the front office to improve the visibility and accessibility. The accommodation will be moved downstairs near AskAdelaide.

2. Rebranding Workshop

The workshop for unpacking the rebranding survey happened on 19/3 with board representative, AUU staff, SRC representative, club presidents, alumni, general students, and other stakeholders.

The workshop started by looking at raw and processed survey results, including student impression of the union, services that they relate the union to, etc. Unsurprisingly, most students found union to be a multi-service provider, with events and student care being the two most important branches.

After the workshop, the wording generated will be used for the company to analyse and produce a summary of the brand. This will occur later in the year.

Gender equality

3. In Conversation with Australia's Ambassador for Gender Equality

On 12/3, I was invited to attend an event hosted by the university with Ms Julie-Ann Guivarra, Australia's Ambassador for Gender Equality and first Indigenous female Ambassador attending as a guest speaker and panellist among other leaders, discussing the role of women in leadership. In the inspiring session, I asked for suggestion on further improving a culture of diversity, to which the panellists responded with strategies such as foster a supporting environment and providing positive reinforcement.

4. MATE Bystander training

Board representatives, SRC representatives, club presidents and volunteers were invited to attend this collaboration with University of Adelaide and Flinders University. This training focuses on improve awareness for bystanders.

The presenter, a counsellor at university's counselling services, expressed interest in supporting AUU's compulsory SASH training (more in item 6).

5. ICAC response Workshop

Board representatives and SRC representatives were invited to a dedicated ICAC response workshop on 23/3 to provide their opinion. Responses were submitted through an anonymous portal.

6. Update on compulsory SASH-awareness training

Instead of doing training through Yarrow place, the university is now developing their own online training, which could potentially be rolled out for free and in larger scale. No more information is available just yet.

Clubs & culture

7. Meetings with University representatives

In my routine meeting with Dave Lamb and Michael, we discussed various issues such as wellbeing of Myanmar students, university health care gap fee, clubs lounge and more.

I raised the issue with malfunctioning AC in the clubs lounge – the Infrastructure has since helped clubs find the AC switch.

There were also discussions over reporting line on potential inappropriate conducts over clubs events, since clubs do not have the capacity or training in processing SASH complaints. We were hoping that once the university develop their online training (and if it is free), it could be deemed compulsory for the clubs presidents and/or executives.

8. Club president drink

The first club president drink was held on 24/3 and was well attended. It was great seeing presidents socialising, braining storming and even planning events together.

9. Clubs committee meeting

The second clubs committee meeting was held on 31/3, where new club EOI, provisional registration and grant applications were assessed. A set of new club grant guideline are also in development in order to bring clarity to some wording and rethink some categories of funding based on previous grant applications.

Yours Sincerely,
Chuyue (Angela) Qin
AUU President

To: AUU Board
Subject: SRC President's Report
Date: 07/04/2021

1. ICAC Response - AUU & SRC workshop

The workshop was a collaboration of myself with the university to ensure we can have key inputs in the ICAC response. The workshop was held on campus, and we discussed:

- the University's Values and Behaviours Framework;
- appropriate and inappropriate behaviour at the University; and
- conditions to enable reporting.

The biased reporting and naming the victim by former On Dit editors last year on the issue where the former SRC President alleged abusing a female student was raised. There appears to be a lack of process to deal with student representative's misconduct too. Some important points that I've raised are: better consent course in myuni, more funding for first responder training so that all clubs can participate, a clear process for students to raise incidents that happened in clubs events & Unibar, more relevant content for international students.

2. MATE Bystander Training

As part of Safer Campus Community Week, I endorsed the MATE Bystander training for SRC members to provide training to teach student leaders on how to prevent violence and speak out if needed.

3. Student Experience Survey

I am working closely with university on the response of student experience survey. I am looking into the possibility of having a more instant feedback rather than waiting for SELTs results. I am also working on the accountability of ensuring issues regarding courses are resolved.

4. Myanmar Students

The developing situation in Myanmar has certainly caused a lot of distress to Myanmar students. I am glad that I have advocated for the students and they will now be able to request for extension for their assignments if they are distressed by the situation back home. I have also ensured welfare checks, financial support, and mental health support be provided to them. I am pleased to be able to now confirm that Myanmar students may request assessment extensions under the MACA policy and be

allowed to delay paying their course fees after advocating to the university. I also confirmed that the university is communicating with these students once per week.

I am also working with CISA on a campaign calling for the Australian government to offer travel exemption and visa amnesty for Myanmar students. It's a difficult time for them and I will do everything to ensure they are least disadvantaged.

5. Appointment of New Vice-Chancellor

The forum will be set up soon pending approval. I also suggested a FAQ page where students can find most answers to their questions.

6. Academic Board Meeting

I have advocated for courses to be funded more so that students are more supported. The VC agreed and the DVCA is now in progress to review all the courses' resources to ensure they are all sufficiently funded. I have also requested the university to commit to work for the return of international students due to a lot of them having to take LOA due to unable to be onshore and participate in F2F learning.

I had spoken in academic board the need for improving student experience, enhance online learning and HDR students issue. I am glad the VC have agreed to put these areas as priority.

7. Charles Hawker Lecture Theatre

The lack of maintenance of the lecture theatre's chairs have caused students valuable item dropped from the chairs. I have advocated for the chairs to be fixed and requested the students to be compensated.

8. Enquiry about Student Whereabouts

I assisted in an enquiry of a student's whereabouts of their concerned parents.

9. Sexual Assault Responses Awareness

I worked with Student Well-being to highlight some ways to support sexual assault victims. You can find the video here: <https://fb.watch/4Fv2DhDpxk/>.

10. Career Glow Up newsletter series

I've worked with ABC to share the Career Glow Up newsletter series with students. The newsletter is created for young people looking for jobs or tips for their resume.

11. Free Flu Vaccinations for HDR

I've advocated to the Adelaide Graduate Centre to have another round of free flu vaccinations for HDR students.

12. SRC Executive

I have lead the executive in conducting interviews for the General Councilor and International Student Officer role and provided the recommendation to the SRC.

Yours Sincerely,
Oscar Zi Shao Ong
SRC President

To: AUU Board
Subject: Clubs Committee Chair's Report
Date: 02/04/2021

1. New Clubs Applications

Since the first quarter of this year, there is a lot of new club applications have been received. It is great to see that students are taking the opportunity to participate in more on campus activities. The EOIs were reviewed by the committee through meetings and circular resolutions.

2. Nauryz Festival

This is the first Major grant event held in the Clubs Community for this year and I was glad to be invited to provide an opening speech on behalf of the AUU. This three-day event that was organised by the Central Asian Society in Adelaide was a great success where everyone was able to celebrate and experience the festival through concerts, education talks, dance performances and delicious food. I believe that this event is great for students to experience as well as to have a better understanding of the Central Asian culture.

3. Grant Applications

Many new grant applications have been received from clubs to hold events and purchase equipment for this year. It was great to see students taking the opportunity to bring the community back together through the 'old normal' way.

Yours Sincerely,
Yoong Aun (Andrew) Lai
Clubs Committee Chair

To: AUU Board
Subject: Clubs Administrations Policy
Date: 02/04/2021

Dear AUU Board,

In response to the Australian Human Rights Commission Change the Course report (released Aug 2017), the University of Adelaide established a Respect. Now. Always. Taskforce to review recommendations made within the report. As part of the Taskforce, I agreed to an extensive action plan including training for targeted staff and students. Throughout 2018 we met to progress the agenda of training for staff and students and one of the recommendations that we worked to is:
•By 2020 training in responding to disclosures of sexual assault is made mandatory for all committee members of AU Sports Clubs and AUU Clubs and Societies.

However, due to limited funding, we can only offer it to high-risk clubs (larger clubs with more event attendees). Further to that, as part of good governance, we believe its important for us to enforce risk assessment for large events, which is readily available in University website. The clubs committee can action the Clubs Admin to produce an AUU version if they see relevance in that.

Recommendation:

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

Add:

11.3 Clubs must do a risk assessment for any event(s) that is participated by more than ONE HUNDRED (100) people and/or people who are under 18 years of age. Clubs must also do a risk assessment for any event(s) that is happening outside the campus.

11.4 At least ONE (1) committee member of Clubs must undertake training in responding to disclosures of sexual assault and any other relevant training(s) if requested by AUU.

and authorises the EO to alter the Master Copy accordingly.

Moved: Oscar Zi Shao Ong **Seconded:** Yoong Aun Lai

Yours Sincerely,
Oscar Zi Shao Ong
Board Director, Executive

Angela Qin
AUU President

Yoong Aun Lai
Board Director, Clubs Committee Chair,
Executive