



**Adelaide
University
Union**

Adelaide University Union
Board Meeting Agenda
April 2022

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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 5th of April 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: 11/05/2022

Close of Submissions: COB 04/05/2022

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Oscar Ong (OO)

Ana Obradovic (AO)

Luke Allen (LA)



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	
Rebecca Etienne	
Felix Eldridge	
Gary Sutherland (Observer)	Minutes Secretary:
Michael Physick (Observer)	Chuyue (Angela) Qin

Meeting opened at 5:33pm.

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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 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. He added 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.

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.

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

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:

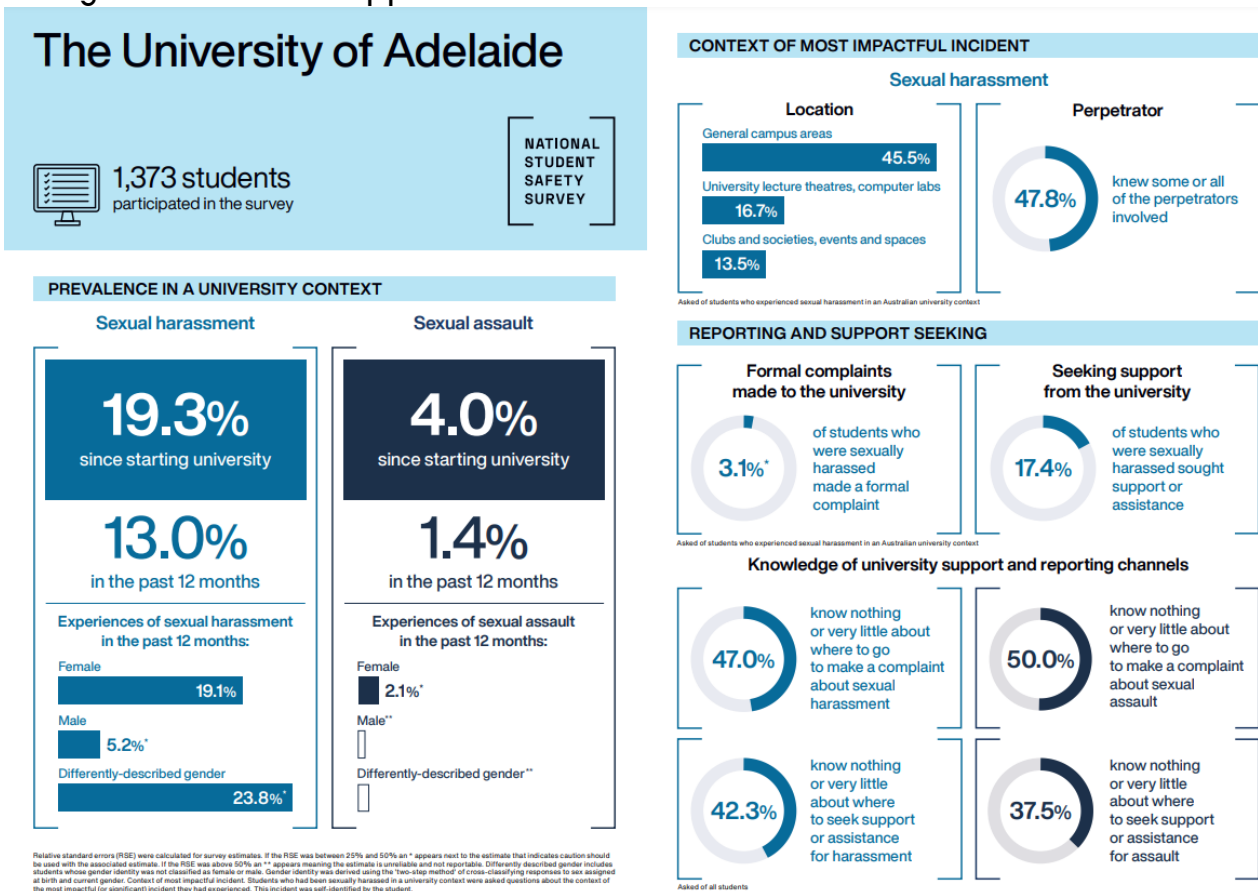
Oscar Ong (OO)

Ana Obradovic (AO)

To: AUU Board
Subject: AUU President's Report
Date: 29/03/2022

1. NSSS Survey Results

The NSSS survey was released on March 23. Additional counselling support is provided because it could be a triggering event for students. You can find my response through a statement in Appendix I.



2. Student Engagement Committee Meeting

The following items were discussed:

Consent Matters Training

“Commencing students are auto-enrolled into Consent Matters training, and there had been around 80% complete this last year. The University will follow up with those students who haven’t undertaken the training. All student are expected to undertake this training.” As per my suggestion, the university is looking into making the training compulsory.

Safer Campus Community update

I've asked additional SASH training to be provided, especially during the release of NSSS results.

Update on Organisational Sustainability Program

“Martin said that recruitment was well underway at present for the many new roles, with 28 March as the go live for the new structure. Within DASE there were 60 roles being filled. Martin reiterated that students shouldn't see an impact on their experience when go-live occurs, and there was a lot of work currently going on behind the scenes.

Jennie advised that the Vice-Chancellor, after a period of consultation, had sent through an email to students and staff about the names for the two new Faculties. They would be called:

- Faculty of Arts, Business, Law and Economics (ABLE)
- Faculty of Sciences, Engineering and Technology (SET)

Not all signage will be ready for March 28. This will be implemented over time.

Martin said that the locations of teams and faculty offices were being worked out, with a large number of staff likely to move location over coming months.

Jennie said that there were no plans as yet around restructures potentially affecting schools, courses, programs or academic staff. These discussions would occur, but not until the new faculty structure was in place.” The next SEC meeting is on 13th April.

3. SRC

It has been disappointing to see the SRC has continued to articulate false claims and has expanded their claims from “a month” to “months” waiting period. Mental health shouldn't be politicised, this is a disgusting act as it discourages students to seek help, as confirmed through conversations with university and students.

Wood is not convinced.

“The state of things at Adelaide now are already bad enough, with **months-long** waits for student counselling, a library service in decline and casual tutors who are severely overworked and underpaid with no job security,” he said.

4. Clubs Committee

We have had our first meeting to discuss clubs registrations and grants. Luke and I attended the clubs drinks and speak to clubs executives to hear their concerns. The next Clubs Committee meeting has been scheduled. I have acquired a projector and a combined video/DVD player for clubs use too.

5. Meetings with the Executive Officer

I have been regularly meeting up with Gary about the various issues.

6. Media Enquiry

I have been approached by ABC and the Advertiser to make comments on various issues. I worked with Simone and Kearin and coordinated a respond back to them.

7. Consultation with Roseworthy

Through consultations with students in Roseworthy, they are highly supportive for us to continue student ambassador and have raised concerns of workload. I have relayed the concerns back to our staff and a few improvements were achieved, including providing more support and information from our staff in North Terrace. I will report back more as progress is made on this item. A new student ambassador has also been appointed recently.

8. Student ID Issue

A student raised an issue about the student ID being printed wrongly. I have raised it to university and its now resolved.

9. Infrastructure Issue

A student raised the air conditioning is leaking water at room 307, Schulz Building. The issue is now resolved.

Yours Sincerely,
Oscar Zi Shao Ong
AUU President

APPENDIX I (TW: sexual assault/harassment (SASH) and inappropriate behaviour.)

AUU response to release of 2021 National Student Safety survey results

Today the University released its results from the National Student Safety Survey (NSSS), with 1373 University of Adelaide students participating in the survey. Clubs and societies, events and spaces have been identified as the third most reported location where a sexual assault or sexual harassment (SASH) incident is likely to occur at our University.

The AUU is funded by the University to provide an administrative framework for Clubs so they can function autonomously and access financial support. Given the contribution Clubs make to campus life, we are incredibly passionate about advocating for their best interests.

We take SASH issues very seriously and have undertaken a range of important initiatives, including:

1. Advocating and achieving the relocation of the Security Office to a more accessible location
2. Providing compulsory First Responder training for all student leaders, including AUU Board Directors, SRC officer bearers, On Dit Directors and Clubs Executives, to assist them to deal with disclosures and provide support to victims
3. Making Risk Assessments compulsory for Clubs for any event(s) that are attended by more than 100 people and/or people who are under 18 years of age. This is also compulsory for events taking place outside of the campus.

Despite these significant steps forward, there is still much more that needs to be done. That's why we are continuing to work with the University to deliver the following essential outcomes for students:

1. Compulsory Consent Matters course completion and First Responder training for all students
2. Making First Responder training available at least once per month on an ongoing basis
3. Improving the promotion of University support and reporting channels to increase student awareness
4. Lobbying the University to take on primary responsibility for all university-related student conduct, and more specifically for club activities and events. Student led activities are a fundamental part of student life and University experience. As such, we believe it is essential that the University takes full responsibility for the management of student behaviour and conduct in all facets of student life, not just inside the classroom. Responsibility must not be passed to the AUU or our small student-led clubs and groups who lack the required resources and expertise to assess and manage such issues.

We will continue to work with the University closely and hold them accountable in efforts of preventing SASH and supporting SASH victims.

If you need advice or assistance, you can speak to someone immediately by phoning the University Crisis Line (24/7) on 1300 167 654 or by texting 0488 884 197, or you can book an appointment with a [Student Counsellor](#).

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