



## Adelaide University Union Board Meeting Minutes

For the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2022

In the Board Room at 5:30pm

<b>Present:</b>	
Oscar Zi Shao Ong (President)	Isaac Trumble (Vice-President)
Luke Allen (Executive, Clubs Committee Chair)	Grace Atta (Observer) (Zoom)
Emily Deng (Executive)	
Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung (Executive)	<b>Apologies:</b>
Oliver Douglas (Student Media Committee Chair) (Zoom)	
Grace Franco	<b>Absence:</b>
Rebecca Etienne	
Felix Eldridge	
Gary Sutherland (Observer) (Zoom)	<b>Minutes Secretary:</b>
Michael Physick (Observer) (Zoom)	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. 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 7 to be starred.

**Recommendation:**

That all unstarred items are approved.

**Moved:** Isaac Trumble

**Seconded:** Emily Deng

**CARRIED**

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting** **OO**

**Recommendation:**

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

**5. AUU President's Report\*** **OO**

Chair was passed to Isaac Trumble at 5:37pm.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong delivered his report. He mentioned that it was disappointing to see SRC representatives missing from the meeting with the university on the result of National Student Safety Survey, which was the only direct channel of inquiry on the university's result and response.

Chair was passed to Oscar Zi Shao Ong at 5:41pm.

**6. SRC President Report** **AO**

**NOT SUBMITTED**

**7. Rule Concerning The Conduct Of Annual Elections, By-Elections and Referenda** **OO**

Oscar Zi Shao Ong introduced the motion and explained that the intention was to remove any influence from state or federal political groups.

Felix Eldridge asked if this means candidates could no longer associate themselves with any political parties, for example labor or liberal. Oscar

Zi Shao Ong said that associating oneself with such party or saying that they support such party is fine. Isaac Trumble elaborated that the intention is to stop state or federal political party from sponsoring candidates in student election, for example printing materials for them, which could be unfair for candidates without such sponsorship.

Felix Eldridge asked whether it would be up to the RO to investigate claims and act upon them. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said it could be up to the RO or the election tribunal.

Grace Franco asked about state or federal political party endorsing candidates in student election through social media or other means. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that this would be inappropriate if the rule passed.

Emily Deng left the room at 5:47pm.

Emily Deng joined the meeting via Zoom at 5:50pm.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong clarified that Clause 25.2.18 was added last minute.

Felix Eldridge asked about the scope of reprimands in the situation where one person acquired materials procured from a state or federal political party, but the material covers the whole ticket. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that the RO would exert their best judgement, but it would make more sense to not disqualify the whole ticket. The recommendation was edited to clarify this.

Rebecca Etienne asked whether Clause 25.2.15 would ban the use of social media for campaigning. Oscar Zi Shao Ong confirmed but stated that the level of breach and potential actions would be up to the RO. He will meet with Summa if these rules pass the board twice to clarify ways of implementations.

**Recommendation:**

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

Add:

Clause 25.2.17 Any comments literally or figuratively, on any candidate(s), in an annual election or by-election, or in the issues in a referendum, or on any part of the electoral process on a politically affiliated social media, this includes but not limited to federal and/or state political party social media page. This will result in immediate disqualification of the candidate(s).

Clause 25.2.18 Any federal and/or state political party campaign material(s). This includes but is not limited to corflutes, banners, stickers and any material printed by members of parliament or political parties. This will result in immediate disqualification of the candidate(s) who uses the material.

Amend:

Clause 25.2.15 Any comments literally or figuratively, on any candidate(s), in an annual election or by-election, or in the issues in a referendum, or on any part of the electoral process on a social media group(s) and/or pages(s) that any members of group(s) and or page(s) are not personally known to the sender. This means only personal social media profiles, that are not visible to the general public are allowed to publish Election Material.

and authorises the EO to alter the Master Copy accordingly.

**Moved:** Isaac Trumble

**Second:** Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung

**Dissent:** Felix Eldridge, Grace Franco, Rebecca Etienne

**CARRIED**

Grace Atta asked from Zoom whether student election candidates could have any campaign material provided by state or federal political parties. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said no. Felix Eldridge clarified that the rules are not in effect yet as it is the initial pass. Isaac Trumble said that it is the intention of the rules to ban state or federal political parties from supporting candidates.

Grace Atta asked whether public social media pages could be used by candidates or tickets for campaigning. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said no, but stressed that the RO would be interpreting the rules and make a decision.

## **8. Any Other Business\***

## **9. In Camera Items\***

The board moved in-camera at 5.59pm.

The board moved ex-camera at 6:44pm.

## **10. Close:**

**Next Meeting:**

08/06/2022

**Close of Submissions:**

COB 01/06/2022

**Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:**

Oscar Ong (OO)

Ana Obradovic (AO)

Luke Allen (LA)