



**Adelaide  
University  
Union**

Adelaide University Union  
Board Meeting Agenda  
July 2022

06-07-2022



## 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 06<sup>th</sup> of July 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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 as a true and accurate record.

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

**6. Student Media Chair's Report\* OD**

**7. SRC President Report AO**

**NOT SUBMITTED**

**8. Adelaide Universities Regiment Cooperation Collaboration\* OD**

**Recommendation:**

That the board endorses the collaboration with Adelaide Universities Regiment Cooperation.

**9. Any Other Business\***

**10. In Camera Items\***

**11. Close:**

**Next Meeting:** 11/08/2022

**Close of Submissions:** COB 04/08/2022

**Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:**

Oscar Ong (OO)

Ana Obradovic (AO)

Oliver Douglas (OD)



## Adelaide University Union Board Meeting Minutes

For the meeting on 08<sup>th</sup> of June 2022

In the Board Room at 5:30pm

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
Oscar Zi Shao Ong (AUU President)	Gary Sutherland
Luke Allen (Executive)	
Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung (Executive)	
Isaac Trumble (AUU Vice President, Executive)	
Emily Deng (Executive)	<b>Minutes Secretary:</b>
Grace Franco	Shu-hui Zhai (Tom)
Oliver Douglas	
Rebecca Etienne	
Felix Eldridge	
Michael Physick (Observer)	
Grace Atta (Observer zoom)	

Meeting opened at 5:41pm.

### **1.Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners and Apologies**

**OO**

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## 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

Previous meeting minutes were starred.

### **Recommendation:**

That all unstarred items are approved.

**Moved:** Oliver Douglas

**Seconded:** Isaac Trumble

**CARRIED**

*Emily Deng entered the room at 5:43pm.*

## 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

OO

Felix Eldridge, Rebecca Etienne and Grace Franco requested their dissents on the rules to be noted.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Board accepts the minutes of the meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Isaac Trumble

**Seconded:** Luke Allen

**CARRIED**

## 5. AUU President's Report\*

OO

*The chair was handed to Isaac Trumble at 5:44 pm.*

Oscar Zi Shao Ong suggested to put clubs in the middle of the hub and he will talk to infrastructure department about that. He said the current AUU staff location is not good enough. He added architecture school needs more attention.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong said students who caught covid can apply for a replacement exam and requested university to provide the information to students.

*The chair was handed to Oscar Zi Shao Ong at 5:50 pm.*

## 6. Clubs Committee Chair's Report\*

LA

Luke Allen said the Clubs Committee has held another meeting.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong mentioned new club admin who is Taylor Fernandes.

## **7. SRC President Report**

**AO**

**NOT SUBMITTED**

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

### **Recommendation:**

That the AUU Board confirms the resolution based on 11th May 2022 that reads:  
“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 political party logos, 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.”

## **9. Any Other Business\***

Grace Franco mentioned that she wants to acknowledge it is ocean day because she loves the ocean.

## **10. In Camera Items\***

**11. Close:**

**7:43 pm**

**Next Meeting:**

**06/07/2022**

**Close of Submissions:**

COB 29/06/2022

**Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:**

Oscar Ong (OO)

Ana Obradovic (AO)

Luke Allen (LA)



**To:** AUU Board  
**Subject:** AUU President's Report  
**Date:** 03/07/2022

### 1. Student Engagement Committee Meeting

The SEC didn't meet due to exams.

### 2. Infrastructure Meeting

Simon from JPE Design Studio (the architects) presented the preliminary ideas for the Hub Refresh project for feedback. The project has a primary focus of Level 3 hub. I have raised several concerns of students.

### 3. Meetings with the Executive Officer

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

### 4. Media Enquiry

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

### 5. Student Care AGM

The AGM was held before the June board meeting.

### 6. Replacement Examination

A student was denied replacement exam request due to being close contact but was denied on the grounds not showing a text message from SA Health. I have raised the issue to Michael requesting it to be overturned as this is not the definition of close contact by SA Health.

### 7. Info Re: Replacement Exams Applications

There has been a lack of awareness of replacement exams applications procedure. I raised it to the DVCA and an email was sent out regarding this. I also posted in Overheard to remind students about the deadline of replacement exams applications.

## 8. Artificial Intelligence (3007\_7059 Combined) Issues

The following issues were raised:

“-The level of competency expected through the exam questions was far greater than what was indicated by the 2015 & 2016 practice exams (the only ones we received), workshop material and lectures. Although practice examinations do not account for all the material that needs to be studied, the lecturer stated in the Review Lecture that "the topics and level of difficulties will be the same (as the past paper provided)". Students expect that practice material provides a way to understand the type and complexity of questions they can expect.

-Questions that accounted for a large proportion of examination marks were not covered beyond a rudimentary level. This includes:

A large question featured content from Workshop 05 however the workshop was not an available class(canceled last minute), nor was it later released as a recorded video online

Hidden Markov Models which were only touched on in a small number of slides and were simply read word for word within the lecture. When questioned to elaborate further, slides were simply repeated, with no further teaching provided. This complex topic was given large emphasis within the exam.

-The Review Lecture did not outline all the material that would be assessed in the exam. It was simply a run-through of the 2015 Practice Exam which, as stated above, was not an accurate indication of the real exam.

-Students were not provided a 10-minute reading period to read through their questions and topics, which the course coordinator assured us we would get.

-As stated on MyUni, the exam's length of 120 minutes was to match a "1 minute per mark" expected average. Calculations that equated for a single mark however often required more than a single minute to calculate even if the formula was known. This resulted in many students, despite understanding the material, not having enough time to complete the exam in full.

-Many workshop recordings were rushed and contained unclear audio quality, making it a difficult resource to gather information from. The number of questions within the workshops themselves was greater than the amount of time provided to tutors that had to teach them.

-Posts on the Discussion Board were not replied to in a prompt manner. This was especially apparent when students had doubts on accuracy of the 2016 Practice Exam answer sheet. Often course questions would not receive replies until over a week after their submission."

A petition was started and was signed by 104 students. I have initiated an additional verification system to ensure all students who signed are UofA students, which was signed by 103 students. A few students were asked to meet with the lecturer which

claimed they have committed academic misconduct for posting on the discussion board asking people to sign the petition. Freedom of speech is one of the AUU's core value. I have asked them to meet with student care to ensure they have the appropriate support during the meeting.

## 9. Computer Networks & Applications (3001\_7039 Combined) Issues

The following issues were raised:

“-In the final exam, we are getting negative marks for answering true and false questions. We understand this is to prevent “guessing or easy marks”. However, it punishes students who spend a lot of effort and time trying to answer these questions correctly. We may still get a 0 even if we get half of the questions correct. We believe its format can be designed in a better way. For example, 1 mark for true/false, 1 mark for explanation would be more fair.

-We are not given enough time to complete the exam. There are diagrams and tables that take a long time to draw. For many questions, it is not that we don't know the answers, we just need more time to figure out what is the answer or finish the calculation.

-We are not given the support that we need to prepare for this final exam. We are given a review topic sheet covering a broad range of topics which is vague and difficult for us to review all concepts in a limited time. Also, bandwidth calculations were not on this review topic sheet.

-When students have finished the past exams and want to ask whether it's correct, or when they are completely stuck, they are told to go watch the lectures. We are not given guidance in Piazza or Consulting time. Damith mentioned it is unfair answering past exam questions in the consulting hour but we are not given guidance on how we should do it in lectures or Piazza. These lectures only supplied equations for some of the questions, without any proper explanations and calculation process. It is impossible for us to know whether we are correct even if we finished all the past exam papers. Lecture contents. Many lectures are simply recordings of previous years and do not match questions that we are tested with. Many topics mentioned in the review sheet and covered in the actual exam are only briefly covered in lectures without any proper explanations.

-In workshops, there is little interaction between tutor and student. Tutors explain questions quickly without considering whether we can understand it or not. After workshops, we are not given workshop recordings to review or workshop solutions to understand how we are wrong. Only 3 workshops are held during this semester. Students do not have enough experience to solve a large amount of the questions which were in the exam, some of the questions in the exam were not taught in workshops.

- We are not provided with a balanced selection of materials to supplement learning and we believe this exam should not be closed-book, it covers a wide range of topics and should allow students to at least bring a piece of their own notes. Otherwise, it is difficult for students to recall all the key points in such limited time and write it down.
- Students who need clarification and encounter challenges are not treated in a proper manner. This can be seen in Piazza. Answers to many questions are simply it has been answered before or go watch the lectures. When we are facing challenges in assignment and past exam questions, we are not given the support that we need. We do not know whether our understanding of certain topics are correct or not.
- Before the exam, in the piazza, Damith replied “The calculator should not be able to store text or equations and should not have remote communication capability”. However, during the exam, some students’ calculators (no memory or communication functions) are not permitted to be used in the exam.
- For students who took the exam with ProctorU, the experience is bad. Students are using the University’s VPN and it has disconnected many times during the exam. In the middle of the exam, many students were forced to pause, log back in, check the exam environment (our room) many times to continue the exam. It not only wastes students’ time but also affects students’ mentality. It takes extra time to load and switch between different questions. Also, some questions are hard to read because it is a scanned picture with small font size.”

The issues will be raised to university formally as soon as the petition is finalised.

## 10. AUU President Office

The AUU President office will move to another location, I will update you as I know more.

## 11. Review of Security Services

Rob Davey from Diversity Australia is responsible for a review of the university security services. I was consulted as part of the review.

“A critical aspect of this relationship is to ensure the services provided are relevant and continue to evolve to meet customer and University expectations.

Over the last few years, there have been a number of key external and internal factors that have had an impact on Security Services, including:

- The Beating Heart of Adelaide’s ambitions for vibrant and activated campuses through on campus events
- A heightened awareness of personal safety amongst our community and the broader community
- The current geo-political environment with China

- The Higher Education Support Amendment (Freedom of Speech) Bill 2020
- The University's growing industry collaboration with Defence
- The heightened national terrorism threat, and the Federal Government's associated anti-terrorism strategies (including business responsibilities)

With the new OSP service model now in place, it is time to undertake an in-depth review of Security Services to ensure the unit is providing the right services and is resourced appropriately.

The scope of this review includes:

- Identification of service gaps, obsolete services, and departures from best practice
- Optimal resource model to support student and staff expectations

You have been identified to participate in the discovery phase as it relates to service provision. In particular you have been identified to speak to the appointed consultant, Diversity Australia, on the student perspective of security services on campus. You're also welcome to cover any other aspects relating to Security in line with the scope of this review if you believe they are relevant."

Students safety has always been one of my primary focus. My feedback was focused on how the university can do better to provide a safe environment for female students as an anti-sexual harassment/assault effort.

## 12. Haide College Union Collaboration

I have discussed with Celeste from the university exploring the collaborating with Haide Student Union plan.

## 13. SRC Elections

The SRC has requested we run their elections.

## 14. Exams Timetable Issue

The exams timetable disappeared from MyAdelaide for a period of time and I raised the issue to the university. The issue is now resolved.

"Appears to have been an issue with the Exams system when uploading seating numbers. This somehow wiped the information feeding into MyAdelaide. We've been assured that this is now resolved and our enquiries have settled back down."

Yours Sincerely,  
Oscar Zi Shao Ong  
AUU President