



Adelaide University Union Board Meeting Minutes

For the meeting on 14th of December 2021

In the Board Room at 5:30pm

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

Meeting started at 5:36pm.

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. Casual Vacancy Left by Billy Zimmerman

OO

Oscar Zi Shao Ong explained the background of the motion and noted that Billy Zimmermann has resigned. He outlined that the board could operate efficiently with 9 directors, given there has been a period of time where 8 directors were on the board and there were no impediments to the operation of AUU.

Felix Eldridge said that the board would work optimally with 10 directors. He mentioned that in previous cases, the only reason when there were under 10 directors was a lack of candidates. He said that the board should be filling the vacancy given the opportunity.

Recommendation:

The Board resolves to not fill the Casual Vacancy left by Billy Zimmermann.

Moved: Luke Allen

Seconded: Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung

CARRIED

4. Unstarred Agenda Items

OO

Felix Eldridge asked Oscar Zi Shao Ong to explain the starring system.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong explained that the unstarred items won't be discussed, and directors could star additional items if they want. He clarified that motions within the unstarred items will be passed en bloc if the motion in this item passed.

Grace Franco asked when directors could star items. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said they could do so before the motion to approve all unstarred items has been moved, and that he encourages them to contact him before the meeting regarding starring.

Felix Eldridge would like to star item 5. Oscar Zi Shao Ong accepted.

Recommendation:

That all unstarred items are approved.

Moved: Felix Eldridge

Seconded: Luke Allen

CARRIED

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

OO

Felix Eldridge asked whether he could vote on the minutes of the previous meeting given he was an observer, but now a board director.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong said he will be able to vote on this motion.

Recommendation:

That the Board accepts the minutes of the meeting of the 30th November 2021 as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung

Seconded: Felix Eldridge

CARRIED

6. Appointment of Board Secretary

OO

Moved and carried en bloc with item 4.

Recommendation:

That the Board appoint Chuyue (Angela) Qin to be the Board Secretary.

CARRIED

7. AUU President's Report*

OO

Oscar Zi Shao Ong went over his report and stressed that he expected the board directors to perform in a high professional manner and hoped that this year would be productive. He encouraged the directors to reach out to him and Gary Sutherland at any time if they would like to discuss matters, especially items in agenda.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong stressed that the clubs have already used all of the grants for the year, even after the additional \$20,000 grants. Gary Sutherland further added that an additional \$20,000 has also been given to critical grants managed by Student Care. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that the directors should be proud of this achievement and all the students they have helped.

8. Clubs Committee Chair's Report*

LA

Luke Allen said that he has scheduled the first clubs committee meeting. He mentioned introducing the option for clubs to "freeze" themselves when they became inactive, instead of having to go through the deregistration and reregistration process. Further, he speculated that this could provide leeway to clubs to reconvene and continue to provide services to the students without too much delay.

Grace Franco asked about how long clubs would be allowed to "freeze" themselves, to which Oscar Zi Shao Ong added that the clubs committee could evaluate it on a case-by-case bases and discuss it in the meetings.

9. Student Media Chair's Report*

OD

Oliver Douglass said that he has started planning the first Student Media Committee Meeting and will update the board as more information are available.

10. SRC President Report

AO

11. Election of the ONE (1) Executive Members*

OO

Oscar Zi Shao Ong clarified that since Billy Zimmermann has resigned, the board must elect another executive member to fill the casual vacancy.

Recommendation:

That the Board appoints Gary Sutherland as the Returning Officer.

Moved: Felix Eldridge

Seconded: Rebecca Etienne

CARRIED

Chair was passed to Gary Sutherland at 5:50pm.

Nominations for the position were received and accepted by Felix Eldridge and Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung.

Nominations for scrutineer were received and accepted by Luke Allen and Rebecca Etienne.

Gary Sutherland declared that Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung was elected to the position following a vote of 6:3.

Chair was passed to Oscar Zi Shao Ong at 5:59pm.

Recommendation:

That the board accepts the Returning Officer's report.

Moved: Rebecca Etienne

Seconded: Emily Deng

CARRIED

12. Any Other Business*

Felix Eldridge asked if there will be any "Any Other Business" in-camera meeting, to which Oscar Zi Shao Ong said no.

Felix Eldridge commended the lack of in-camera meeting, though he described the reason as "the time is too early for any rule change and too late for any administrative change".

Oscar Zi Shao stressed that in-camera meetings do also have importance. For example, for commercial-in-confidence reasons.

Gary Sutherland mentioned that the AUU will be closed from 24th December to 10th January.

13. Close: **6:03pm**

Next Meeting: 12/01/2022

Close of Submissions: COB 05/01/2022

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Oscar Ong (OO)

Luke Allen (LA)

Oliver Douglass (OD)

Ana Obradovic (AO)