



YouX
Board Meeting Agenda February 2025

For the meeting on the 26th of February 2025

In the YouX Board Room at 5:30pm

1. Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners and Apologies

MW

We would like to Acknowledge that the land we meet on today is the traditional lands of 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

MW

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

MW

Recommendation:

The Board accepts all the unstarred items.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MW

The Board approves the meeting minutes of 23rd January as a true and accurate record.

5. YouX President's Report*

MW

6. Other's business Items*

1. Email Notices

The notice email for the February YouX Board Meeting was sent at 11:55pm and the 2025 Meeting Schedule was sent at 12:08am. These emails were sent from Merlin Wang's student email.

Various health and wellbeing studies - and personal experiences - indicate that working beyond reasonable hours can contribute to poor health and wellbeing of not only the worker, but also to the other personnel involved. The YouX Board should be encouraging and promoting positive working habits and be considerate of the health and wellbeing of our colleagues.

Ensuring that all communication from the YouX President (in their role as YouX President) is sent from the YouX President email will allow for consistency, and will ensure that communication is not lost if the YouX Presidency should change to a different person; as well as serving as a constant stream of communication.

Action Items

- a. YouX Board should decide on appropriate standards for email communication, including the following:
 - i. Time for when emails are sent, noting the following:
 1. Sometimes urgent matters arise, therefore these emails should be scheduled to be sent early the following day or at the sender's discretion
 2. All Board Members are students and likely also have work commitments so we cannot be limited to a standard 9am - 5pm timeframe
 - ii. If the communication is being sent from a Board Member in their role as YouX President, then the email account youxpresident@adelaide.edu.au should be used, rather than the Board Member's student email

Moved by Ellie Venning

2. Minutes should be public quicker

The YouX online page clearly states that “Open papers for each meeting will be available shortly before each meeting, and minutes will be uploaded once they have been approved by the board.” However, the minutes from two meetings ago (20 December 2024) are still not online.

Decreasing the delay of meetings and the minutes being public will improve transparency and student’s trust in their representatives, as well as making the operations of the YouX Board more accessible to students.

Action Items

- a. YouX Board Meeting minutes should be submitted online within 24 hours of being approved by the Board

Moved by Ellie Venning

3. All Student YouX Board Members should have photos and bios online

As of 13 February 2025, only 6 of the 9 student YouX Board Members have photos and biographies on the YouX Board representatives page: <https://youx.org.au/voice/youxboard/>. Having photos and biographies of student Board Members easily accessible online will improve the transparency and trust amongst students, as well as improving students’ awareness of who their YouX Board Members are so they can find us on campus easier and get in touch with concerns or other matters.

Having a photo and biography should only take up to 10 minutes to submit, but can help make a tangible difference in improving our operations and transparency.

Action Items

- a. All Board Members that do not have a photo and/or bio should endeavour to submit them to Kathryn Howes (YouX Executive Officer) before the next meeting

Moved by Ellie Venning

4. Federal Election Enrolment Drive

The University of Western Australia Student Guild and the Curtin University Student Guild have recently done several social media posts encouraging students to enrol to vote ahead of the upcoming state election. These posts include information about when enrolments need to be made by, when voting opens, and when election day is.

Additionally, on 13 February 2025, the YouX social media page shared a post advertising working for the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) on federal election night.

Action Items

- a. YouX and the UoA SRC should collaborate on social media posts aimed at informing students about enrolment and voting once the federal election has been called, noting that the federal election must be held sometime before the end of May 2025.
- b. YouX and the UoA SRC should collaborate on running an enrolment drive for students on campus, in conjunction with the Australian Electoral Commission. The aim of this will be to:
 - i. Increase students' enrolment
 - ii. Increase students' awareness of the date of the federal election, and other related voting dates
- c. YouX notes that this enrolment drive should be non-partisan, in accordance with AEC regulations and objectives

Moved by Ellie Venning

5. Endorse the NUS Campaign

On Friday 7 February 2025, the National Union of Students (NUS) launched its campaign ahead of the upcoming Federal Election. Titled "My Future, Our Voice", the campaign's objective is to improve youth voter enrolment and to encourage voters "don't go back to the past, put the Liberals last" because "a vote for the Liberals is a vote for fee hikes, course cuts, staff cuts, student poverty, climate denial, nuclear, conservatism, racist Australia".

Launched by the NUS President, Ashlyn Horton, and the NUS Welfare Officer, Lucy Fawcett, alongside the ACTU President, Michelle O'Neil, the campaign will be run by the NUS President, in conjunction with NUS Office Bearers and NUS Delegates across the country, as well as any student union or body that wishes to participate.

This campaign is being run in accordance with the Higher Education Support Amendment (Student Services and Funding) Act 2011 which sets out that SSAF cannot be used to support a political party or the election of any candidate or politician.

The mover of this motion notes that they have a conflict of interest due to their role as the NUS Women's Officer and as a UoA NUS Delegate, and will therefore abstain from voting on this motion but is happy to answer questions about the motion and the campaign.

Action Items

- a. YouX endorses the NUS Campaign of "My Future, Our Voice"
- b. YouX will collaborate with the NUS and distribute its campaign materials (stickers, flyers etc) to students

Mover: TBD

8. In-Camera

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9. Close:

Next Meeting:

Close of Submissions:

TBD

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