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YouX

## Board Meeting Minutes on May 2024

For the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2024

YouX Board Room starting at 5:30pm

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
Merlin Wang (YouX President)	Ruby Stewart
Jacob David Allen	
Tom Zhai (Zoom)	
Adeline Chi May Tang	<b>Absentee:</b>
Quyen Ngoc Le Phan	
Michael Physick (Zoom)	
Kathryn Howes	
Liam Wayne Johns (Zoom)	<b>Minutes Secretary:</b>
Kyan Jack Jenkins	Owen Ong Zi Xyan
Simiranjit Singh Dahia (Zoom)	

*Meeting opened at 5:32pm.*



## 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*

**Moved:** Quyen

**Seconded:** Kyan

**In Favor:** Kathryn, Jacob and Kyan

**Motion Carried**

## 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MW

### Recommendation:

*The Board accepts the minutes of the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 as a true and accurate record.*

**Moved:** Quyen

**Seconded:** Merlin Wang (MW)

**In Favor:** Kyan, Kathryn and Adeline

**Motion Carried**

## 5. YouX President's Report\*

MW

Merlin Wang tabled his YouX President report. Merlin also provided some update on several aspect:

- MW investigated the impact of trimester programs, noting widespread opposition among students and staff. He discussed these concerns with university officials.
- MW highlighted changes to visa eligibility affecting students over 35 and the need for the university to release grades earlier. He mentioned that many students were unaware of this policy change when they enrolled and paid tuition fees. The University of Adelaide releases grades on July 9th, but the visa application deadline is July 1st, which creates a significant issue for affected students. MW is working with Study Adelaide to advocate for these students.
- MW provided updates on the program's progress and collaboration with SRC. He mentioned that Aiden (SRC President) had drafted a policy for the food pantry program, which will be discussed further in the meeting.
- MW also mentioned efforts to improve transparency by uploading minutes and agendas promptly.

## 6. SRC Food Pantry Committee\*

MW

### Discussion:

MW explained the need for the committee to be under YouX for better management and funding purposes. The committee will focus on coordinating volunteers for the food pantry program rather than becoming a political project. The draft policy by Aiden was reviewed, and board members were encouraged to provide feedback.

### Motion:

The Board agrees the establishment of SRC Food Pantry Committee under the YouX Constitution Clause 15-Committees of the Board. The Board also agrees to delegate the power to the SRC President as the chair to determine the composition of the committee.

**Moved:** Merlin Wang

**Seconded:** Quyen

**In Favor:** Jacob, Quyen, Adeline, Kathryn and Tom

**Motion Carried**

## 7. Trimesters Discussion\*.

MW

### Discussion:

MW emphasized the widespread opposition to trimester programs among students and staff. He suggested that the university assess each degree on a case-by-case basis to determine the appropriateness of trimesters. Kyan recommended drafting the letter and discussing it in the next board meeting for formal approval.

### Motion:

The Board authorises the President to write a letter to express the concern of the potential implementation of trimester programs on behalf of the YouX Board to the University.

~~Action point one:~~ The President to draft the letter and circulate it for approval.

~~Action point two:~~ The directors who support this motion the sign on this letter.

**Moved:** Merlin Wang

**Seconded:** Kyan

**In Favor:** Jacob, Liam, Adeline, Kathryn and Tom

**Motion Carried**

## 8. Recent change of 485 graduate visa applicants' eligibility\*

MW

### Discussion:

MW discussed the negative impact of the visa eligibility changes on mature age students and their families. Releasing grades earlier would give these students a chance to apply for a graduate visa, emphasizing the importance of helping these students.

### Motion:

The Board authorises the President to write a letter to advocate the University to release grades earlier for the international students with an age of 35 or above who are graduating in Semester 1 2024 on behalf of the YouX Board to the University.

~~Action point one:~~ The President to draft the letter and circulate it for approval.

~~Action point two:~~ The directors who support this motion the sign on this letter.

**Moved:** Merlin Wang

**Seconded:** Quyen

**In Favor:** Jacob, Quyen, Adeline, Kathryn and Simiranjit

**Motion Carried**

## 9. Federal Budget SSAF Acknowledgement

MW

### Motion:

That the YouX Board:

1. Acknowledge that the Federal Government in the most recent budget committed 40% of SSAF fees collected by universities to go to student controlled organisations.
2. Notes that an increase to 40% of SSAF for YouX would be beneficial for the Union and that it could expand the services already provided.
3. The Board reinforces the message of the YouX Policy 'SSAF AND VSU STATEMENT' that VSU was a destructive policy that greatly impacted the ability of the organisation to deliver services to students.
4. The Board maintains the eventual goal contained within the Policy of the to return to Universal Student Unionism.

### Discussion:

MW expressed that it was unclear whether the 40% of SSAF fees would go solely to YouX or also include other organizations such as AU Sports. This ambiguity needs to be clarified to understand the potential impact on YouX funding. The board decided to table the motion until the next meeting to obtain further clarification from Billy.

### Decision:

Table the motion for the next meeting and seek further clarification from Billy.

## 10. In-Camera

Move to In-camera at **6:13pm**.

## 11. Close:

Meeting closed at **7:32pm**.

### **Next Meeting:**

**26<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

### **Close of Submissions:**

**19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

### **Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:**

Merlin Wang (MW)