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YouX

Board Meeting Minutes on April 2024

For the meeting on the 24th of April 2024

YouX Board Room starting at 5:30pm

Present:	Apologies:
Merlin Wang	
Jacob David Allen	
Tom Zhai	
Adeline Chi May Tang	Absentee:
Quyen Ngoc Le Phan	
Michael Physick	
Kathryn Howes (EO)	
Liam Wayne Johns	Minutes Secretary:
Ruby Stewart	Owen Ong Zi Xyan
Kyan Jack Jenkins(Zoom)	
Simranjeet Singh Dahia (Late)	
Aiden Wang (SRC President)	

Meeting opened at 5:32pm.

Simranjeet Singh Dahia (Joined at 5:41pm)



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 Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their Country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna 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. Welcome **MW**

The board welcomes Simranjeet Singh Dahia to the YouX Board.

4. Unstarred Agenda Items **MW**

Recommendation:

The Board accepts all unstarred agenda items.

Moved by: Merlin Wang

Seconded by: Quyen Phan

Motion Carried

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting **MW**

Recommendation:

The Board accepts the minutes of the meeting on the 28th of March 2024 as a true and accurate record.

Liam suggested that the wording of “beyond challenge” should be removed. Merlin agreed to change it back to his initial wording of “Recommendation:

The Board resolves to not fill the Casual Vacancy left by Nix Herriot.

The Board resolves to fill the casual vacancy of a Student Elected Director, left by Sage Jupe with Simranjeet Sigh Dahiya, who the Executive Officer has confirmed is the person to be appointed in accordance with Section 10 of the AUU Constitution.

This appointment is effective immediately.”

Move by: Merlin Wang

Seconded by: Quyen Phan

6. YouX President's Report*

MW

Merlin Wang tabled his YouX President report, emphasizing the importance of maintaining student care as an independent entity within the university (Uni Mergen). He expressed excitement about future collaborations with the University of South Australia (UniSA).

(Simranjeet joined the meeting at 5:41 pm.)

Discussion:

- Liam inquired about the involvement of the University of South Australia Student Association (USA SA). Merlin clarified that while it's not directly our responsibility, we can communicate with the university about considering a trimester system for suitable courses.
- Liam suggested that the board should formally express its opposition to implementing a trimester system across all degrees.
- Merlin agreed to discuss with the university to see if it's possible to limit the trimester system to specific degrees.
- Liam proposed that the SRC and AUU board move a motion against the trimester program.
- Michael asked about the potential merging of similar clubs. Merlin mentioned an informal discussion with Oliver, stating that while sports clubs might remain unaffected, other clubs like law clubs might merge due to redundancy. However, smaller clubs like the board game club could remain independent unless they choose to merge. The merging process is expected to start in 2026.
- Ruby noted that some larger clubs have already begun contacting each other about potential mergers between the University of Adelaide and UniSA.
- The board supports a full-term system instead of a trimester system. Liam suggested that the SRC should push the motion first, followed by the board's support.
- Aiden agreed to include this discussion in the next SRC meeting and gather student opinions to present at the following board meeting. Most students do not support the trimester system, although some see its benefit in allowing students to retake failed courses without extending their study duration.
- Adeline acknowledged the board's stance but pointed out the potential benefits of the trimester system for students needing to retake courses.

- Aiden will discuss this matter with the student council at the next meeting and gather information for the upcoming board meeting. Everyone agreed with this approach.

7. SRC President's Report*

ZW

Merlin noted that Aiden was not required to submit a formal report due to the busy period following the SRC elections but invited him to speak.

Aiden(SRC President):

- Emphasized that students are more interested in addressing local and domestic concerns rather than extreme activism.
- Mentioned ongoing student discussions about the university merger and how it impacts them.
- Reported on attending student engagement council meetings with Merlin and virtual meetings with the USASA board to explore collaborative opportunities.
- Highlighted the approval for a food pantry initiative, with a room allocated near the SRC office. Preliminary policies are being developed to ensure its sustainability.
- Noted that many universities have similar initiatives to combat food crises among students. The goal is to secure long-term university support by demonstrating the project's sustainability.
- Announced the appointment of new officers (ATSI officer, general councillor, rural officer, environmental officer, and disability officer) at a special council meeting held on March 28. These new members will join the next council meeting.

In closing, Aiden expressed his support for the food pantry plan and the SRC's ongoing efforts to meet the needs of students.

8. In-Camera

Moved to In-Camera at **6:05pm**

9. Close:

Meeting closed at **7:31 pm.**

Next Meeting:

22nd May 2024

Close of Submissions:

15th May 2024

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Merlin Wang (MW)

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