



Adelaide University Union
Board Ex-camera Meeting Agenda
August 2019
19-08-2019



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 19th of August 2019

In the Board Room at 6:00pm

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. AUU Board Integrity Policy- Added to the pack **OO**

4. Appointment of Returning Officer **OO**

Recommendation:

That the Board appoints Gary Sutherland as the Returning Officer for the election of AUU Vice President.

5. Explanation of Procedure **OO**

Returning Officer to provide a brief explanation of the election procedure.

6. Election of the AUU Vice President **OO**

7. Returning Officer's Report **OO**

Recommendation:

That the Board accepts the report of Returning Officer.

8. Minutes of Previous Meeting **OO**

Recommendation:

That the Board accepts the minutes of the meeting of the 17th June 2019 as a true and accurate record.

9. Matters Arising From Previous Minutes **OO**

Recommendation:

That the board confirms the resolution Re: Rules Concerning The Conduct of Annual Elections, By-Elections and Referenda of 8th July 2019 to:

Regarding the power granted in Clause 20 of the AUU Constitution concerning Rules, this Board resolves to:

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Clause 8.2.2 The Returning Officer must not have been a candidate in AUU Annual Elections within the last five years and/or the Executive Officer of the AUU.

Re-number:

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and authorises the EO to alter the Master Copy accordingly.

10. AUU President's Report **OO**

11. Clubs Committee's Chair Report **SW**

12. Online Elections **OO**

Recommendation:

That the Board actions Gary Sutherland to investigate the possibility of holding online elections.

13. Antisemitism **HS & AH**

Recommendation:

The AUU condemns antisemitism in all its forms as defined by the globally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition. This is the working definition used by both Australian and international Jewish representative bodies. This is also the definition that was adopted by the National Union of Students on 14 December

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Going forward, the AUU will formally recognise and publicise January 27, as designated by the United Nations General Assembly, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and encourage the SRC to work with AUJS in either partnering or sharing material designed to educate and commemorate the atrocities of the Holocaust.

14. NUS Disaffiliation

AH & HS

Recommendation:

That the AUU Board rescinds the motion passed at the 17th November 2017 which reads: “That the Adelaide University Union, in recognition of the important role the National Union of Students is tasked with in representing the interests of students on the national stage, reinstates and hereby authorises the payment of monies to the NUS.”

Recommendation:

That the AUU Board, in recognition of the ineffective role the National Union of Students is tasked with in representing the interests of students on the national stage, stops any future the payment of monies to the NUS.

15. Creation of Financial Advisor Position- Student Care

OO

Recommendation:

That the AUU Board, in recognition of the importance of supporting students with financial issues, for the 2020 Budget, redirects the excess funds of NUS affiliation, other affiliations and NUS conference budget line item, with a total of \$18,600 to Student Care to create a financial advisor position to assist students regarding their financial enquires.

16. Apolitical AUU

OO

Recommendation:

That the AUU Board calls for a Referendum to alter the Adelaide University Union Constitution as follow:

Amend:

Clause 1.3 These objects will be achieved through a partnership of Students, Members, the University, Affiliates and staff of the Adelaide University Union in an apolitical nature.

Create:

Clause 1.4 The affairs of the Adelaide University Union must be apolitical.

17. Ramsay Centre

AH

Recommendation:

That the AUU Board, in recognition of the benefits of partnership with Ramsay Centre, actions the AUU President to discuss the possibility for the University to enter into a partnership with Ramsay Centre.

18. Any Other Business

19. In-Camera Items

OO

20. Close:

Next Meeting: 09/09/2019

Close of Submissions: 02/09/2019

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Oscar Ong (OO)
Stella Woo (SW)
Hugh Sutton (HS)
Angus Heaton (AH)



Adelaide University Union Board Meeting Minutes

For the meeting on 8th of July 2019

In the Board Room at 6:00pm

Present:	Apologies:
Oscar Ong (AUU President, Chair)	Michael Physick (Observer)
Hugh Sutton (AUU Vice President)	Angus Heaton (Student Media Chair)
Stella Woo (Clubs Committee Chair, Executive)	Patrick Kennewell
Arabella Wauchope (Executive)	Tamsin Anspach (Executive)
Patrick Stewart	
Goh Jing Soong	Minutes Secretary:
Siqi (Jeffrey) Yang	Rami Saaid
Gary Sutherland (Observer)	

Meeting opened at 6:03pm

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3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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Moved: Hugh Sutton

Seconded: Siqi (Jeffrey) Yang

CARRIED

4. Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

OO

Recommendation:

AH

That the board confirms the resolution Re: Student Media Rules of 17th June 2019 to:

Regarding the power granted in Clause 20 of the AUU Constitution concerning Rules, this Board resolves to:

Add:

Clause 7.8 Provide a report at each Student Media Committee meeting.

and authorises the EO to alter the Master Copy accordingly.

Moved: Stella Woo

Seconded: Siqi (Jeffrey) Yang

CARRIED

5. AUU President's Report

OO

Oscar Ong expressed happiness about him representing the AUU's involvement in replacing the carpets in the prayer rooms.

Oscar Ong also mentioned that there has been very positive feedback about the AUU on the 'Overheard at the University of Adelaide' page on Facebook.

Oscar Ong mentioned Kieran Hausler's progress on the RCC issue including the survey, and that he will be attending a meeting regarding the RCC later in the week.

Patrick Stewart entered the room at 6:08pm.

Arabella Wauchope asked how the university has been treating the SRC's campaign in Trimesters.

Oscar Ong responded that it has been taken lightly since it is still in the preliminary stage.

6. Clubs Conduct Policy

OO

Recommendation:

Regarding the power granted in Clause 21 of the AUU Constitution, this Board resolves to:

Create:

Clubs Conduct Policy

and authorises the EO to create the Master Copy accordingly.

Clubs Administrations Policy

Recommendation:

Regarding the power granted in Clause 21 of the AUU Constitution, this Board resolves to:

Amend:

Clause 7.1.1.1. Evidence of non-compliance with any section of Clause 10 and/or Clubs Conduct Policy.

Delete:

Clause 11

Re-number:

Clause 12 (old) to 11

and authorises the EO to create the Master Copy accordingly.

Oscar Ong mentioned that he and Patrick Stewart went through the policies earlier in the day, and then briefly went through the alterations.

Patrick Stewart mentioned his meet-up with Oscar Ong earlier in the day and was concerned that the policy may only solve issues in the short run and that longer-running issues may arise and have been foreseen.

Patrick Stewart mentioned however there is only one real issue; that the clubs administration or clubs manager entering policies that the board would not resonate with.

Gary Sutherland mentioned that no extra policies will necessarily be entered without notification, and reassured the board has higher power and can step in if need be.

Clubs Administrations Policy

Amendment:

Add:

Clause 2.15 'Clubs Manager' means the staff member delegated by the Executive Officer with responsibility to manage and oversee the administration of clubs registered under this policy.

Clause 11.2 Clubs must follow guidelines create pursuant to Clause 4.1 of this policy.

Amend:

Clause 4.1 The Clubs Manager or their nominee has the authority to create any necessary guidelines regarding the use of physical assets and administration processes needed for the smooth operation of clubs.

Moved: Stella Woo

Seconded: Patrick Stewart

CARRIED

7. Rules Concerning The Conduct of Annual Elections, By-Elections and Referenda

OO & AW

Arabella Wauchope mentioned that she had a look at the structure from the University of Sydney for elections.

Patrick Stewart mentioned that perhaps 8.2 should be split into separate rules outlining restrictions on individuals and the returning officer in elections, and association with said individuals.

Gary Sutherland however mentioned that one's association with other individuals is quite subjective and not exactly measurable.

Hugh Sutton generally agreed to the amendments and was happy to pass the motion on the basis that the extreme circumstances mentioned in the meeting would very likely not occur.

Hugh Sutton mentioned that the amendment without closely association is the one he agrees with.

Arabella Wauchope asked whether the term could be changed away from "close association" or another term.

Hugh Sutton mentioned that instead of the board tying themselves up in words and policies, if dire circumstances arose, the election tribunal would deal with them at the time.

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Moved: Arabella Wauchope

Seconded: Stella Woo

CARRIED

8. Any Other Business

9. In-Camera Items

Meeting moved in-camera at 6:20pm.

OO

10. Close:

Meeting closed at 7:06pm.

Next Meeting:

19/08/2019

Close of Submissions:

12/08/2019

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Oscar Ong (OO)

Arabella Wauchope (AW)

To: AUU Board
Subject: AUU President's Report
Date: 15/08/2019

1. Perth Visit (16/07-19/07)

CISA Conference

I attended the CISA National Conference, being held at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Perth from 16th July till 19th July, which is attended by mostly international students' leader from all over the country.

16/07

Plenary Session: Value for Investment - Cocurricular Activities & Entrepreneurship. A broader outlook of Higher Education

A very brief mention was done on the rise of tuition fees but was more focused on the value international students getting out of it. The panel tried to measure the outcome through the student's employability and ability to get a job in Australia.

Workplace Exploitation: The Final Resolution

This was served as an informative session to the delegates. Fair Work Ombudsman talked about working rights and reporting methods. I've ensured and confirmed the commitment by the Department of Home Affairs that the international students' visa will not be pulled back if a report were raised by international students' which rights are violated by employer that have worked for more than 40 hours per week

17/07

CISA Public Report

This is the first ever public report done by CISA and I commend their effort in increasing the organisation's transparency. A summary of each of their department's advocacy is given. Their advocacy after the closure of institutions was very impressive.

Graduate Outcomes: WE all matter

The session was mainly informative about how certain organisations value international students, however, does not solve the main issues.

Australia: A Prism of Possibilities. Volunteering Experience with CISA Session

This session talked about volunteering with CISA.

Plenary Session: Tertiary Education Providers Alumni Strategy: Supporting Future Global Leaders - with themes surrounding Alumni Networks, The Global Vision and providing outgoing students with the right real-world connections

This session talked about the value of alumni, which the university have already been working on.

'Combating Workplace Exploitation for International Students'

A review of Australian workplace rights and other human rights laws, and how these impact international students and other temporary residents were carried out. The discussion looked at the issues surrounding franchising in Australia, and what changes are needed to protect employees from exploitation in this setting. It was interesting where several federal legislations were pointed out to be discriminated against international students and temporary residents. Several solutions were suggested, and I will put these ideas forward to the working group with ISS.

18/07

Mental Health Workshop: Conquering the cultural stigma

This session focuses on normalising difficulties with mental health, challenges for international students and how problems can present for students, what to look out for in themselves and others and where to go to get reliable information and initial help. Leonie will discuss suicide with a focus on the importance of seeking help. Staying well and prevention of difficulties were discussed too.

Time to review the National Strategy for International Education?

One of the key recommendations of Australia's first ever National Strategy for International Education was the establishment of the world's only National Council for International Education. The Council includes 6 Federal Ministers and 11 Expert Members (including the elected President of CISA) and meets regularly. Established in 2016, one of the key roles of the Council is to ensure effective implementation of the Strategy. After 4 years now of operations, the CISA Conference 2019 provides a good opportunity, through this session, to explore how the Council is functioning, whether it is effectively implementing the National Strategy and even whether it might be time to update and refresh the Strategy. I was glad to be able to hear what the council were doing and provide my input in the potential refreshment of the strategy.

Plenary Session – National Peak Student Bodies

National peak bodies including NUS, CAPA and CISA presented what they have been doing for international students. I asked about the ineffectiveness of NUS's international officer which attended 2/5 executive meetings and handed in 1/5 reports (second report is the same as first) in representing international students and the answer I got was "every organisation have ineffective executive members". I also asked about what NUS had done for international students when approximately 21% income (affiliation fees) are from international students, the answer I got was "it is complicated, and our work mostly includes international students". I also asked about

the free education campaign which never include international students as part of the conversation, again, the answer was just “we follow the model of other free ed countries and it could be done”- with no acknowledgement they are living in Australia. The answer given by Desiree, President of NUS was very disappointing, showing their lack of leadership skills and understanding towards what they are fighting for. I believe if CISA were to receive 21% of the affiliation fees of NUS, more meaningful work for international student could have been done.

Panel: Student Engagement in Institutional Decision-Making and Governance- International Student Voice

We were presented the Student Voice project which the SRC is also part of.

19/07

Regulatory Closure of Education Institutions

CISA was involved in several education provider closures of their tenure, with the biggest issue spanning through Darwin, Sydney and Brisbane. It is seen that on the ground, the students were at a loss when they didn't know the procedures of a college closure or an ASQA review procedure, they were panicking about their visas, their tuition fees, their loss of investment, the accreditation of units etc. We were equipped with the knowledge to assist with college closures or know the processes should a student be at academic risk due to this as well. An opportunity for the session to discuss suggestion of future initiatives to improve between TPS and TEQSA. It was a very valuable session to me because we would never ever expected institution closure especially as an international student. The procedure taken was laid out clear to all of us.

Inspire, Aspire, Empower

This session have a strong focus on employability and the importance of employability. Along with themes around cultural integration – and the growing benefits of international and domestic student engagement/involvement.

Launch of IEAA's new student guide

A very useful guide for international student looking for employment were release. I am looking into linking this guide through our website.

Curtin University Guild- Finlay Nolan (18/07)

I met with the President of the Guild, Finlay and she provided an outlook of what their structure looks like. Their structure is similar to the AUU, where there is a SRC and an AUU Board, however, their SRC arm is bigger and have each individual departments. A two-year term were recently introduced to ensure continuity between the old and new council members. We also talked briefly about the online elections.

UWA Student Guild- Conrad Hogg (18/07)

Their student guild is huge, with clubs' spaces, café and retail spaces. Their volunteering department have been really successful, something we could learn from. Their president are the head of governance but also the head of operations as well. They have a similar grant program as us.

Both guilds have a much larger scale compared to the AUU. Although leased by the university, both guilds have their own spaces, which they rent out to cafes and have their own retail shops. They are even capable of furnishing the entire place which cost more than 1 million. Although with 50% compulsory SSAF funding, which amounts to \$2.8 mil for Curtin University, \$2.7 mil for UWA, it has not much difference with the AUU, what made them different to us, is the collaborations and long understanding with the university.

In conclusion, my trip to Perth was very rewarding and certainly very eye-opening what a student organisation can achieve with the empowerment from the university- something I will continue to advocate for the rest of my term.

2. Overheard UofA Facebook Group

I have continued to monitor and respond to students' concerns in the Facebook group. Concerns were specifically raised regarding the facilities of Waite campus which I raised the issue with Kim. The felt will be repaired & new rubber will be replaced. More table tennis will be sent up there. Spare tips will be used to replace the broken ones. I've also resolved the concerns around the UofA app issue. (Total Reactions: 589)

Visual storyteller · 26 July at 16:24

After a recent study expedition to Waite campus I found a fantastic campus with better facilities for stress relief than the city. However these are in sub par state. The pool cues have no tips, the pool table felt is ripped and the ping pong balls were all cracked or broken.

Rather than just complain about this, my solution to the problem was to get rid of all the the broken ping pong balls and donated some new ones.

Next I ask the most approachable union president Mr Oscar Ong to repair the cues and felt of the pool table to revive this campus that is tucked away.


#getreadyformnextweek #letsmakeadelaideunigreatagain




Have they fixed the uni app? I haven't seen the sign in screen since Wednesday.

You, Lazaras Panayiotou, Nick Birchall and 19 others · 9 comments


Like · Comment · Share

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Oscar Ong Yep! Check my previous comment: I've raised it to the university and a simple fix have been implemented for this and it is going to be released Wednesday afternoon. Users will now be logged out every 90 days instead of every 8 hours. However if the user turns off their phone or closes the app they will need to log in again. By 'close the app' I mean they actually shut down the app (eg on iOS swipe up) – if they just exit out of the app it will not log them out.

Like · Reply · 2d · 24
- 


Oscar Ong Awesome. Thanks, Oscar!

Love · Reply · 2d · 1
- 


thank you supreme leader

Haha · Reply · 2d · 2



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Oscar Ong Not a problem! Will get it fixed!

Like · Reply · 3d · 26
- 

you are a legend mate


Love · Reply · 3d · 4

Conversation starter · Yesterday at 15:07


Apparently UniBar doesn't do money off on schnitties for union members anymore

Lazaras Panayiotou, Samantha Bedford and 95 others · 21 comments


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Oscar Ong

Sad · Reply · 1d · 4
- 

Oscar Ong I will action this with the AUU staff!

Like · Reply · 1d · 55
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Oscar Ong did you buy it on the day where schnitzel was on specials? Or the other days (not Tuesday). If you bought it the other days you should receive a 15% off

3. RCC

Kearin, Ali and I attended a presentation meeting of the RCC Survey Feedback with the consultants. After that, we had a follow up meeting with the university to analyse the results. After the analysis of the results, we had another follow up meeting. I trust that you have seen the results in our webpage too. I am very glad to say, through my meetings with university and advocacy, this year has been a huge progress in student representation, representing the AUU, I had a seat in the decision-making table- a great achievement worth for all students to celebrate. The AUU were considered as one of the key stakeholders and our opinion were valued and prioritised. In the best interest of all students in mind, the university and I sat together to talk through all the issues we had and together as a collective.

A meeting of “without prejudice” with Roberto Cardone from RCC to understand his thinking about the RCC being on campus next year was held after the week. The meeting overall was positive, and we had seen genuine intentions to work together with the AUU from the university’s side. The draft plan indicates that Elder Hall will be used one or two nights per week, less infrastructure in Bonython Hall, maybe not use Scott Theatre at all, Barr Smith Lawns used to incorporate Neon forest with 1/3 free space, whole Maths Lawns will be used but the area around is accessible, reading room of the library will be activated, Goodman lawns & Hub for Clubs, Union House and cloisters will be used for events and displays and no sounds checks before 5pm.

4. Meeting the SA Minister for Education



I had got the chance to meet with the SA Minister for Education in one of the cultural dinners of our clubs. It was great to talk about the AUU and the value we add to students. We also talked briefly about the rebranding of the AUU which the minister has expressed his support behind the issue.

5. Engagement with University

Meeting with Inga Davis & Alice Robinson (External Relations) (06/08)

I met up with Inga and Alice to talk about the cultural festivals (Indian Night, Viet Fest) that our clubs are planning at the moment. We also talked about a calendar of next year's events. A possible MoU between the university and AUU was also discussed.

Meeting with Dave Lamb, Michael Physick & Ian Thomson (DASE) (06/08)

We catch-up and talked about a range of issues. I've raised the issue where students of some courses were forced to buy textbooks to complete a course requirement.

Union House Masterplan- Stakeholders Briefing (08/08)

The session talked about the plans and principles of the masterplan. The session was a starting point for discussion only. Nothing is set in stone, the consultation process is in its early stages and they have not yet met with all of the groups who will be part of the consultation for the Masterplan for Union House. Couple of issues that I've highlighted was Union House Level 4 for centralised AUU services and bigger prayer rooms.

6. University Time Table Committee

The committee met up to discuss issues around intensives and block teaching. I catch up with Dave after the meeting (I was in the RCC meeting before) and updated what we discussed. The student groups involved previously were willing to be more collaborative to which he was pleased. I also talked about the several events coming up and MOU as a result of meeting with Inga. I was apparently quote, the best AUU President the AUU have had in 10 years, unquote!

7. Clubs Committee

The Clubs Committee have met to discuss clubs' registrations and grants.

8. Meetings with the AUU Staff

I've been maintaining weekly meetings with Gary regarding operations of the AUU.

9. Presentations

I've done several presentations of the AUU including Peer Mentor Info Session, Get Connected Session, Arts & Science Faculty Introduction during O'Week & Open Day Student Forum.

10. Affiliates

a. SRC

I've been maintaining constant contact with Ali around the RCC and Trimesters issue.

b. Student Care

Student Care is busy with tax help and academic progress at the moment. I have also chaired another Student Care Board Meeting at the 31st July.

Yours Sincerely,

Oscar Zi Shao Ong
AUU President

To: AUU Board
Subject: Clubs Committee's Chair Report
Date: 14/08/2019

Dear Board Directors,

Clubsland was a great success, with majority of the clubs having a great sign-up rate. Semester re-registrations are being accepted from 1st September until 22nd September.

We were approached by Multicultural Council of South Australia regarding a project funded by the South Australian Government on "Building resilient CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) Communities." This was because cultural clubs have a large international student base. They will be

- Improving their knowledge on Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management,
- Increasing their capability to communicate with the relevant institutions and between them as a community and
- Enhancing both group and individual strengths and existing networks.

10 new clubs have been approved, so I look forward to seeing these clubs in action.

Yours Sincerely,

Stella Woo
Clubs Committee Chair

To: AUU Board
Subject: Online Elections
Date: 20/07/2019

Dear Board Directors,

Currently, the AUU student election cycle runs for a period of up to 4 months from June-September with certain tasks required to be completed by specific dates. With online election platform, other student associations complete a full election cycle within an average of 6 weeks with a polling period running between 1-5 days.

The current AUU budget for annual student election is approximately \$8000-\$10,000 and is supposed to cover staffing, printing, infrastructure and stationary. It is expected to exceed due to extended counting periods and additional staff requirements.

It should be noted that apart from financial costs, there is an increasing negative cost to the AUU's reputation as students and staff become less accepting of campaigning methods and engagement during election week. Thus, I am recommending the board to further look into the possibility of having online elections.

Recommendation:

That the Board actions Gary Sutherland to investigate the possibility of holding online elections.

Yours Sincerely,

Oscar Zi Shao Ong
AUU President

To: AUU Board
Subject: Antisemitism
Date: 20/07/2019

Dear Board Directors,

Antisemitism is often dismissed as a phenomenon of the past, both in public debate and academic discourse. People mistakenly assume that Antisemitism is merely historical. The opposite of this is true. 2018 saw a 59% increase* in recorded antisemitic incidents and a huge increase in antisemitic activity occurring on campuses across Australia. *Report on Antisemitism in Australia 2018 compiled by Executive Council of Australian Jewry (<http://www.ecaj.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/ECAJ-Antisemitism-Report-2018.pdf>). Thus, we are recommending the following:

Recommendation:

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Yours Sincerely,

Hugh Sutton
AUU Vice President

Angus Heaton
Student Media Chair

To: AUU Board
Subject: NUS Disaffiliation
Date: 06/08/2019

Dear Board Directors,

Currently, the AUU sends \$11,000 to the National Union of Students as part of our affiliation fee, under a false pretence that the NUS plays any sort of valuable role in representing students from the University of Adelaide. I would suggest a significant majority of Adelaide Uni students have no idea what the NUS is, or what it does. Indeed in my time here, even as someone engaged in student representation, the only times I can recall anyone from the NUS doing anything on our campus is when the Women's Officer flew in to spend a day chanting about St Mark's college, or when a group of students from Melbourne went around harassing students to sign their petitions at O'Week.

Every year the AUU uses students' SSAF money to pay for student politician hacks to fly interstate on a junket and attend the absolute farce that is the "NUS National Conference" – a week long glorified piss-up where Young Labor and SAIt members inflate their own egos and scream at each other rather than do anything to help students. It is absolutely outrageous that the AUU continues to pay affiliation fees to what is essentially a training ground for left wing politicians, and none of us in our capacity as directors of the AUU can honestly say it is a valuable or effective use of our SSAF allocation. We would be much better off investing this \$11,000 in Student Care, better facilities for students, promoting the AUU, or holding more events on campus.

Recommendation:

1. That the AUU Board rescinds the motion passed at the 17th November 2017 which reads: "That the Adelaide University Union, in recognition of the important role the National Union of Students is tasked with in representing the interests of students on the national stage, reinstates and hereby authorises the payment of monies to the NUS."
2. That the AUU Board, in recognition of the ineffective role the National Union of Students is tasked with in representing the interests of students on the national stage, stops any future the payment of monies to the NUS.

Yours Sincerely,
Angus Heaton
Student Media Chair

Hugh Sutton
AUU Vice President

To: AUU Board
Subject: Creation of Financial Advisor Position- Student Care
Date: 12/08/2019

Dear Board Directors,

If the motion above passes, with slight adjustments on other budget items, this could save us \$18,600. Looking at the current statistics, we have 1 out of 5 students which request financial help and it has been identified as one of the areas of improvement. I have spoken to Ann Madigan, Student Care Manager, she have expressed that such position will help students facing the financial problems a lot. Extra help can be provided (i.e financial planning etc.) in the same fashion as the current lawyer which help with students' issues.

Important notes:

- 1 in 5 student enquiries in 2018 related to Financial matter – be this in relation to Centrelink / Grants / emergency assistance / Tuition fees / scholarships / debt management
- A Fin Counsellor would provide free, confidential and independent advice, information and advocacy to students who are in financial difficulty
- they would have no conflict of interest
- the focus of the role could be to is to assist students get out of debt and take control of finances to support independent living and successful engagement in their study
- Financial Counsellors are well placed to work in not for profit, community or church-based organisations who provide preferential support for those groups that are recognised as socially disadvantaged
- this role would be distinct from the EWOs and focus on debt management; budget skills; supporting access and referral to relevant and required community resources.

Recommendation:

That the AUU Board, in recognition of the importance of supporting students with financial issues, for the 2020 Budget, redirects the excess funds of NUS affiliation, other affiliations and NUS conference budget line item, with a total of \$18,600 to Student Care to create a financial advisor position to assist students regarding their financial enquires.

Yours Sincerely,

Oscar Zi Shao Ong
AUU President

To: AUU Board
Subject: Apolitical AUU
Date: 12/08/2019

Dear Board Directors,

After my engagement with students, I found out that the reason that majority of our students do not engage with the AUU is due to its political nature. I am convinced that the political nature of the AUU have a significant detriment to the pursuit of each and every objective of the AUU as stated in our Constitution. I think that if we wish to see the greater engagement of students in the AUU's future, we would be taking great strides towards that goal if we were to become an apolitical organisation.

Thus, after discussing with some board directors, I am proposing we amend the constitution to include the affairs of the AUU must be apolitical.

Recommendation:

That the AUU Board calls for a Referendum to alter the Adelaide University Union Constitution as follow:

Amend:

Clause 1.3 These objects will be achieved through a partnership of Students, Members, the University, Affiliates and staff of the Adelaide University Union in an apolitical nature.

Create:

Clause 1.4 The affairs of the Adelaide University Union must be apolitical.

Yours Sincerely,

Oscar Zi Shao Ong
AUU President

To: AUU Board
Subject: Ramsay Centre
Date: 13/08/2019

Dear Board Directors,

The Ramsay Centre is an organisation that aims “to advance education by promoting studies and discussion associated with the establishment and development of western civilisation, including through establishing scholarship funds and educational courses in partnership with universities”. Presently, Ramsay has reached agreements with the University of Wollongong and the University of Queensland, to run their Bachelor of Arts in Western Civilisation degrees at their campuses. The degree outline is outstanding and students at the University of Adelaide would benefit immensely from being able to study this degree here. The AUU exists to represent the interest of students and further their welfare and advocating for the University to enter into a partnership with Ramsay is unquestionably in the interest of students given the quality content of the Western Civilisation degree.

Recommendation:

That the AUU Board, in recognition of the benefits of partnership with Ramsay Centre, actions the AUU President to discuss the possibility for the University to enter into a partnership with Ramsay Centre.

Yours Sincerely,

Angus Heaton
Student Media Chair