

## Meeting in Hughes 323 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### 1. Procedural Matters

Ana opened the meeting at 6:05

#### 1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Ana acknowledged the owners of the lang we were on and stated how important it is to recognise their ownership of the land.

#### 1.2. Attendance

Ana Obradovic, Billy Zimmermann, James Wood, Ulian Cox, Georgia Thomas, Mat Monti, Nix Herriot, Jack Crawford, Eddie Satchell, Tom Wood, Marilee Hou, Liam Johns, Ramon O'Donnell, Chanel Trezise, Frankie Ciampa, Steph Madigan, Alicia Turner, Henry Southcott, James Dimas

#### 1.3. Apologies

Dhuruva Padmanabhan, AJ Francotirador

#### 1.4. Absences

Wendy Yu

#### 1.5. Adoption of Agenda

**Procedural Motion:** That item 8.2 be moved before Office Bearer Reports

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann      **Seconded:** Jack Crawford      **Motion carried**

#### 1.6. Welcome

Ana welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2022 SRC.

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Recommendation:** That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 26 October 2021 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann      **Seconded:** Mat Monti      **Motion carried**

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

### 4. Correspondence

### 5. New Members

Ana Obradovic, Billy Zimmermann, James Wood, Ulian Cox, Georgia Thomas, Mat Monti, Nix Herriot, Jack Crawford, Eddie Satchell, Dhuruva Padmanabhan, Tom Wood, Marilee Hou, Liam Johns, AJ Francotirador, Wendy Yu, Ramon O'Donnell, Chanel Trezise, Frankie Ciampa, Steph Madigan, Alicia Turner, Henry Southcott, James Dimas

## 6. Motions on Notice

### 8.2. Executive Election

**Motion:** That Mark Pace be appointed Returning Officer for the election of an executive

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann      **Seconded:** Tom Wood      **Motion carried**

Mark called for nominations while item 7.1 was discussed:

Nominations were received from Ulian Cox, Georgia Thomas, James Wood.

As the number of nominations were the same as the number of vacancies, Mark declared Ulian, Georgia and James elected to the Executive.

**Motion:** That the returning Officer's report be accepted

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann      **Seconded:** Mat Monti      **Motion carried**

## 7. Office Bearer Reports

### 7.1. President

*Ana handed over chair to Billy Zimmermann at 6:13.*

Ana took most her report as mostly as read but noted that the role for the SRC next year is to live up to our election campaign and advocate for students by raising hell against university management.

She noted that part of our agenda was transparency and democracy. It was said that the previous administration did not live up to this principle by their amendments to standing orders, so we had to amend them.

**Motion:** The SRC amends clause 6.a of the standing orders so it reads: "The agenda shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary in consultation with voting members of the Council, and all items duly submitted to the General Secretary must be included."

**Moved:** Ana Obradovic      **Seconded:** Tom Wood      **Motion carried**

Ana spoke on her work on protests, meeting university figures and the SRC office already during her term. She finalised by encouraging everyone to come to NUS NatCon

*Billy handed over chair to Ana Obradovic at 6:20*

### 7.2. General Secretary

**Recommendation:** That the SRC rescind the standing order amendment made on the 9th of March 2021 regarding casual vacancy advertising.

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann      **Seconded:** Eddie Satchell      **Motion carried**

**Recommendation:** That William Zimmermann (SRC General Secretary) be duly authorised as a signatory to the SRC bank account and remove Evelyn Cacas (former General Secretary).

[Account Name: Student Representative Council (Adelaide), Inc. Account Number: 188 648 140]

**Recommendation:** That Ana Obradovic (SRC President) be duly authorised as a signatory to the SRC bank account and remove Oscar Ong (former President). [Account Name: Student Representative Council (Adelaide), Inc. Account Number: 188 648 140]

**Recommendation:** That the SRC appoint William Zimmermann (SRC General Secretary) as Public Officer and authorise him to notify Consumer and Business Services accordingly.

**Moved en bloc**

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann

**Seconded:** Ulian Cox

**Motion carried**

### **7.3. Education Officer**

James spoke to his report noting the incredible power imbalance between students and university management. James advocated a fightback against all cuts from the university. He called SRC Members and other interested students to join the No Adelaide Cuts Campaign against cuts. He spoke of the success of fighting against the Maths Learning Centre cuts to show that students can indeed fight against unjust cuts.

Frankie asked a question regarding where students next year would go if they were receiving a less than ideal education. James replied that issues should be raised with him or the no cuts campaign. Frankie clarified that he was focusing on individual cases, Jack Crawford stated that individual lecturers are not at fault, Billy Zimmermann added that it is a symptomatic issue from years of cuts.

#### **Motion:**

The SRC demands that the University:

- a) Cancel its proposed faculty mergers, staff sackings and course cuts
- b) Immediately halt all lay-offs and redundancies
- c) Provide security for all casual workers by transitioning them onto permanent contracts
- d) Significantly reduce the overall remuneration for the Vice Chancellor and senior management and commit to reinvesting the savings made into funding staff contracts.
- e) Commit to fully-funding essential student service including, but not limited to the Maths Learning Centre, Writing Centre, Counselling and Disability Services and the Library

#### **Motion:**

As per section 16 of the SRC constitution, **the SRC will call a Student General Meeting for 24 March 2022** (Wednesday of week 4), with a goal of reaching quorum (150 students), to express opposition to the cuts and formally condemn the Vice Chancellor.

#### **Additionally, the SRC commits to:**

- a) Issuing a public statement on behalf of the SRC opposing the faculty mergers and cuts to staff and courses
- b) Endorsing and practically supporting the No Adelaide University Cuts campaign through ...
  - i. Providing campaigning material (posters, leaflets, stickers, t-shirts etc.)
  - ii. Promotion on SRC social media accounts and the SRC building (such as banners)
  - iii. Hosting stalls, forums, information sessions etc.
- c) Building a large on-campus protest early in Semester 1

#### **Amendment proposed by James Wood:**

Add point d) Allocating \$2000 towards promotional resources (e.g. professionally printed banner, badges, stickers, t-shirts, etc.) for the anti-cuts campaign.

Amendment put forward by mover so vote not required.

**Amendment proposed by Henry Southcott:**

In point d) of the first motion, change spelling of ‘renumeration’ to ‘remuneration’

**This was amenable to the mover.**

Amended motions moved en bloc.

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**Moved:** James Wood

**Seconded:** Nix Herriot

**Motion carried**

**7.4. Queer Officer**

Mat delivered their report. They noted correspondence from SIN and moved their motion.

**Motion:**

The SRC,

- a) recognises Sex work as real work
- b) commits to ensuring that members of our university community who identify as sex workers feel safe on campus, and
- c) authorises the Queer Officer to engage with groups like SIN to work towards the safety of student who identify as Sex Workers at the University.

**Moved:** Mat Monti

**Seconded:** Tom Wood

**Motion carried**

Mat continued to speak about their work with the Pinnacle foundation.

### **7.5. Postgraduate Officer (Research)**

**Motion:** That the SRC approves up to \$100 for catering at a postgraduates' forum in February or March.

**Moved:** Jack Crawford

**Seconded:** Eddie Satchell

**Motion Carried**

### **7.6. Postgraduate Officer (Coursework)**

Eddie spoke to his report and his meetings with the previous Postgrad officer and current HDR Officer. He also spoke of the rampant wage theft that international students face. He mentioned the final report of the Select Committee on Wage Theft recommending students be educated on their rights as workers. To this end Eddie moved a motion to endorse the findings of the Select Committee into wage theft.

**Motion:** The SRC supports the Final Report of the Select Committee on Wage Theft in South Australia Recommendation 33 which reads:

33. Universities have an obligation to teach students about Australia's industrial relation system and employee rights and responsibilities and should use University funded organisations such as Study Adelaide to fulfil this requirement.

**Motion:** The SRC President will write to the relevant officer of the University of Adelaide noting the SRC's endorsement of this Recommendation and requesting University endorse Recommendation 33 and provide an outline of the steps it is taking and will take to implement this Recommendation.

**Motion:** The SRC endorses the making of a joint statement with the Student Associations of Flinders University and the University of South Australia expressing the intervarsity support of Recommendation 33 and provide this statement to Study Adelaide requesting Study Adelaide endorse Recommendation 33 and provide an outline of the steps it is taking and will take to implement this Recommendation.

### **Moved en bloc**

**Moved:** Eddie Satchel

**Seconded:** Tom Wood

**Motion Carried**

### **7.7. Social Justice Officer**

Tom delivered his report. Tom spoke of his work with APN and his particular interest in poverty issues. He emphasised the need to weed out all unethical practices at every stage of the supply chain in our work. He also spoke of his openness to working with all representatives but particularly noted the Postgraduate Coursework Officer and the Environment Officer.

### **7.8. International Officer**

No report submitted. Billy reminded members of their requirements to submit reports or face removal from the SRC.

## 8. General Business

### 8.1. Roseworthy Mental Health Support

Liam spoke to the concerning statistics coming out of the Roseworthy campus regarding mental health and the support. Liam mentioned the creation of an alumni mental health fund that focuses on education and advocacy.

#### **Motion:**

The SRC hence pledges to:

- a) Hold fundraisers on both the Roseworthy and North Terrace campuses to raise money for the Roseworthy and Alumni Mental Health Fund;
- b) Endorse the Veterinary Students for Mental Health group and empower the Rural Officer to work with the organisation on the SRC's behalf;
- c) Call for an independent and official investigation into the mental health crisis at Roseworthy; and
- d) Call for the university to hire a full-time mental health team at Roseworthy.

**Moved:** Liam Johns

**Seconded:** Mat Monti

**Motion carried**

### 8.2. Executive Election

MOVED TO BEFORE OFFICE BEARER REPORTS

### 8.3. The AUU/SRC funding agreement is an attack on free speech and student democracy and must be opposed

*Ana handed over the chair at 7:07 to Billy Zimmermann*

Billy explained there was a mistake in what he included in the papers. Also he noted that as he is seconder, he cannot chair the meeting.

*Billy handed over the chair at 7:08 to Jack Crawford*

Ana spoke to the motion. Billy spoke to it as well reiterating the points that this is an attack on the SRC. Ramon O'Donnell spoke about the confidentiality of it being a problem. Mat added that they have wedged a clause into the agreement that is not in the interest of the SRC or in our constitution, Mat added that we have a right to do what we are doing free from interference. Eddie added that universities are supposed to be a bastion of free speech and that this funding agreement breaches the rights of all students to free speech.

#### **Motion:**

That the SRC:

1. Recognises the agreement is one of many dictatorial attempts by the right-wing Progress/Liberal coalition to stifle speech and actions they dislike.
2. Condemns the AUU board and 2021 SRC executive for creating and passing this censorious agreement.
3. Acknowledges the importance of genuinely independent and democratic student unions for defending student rights.

4. Vows to uphold the politics and carry out the policies they were elected to implement.

**Moved:** Ana Obradovic      **Seconded:** Billy Zimmermann      **Motion Carried**

*Jack handed over the chair at 7:16 to Billy Zimmermann*

#### **8.4. Proposal for O'Week counter guide funding**

**Motion:**

1. That the SRC passes funds of up to \$2000 to spend on producing the O'Week counter guide.
2. That the counter guide for 2022 focuses on education attacks at Adelaide Uni and informs students of ways to get involved in opposing them.

**Amendment proposed by Liam Johns:**

Add: 3. The counter guide will also discuss the university's unethical ties to the fossil fuels industry and weapons manufacturers, as well as how students can get involved in environmental activism on campus"

**Amenable to mover.**

**Amendment proposed by Ulian Cox:**

Amend point 1 so it reads: That the SRC passes funds of up to \$2500 to spend on producing the O'Week counter guide. With student editor/s paid for their work.

**Moved:** Ulian Cox      **Seconded:** Georgia Thomas      **Amendment Failed**

**Amendment proposed by Ulian Cox:**

Amend point 3 to add: In addition to Counter Guide's usual content.

**Moved:** Ulian Cox      **Seconded:** Georgia Thomas      **Amendment failed**

**Motion moved in amended form:**

1. That the SRC passes funds of up to \$2000 to spend on producing the O'Week counter guide.
2. That the counter guide for 2022 focuses on education attacks at Adelaide Uni and informs students of ways to get involved in opposing them.
3. The counter guide will also discuss the university's unethical ties to the fossil fuels industry and weapons manufacturers, as well as how students can get involved in environmental activism on campus

**Moved:** Ana Obradovic      **Seconded:** Liam Johns      **Motion carried**

*Billy handed the chair over to Ana Obradovic at 7:30*

#### **8.5. The Climate Emergency Demands an Activist Response**

**Motion:**

That the SRC:

1. Recognises the urgency of the climate emergency and the need for an activist response
2. Stand for land rights over mining rights and opposes the continued desecration of Indigenous land at the hands of governments and fossil fuel companies
3. Calls on Adelaide University to immediately and fully divest from fossil fuels and cut ties environmentally destructive companies like weapons manufacturers
4. Opposes attempts at corporate greenwashing by Adelaide University such as Ecovercity
5. Commits to campaign in solidarity with climate strikers and protests by other climate action groups

**Moved:** Nix Herriot

**Seconded:** Ramon O'Donnell

**Amendment proposed by Frankie Ciampa:**

**Add point 4:** The SRC supports the implementation and research of nuclear power to replace fossil fuels in Australia. We also support Adelaide Universities research into nuclear fusion.

*Ana handed over the chair to Jack Crawford at 7:35 to participate in debate*

Ana, Eddie and Mat gave impassioned opposition to this amendment.

**Moved:** Frankie Ciampa

**Seconded:** Henry Southcott

**Amendment fails**

*Jack handed over the chair to Ana Obradovic at 7:38*

**Amendment proposed by Billy Zimmermann:**

**Remove:** 'such as ecovercity' in point 4

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann

**Seconded:** Ulian Cox

**Amendment fails**

**Amendment proposed by Henry Southcott:**

**Amend point 3 so it reads:** Calls on Adelaide University to no longer renew contacts with fossil fuels and to cut ties environmentally destructive companies like weapons manufactures at the end of any existing contracts.

**Moved:** Henry Southcott

**Seconded:** Frankie Ciampa

**Amendment fails**

**Motion moved in original form:**

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**Moved:** Nix Herriot

**Seconded:** Ramon O'Donnell

**Motion carries**

**8.6. The SRC stands for health and solidarity against the anti-vax far-right**

**Motion:**

That the SRC:

1. Condemns anti-vaxxers and recognises them as far right protests aimed at undermining social solidarity and endangering other people
2. Supports existing health measures including mask and vaccine mandates, density restrictions and lockdowns and border closures where necessary and stands in solidarity with the overworked and under-resourced health workers
3. Commits to campaigning in solidarity with anti-fascist groups and endorses anti-fascist rallies against far-right protests

**Amendment proposed by Frankie Ciampa:**

**Add:** 4. The SRC supports that the University should provide a vaccination clinic on campus at least twice a week.

**Moved:** Frankie Ciampa

**Amenable to mover**

**Amendment proposed by Frankie Ciampa:**

**Remove:** 'vaccine mandates' from point 2

**Moved:** Frankie Ciampa

**Seconded:** Henry Southcott

**Amendment fails**

**Amendment sought by Billy Zimmermann to clear up meaning, Ana proposed the following wording to give further clarity:**

**Change point 3 so it reads:** Condemns anti vaxxer protests and recognises their politics as far right and aimed at undermining social solidarity.

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann

**Amenable to mover.**

**Amendment proposed by Henry Southcott:**

**Add 5.** The SRC gives their support to the individuals who are unable to get vaccinated for medical reasons and will provide appropriate support services

**Moved:** Henry Southcott

**Seconded:** Frankie Ciampa

**Amendment fails**

**Procedural motion:**

Suspend standing orders to extend the meeting beyond two hours without need for a break.

**Moved:** Jack Crawford

**Seconded:** Tom Wood

**Procedural motion carried.**

**Amended motion moved:**

1. Condemns anti-vaxxers and recognises them as far right protests aimed at undermining social solidarity and endangering other people
2. Supports existing health measures including mask and vaccine mandates, density restrictions and lockdowns and border closures where necessary and stands in solidarity with the overworked and under-resourced health workers
3. Condemns anti vaxxer protests and recognises their politics as far right and aimed at undermining social solidarity.
4. The SRC supports that the University should provide a vaccination clinic on campus at least twice a week.

**Moved:** Ramon O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Mat Monti **Amended motion carries**

**9. Emergent Business**

**9.1**

Alicia tabled her emergent business regarding Adelaide University's exchange policy.

**Motion:** The SRC opposes the University's decision to stop any overseas exchange in semester 2 2022 that is not to a country that Australia has a reciprocal healthcare agreement with.

**Motion:** The SRC writes to the relevant Officer of the University of Adelaide suggesting alternative approaches so that exchange may go ahead in semester 2 2022, such as allowing students to continue with their exchange on the basis that they pay for their own health insurance OR allowing students to continue with their exchange with the assurance of an updated travel insurance by the University.

*Ana handed over the chair to Billy Zimmermann at 8:13 to participate in discussion*

There was healthy discussion with a consensus emerging that members need more time to consider the motion and see which direction COVID and the health advice takes.

**Alicia agreed to table the motion to the next meeting.**

*Billy handed over the chair to Ana Obradovic at 8:21*

**9.2 Delegation of Authority**

**Motion:** that the SRC delegates its authority to the Executive from the close of the meeting at which this resolution is passed until Monday 14 February 2021, in the week prior to Orientation Week.

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann

**Seconded:** Mat Monti

**Motion carried**

Ana closed the meeting at 8:23