

## Meeting in Hughes 323 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### 1. Procedural Matters

*Ana Obradovic opened the meeting at 6:20*

#### 1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Ana acknowledged the owners of the land we were on as that of the Kaurna people.

#### 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, Francesco Ciampa, Steph Madigan, Alicia Turner, Henry Southcott, James Dimas, AJ Francotirador, Wendy Yu

#### 1.3. Apologies

Dhuruva Padmanabhan

#### 1.4. Absences

#### 1.5. Adoption of Agenda

**Procedural Motion:** That the agenda be adopted as circulated

**Moved:** Ana Obradovic

**Seconded:** Eddie Satchell

**Motion carried**

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Recommendation:** That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 9 December 2021 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

**Moved:** Ana Obradovic

**Seconded:** Billy Zimmermann

**Motion carried**

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

#### 4. Correspondence

#### 5. New Members

#### 6. Motions on Notice

**6.1.** The SRC approves the meeting schedule for semester one, 2022. (Appendix 2)

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann

**Seconded:** Ana Obradovic

**Motion Carried**

### 7. Office Bearer Reports

#### 7.1. President

*Ana handed over chair to Billy Zimmermann at 6:30*

**Motion:** The SRC endorses the antifascist forum and organising meeting and agrees to co-host both events online.

**Moved:** Ana Obradovic

**Seconded:** Mat Monti

**Motion Carried**

Dissent noted from Henry Southcott and Francesco Ciampa

**Motion:** The SRC approves funds of up to \$200 to be spent on printing antifascist stickers

**Moved:** Ana Obradovic

**Seconded:** Jack Crawford

**Motion carried**

**Motion:** The SRC endorses the 25th of Feb antifascist speakout.

**Moved:** Ana Obradovic

**Seconded:** Tom Wood

**Motion carried**

*Billy handed over chair to Ana Obradovic at 6:55*

## **7.2. Welfare Officer**

Ulian gave his report noting his priorities for the year.

## **7.3. Women's Officer**

Georgia gave her report noting the communications shes been having and the news that the SRC WoCo page has been deleted.

## **7.4. Environment Officer**

Nix delivered their report. They noted the items in their report including Adelaide's unethical ties to fossil fuels in the university of Adelaide's endowment fund.

### **Motion:**

#### **That the SRC:**

1. Acknowledges that fossil fuel companies cause enormous social and environmental harm, noting that just 100 companies are responsible for 71% of global greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Believes it is unacceptable for the University of Adelaide to invest in destructive companies through its Endowment Fund.
3. Reaffirms its call for the university to cut ties with companies that cause environmental harm, such as weapons manufacturing and fossil fuels.
4. Supports student and staff activists who are urging the university to divest from destructive industries.

**Recommendation:** The SRC Environment Officer will publish a post on SRC social media describing Adelaide University's dirty financial investments and promoting divestment from fossil fuels.

**Amendment proposed by Francesco Ciampa:**

**Add point 5:** As an alternative to fossil fuels, the university supports research and investment into the nuclear industry.

**Moved:** Francesco Ciampa      **Seconded:** Henry Southcott      **Amendment Failed**

**Amendment proposed by Henry Southcott**

**Add point 5:** Slowly transition from the plentiful and extremely efficient fossil fuels as we slowly move towards renewable sources such as Nuclear

**Moved:** Henry Southcott      **Seconded:** Francesco Southcott      **Amendment failed**

**Motion put in its original form:**

**Motion:**

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**Recommendation:** The SRC Environment Officer will publish a post on SRC social media describing Adelaide University's dirty financial investments and promoting divestment from fossil fuels

**Moved:** Nix Herriot      **Seconded:** Tom Wood      **Motion carried**

**7.5. Ethno-Cultural Officer**

Marilee gave her report noting communication from the NUS and the unfortunately slow return of students.

**7.6. Rural Officer**

Liam delivered his report – Liam spoke on length about the Student Engagement Committee meeting and that after further research, what was said at the meeting about the mental health services at Roseworthy may be incorrect.

**Motion:**

The Student Representative Council condemns:

1. The Student Engagement Committee for being dishonest about Roseworthy's mental health provisions;

2. University management for wanting to push the burden of their failures onto struggling students and forcing them to out themselves as mentally ill;
3. University management for constructing the veterinary access plan (see the appendices) in a way that not only puts students' careers at risk, but often also dissuades them from seeking mental health support until it is too late; and
4. The Dean of Roseworthy for expecting students to cover their psychologist fees when the university can more than afford to do so given that they finished 2021 with a \$200m surplus.

**Moved:** Liam Johns

**Seconded:** Ulian Cox

**Motion Carried**

### **7.7. Mature Age Officer**

AJ gave his report.

## **8. General Business**

### **8.1. Disaffiliate CISA**

Billy spoke of the numerous problems within CISA and the need to have a peak body that really represents students.

**Motion:**

The SRC disaffiliates from the Council of International Students

The SRC recognises that the new Australian International Student Association is the only genuine peak organisation representing international students

The SRC commits to seeking affiliation with AISA once it's creation is finalised.

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann

**Seconded:** Ulian Cox

**Motion carried**

### **8.2. youX is an affront to student unionism**

**Motion:**

1. The SRC rescinds the 20 June 2021 recommendation from the SRC Executive supporting a name change for the AUU
2. The SRC recognises that YouX is a terrible name choice

**Amendment proposed by Tom Wood:**

Add:

3. The SRC accepts that YouX represents a right-wing attack on student unionism
4. The SRC condemns any attempt to make the AUU a corporatised service provider
5. The SRC believes that the AUU should keep its current name and commit to genuine student unionism

**Amendable to mover**

**Moved in amended form:**

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann

**Seconded:** Mat Monti

**Motion carried**

### 8.3. Against intervention in Ukraine

**Motion:**

The SRC opposes the escalation of tensions in Ukraine. Despite claiming humanitarian motives, both NATO and Russia are driven by imperialist interests, seeking influence over Ukraine for economic and geopolitical reasons. Both camps are responsible for risking serious conflict which could cost many Ukrainian lives.

As well as direct military intervention (as with the threat represented by Russian troops), we oppose aggressive measures threatened by the United States, such as sanctions and attempts to further expand NATO. These measures only further escalate tensions, threaten the safety of populations in Eastern Europe, and strengthen the domination of the United States over parts of the world it has no right to control.

The SRC affirms its opposition to imperialism and war. In the event of Australian involvement in an international conflict, the SRC should campaign against such involvement. We oppose Australia's alliance with the aggressive imperialist power, the United States.

**Amendment proposed by Mat Monti:**

**Add to the final point:** and notes that imperialism must be opposed wherever it arises. The SRC "supports Ukraine and it's people's legitimate entitlement to sovereign self-determination

**Amendable to the mover.**

Motion moved in amended form.

**Moved:** Jack Crawford

**Seconded:** Ana Motion

**Motion carried**

### 8.4. Palestine Motion

**Motion:**

The SRC:

- Recognises that Israel is an apartheid state
- Condemns Israel's oppression of Palestinians
- Calls for Israel to respect Palestinians' right to self-determination by ending its occupation of the Palestinian territories and supporting Palestinian statehood

**Amendment proposed by Leila Clendon:**

**Add a new point:** The SRC condemns the responses of both Labor and Liberal to this report — Labor's Penny Wong saying it's not "useful" to call Israel an apartheid state, and Scott Morrison dismissing the report by saying "no country is perfect". Both parties have been enemies of the Palestinian people. We recognise that as with Australia's former support of

South African apartheid, it will take a union and street movement to cut our ties with apartheid Israel.”

**Amendable to the mover**

**Motion moved in amended form:**

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

**Recommendation:**

The SRC Social Justice Officer will publish a post on SRC social media that summarises Amnesty International’s recent report and condemns Israel’s oppression of Palestinians.

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

### **8.5. Reject the Religious Discrimination Bill**

**Motion:**

The SRC:

1. Unequivocally opposes the Religious Discrimination Bill 2021 and any future bills similar to it, whether state or federal.
2. Affirms its opposition to homophobia and transphobia and supports the rights of LGBTI+ people to access employment, medical services and education free from discrimination
3. Calls for the repealing of all measures that undermine and give exemptions to anti-discrimination laws.
4. Condemns the Liberal Party for moving the bill and the Labor Party for its support of the bill.

**Action points:**

1. The SRC commits to materially supporting future protests against the Religious Discrimination Bill through its resources social media pages.
2. The SRC will release a statement on the SRC Facebook page in complete opposition to the bill.

*Ana handed the chair to Billy Zimmermann at 8:01*

**Amendment proposed by Mat Monti:**

Add point: SRC supports the right of Religious Australians to practice their faith free from discrimination, and condemns the exploitation of faith groups to justify discriminatory legislation

**Amenable to the mover.**

**Motion moved in amended form:**

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1. Unequivocally opposes the Religious Discrimination Bill 2021 and any future bills similar to it, whether state or federal.
2. Affirms its opposition to homophobia and transphobia and supports the rights of LGBTI+ people to access employment, medical services and education free from discrimination
3. Calls for the repealing of all measures that undermine and give exemptions to anti-discrimination laws.
4. Condemns the Liberal Party for moving the bill and the Labor Party for its support of the bill.
5. SRC supports the right of Religious Australians to practice their faith free from discrimination, and condemns the exploitation of faith groups to justify discriminatory legislation

**Action points:**

6. The SRC commits to materially supporting future protests against the Religious Discrimination Bill through its resources social media pages.
7. The SRC will release a statement on the SRC Facebook page in complete opposition to the bill.

**Moved: James Wood**

**Seconded: Mat Monti**

**Motion Carried**

**8.6 Vaccine Mandates**

**Motion:**

- The SRC strongly supports the proposed vaccine mandate at Adelaide University
- The SRC demands the University undergoes a ventilation audit for the safety of students and staff.
- The SRC demands the University provides N95 and/or P2 masks to staff and institutes a mask mandate
- The SRC demands the University provides paid leave for any staff who test positive for the virus or are close contacts if unable to work from home.

**Amendment proposed by Francesco:**

- Change point one: change 'support' to 'opposes'
- Change point 3: replace 'mask mandate' with 'mask encouragement'

Francesco spoke on his amendment and began reading an opinion piece from the Adelaide Set.

**Procedural motion moved by Mat Monti:**

That Francesco Ciampa be no longer heard.

**Moved: Mat Monti**

**Seconded: Ramon O'Donell**

**Procedural motion carried**

**Amendment put to a vote:**

**Moved: Francesco Ciampa**

**Seconded: Henry Southcott**

**Amendment failed**

**Original motion put:**

**Moved: Ramon O'Donell**

**Seconded: Tom Wood**

**Motion carried**

## 8.7 Solidarity with Myanmar, one year after the coup

### **Motion:**

The SRC sends its full solidarity to the heroic struggle of students and workers fighting military dictatorship in Myanmar.

The SRC recognises the progressive and radical role student unions play globally in fighting injustice, and commits to emulating the example of students at USYU and across Myanmar.

The SRC president will make a post on the SRC FB page in solidarity with Myanmar and in recognition of the role of students in the struggle.

### **Procedural motion to suspend standing orders to have the meeting go over 2 hours.**

**Moved:** Ana Obradovic      **Seconded:** Mat Monti      **Motion carried**

### **Original motion put:**

**Moved:** Ana Obradovic      **Seconded:** Nix Herriot      **Motion carried**

*Billy handed over the chair to Ana Obradovic at 8:22*

## 9. Executive report

### 9.1 The SRC appoints Falie Adeline as SRC Disability Officer

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann      **Seconded:** Liam Johns      **Carried**

## 10. Emergent business

### 10.1: Motion:

The SRC calls upon the AUU to publicly disclose the cost of all expenses relating to the Youx rebranding.

The SRC calls upon the AUU to publicly disclose all estimates regarding predicted future costs and expenses relating to the YouX rebranding

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

*Ana Obradovic closed the meeting at 8:27*