

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Wednesday 02 April 2025, 6:00pm

University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Hughes 323

Zoom Link:

AGENDA AND MEETING PAPERS

AGENDA

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

The SRC acknowledges that we meet on the traditional country of the Kurna people. We acknowledge that the land upon which Australia has been built was and always will be an integral part of the spiritual and cultural history of Indigenous people and that this land was never ceded.

1.2. Attendance

- General Secretary: Edward Archer
- Education Officer: Edward Faulkner
- Environmental Officer: Colby Miles
- Mature Age Officer: Nick Li
- Postgraduate (Coursework): Janini
- Rural Officer: Oscar Harding
- Welfare Officer: Patrick Pile
- Women's Officer: Lin Huang
- Queer Officer: April Glyn-Roe

1.3. Apologies

1.4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: that the agenda as circulated be adopted.

1.5. Welcome

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Recommendation: That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 16th December 2024 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

ACTION	PERSON	STATUS
SRC Casual Vacancies Executive conducting interviews of applicants.	Edward Archer, General Secretary	Ongoing

4. Correspondence

5. New Members

6. Office Bearer Reports

6.1. General Secretary

The most pressing priority at the moment is an operational one: filling the 17 vacancies. Over the next few weeks, the SRC executive will be conducting interviews of 20 candidates to find the most qualified and diverse set of candidates that will represent the interests of students to the best of their abilities. With that said, we unfortunately missing an applicant for the positions of the Roseworthy campus officer which will continue to remain open to candidates until a suitable candidate is found.

Outside of operational requirements, I am happy to announce that the SRC will be launching our campaign to keep face-to-face lectures on campus. Last year, the SRC launched a short-term demo campaign around this issue to see how much student interest there was in keeping face-to-face lectures. There was large amount of student interest, therefore I believe that the SRC should commit itself to this campaign. Despite most of the SRC vacancies not being filled, I believe the SRC has the manpower and the reach to effectively run this campaign.

Additionally, I think the SRC should discuss how the face-to-face campaign fits into the messaging of the SRC and what future or simultaneous campaigns the SRC should run around education or other issues. I personally feel that often the cost of university courses, roughly \$2,000 per course for me, in addition to SSAF fees is much higher than the value of education I get in return. I know from when I was studying my science degree I had to pay for lab coats and safety equipment for my lab practicals, something that should really be included in SSAF or the cost of the course considering how expensive they are.

I have been in talks with Aiden Wang, SRC Food Pantry committee chair, in regards to SRC involvement in the SRCFP. I was disappointed to discover that the SRCFP committee had been filled by the YouX board without notifying the SRC. I seek to increase the SRC involvement with the Food Pantry and encourage council members to speak with me after the meeting to express interest.

I will also provide an update from the Student Engagement Committee meeting that occurred just before this meeting.

6.2. Education Officer

I have been speaking with the SRC General Secretary around the campaigns that the SRC could participate in. Other than face-to-face lectures, topics such as the student use of AI, capping the weighting of exams at 50% or less, and broader and more compassionate extension requirements for assignment could all be potential campaigns. I'd like to discuss this further with the rest of the SRC.

6.3. Queer Officer

Over the past month there has been a steady progression of events within the LGBTQIA+ space with the University of Adelaide Pride Club recently holding its AGM last Wednesday – the last of the three Queer university clubs to do so in South Australia. Since this development, as the Queer Officer I have created and launched a form where people will be able to publicly present what kind of project they want to bring to the Queer Rights Department. I do not expect an initially high rate of participation (which would in turn require the preferential vote) however my hope is that throughout the year we'll be able to keep a few small projects going in the realm of LGBTQIA+ activism and be

able to convince SRC to fund them if needed. This more decentralised approach to the role of Queer Officer will hopefully lead to more grassroots participation and bring some much-needed hope back to the community. Should the Department be maintained into the new university I expect participation to grow based upon the initial success of each inaugural member's project/s. It is within the confines of the Queer Rights Department that I will be finally able to focus on a motion I've wanted to properly work on for ages that passed SRC not so long ago – The Eternity Gate.

I should mention that lately I have also been working on approaching a small set of federal election candidates for the Trans Justice Project – attempting to get them to sign a pledge of support for basic Transgender rights, healthcare, and protections. It's not a whole lot to ask for; but it's a start. Regardless of whether the community likes it or not, politicians and influential media figures are the first line of defence against Transphobia and Transphobic-based violence. It is my hope that through conversations and the building of connections between Transgender people and politicians that a fair level of trust can be built between the two traditionally disconnected groups – in turn facilitating further developments in progressing Transgender rights and protecting the community's welfare.

It is also worth noting that I have been recently elected to the role of Pride Club Secretary. I want to thank the members of the Pride Club for the immense amount of faith and trust that they have decided to place in me and I endeavour to live up to their high expectations. It is my hope that this role will enable to further develop my skills and knowledge in club affairs as well as provide me with a further platform where I can support the welfare of the LGBTQIA+ community. Through gaining experience in navigating YouX Club regulations I believe that there is a good chance that I will encounter problems that I may be able to help reform whilst I have the platform to do so – especially if there are any requirements that would be needed for clubs to legally merge into next year. I do expect to play an influential role in the merger discussions between the University of Adelaide Pride Club and the University of South Australia Rainbow Club that will begin taking place later this year. In tandem, I hope to genuinely live up to the title of *Queer Officer*.

Ad Future,

April Glynn-Roe

6.4. Postgraduate (Coursework)

Over the past few weeks, there's been a noticeable increase in engagement from postgraduate coursework students, which is both encouraging and timely. More students are actively raising their voices—especially around academic quality and student support. A few recurring academic concerns have surfaced: • Inconsistent delivery of course content • Lack of clarity in assessment expectations • Discrepancy between what's promised at enrolment and what's actually delivered There's been a strong call for improved lecture slides and more structured, engaging teaching. Many students have highlighted that having more time between learning new material and being assessed (e.g., quizzes) would significantly improve their ability to retain content and perform confidently. On a positive note, lecturers appear to be taking more initiative to encourage lecture attendance, which is already showing signs of improved engagement and outcomes. Welfare-wise, the SRC Food Pantry continues to be an essential support system, particularly amid the ongoing cost-of-living pressure. Students are grateful for this resource but have also mentioned that offering a greater variety of items would enhance its usefulness even further. We still have a long way to go, but these conversations and small wins



matter. I'll continue pushing for tangible improvements in course quality, transparency, and student services— because postgraduate voices need to drive the changes, we're all working towards.

7. Motions on Notice

Motion:

That the SRC commits to an education campaign to support keeping face-to-face lectures at Adelaide University. The SRC will approve the attached petition, both digital and physical, for use and distribution with the aim of gathering student signatures.

Moved: Edward Archer

Seconded:

Motion Carried/Failed

8. General Business

9. Emergent Business

Appendix 1: Minutes of the Previous Meeting (19th March 2025)

SRC Meeting 19 March 2025 Minutes

Acknowledgement of Country

Attendance:

Edward Archer

Patrick Pile

Edward Faulkner

April Glynn-Roe

Oscar Harding

Janani (Online)

Lin Huang (Online)

Colby Miles (Online)

Spectators:

Samoda Silva

Saxon McDonald

Thomas Wolinski

Krzysztof Duda

Apologies:

Absences:

Nick Li

Welcomes Meeting Opens 6:10

Edward A notes that everyone in attendance besides Nick.

Acknowledgement of country. Always will be an integral part of the Kurna people the land was never ceded.

Motion:

That the agenda as circulated be adopted.

Moved: Edward Archer

Seconded: Oscar Harding

Motion Carried

Notes that once Minutes are circulated you cannot change unless presented

Saxon notes that the Minutes use the wrong date. Edward thanks for the pick-up. Changing to 5th of March.

Motion:

That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 5th March 2025 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

Moved: Edward Archer

Seconded: Patrick Pile

Motion Carried

April pushes for Queer Rights Committee to be referred to as the Queer Rights Department, as is historically consistent with SAUA, predecessor to the AUU. Preserve Queer history for the betterment of queer students with this Motion. April wishes that all OBs seek to represent their section of the community as well as possible

Edward A explains the change from CSU to VSU, and that many departments such as the Sexuality Department vanished from lack of money.

Moving both Queer Rights Department Motions en-bloc. Discussion of the incoming Regulations. Ed notes not many issues. Only one concern regarding the Vice Chair - suggestion of making it ex-officio. April responds that it effectively is that already.

Edward A talks about how some clubs call themselves societies etc.

April stresses the need for queer students to have an activist outlet, and how the queer club is merely social, and activism is not in the scope/regulations

Edward A recommends that all medium specific communication regulations are removed. April is happy to change it so the Department does not have to use Discord. Edward A discusses how Department vacancies could be filled. April talks about how non-queer people vote on the queer officer and likewise for indigenous and so on. Says autonomous clubs and societies should have a much fairer way to appoint their direct representatives.

Edward A has an issue with how complicated the appointment process is for the department, should probably be one or the other (appointment or election). Saxon suggests amendment on which positions are appointed, ex-officio or elected in response.

Edward A talks checks and balances. Insists that layers are simplified, either all voted on, or all appointed, by the pride club, bar one ex-officio. April mulls over a scenario where the SRC is hostile to the Queer Rights Department. Amendments are discussed between April and Edward A, and what would be affected. Edward A clarifies that election/appointment would still occur solely within the Pride Club.

April's compromise is that the election is for general members. Pride club president chooses the position of Chair from those elected General Members, who is most agreeable to the appointed committee would likely then be appointed by the President as Chair.

Edward A notes similarity to the board model and is ok with that compromise. Change is amenable to April in principle. April notes that the Executive has power to amend the administrative regulations to fix the wording as per discussed in the meeting.

SRC Queer Rights Department

Purpose:

- At the last council meeting the SRC Queer Rights Committee was formed under Section 7c of the SRC Constitution. This section also specifies that “powers, functions and composition” should be brought into effect in regulation. For the purposes of fulfilling this part of the Constitution it is therefore necessary for council to legitimise and confirm these regulations as now being existent. It has been decided upon by a vote of Pride Club members that using the name SRC Queer Rights Department sounds more official and allows it to serve more as a direct continuation of the Sexuality Department that once existed on SRC.

Motion:

1. SRC changes the name of the SRC Queer Rights Committee to the SRC Queer Rights Department,
2. The SRC Queer Rights Department Regulations document shall be in effect for all stated purposes and reasons relating to said group. All future SRC Queer Officers are expected to make a fair attempt to fairly represent the group to an adequate standard.
3. SRC expresses the opinion that each SRC Officer that serves on a SRC Committee, Department, or Collective should be expected to make every reasonable effort to campaign and fight on behalf of the members of their respective group/s.
4. SRC confirms that the SRC Queer Rights Department is the legitimate successor of the former Sexuality Department that once existed within the Students' Association of the University of Adelaide (SAUA).

Action:

1. SRC directs YouX staff to attempt to find any and all records which remain that relate to the former Sexuality Department for the purposes of ensuring continuation as well as preserving Queer history.

Mover: April Glynn-Roe

Seconded: Oscar Harding

Motion Carried

SRC Queer Rights Department Regulations

Amendment:

To remove all mentions of “via discord” from the regulations for the SRC Queer Department.

Mover: Edward Archer

Seconded: Edward Faulkner

Amendment Carried

Amendment:

Amend the election process of the department to the election of 9 general members, with the Queer officer being a voting ex-officio member. The President of the Pride Club will then select from those elected to be the Chair. The Chair still selects a deputy chair.

Mover: Edward Archer

Seconded: Edward Faulkner

Amendment Carried

Motion:

That the SRC approves the attached regulations for the SRC Queer Rights Department seen in Appendix 1.

Moved: April Glynn-Roe

Seconded: Oscar Harding

Motion Carried

Oscar talking of the motion being NUS related. Something for the NUS to implement. SRC should endorse the motion as written and passed in December last year. Notes that both Ed A and Saxon in attendance.

Edward notes NUS was begun by WA Premier. Explains how NUS works, representatives vote on motions.

Oscar talks about how the motion condemns hazing. Oscar, who went to St Anns, talks of the importance the content is to students and how important intercollegian collaboration is. .

Recommended reading red zone report. Mentions recent incidents such as harassment - there is a need for it to stop.

Condemning Hazing, and commending the community cohesion achieved by the South Australian residential colleges through SAAUCC as a role model for intercollegiate affairs across Australia

Preamble:

The vast majority of people who choose to attend college are rural and regional students who don't have connections in the city and wish to find their place and people while at uni. When operated effectively, safely and inclusively, residential colleges become some of the most cohesive communities of tertiary students in Australia.

This strong community bond is compounded by Intercollegiate activities such as sporting competitions and social gatherings. In South Australia, an exceptional community has been built between Lincoln College, Aquinas College, St Mark's College, Flinders Uni Hall, and St Ann's College through their intercollegiate association SAAUCC (South Australian Association of University College Clubs). It is imperative to highlight the many positive impacts that residential colleges have had, in light of the recent hazing incidents this year, which are beyond despicable.

Action:

1. The SRC will endorse the NUS motion that will Initiate correspondence with NAAUC (National Association of Australian University Colleges) to articulate its commendation of the work of SAAUCC, and its condemnation of the recent hazing events this year

Moved: Oscar Harding

Seconded: Patrick Pile

Motion Carried

Office Bearer Reports

Colby has no serious reports.

Patrick Pile Welfare Officer Report

Been talking to first years and how they're concerned with transportation between the different campuses - in turn making things more difficult for students. Need for us to adopt the shuttle services of the University South Australia for us to transport students - especially those needing to travel between Magill, Mawson, and/or City East & City West campuses.

Mentions SAlt hounding students about issues, especially pressuring students on trans rights and making them feel guilty otherwise. Especially first years feeling uneasy with SAlt running around as an unofficial booth of sorts. SAlt out of the hub central main area where students pass by. Today they were doing it out of Elder Hall. The main foot traffic areas should be considered off-limits, like in student elections.

Edward notes the election how SAlt were harassing people. Notes how as a club it hasn't followed the rules and can act quite hostile.

Edward notes not receiving a Women's Officer Report. Lin states in chat she will submit a report at the next meeting. Edward notes does not negate not receiving a report this meeting, however mentions they will accept it next meeting.

No Mature Age officer report.

Oscar thanks the voters for accepting him as Rural Officer. *Report as noted in Agenda.* Noted that students had talked to him about how Trimesters were opposed; with them asking why something that works should be changed to something they don't find works. Especially makes things difficult for students due to fragmentation in turn leading to increased travel time. Canning face-to-face lectures was a mistake and badly affects the students who do have to travel down. Oscar thanks members of NUS and expresses looking forward to increasing impact.

General Business

Edward heading into General Business. We are currently advertising vacancies but not confident that it will be filled fully. Wants to expand it by a week to increase facilitation for students unable to apply or who are not aware that we currently have vacancies. Krzysztof asks if it has been advertised anywhere apart from Facebook. Ed notes there has been a general unawareness. Potential to print off flyers to advertise. Doesn't just need applications to fill positions but also SRC does need to encourage a degree of diversity in the positions. Ideally wants more applications to have a greater diversity of choice.

Motion:

That the SRC extend the casual vacancy advertisement period until the 28th of March 2025.

Moved: Edward Archer

Seconded: April Glynn-Roe

Motion Carried

Unanimous vote to extend the deadline by a week. Notes he wants to have interviews before the next SRC Meeting.

Meeting closed at 7:14

Appendix 2: Petition

<https://j42lvahgs0f.typeform.com/to/xhMmUXO5>