

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Thursday 10th February, 6:00pm

University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Hughes 338

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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

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 9 December 2021 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

Moved:

Seconded:

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

ACTION	PERSON	STATUS
Bank handover	Billy & Ana	
Authorisation of Billy Zimmermann as Public Officer and notification of Consumer and Business Services.	Billy Zimmermann	COMPLETE
Issuing a public statement on behalf of the SRC opposing the faculty mergers and cuts to staff and courses	Facebook admins	COMPLETE
Write to the Student Association's of Flinders University and the University of South Australia on the SRC's endorsement of recommendation 33 from the Final Report of the Select Committee on Wage Theft in South Australia to begin the process of an intervarsity endorsement.	Billy Zimmermann	COMPLETE
Write to the relevant officer of the University of Adelaide noting the SRC's endorsement of the SRC supporting the Committee into Wage Theft's findings and requesting University endorse Recommendation 33 and provide an outline of the steps it is taking and will take to implement this	Ana Obradovic	COMPLETE

Recommendation. (Relevant Officer identified as DVCA Jennie Shaw)		
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4. Correspondence

- 4.1. Email from USASA President Isaac Solomon. Re: Wage theft recommendation
- 4.2. Email from DVCA Jennie Shaw. Re: Wage theft recommendation.
- 4.3. Email from Consumer Business Services confirming change of public officer
(All correspondence can be requested from the General Secretary)

5. New Members

6. Motions on Notice

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

7. Office Bearer Reports

7.1. President

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

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

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

7.2. Welfare Officer

7.3. Women’s Officer

7.4. Environment Officer

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.

7.5. Ethno-Cultural Officer

7.6. Rural Officer

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.

7.7. Mature Age Officer

8. General Business

8.1. Disaffiliate CISA

Motion:

1. The SRC disaffiliates from the Council of International Students
2. The SRC recognises that the new Australian International Student Association is the only genuine peak organisation representing international students
3. The SRC commits to seeking affiliation with AISA once it's creation is finalised.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

8.6. Vaccine Mandates

Motion:

1. The SRC strongly supports the proposed vaccine mandate at Adelaide University
2. The SRC demands the University undergoes a ventilation audit for the safety of students and staff.
3. The SRC demands the University provides N95 and/or P2 masks to staff and institutes a mask mandate
4. 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.

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.

9. Other Reports

- 9.1. The SRC appoints Falie Adeline as SRC Disability Officer

10. Emergent Business

Item 7.1: President's Report

SRC President's report, meeting 10th Feb 2022

1. O'Week counterguide and No Cuts materials

SRC members and students from the No Adelaide Uni Cuts campaign have been busy during the holidays organising O'Week designs and materials. On the 28th of Jan the No Cuts campaign held its first meeting of 2022 to finalise design choices for t-shirts and distribute articles to those interested in contributing. As per our last meeting, the theme is anti-cuts. All articles are now close to completion, and a volunteer is designing the layout. We have found a printer (Bowden Printing) who can produce all of the required materials (T-shirts, banners etc) and are negotiating prices to be as affordable as possible.

2. O'Week stalls and Lazy Breakfast

Billy and I have organised to have two O'Week stalls instead of one (Mon 21st and Tues 22nd of Feb), 10am-4pm. We also met with Cara from the AUU to discuss collaborating on Lazy Breakfast (Friday, 25th of Feb) 10:30am - 1:30pm. This gives us a strong presence for three days over O'Week and is a great opportunity to get the word out about our plans for the year and to build the student general meeting we have called for the 24th of March. We will need members to volunteer to man the stalls. Billy has made a form for you all to fill out with your availability, which you can find here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5YWDafmroXnSb12DcxfUyQsKGWm3rtJbTD RGKOkIZQXgt9w/viewform>

3. Executive meeting

The Executive met on the 27th of Jan to interview for the Disability Officer and plan for the months ahead. Our recommendation was Falie Adeline, committee member and Social Media officer for the Disability, Illness and Divergence Association UoA. The SRC Executive also resolved to keep the application form open for ATSI Officer until there is an applicant.

4. Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations affiliation

The Executive approved affiliation to the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations. We secured a full fee remission given our limited 2022 budget. It's been a few years since the UoA SRC affiliated to CAPA and I welcome the renewed collaboration.

5. Gosse International Accommodation

I sent a letter petitioning Ministers Lensink, Lucas and Gardner on behalf of the SRC to save Gosse International Student Residence so that students there may maintain secure, affordable student accommodation. There is an affordable student accommodation crisis in Adelaide with many students facing homelessness. Planned new student rental accommodation in Adelaide typically costs 50% to 150% more than Gosse International Student Residence (\$165/week) making it beyond the means of many Adelaide University students. Our letter of support is now on the Save Gosse website.

6. Meeting to organise antifascist forum at Adelaide University

On the 19th of Jan, I met with Lecturer Gareth Pritchard, members of Socialist Alternative, Young Greens, Labor Unity and National Organisation of Labor Students to discuss the need for a united front response to the far right resurgence in Australia via the recent anti-vax protests.

SRC Office Space. We agreed that the far right is not going away and we need to stop them from dominating public spaces by organising against them and ultimately out-mobilising them.

Two action points came from this meeting:

- a. Organising an antifascist forum in Week 1 of term with a variety of student and staff speakers to raise awareness
- b. Convening a meeting of people who are interested in being activists and building the campaign at a later date

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

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

7. Antifascist rally

On January 22nd I was proud to communicate the SRC's solidarity and chair the Adelaide Campaign Against Racism and Fascism counter demonstration to the antivax global "Freedom Day". The event was a success, though our numbers cannot compete with those of the far right. The next organising meeting is set for Thursday the 10th of Feb. ACARF convenors will propose an antifascist speak out at Beehive Corner for the Friday of O'Week (25th of Feb) during the meeting.

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

8. Communication with NUS officer bearers and executive

I've been in communication with National Union of Students office bearers and members of the executive to coordinate collaboration and get a sense of campaigns planned on a national scale. I am waiting for more information on national Fridays for Future environment protests set to be hosted by School Strike for Climate and endorsed by NUS. I will keep the council updated.

9. SRC office space

Billy and I met with Vicki Jacobs for an update on our new SRC space. Vicki communicated that by Feb 16th we will be able to move into the old AUU Sports space at George Murray (the building on the Fix Lounge side of the Cloisters). We negotiated layout but can change the organisation of the space and request additional furniture if required once we are moved in. Billy and I stressed the importance of access to the space as soon as possible. According to a 6th Feb email update on the project, the process is on track for us to move in on the 16th of Feb.

10. Survival Day



The SRC FB page made a post endorsing the 26th of Feb Survival Day rally and commemorating 50 years of the iconic Tent Embassy protest for land rights. I was proud to attend the rally with my comrades and other SRC members, and stand in solidarity with Aboriginal resistance to dispossession.

Yours sincerely,

Ana Obradovic
SRC President

Item 7.2: Welfare Officer's Report

I would like to introduce my report by beginning to welcome you all to the first Council meeting for this year. I have full confidence in the success and determination that members of this Council will bring as elected student representatives to their respected positions. May we all succeed and prosper. Finally, before I begin discussing my intentions within the upcoming year, I would like to acknowledge and express my gratitude and thanks to the students at this University who have elected me to this position of great significance. I recognise that practical and meaningful reforms need to be achieved if we are going to improve the well-being of students at this University, both current and upcoming. As such, this will be an introductory report, of what has occurred during my break, and will provide a glimpse of the initiatives I would like to pursue during my tenure as Welfare Officer. I shall announce my motions within the upcoming few weeks.

During the Break.

During the University break, I have started establishing the framework for the objectives that I would like to achieve during my tenure. As mentioned above, these objectives will be proposed to the Council in the forthcoming few weeks, however, I would provide a brief glimpse into the programs I would like to pursue during the year.

Due to my position as Welfare Officer, I have commenced correspondence with a diverse range of groups and organisations both within and without the University. Having the chance to seek different perspectives and areas of improvement that the University needs to achieve in improving student wellbeing. In addition, I have initiated discussions with my counterparts at different Australian universities with a similar focus. By observing the welfare initiatives that they have successfully achieved and implemented at their respected institutions and seeking whether such a similar implementation can be achieved here at Adelaide University.

These discussions included, but were not limited to, introducing a program that empowers students to make safer sex choices by providing free sexual health information and contraceptive kits provided by the University, and to be delivered at the student's residence, both discreetly and in confidence. Introducing a University Mental Health Day that highlights the importance of looking after our mental health, the chance to express one's own stories, and providing adequate student support and services. Introducing student-run reports that focus on student concerns and feedback and allowing this input to be delivered to the University Council. Implementing a nationally recognised initiative that provides a personalised and tailored approach in finding avenues of employment for those facing a disability. Ensuring that there is a full-time funded psychologist at the Roseworthy campus and recognised student representatives for both Waite and Roseworthy campuses. Providing a framework that provides an effective and accountable approach to promoting student mental wellbeing within the University. Finally, I would like to continue and expand on the work of my predecessor in improving current student services – Stress Less and the Breakfast Club. Within all of these initiatives, I shall seek assistance and support from my fellow Office Bearers in achieving these areas of reform.

Executive Meeting.

On a final note, during the Executive meeting that was held on the 27th of January 2022. The Executive finalised and approved our newest Disability Officer – Ms Falie Adeline.

Item 7.3: Women's Officer's Report

NUS contact

I have been in contact with Jacqueline Price who is the Women's Officer for the National Union of Students.

Part of Jac's plan for 2022 includes a national campaign regarding SASH policies and processes on campuses. This is something I am keen for us to contribute to, and I'm arranging an opportunity to chat with Jac about how we can best gather feedback from UofA students and staff to contribute to this campaign.

Hopefully this is a relationship that we can continue to foster, given previous SRC discussion of exploring reaffiliation.

Women's clubs on campus

I have been in touch with our 2021 Women's Officer. I reached out in December about gaining access to the 2021 SRC Women's Collective information and Facebook page. I have not received a response to date, however it appears the Facebook page has now been removed.

In other WoCo news, the SRC have worked to ensure the University of Adelaide Women's Collective have a space on campus during O'Week. They will have a space in the SRC stall on the Barr Smith Lawns on Monday the 21st of February. In my role I have a place on the WoCo executive as an ex-officio member and I'm looking forward to providing support for the collective and working with them to ensure they thrive under our new SRC.

I have received an email from the Vice President of the Women in Stem Society (WISTEMS). We've arranged a meeting to chat about what the SRC can do to better support women-based clubs on campus and I'm looking forward to bringing forward some feedback, arranging meetings with other clubs and taking action based on their recommendations.

Another organisation I have been in touch with is Women in Jazz. Women in Jazz is an organisation supporting women and gender diverse people in jazz that is based on campus, however is not affiliated. I have been in touch with one of their organisers who is keen to promote some of their artists who are also connected to the university. I think it would be great to support them and provide some exposure so we are currently in discussion about a potential event at the UniBar.

Looking ahead

Over the coming week I will be reaching out to the university about providing free menstrual products on campus. At present, there are products available in the women's room, however the stock is kept up by students. I believe the university should be providing menstrual products for free

in Hub bathrooms, at an absolute minimum. This is something the Flinders University has been successful in pursuing and I'm hopeful that this can occur for us as well.

I am beginning to pursue a collaboration with the Women's Electoral Lobby of SA and the UofA Politics and International Relations Associations to host a QandA event based around the State and/or Federal elections, focused particularly on women in politics and key policies impacting women's issues.

I'll look forward to hopefully providing a fruitful update on these initiatives in my next report.

Item 7.4: Environment Officer's Report

The big picture.

As we head into the new year, the clock is ticking on a rapidly accelerating climate emergency. 2021 counterposed wildfires, floods and other catastrophes with the woeful inaction of political leaders. No measures adopted at the Cop26 conference in Glasgow will dent the growth of coal, oil or gas production. Commitments to 'net zero' and faux technological fixes are merely an attempt to prolong the life of fossil fuels. I remain optimistic that students will continue to play a significant role in challenging this state of affairs on both a global and local scale through a serious commitment to environmental activism.

Students need a national union that will fight for climate justice.

In December, I attended the annual National Union of Students (NUS) National Conference. NatCon is an opportunity to debate strategy, policy and political organising for our national union. I want to comment both on environmental issues raised at the conference and, more generally, on the dire state of student unionism.

In order for students to confront the climate crisis, we need a union that is willing and ready to fight. Shamefully, the position of Environment Officer was abolished in 2017 and the absence of an Environmental Department has left NUS unable to spearhead desperately needed climate activism in recent years. Attempts by Socialist Alternative to re-establish the Environment Officer as a paid office bearer in 2022 were unsuccessful. In my view, this is a blow to the potential of revitalising NUS through engagement with environmental activism.

Given popular enthusiasm for student climate strikes, it is astonishing that NUS lacks specific environmental policy. Collaborating with Monash University activist Aveline Magila, I helped author an Environmental Policy which was successfully added to the NUS National Platform. My hope is that this policy will act as a guide for serious engagement with environmental questions into the future.

NatCon featured debate between champions of parliamentary lobbying and those who seek to build grassroots campaigns. Only outwards-looking, public activism can resist social injustice and ensure that student unions relate to those they represent. It is disappointing that delegates voted to amend the Environmental Policy to avoid naming-and-shaming Labor and Liberal as parties deeply committed to fossil fuels.

An activist student union won't be achieved overnight. However, supporting tangible actions and providing resources to student activists represent important steps towards reversing long-term political and organisational atrophy. There is no shortage of environmental issues to organise around, and I will continue to maintain a dialogue between local, campus-based organising and a wider national perspective through NUS.

Combatting the capitalist climate cop-out.

The Cop26 Coalition promoted a Global Day of Action on 6 November 2021 to demand an end to fossil fuels, oppose false solutions like net zero and to support a worker-led just transition. As Environment Officer, I organised and co-chaired a protest of over 250 people at Parliament House. It was heartening to see so many people brave the thunderstorms to attend. We heard from groups including Extinction Rebellion, the Greens and the Wilderness Society. This demonstration was a success, engaging existing environmental activist networks and providing an opportunity to voice our collective disgust at the climate cop-out in Glasgow.

Fossil fuels off campus!

I have expressed my support for four Freedom of Information requests submitted by staff member Nick Collins regarding the University's dirty investments. Responses communicated to Fossil Free Adelaide Uni have revealed what is omitted from Ecoversity's glossy reports and confirmed what activists have suspected all along: our university invests millions of dollars in major fossil fuel and weapons companies through its externally managed Endowment Fund. 'Environmental, Social and Governance' investment principles amount to little more than corporate greenwashing. For original copies of the FOI documents in full, please speak to either myself or other representatives of Fossil Free UoA. I note the following important points:

- UoA assets managed by Funds SA include investment in **41% of the world's top 100 producers of greenhouse gas emissions** and **eight of Australia's top 10 fossil fuel companies**. This includes BHP Billiton (\$3.3m) and Santos (\$860.6k).
- Assets also include investment in **60% of the world's top arms-producing and military service companies**. For Funds SA, this entails over **\$1m in overall investment in the world's top 25 weapons companies**.

On 24 January, I co-ordinated a meeting with Nick and others involved Fossil Free UoA to discuss these findings. I will continue to collaborate with other activists as we work to publicise this information and develop an online petition demanding divestment. James Wood and I have spoken via Zoom with activists in the ANU Environment Collective to learn from their divestment campaign. I have authored an article aimed at commencing students in *Counter Guide* detailing UoA's ties with destructive industries.

I welcome the recent resignation of fossil fuel researcher Michael Goodsite from the Sustainability Strategy Steering Committee. This might be viewed as a sign that the University regards its links to climate vandals as a PR liability. But unaccountable corporate advisors and fossil fuel academics maintain an ugly presence on this committee. Nick's additional FOIs will hopefully shed further light not just on the Endowment Fund, but other matters such as commercial research projects linked to fossil fuels.

I am pleased that the SRC passed the following motion at our last meeting: 'The SRC calls on Adelaide University to immediately and fully divest from fossil fuels and cut ties with environmentally destructive companies like weapons manufacturers'. Based on this commitment, the SRC should support a high-profile campaign around fossil fuel divestment on campus this year, including publicising information about the University's dirty business practices.

Motion: Fossil Fuels off Campus!

Preamble:

The University of Adelaide has deep ties to companies that contribute to environmental harm, such as weapons manufacturers and mining corporations. The depth of these ties was uncovered by recent Freedom of Information (FOI) requests by Dr Nick Collins, an Adelaide University agricultural researcher and a member of Fossil Free UoA. These revealed that the University's Endowment Fund, managed by three external fund managers, contains shares held in eight of Australia's 10 biggest fossil fuel companies. The FOIs also highlighted the University's ties to various weapons manufacturers, who are themselves significant contributors to global carbon emissions.

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.

Moved: Nix Herriot

Seconded: Tom Wood

Strike against the climate crisis on 25 March.

Fridays for Future has announced the next global climate strike for 25 March. This strike will be based around the slogan #peoplenotprofit. Please add the date to your calendars and I look forward to supporting local actions planned by School Strike 4 Climate.

Public housing, anti-fascism and support for other activist campaigns.

I have attended a number of events since our last meeting, including a protest to defend and extend public housing organised by the Anti-Poverty Network on 10 December. Across Adelaide, public housing is being demolished. At Eastwood, 29 *public* homes will be replaced with 29 'community' homes and over 88 so-called 'affordable' homes. It is important not to be fooled by the promises of such developments which merely entrench the privatisation of public housing, boost the profits of the private sector and offer houses that are largely unaffordable for students, pensioners,

jobseekers and other low-income people. We need a massive increase in sustainably built and climate resilient public housing stock and I will continue to support future activism towards this goal.

I was contacted by historian Gareth Prichard who expressed his desire to organise 'united front' activism against the resurgent far-right. Capable of regular and sizable protests against public health measures, the anti-vax movement is dangerous and must be challenged head on with collectivism and solidarity. I coordinated a meeting of concerned parties on 19 January, attended by representatives from Left Action, Grassroots and Activate. We resolved to organise a student and staff open forum in Week 1 to discuss the far-right, anti-vax movement and I encourage councillors to both support SRC endorsement for and attend this event. I also attended the Adelaide Campaign Against Racism and Fascism's demonstration against the so-called 'Freedom Rallies' on 22 January.

On 26 January I attended Survival Day at Tarntanyangga alongside other SRC councillors. This is an important annual demonstration to celebrate Aboriginal resistance since invasion. In 2022, we commemorate 50 years since the establishment of the Tent Embassy. My hope is that the SRC will actively organise Adelaide University students to attend Survival Day in future.

I have continued to support and help organise activism for the No Adelaide University Cuts campaign in preparation for O'Week and the Student General Meeting on 24 March.

A note on Counter Guide.

I have been busy helping to edit and coordinate publication of the SRC *Counter Guide* for distribution during O'Week. This will be an exciting alternative guide for new students with the overarching theme of dissecting and resisting the corporate university. Thanks to everyone who has sent me articles. The design process is now underway, and I am continuing to liaise with Bowden Print Group. Please feel free to raise any questions with me.

Nix Herriot

Environment Officer

Item 7.5: Ethno-Cultural Officer's Report

Introduction

I would first like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone on their election. I look forward to working with you all and serving on a SRC which has already demonstrated that it will take on an activist, progressive approach to improve student experiences.

The campaign against cuts

It is a great pleasure to see our plans for an aggressive approach to campaigning against funding cuts, mergers and staff lay-offs.

There is no doubt that the proposed cuts (and the cuts which have already been happening) disproportionately affect students from a culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background.

CALD students, and international students in particular, rely on University services like the Maths Learning Centre, Writing Centre and Student Life. They also rely on one-on-one support from their tutors and their lecturers – something that should not be denied to any student. However, the University's cuts to staff and funding mean that our lecturers and tutors have an increased workload, and this not only decreases the quality of teaching and learning, but also means that they have less time for student consultations.

Needless to say, I look forward to our No Adelaide University Cuts campaign!

Worker's rights and Wage Theft

I would like to thank the Postgraduate Officer (Coursework) and Postgraduate Officer (Research) for their comments and motion on worker's rights and wage theft at our last meeting.

This is another issue which disproportionately affects CALD students and international students in particular.

A pressing issue that we are all aware of is the exploitation of young workers, especially international students. We know that many international students are working nights and weekends in restaurants being paid cash-in-hand, often well below minimum wage. Even if they appear to be paid correctly, there is likely other underlying issues like not being paid penalty rates, overtime, superannuation etc.

I hope that the University adopts Recommendation 33 from the *Final Report of the Select Committee on Wage Theft in South Australia* which the SRC endorsed at our last meeting.

I would also like to look into what the SRC could do (whether that be in conjunction with the AUU) on this issue – for example, running workshops for students, or articles in OnDit.. I hope to have more to say on this in the coming meetings.

COVID-19 and the way forward

For CALD students, University can be a really isolating experience. Particularly for international and/or interstate students who have moved to a new city and are starting out their first year in University.

At this point I would like to express my internal gratitude that even though the COVID-19 risk remains real, and I personally have great concerns over the safety of attending campus – incoming first year

students have the opportunity to attend O-Week in person, and the opportunity to attend face-to-face classes to interact with their peers and make friends. This is such a huge part of University life that many students have unfortunately missed out on in the last couple of years.

Having said that, I also have great concerns over the return to campus plan and what measures have been or are being put in place to support those who are isolating with COVID or as a close contact, or any students who are concerned about attending campus due to the COVID-19 risk. I anticipate that this is particularly going to be a problem for students enrolled in courses that are incompatible with online learning (e.g., medical and dentistry students). This is something that I will keep an eye on in the coming weeks and months.

I also express concern about the ability of international students to learn remotely if they are forced to isolate. We know that international students are often living in small apartments which may not have adequate study spaces, wifi or heating/cooling. This is also something that I will keep an eye on in the coming semester.

There is no doubt that COVID-19 has and will unfortunately continue to have an impact on us, and for CALD students this likely means less contact, which in turn means less opportunity to be a part of a vibrant campus culture. I do hope that in 2022 we will see more (COVID-safe) events from our cultural clubs. This is so important to our campus culture and making university a better experience for our CALD students by connecting them with each other. I look forward to working with cultural clubs and supporting their events (more on this below).

NUS Ethnocultural Officer

The NUS Ethnocultural Officer, Akshay Jose reached out to me recently to discuss the ways NUS could support me in my role.

We haven't had the opportunity to speak yet but will do so very soon. I look forward to speaking about our different (or maybe same) priorities for this year and how we can work together.

I congratulate Akshay on his election.

Ralf Saroar – Candidate for Ethnocultural Officer

I have also had the pleasure of speaking with Ralf Saroar, who was the other candidate for Ethnocultural Officer in the recent elections.

He generously reached out to me to congratulate me on my election and offer his support to me in my role.

We met up (with Billy Zimmerman also) to discuss some of his ideas for how to improve student experiences for CALD students.

Two main issues included:

1. Working towards a more prominent presence of certain cultures that are less recognised – Ralf spoke about the Bangladeshi culture.
2. Medical and dental students being treated like they are separate to the rest of the University.

Point 1 in particular is something that I would like to take on board. There needs to be more recognition for the diverse backgrounds that students come from, beyond the cultures that we are more 'familiar' with.

2021 Ethnocultural Officer

Finally, of course, I have spoken with the outgoing 2021 Ethnocultural Officer, Anjali Malhotra. Unfortunately, due to the escalation of COVID over the Christmas holidays we haven't met up properly in person.

I look forward to enjoying a coffee with Anjali in the near future to discuss her work and how I may be able to continue it this year.

She has kindly added me to a Facebook group with presidents of cultural clubs. While some clubs had their AGMs last year to elect their 2022 executive, I am aware for some clubs this won't occur until later when Semester resumes. I aim to speak with all cultural club presidents before the middle of the Semester to hear their plans and talk about how the SRC could assist with their events.

I thank Anjali for her work as the 2021 Ethnocultural Officer.

Yours sincerely
Marilee Hou (She/her)
Ethnocultural Officer

Item 7.6: Rural Officer's Report

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AT ROSEWORTHY

At the December 2021 Student Engagement Committee meeting, I spoke to Roseworthy's lack of mental health support for veterinary students.

It should come as no surprise that members were largely dismissive of my item, with them claiming that there were already adequate services available on the campus. They stated that students could see Sally, who oversees veterinary access plans, and then be referred to a bulk-billed psychologist who attends campus once a week. Members also claimed that this psychologist is rarely booked out and that wait-times are hence short (1 week), indicating that students are unaware of the university's provisions. The university's proposed solution to this problem was laughable and pushed the burden of their failures onto struggling students. They wanted those who have used Roseworthy's mental health services to create videos outlining the support available that would then be showed to students at the start of the 2022 academic year.

In later discussions with Roseworthy students, I discovered that most of the committee's claims were false. For starters, the psychologist that was mentioned stopped attending Roseworthy at the end of 2019 and had a wait time of 2-6 weeks. Instead, a counsellor who does not deal with major mental health issues now attends the campus. Students report that this counsellor has a reputation for providing inadequate care, leading to the short wait-time.

Though not mentioned by the committee members (likely as it contradicts their falsehoods), Claire noted that the Dean of Roseworthy has found a psychologist in Gawler who will prioritize the university's veterinary students. This psychologist, however, will not provide bulk-billing and the university will not cover fees for students, meaning it is inaccessible for many. Another issue Claire raised is that students often avoid seeing Sally for mental health support as it can risk their place in the veterinary bioscience degree if their condition is found to be too severe.

It is clear that the university cares little about the struggles of Roseworthy's veterinary cohort. Going forward, Claire and I will be organising a paper petition that outlines a list of demands to the Dean. This petition will be provided at the SRC BBQ fundraiser for the Roseworthy Mental Health Fund (currently planned for early-mid March if Covid-19 does

not worsen). If any SRC members are interested in helping man this fundraiser and gather signatures, I encourage you to message me ASAP.

MOTION:

I motion that 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.

Further, I also motion that the Student Representative council permits Rural Officer Liam Johns to make a post on the SRC Facebook page outlining the state of mental health services at Roseworthy.

Item 7.7: Mature Age Officer's Report

Dear SRC members,

My name is AJ and I would like to start by saying thank you for being here to represent our students, meet their needs and improve their experience at university. While I do not wish to make this report about who I am and what I do, I wish to share with you some information, so you can understand who I am as a person before taking on the role as Mature Age Officer. Throughout high school and university, I have been an active member in the community, working with NFP organisations to increase diversity, work and mentor youth from disadvantaged backgrounds, and fight against social issues, such as domestic violence.

My advocacy outside of university lead to my involvement on the university ground, to represent those who needed it the most. I am sure that all of you are here for the exact same reason, to fight for students and allow them to have a voice on campus and SRC.

While this is the first meeting and we have been on holidays, I have had many conversations with mature aged students. Some mentioned the need of support to tackle new technology, others have mentioned the lack of flexibility to allow them to study whilst meeting their commitments outside of university.

I am looking forward to expanding these conversations and seeking continual feedback from mature aged students, on and off campus to assist in guiding myself as a Mature Aged Officer to serve, represent and resolve issues that are affecting them. We all do realise that being a mature aged student at university can sometimes mean facing greater challenges, but together we can make their university experience much better by creating a campus that welcomes all students from ages and all walks of life and meeting their needs. As long as I am a bearer of this office, I will be looking to advocate, support, engage and represent our students to the highest of standards.

Item 8.1 – Disaffiliate CISA

Preamble:

The Council of International Students is a body that claims to be the peak representative body for international students but in effect does little to oppose government policy which directly antagonises and is against the interest of International Students. CISA works in tandem with the federal government rather than its own members.

CISA has additionally seen rampant anti-democratic actions especially in its most recent election of National Office Bearers; several student unions and associations had their affiliation rejected, a decision which changed the balance of votes at the Annual General Meeting. It was recently resolved at the National Union of Students, National Conference who helped found CISA several years ago that CISA can no longer be the peak representative body for international students due to the continued failures of the organisation. The NUS is working on establishing a new, democratic body to represent the interests of international students better than is being delivered currently.

Motion:

1. The SRC disaffiliates from the Council of International Students
2. The SRC recognises that the new Australian International Student Association is the only genuine peak organisation representing international students
3. The SRC commits to seeking affiliation with AISA once it's creation is finalised.

Moved: Billy Zimmermann

Item 8.2 – YouX is an affront to student unionism

Preamble

The AUU is seeking a rebrand due to their belief that the term 'union' is outdated. This process has been opaque and not in the interests of students. At the end of their process they have finalised the name for the organisation as 'youX', this is honestly a bad name choice and will do active harm to our university community, our university history, and 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

Moved:

Item 8.3 – Against Intervention in Ukraine

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.

Moved: Jack Crawford

Item 8.4 – Palestine Motion

Preamble:

In its February 1 report, Amnesty International states that Israel is committing the crime of apartheid against Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territories, as well as within Israel. Human Rights Watch, the Israeli human rights group B'Tselem and Palestinian rights groups have all reached the same conclusion.

Amnesty's report reads that "Israel has imposed a system of oppression and domination over Palestinians wherever it exercises control over the enjoyment of their rights – across Israel and the OPT and with regard to Palestinian refugees."

"The segregation is conducted in a systematic and highly institutionalized manner through laws, policies and practices, all intended to prevent Palestinians from claiming and enjoying equal rights to Jewish Israelis within Israel and the OPT, and thus intended to oppress and dominate the Palestinian people."

Palestinian rights supporters have pointed out that South African anti-apartheid leaders, including the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu, have likened the struggle of Palestinians to that of Black South Africans.

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

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.

8.5 – Reject the Religious Extremism Bill

Reject the Religious Discrimination Bill

Preamble:

Recently, the Brisbane school Citipointe Christian College sparked mass outrage and condemnation when they sent out a new enrolment contract demanding that families denounce homosexuality and accept strict gender roles. This document forced students to accept that “homosexual acts are immoral” and that their gender was solely the one that “God bestowed” onto them. Homosexuality was compared to incest, paedophilia and bestiality. All of this was permitted under existing exemptions to anti-discrimination laws.

Fortunately, though, by last Thursday, this contract was up in flames, having been defeated by a mass campaign led by students, parents, staff and activists. By Friday, the principal Brian Mulheran had stepped down following the backlash. However, the Morrison Government, in its Religious Discrimination Bill 2021 proposes to give even more impunity to bigoted institutions like Citipointe by undermining anti-discrimination protections. This bill, if adopted, would override state laws that limit hiring on the basis on religion. This would make it easier for schools to turn down LGBTI+ students and staff. Additionally, health professions would be permitted to deny essential services based on religious beliefs. A doctor could deny a woman abortion drugs, refuse to provide HIV drugs to queer people and deny transgender hormone therapies. More broadly, the law would strip away broader workplace protections hard-won by unions to protect against discrimination. The Religious Discrimination Bill is the most severe attack on the rights of LGBTI+ people and other oppressed minorities.

It is clear that the Liberals and the religious right are trying to claw back the gains for LGBTI+ rights upon the resounding 61% “yes” vote in the 2017 marriage equality plebiscite. Rattled by this defeat, conservatives have now taken up the rallying cry of “religious freedom” to expand legal protections for bigotry. The rhetoric of “religious freedom” should be rejected as nothing but a reactionary dog-whistle. There is no place for special rights to discriminate in the name of religious conservatism.

The situation right now is urgent. The bill is planned to be put to Parliament on Tuesday and could become law as soon Friday. In response to these historic attacks though, all that the Labor Party

opposition has to offer is “expressing concerns” about the bill. On the 4th February, Labor significantly boosted the government’s hopes of passing the bill by offering its conditional support. Labor’s shameful position has resulted from the right-wing conclusion they drew from their defeat in the 2019 federal election that they had failed to appease religious voters enough. What is clear is that if this bill passes, it will be in spite of public opinion. Three quarters of voters oppose the key attacks proposed by this bill. What the Liberals are hoping for is that acquiesce from the public and capitulation from Labor will see them through. But just opposing this bill won’t cut it. Sending emails to Labor MPs and begging for concessions from the Liberals won’t stop the bill dead in its tracks.

Instead, we should take a lead from the students at Citipointe and their supporters who managed to defy the odds in defeating an extremely reactionary institution determined to press on its attack. Their actions had managed to collect 155,000 signatures on an online petition, and draw in protestors nationwide, forcing the school to backdown. What their victory demonstrates is that bigoted, right-wing policies and laws can be defeated when we are staunch, defiant and mobilise collectively. Now, more than ever, we urgently need a new fightback to isolate and defeat the religious right. We should not stop until we oppose every discriminatory measure, including the existing laws that penalise students for their sexuality.

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.

Moved: James Wood

8.6 – Vaccine Mandates

Preamble:

University staff and students have the right to a safe work and learning environment, where precautions have been taken to minimise the risk of contracting COVID-19.

Vaccine mandates are an essential measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and should be implemented at the University of Adelaide. However, the main benefit of vaccines is to reduce the severity of illness and likelihood of hospitalization. While this is vital to take pressure off the overburdened health system, they are not enough to prevent the mass spread of covid on their own. This is even more the case in the era of omicron, against which vaccines have reduced effectiveness when compared to previous strains.

As such other health measures will be necessary to prevent the spread of covid at the university. As COVID-19 is mainly spread via aerosol transmission, one of the most effective ways to prevent transmission in indoor areas is through ensuring there are adequate ventilation and filtration systems in place. CO2 levels can be used as a measure of ventilation, with experts recommend that air is being changed over a minimum of 4 to 6 times per hour, and that carbon levels are below 800ppm to ensure adequate ventilation. Air quality can also be improved through the installing of HEPA air filters where necessary.

These measures have shown to be effective at reducing the spread of COVID-19 in places such as San Francisco, where universal mask use in schools and the provision of safe indoor air resulted in very few instances of in-school transmission. Contrastingly, in England, where neither masks nor safe air are routine in schools, and where vaccination was not recommended for 12-15 year olds until September and then limited to only 1 dose, 8% of school children were infected with COVID-19 within two weeks of the start of term.

Other health measures including but not limited to the provision of N95/P2 masks, mask mandates, and density restrictions should also be implemented. Additionally, the University must provide paid leave to any staff who contract the virus, or are close contacts for the duration of their isolation period who are unable to work from home, and prioritise the health and wellbeing of staff and students over profit.

Motion:

5. The SRC strongly supports the proposed vaccine mandate at Adelaide University
6. The SRC demands the University undergoes a ventilation audit for the safety of students and staff.
7. The SRC demands the University provides N95 and/or P2 masks to staff and institutes a mask mandate
8. 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.

Moved: Ramon O'Donnell

8.7 – Solidarity with Myanmar, one year after the coup

Preamble:

On the 1st Feb 2021 the Myanmar military, known as the Tatmadaw, arrested State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, launching a coup and overturning the country's limited liberal democracy.

Since that day, resistance to the coup has been heroic and unrelenting. One year on, the military is at a stalemate. 400,000 civil servants have resigned in protest, mass nationwide boycotts continue and oppressed nationalities historically engaged in armed struggle against the military are now collaborating with students and workers who have fled to the countryside.

Radical students and their unions have played an important role in deepening this heroic, year-long struggle, acting as “social detonators” by organising alongside workers and peasants involved in the nation-wide Civil Disobedience Movement.

One garment worker described the collaboration this way: “We are used to strikes at the factories but striking against the military with guns is different. We have not engaged in political strikes before. But the students have plenty of this experience. And around these parts, many workers know that the students always support the workers when they strike.”

Student activists have been agitators for strikes of staff and boycotts of students at their universities, formed part of many strike committees, and fraternised with soldiers to convince them to defect (at least 2000 have publicly defected under conditions of extreme repression). Many of the healthcare workers who took the initial revolutionary strike action of Feb 6th against the military were also former student activists.

As student unionists, we should not only support but also learn from the struggles of the radical students in Myanmar. Aung Kaung Sett, a representative from the University of Yangon Students' Union (UYSU), explained last year that students were able to play this role in pushing the fight for democracy forward because of their radical foundation.

“We presented students with the argument that student unions are political bodies that are meant to fight against injustice. In 2019, UYSU was finally re-established on that basis.”

The students, workers, peasants and oppressed minorities of Myanmar deserve our full solidarity as they carry on the struggle for democracy in the face of enormous repression and brutality.

Our own student union should play the same role of taking politics and the fight against injustice seriously. As the students in Myanmar show, that is how we set ourselves on the best path towards winning demands for a decent education and society.

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.

Moved: Ana Obradovic

Item 9.1 Executive Report

Billy Zimmermann

Falie seemed to be incredibly capable and by the time of our interview, had already put an incredible amount of thought into the role and her plan for it. For this reason and various others, I think Falie should be appointed Disability Officer, we need people who care and I think Falie's experiences speak for themselves and will contribute to an amazing Disability Officer.

Ulian Cox

During the interview, Ms Adeline expressed herself with great confidence and acknowledged the number of challenges faced by students who deal with a disability, whilst presenting an array of suggestions and areas of improvement that she could bring as the Disability Officer. I have full confidence in her abilities, and I wish Ms Adeline well.

Motion: The SRC appoints Falie Adeline as SRC Disability Officer

Moved:

Seconded:

Appendix 1: Minutes of the Previous Meeting (9 December 2021)

Meeting in Hughes 323 Thursday 9th 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 green washing 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:

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

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

Appendix 2: Proposed Semester 1 Meeting Schedule

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting Schedule

Semester 1 2022

The SRC meets fortnightly during Academic Semester, per the dates and times below. The venue will be Hughes 338 unless otherwise advised prior to the meeting.

A Zoom link will be provided in the papers for all meetings.

Please submit any agenda items or reports by the due date to William.Zimmermann@student.adelaide.edu.au

Meeting Date	Agenda Items Due	Office Bearers to Report
Thursday 11 March, 6:30pm	Sunday 17 August, 6:00pm	President, General Secretary, and the Education, Queer, Postgraduate (Research), Postgraduate (Coursework), Social Justice, Disability and International Officers
Thursday 25 March, 6:30pm	Sunday 30 August, 6:00pm	President, and the Welfare, Women's, Environment, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander, Ethno-Cultural, Rural and Mature Age Student Officers
Thursday 8 April, 6:30pm	Sunday 14 September, 6:00pm	President, General Secretary, and the Education, Queer, Postgraduate (Research), Postgraduate (Coursework), Social Justice, Disability and International Officers
MID-SEMESTER BREAK		
Thursday 28 April, 6:30pm	Sunday 12 October, 6:00pm	President, and the Welfare, Women's, Environment, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander, Ethno-Cultural, Rural and Mature Age Student Officers

Thursday 12 May, 6:30pm	Sunday 26 October, 6:00pm	President, General Secretary, and the Education, Queer, Postgraduate (Research), Postgraduate (Coursework), Social Justice, Disability and International Officers
Thursday 26 May, 6:30pm	Sunday 12 October, 6:00pm	President, and the Welfare, Women's, Environment, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander, Ethno-Cultural, Rural and Mature Age Student Officers
Thursday 9 June, 6:30pm	Sunday 26 October, 6:00pm	President, General Secretary, and the Education, Queer, Postgraduate (Research), Postgraduate (Coursework), Social Justice, Disability and International Officers