

## Minutes of Council Meeting (8 February 2023)

### 1. Procedural Matters

*Georgia Thomas opened the meeting at 6:37pm*

#### 1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

*Georgia acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.*

#### 1.2. Attendance

Georgia Thomas, Agastya Mudgal, Grace Franco, Yuka Maruyama, Yeganeh Soltanpour, Tony Tu, Daniel Garcia Zapata, Rafael Aquino, Anjali Malhotra, Billy Zimmermann, Merlin Wang, Leila Clendon, James Wood, Tom Zhai, Lani Bushnell, Simranjeet Singh Dahia, and Ruby Stewart

#### 1.3. Apologies

Sana Vohra, Hamish McNamara, Mutaher Ishaque, Jack Butcher, and Veronica Yang

#### 1.4. Absences

Sebastian Thompson, Jia Ming Lai

#### 1.5. Adoption of Agenda

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

**Moved:** Rafael Aquino      **Seconded:** Anjali Malhotra      **Motion carried**

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Recommendation:** That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

**Moved:** Anjali Malhotra      **Seconded:** Yeganeh Soltapour      **Motion carried**

**Recommendation:** That the SRC accept the minutes of the executive meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 2).

**Moved:** Rafael Aquino      **Seconded:** Daniel Garcia Zapata      **Motion carried**

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

#### 4. Correspondence

#### 5. New Members

#### 6. Motions on Notice

### 7. Office Bearer Reports

#### 7.1. President

*Georgia handed the chair to Grace Franco at 6:46pm.*

*Georgia delivered her report.*

Leila proposed a motion. Georgia requested this be placed in emergent business.

*Grace handed the chair to Georgia Thomas at 7:19pm.*

## **7.2. Welfare Officer**

*Rafael delivered his report.*

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

*Anjali delivered her report*

## **7.4. Environment Officer**

Sebastian indicated he would be delivering a verbal report however was not present to do so. Report not submitted

## **7.5. Ethno-Cultural Officer**

Report not submitted and was not present so could not deliver a report. Agastya noted that Sana did submit a report but that he neglected to include.

Georgia noted that, even if you are an apology, you are still constitutionally required to submit a report.

## **7.6. Mature Age Officer**

*Tony delivered his report.*

## **7.7. Rural Officer**

*Report taken as read*

## **7.8. Waite Officer**

*Merlin gave a verbal report.*

# **8. General Business**

## **8.1 Environment NDA**

**Motion: The SRC endorses the National Union of Students' Fight for the Climate National Day of Action on March 17**

1. The SRC supports the March 17 National Day of Action and its demands.
2. The SRC commits up to \$500 towards printing posters and leaflets to promote the event (appendix A).
3. The SRC will promote the NDA at its O'Week stall.
4. The SRC will co-host the Facebook event for the Adelaide action and promote the event on Facebook.

5. SRC representatives who support this motion will attend the event and help with its online promotion.

An amendment to remove point 2 and adjust point 5 to read “members who support this motion are encourage to attend the event” is proposed by Grace.

The amendment of point 5 is amenable to the mover, but not the removal of point 2.

The amendment to remove point 2 of the motion is taken to a vote.

**Moved:** Grace Franco **Seconded:** Rafael Aquino **Amendment carried**

The motion now reads:

1. The SRC supports the March 17 National Day of Action and its demands.
2. The SRC will promote the NDA at its O’Week stall.
3. The SRC will co-host the Facebook event for the Adelaide action and promote the event on Facebook.
4. SRC representatives who support this motion are encouraged to attend the event and help with its online promotion.

*Yeganeh left the meeting at 7:48pm*

An amendment to add a point reading “The SRC commits up to \$250 towards printing posters and leaflets to promote the event (appendix A).” is proposed by James

The amendment to add this point to the motion is taken to a vote.

**Moved:** James Wood **Seconded:** Leila Clendon **Amendment failed**

*Georgia named Tom Zhai once due to inappropriate comments in the Zoom Chat*

**Amended motion is moved:**

1. The SRC supports the March 17 National Day of Action and its demands.
2. The SRC will promote the NDA at its O’Week stall.
3. The SRC will co-host the Facebook event for the Adelaide action and promote the event on Facebook.
4. SRC representatives who support this motion are encouraged to attend the event and help with its online promotion.

**Moved:** Leila Clendon **Seconded:** James Wood **Motion carried**

## 8.2. Keep up the fight for LGBTI Rights

**Motion:**

**The SRC:**

- Stands in solidarity with the Community Action for Rainbow Rights and the abuse survivors’ protests against George Pell.
- Condemns Don Farrell for openly showing support for Pell by attending his funeral instead of the protests happening at the same time.

- Opposes concessions to the far-right in the Religious Discrimination Bill allowing schools to teach that being LGBTI is a sin and fire teachers for being open about their gender and sexuality.
- Opposes the British Parliament's attempt to undemocratically shut down the Gender Recognition Bill in Scotland.
- Opposes the Australian and New Zealand speaking tour of far right and transphobic British commentator Kellie-Jay Keen.
- Supports the protest on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March against Kellie-Jay Keen's event in Adelaide.

Actions:

1. The SRC will write a letter to Minister for Trade and Tourism Don Farrell, expressing disappointment in his decision attend George Pell's funeral.
2. The SRC will share the event for the protest against Kellie-Jay Keen on the SRC Facebook page with a short message about the importance of attending.
3. The SRC commits up to \$250 for printing leaflets and posters for the protest (appendix B)
4. Commits to supporting any further action against the homophobic and transphobic concessions in the Religious Discrimination Bill.
5. SRC members who support the motion will attend the protest.

Billy described the motion as a lot of stuff that should be rewritten and debated individually due to the high importance of each issue. Billy moved a motion tabling the motion to the next meeting:

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann      **Seconded:** Rafael Aquino      **Procedural Motion carried**

### 8.3. Condemn Israeli Massacre of Palestinians

The SRC:

1. Condemns the Israeli massacre of Palestinians in Jenin.
2. Condemns the federal Labor government's implicit support for Israel in the wake of the recent murders of Palestinians.
3. Expresses SRC support for the Palestinian resistance movement in Jenin.

Action Points:

1. The SRC will take a photo of solidarity at the end of the meeting and will post it to the SRC facebook page along with a solidarity statement condemning the recent Israeli murders of Palestinians in Jenin.
2. The SRC will commit to supporting potential campaigns and actions that show solidarity with the Palestinian resistance movement in Jenin and struggles for Palestinian liberation more broadly.

Grace moved a procedural motion to limit all speakers to a maximum of 1 minute.

**Moved:** Grace Franco      **Seconded:** Rafael Aquino      **Procedural Motion carried**

Rafael moved an amendment to:

- entirely remove all action points
- Remove Point 2 of the Motion
- Alter the wording of Point 3 to ‘Expressed support for a peaceful resolution to the conflict’

**Moved:** Rafael Aquino      **Seconded:** Billy Zimmermann      **Amendment carried**

Unsatisfied with the amended motion, Leila withdrew her motion from the meeting.

#### **8.4. Invasion Day**

James moved his motion concerning invasion Day:

**The SRC:**

1. Condemns the celebration of Australia Day on January 26 and recognises January 26 only as Invasion Day/Survival Day
2. Opposes the commemoration of Australia Day in principle as a wrongful celebration of Australian nationalism and calls for the day to be abolished
3. Condemns the state and federal Labor governments for their hypocrisy and severe inaction on Indigenous rights
4. Commits its solidarity to struggles for Indigenous justice, including, but not limited to, full land rights, raising the age of criminal responsibility, shutting down youth detention centres, and abolishing compulsory income management schemes

**Action Points:**

1. The SRC will release a statement on its Facebook page expressing opposition to Australia Day
2. The SRC commits to supporting campaigns and actions for Indigenous rights, including annual Invasion Day protests, protests against deaths in custody and for land rights

Ruby discussed that criticising the Labor Government is incorrect as the injustices against First nations people have been ongoing since colonisation and at the hands of all Governments. She proposed an amendment to change point 3 to read ‘Condemns historic and current state and federal Liberal and Labor Governments for their hypocrisy and severe inaction on Indigenous rights.’

James was amendable to the amendment.

Billy discussed that there is nothing inherently wrong with the concept of Australia Day, just that it shouldn’t be celebrated on a day which marks the beginning of a genocide against indigenous people.

Billy’s amendment is to remove point 2.

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann      **Seconded:** Rafael Aquino      **Amendment carried**

Billy raised a point of order that the meeting had gone for more than 2 hours and that according to the standing orders, the SRC must have a 10 minute break.

Leila believed that the SRC should continue through the motions, suspending the standing orders to skip a break and go beyond 9pm.

Motion to suspend Standing Orders to avoid a 10 Minute Break and go beyond 9pm:

**Moved:** Leila Clendon                      **Seconded:** James Wood                      **Procedural Motion Failed**

*The SRC Takes a 10 Minute break and resumes sitting at 8:48*

James moves to a vote on the amended Australia Day Motion:

**The SRC:**

1. Condemns the celebration of Australia Day on January 26 and recognises January 26 only as Invasion Day/Survival Day
2. Condemns historic and current state and federal Liberal and Labor Governments for their hypocrisy and severe inaction on Indigenous rights
3. Commits its solidarity to struggles for Indigenous justice, including, but not limited to, full land rights, raising the age of criminal responsibility, shutting down youth detention centres, and abolishing compulsory income management schemes

**Action Points:**

3. The SRC will release a statement on its Facebook page expressing opposition to Australia Day
4. The SRC commits to supporting campaigns and actions for Indigenous rights, including annual Invasion Day protests, protests against deaths in custody and for land rights

**Moved:** James Wood                      **Seconded:** Leila Clendon                      **Motion Carried**

### 8.5. Oppose Labor's Uni Merger

James proposed his final motion for General Business:

**The SRC:**

1. Calls upon the SA Labor government to halt any funds and resources to establish a University Merger Commission or aid any merger process
2. Demands that the University of Adelaide management cancel its exploratory talks with UniSA for a university merger
3. Calls for the state and Federal Labor governments to commit to a free and fully funded university system
4. Unequivocally opposes university mergers in principle and acknowledges that they are measures intended to entrench the corporatisation of universities by giving management more scope to implement cuts and generate bigger profits

**Action points:**

- The SRC will post a statement on the SRC Facebook page reaffirming the Council's opposition to Labor's university merger plan
- The SRC commits to supporting potential actions and campaigns against the merger and is prepared to commit funds and resources for protests, posters, leaflets, information stalls etc.
- The SRC will consider hosting a formal debate on the merger, likely during Semester 1

James moved a procedural motion to go directly to a vote:

**Moved:** James Wood                      **Seconded:** Leila Clendon                      **Procedural Motion Carried**

### **1.1. Merger Forum Motion**

Leila proposed her final motion in Emergent Business.

1. The SRC will call an open organising meeting to plan a debate between Susan Close or another Labor Party MP and an anti-merger activist.
2. Each side of the argument will have equal opportunity to present their case.
3. There will be room within the debate for audience members to ask questions of the panellists and make arguments about their opinions.
4. The SRC will publicly promote the organising meeting on the Facebook page, and in o'week activities.

Leila proposed to go to a procedural vote to go directly to a vote on the motion. But was unable to do so due to the meeting automatically closing at 9pm.

MOTION LAPSES.

*Meeting Automatically closed at 9:00pm*