

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**



**MEETING 18 FEBRUARY 2019**

**MINUTES**

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Ali Amin opened the meeting at 6:40pm on Friday 22 February 2019.

### 1. Procedural Matters

#### 1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Ali Amin acknowledged that the SRC met on the land of the Kaurna people.

#### 1.2. Attendance

Patrick Stewart (minutes), Ali Amin, Sam King, Lisa Hanson, Kynesha Temple, Tom Auld, Sam Chapman, Chelsea Fernandez, Zephyrus Ma, Angela Qin, Andrew Lai, Bec Etienne, Isabel Hoo.

**Visitors:** Sage Jupe, Maisie Gilchrist, Arabella Wauchope, Maddy Edhouse.

#### 1.3. Apologies

Carol Wu, Perna Kurup, Joanna Barry-Murphy, Oscar Ong (ex-officio member).

#### 1.4. Adoption of Agenda

#### 1.5. Welcome

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Motion:** That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 1 December 2018 as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Ali Amin

**Seconded:** Tobias Threadgold

**CARRIED**

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

ACTION	PERSON	STATUS
Organise Free Breakfast roster in collaboration with Student Care	Patrick Stewart	In Progress
<i>Meet your Reps</i> event – plan for the event and a confirmed date	Ali Amin	TBA
Student-wide mail from the University introducing the SRC – need to liaise with University	Ali Amin	TBA
Distribute more information regarding O'Week, as well as a volunteer roster	Ali Amin	Complete
Set up an SRC Slack platform and invite all SRC members. Also provide information on how to use Slack.	Patrick Stewart	Complete

Ali Amin reported on his action items.

#### 4. Correspondence

Ali briefly discussed the email he circulated regarding the Freedom of Speech review.

#### 5. New Members

None.

#### 6. Motions on Notice

None.

#### 7. General Business

##### 7.1. Bank Signatories

**Motion:** That Mark Pace (SRC Administrator) be duly authorised as a signatory to the SRC bank account, and remove Nooria Muradi (former SRC Administrator).  
[Account Name: Student Representative Council (Adelaide), Inc. Account Number: 188 648 140]

**Moved:** Ali Amin      **Seconded:** Patrick Stewart      **CARRIED**

##### 7.2. General Councillor's Items (Tom Auld)

Tom Auld spoke to his first motion. He discussed the Student Climate Strike movement and other issues regarding the environment. He also discussed the upcoming Education Action Network meeting on Tuesday 19 February.

**Motion:** that the SRC:

- a. will promote the March 15 school strike for climate on campus from O-Week with a combination of posters, information and leaflets distributed from SRC stalls and through online media
- b. will mobilise a presence of elected representatives to the March 15 event

**Moved:** Tom Auld      **Seconded:** Rebecca Etienne      **CARRIED**

Tom Auld spoke to his motion.

*Ali Amin passed the chair to Patrick Stewart at 6:46pm.*

Ali Amin raised similarities between the motion and the recommendations of the Federal Government's review into freedom of speech on campus, chaired by former Chief Justice Robert French.

*Patrick Stewart returned the chair to Ali Amin at 6.48pm.*

SRC members asked questions of Ali Amin and Tom Auld regarding their comments.

**Motion:** that the SRC adopt the following charter on free speech:

- a. The Adelaide University Student Representative Council upholds freedom of speech & expression on campus as an important right for students, staff, and members of the public.
- b. The Adelaide University Student Representative Council opposes attempts by university administrations and government ministers or departments to crack down upon freedom of speech on campus, whether it comes in the form of:
  - i. Disciplining academics for publishing their opinions in a personal or academic context
  - ii. Discipline against those engaged in protests, including academic discipline, legal discipline, and university-imposed fines
  - iii. Discipline on the basis of content of student publications.
- c. Protesting is a key form of freedom of expression.
  - i. Protesting outside of a speaking event in order to put across an alternative view is not an assault upon freedom of speech. It is the use of freedom of expression to put across an alternate opinion.
- d. Laws or ruling which compel protestors to pay fines or security costs for demonstrations are an assault upon freedom of expression. They prohibit the most accessible form of freedom of expression to those who cannot pay, and in effect make the act of protesting a punishable offence.

**Moved:** Tom Auld

**Seconded:** Samuel J King

**CARRIED**

## **8. Office Bearer Reports**

### **8.1. President**

*Ali Amin passed the chair to Patrick Stewart at 6:56pm.*

Ali spoke to his report.

He discussed that he has attended a number of committee meetings, which are beginning to hold meetings for the year. Ali has distributed a schedule of committee meetings.

The Counter Guide has been printed, ready for O'Week, and is flower-themed. There will also be an SRC Stall from Monday to Wednesday, an SRC presence at the Roseworthy O'Night on Thursday, and the Lazy Breakfast on Friday. Members are able to sign up to rosters for each.

The SRC will be making a submission to the Federal Government's Freedom of Speech Inquiry, which Ali will write.

The Royal Croquet Club is now active on campus, and the SRC is able to advocate for students regarding any issues they may experience. This includes issues such as students not being able to access the Hub if they have forgotten their Student ID, and breach of labour laws for student employees.

Ali has provided comment to a number of media outlets, including the ABC which contacted him this morning.

Discussed that the SRC has been cleaned and has new furniture, as does the Fix Student Lounge.

Tobi Threadgold asked whether it was likely that the SRC would try to attempt to prevent the RCC returning to campus in 2020. Ali Amin explained that the option will exist for the University to pull out of the contract at the end of the year. Ali discussed potential options for students to be a part of this decision-making process, including the SRC.

*Patrick Stewart returned the chair to Ali Amin at 7:10pm.*

## **8.2. Welfare Officer**

Patrick Stewart noted that the Welfare Officer is absent for this meeting, and reminded Members about their reporting requirements.

## **8.3. Women's Officer**

Patrick Stewart noted the Women's Officer's apology for the meeting.

## **8.4. Environment Officer**

Patrick Stewart noted the Environment Officer was an apology to the meeting.

## **8.5. Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Officer**

Kynesha Temple spoke to her report and updated the SRC on issues in her portfolio.



### 8.6. Ethno-Cultural Officer

Angela spoke to her report regarding International O'Week.

Ali Amin raised the issue that the AUU manages the SRC's attendance at O'Week events, and that this issue is being worked on by the AUU for next year.

**Motion:** that the SRC participate in the International O'Week by setting up a stall in the Hub in 2020.

**Moved:** Angela Qin    **Seconded:** Tobias Threadgold    **CARRIED**

**Motion:** that the SRC provide informationa bout SRC to international students, general support when needed, and possibly engaging activities introducing SRC.

**Moved:** Angela Qin    **Seconded:** Chelsea Fernandez    **CARRIED**

**Motion:** that the SRC starts planning for International O'Week along with normal O'Week next year.

**Moved:** Angela    **Seconded:** Rebecca Etienne    **CARRIED**

### 8.7. Rural Officer

Tobi spoke to his reported, and reiterated the importance of SRC members attending Roseworthy O'Night next week.

Tobi also elaborated on his idea for online peer networking.

Ali Amin noted that not enough Members were in attendance to meet the number of votes in favour of an alteration to the constitution.

**Motion:** that the SRC change the constitution to allow members to attend meetings via video link if approved by the SRC President.

**MOTION TABLED TO NEXT MEETING**

### 8.8. Mature Age Student Officer

Lisa Hanson spoke to her report, and her experience of the challenges of being a mature age student, as well as the benefits of supporting mature age students.

### 8.9. Social Justice Officer

Zihan Ma spoke to her report and the issues faced by students, particularly international students, in the peer mentoring program.

Other SRC members also shared their experiences and perspectives on the program.

Samuel King asked the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer how the peer mentoring discussion and cultural awareness discussions could better be tied together. Kynesha responded that broader awareness of challenges faced by international and people of colour students would be highly beneficial.

## 9. Other Reports

### 9.1 Executive

Ali Amin reported that the Executive had not met since the last SRC meeting, but that it had passed a motion regarding the State Government's cuts to public transport services. Reported that he spoke at a rally at Parliament House on behalf of the SRC in opposition to these cuts.

### 9.2 Administrator's Report

Patrick Stewart passed on a message from the SRC Administrator, that he is in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and is available to assist SRC members.

## 10. Emergent Business

Ali Amin reported that an item had been received from Tom Auld 1 minute prior to the start of the meeting. In accordance with Standing Orders, he declined to consider the item.

*Meeting closed at 8:00pm.*

ACTION	PERSON	STATUS
Roster for O'Week Stall (Monday-Wednesday)	Patrick Stewart	TBA
Liaise with the AUU regarding vending machines.	Kynesha Temple	TBA
Put Tobi and Zihan in contact with Phillipa Levy regarding student peer networking and the working group being set up.	Ali Amin	TBA
Ask the University to examine the impact of public transport cuts on students.	Ali Amin	TBA