

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



MEETING 18 FEBRUARY 2019

AGENDA AND MEETING PAPERS

AGENDA

Meeting to be held at 6:00pm in Hub Central (Level 3), University of Adelaide.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.2. Attendance

1.3. Apologies

Carol Wu, Oscar Ong (ex-officio member).

1.4. Adoption of Agenda

1.5. Welcome

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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

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	TBA
Set up an SRC Slack platform and invite all SRC members. Also provide information on how to use Slack.	Patrick Stewart	Complete

4. Correspondence

5. New Members

6. Motions on Notice

7. General Business

7.1. Bank Signatories

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8. Office Bearer Reports

8.1. President

8.2. Welfare Officer

8.3. Women's Officer

8.4. Environment Officer

8.5. Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Officer

8.6. Ethno-Cultural Officer

8.7. Rural Officer

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

8.8. Mature Age Student Officer

8.9. Social Justice Officer

9. Other Reports

9.1 Executive

9.2 Administrator's Report

10. Emergent Business

Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Ali Amin (President) opened the meeting at 2:11pm ACDT on Saturday 1 December 2018.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Ali acknowledged that the SRC was meeting on the land of the Kaurna people, and acknowledged their ongoing relationship with the Adelaide region. Lisa Hanson noted the reasons for acknowledging the traditional owners of the land, and the ongoing impacts of colonialism.

1.2. Attendance

Members: Ali Amin (chair), Patrick Stewart (minutes), Joanna Barry-Murphy, Lisa Hanson, Tobias Threadgold, Tom Auld, Michael Brohier, Andrew Lai, Prerna Kurup, Bec Etienne, Chelsea Fernandez, Kynesha Temple, Isobel Hoo

Visitors: Sarah Tynan, Jack Crawford, Daniel Nesar, Marie-Claire Harrauld

1.3. Apologies

Samuel J King, Sam Chapman, Bingzhang Wu, Carol Wu, Yuchen Zhang, Zihan Ma, Chuyue Qin

1.4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: that the agenda as circulated be adopted.

MOVED: Patrick Stewart **SECONDED:** Ali Amin **CARRIED**

1.5. Welcome

Ali welcomed the incoming SRC to their first meeting and noted that this is the 10th SRC since the creation of the organisation.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: That the SRC accept the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

MOVED: Ali Amin **SECONDED:** Tobias Threadgold **CARRIED**

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. New Members

Patrick Stewart, Sam Chapman, Xin Wu, Yuchen Zhang, Rebecca Etienne, Kynasha Temple, Prerna Kurup, Bingzhang Wu, Chongxin Ji, Zihan Ma, Chuyue Qin, Tobias Threadgold, Samuel J King, Lisa Hanson, Chelsea Fernandez, Joanna Barry-Murphy, Tom Auld, Michael Brohier, Isabel Hoo, Yoong Aun Lai, Haoyang Shi, Yiyun Tang

6. Motions on Notice

None.

7. General Business

7.1. Election of SRC Executive

Motion: That Sarah Tynan be appointed as SRC Returning Officer for the election of the SRC Executive.

MOVED: Ali Amin **SECONDED:** Patrick Stewart **CARRIED**

Nominations received from Bec Etienne, Sam Chapman and Chelsea Fernandez. As the number of nominations met the number of vacant positions, in accordance with affirmative action requirements, all were elected unopposed.

Motion: to accept the Returning Officer's report.

MOVED: Ali Amin **SECONDED:** Patrick Stewart **CARRIED**

7.2. Constitutional Amendment (Tobias Threadgold)

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

TABLED

Tobi spoke briefly to his motion and noted that it required 16 votes in favour to pass under the Constitution. As fewer than this number were present at the meeting, he tabled the motion.

7.3. Lockheed Martin out of Adelaide Uni! (Tom Auld)

As chair, Ali moved this item to the end of the Agenda, for consideration after all other items. There was no dissent.

8. Office Bearer Reports

8.1. President

Ali spoke to his report, and noted the foundation provided by the SRC members of the past couple of years.

Ali passed the chair to the Patrick Stewart at 2:27pm.

Motion: That all SRC Officer Bearers will commit to fortnightly 'drop in hours' to be available to speak to students in the Fix Lounge. The SRC President and General Secretary will organise putting together a weekly schedule that will be advertised on social media channels and around the Fix Lounge.

MOVED: Ali Amin **SECONDED:** Rebecca Etienne

Patrick Stewart moved an amendment to remove the second word, "all" from the motion, which was amenable to the mover.

Amended Motion: That SRC Officer Bearers will commit to fortnightly 'drop in hours' to be available to speak to students in the Fix Lounge. The SRC President and General Secretary will organise putting together a weekly schedule that will be advertised on social media channels and around the Fix Lounge.

MOVED: Ali Amin **SECONDED:** Rebecca Etienne **CARRIED**

Motion: The SRC General Secretary will develop a roster in collaboration with Student Care for SRC members to participate in the Student Free Breakfast.

MOVED: Ali Amin **SECONDED:** Chelsea Fernandez **CARRIED**

Ali spoke about issues regarding the Royal Croquet Club's presence on campus. Members and visitors had a general discussion about the proposal of the RCC and expressed their views.

SRC members discussed the section of Ali's report regarding international student accommodation, and discussed ways to ensure international students are being provided with adequate and affordable housing.

Ali distributed an appendix to his report, and noted that the previous SRC has approved funding for the publication of the Counter Guide and the appointment of editors for the Counter Guide.

Patrick Stewart passed the chair back to Ali Amin at 3:04pm.

8.2. General Secretary

Patrick spoke to his report.

Motion: That Ali Amin (SRC President), Patrick Stewart (SRC General Secretary), and Nooria Muradi (SRC Administrator) be duly authorised as signatories to the SRC bank account, and remove all other signatories.
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MOVED: Patrick Stewart **SECONDED:** Ali Amin **CARRIED**

Motion: That the SRC appoint Patrick Stewart (SRC General Secretary) as Public Officer and authorise him to notify Consumer and Business Services accordingly.

MOVED: Patrick Stewart **SECONDED:** Rebecca Etienne **CARRIED**

Motion: That the SRC supports the principle of holding non-partisan voter enrolment stalls and will investigate the possibility of holding such stalls in the coming academic year.

MOVED: Patrick Stewart **WITHDRAWN**

Recommendation: that the SRC delegates its authority to the Executive from the close of the meeting at which this resolution is passed until Monday 18 February 2018, in the week prior to Orientation Week.

MOVED: Patrick Stewart **SECONDED:** Ali Amin **CARRIED**

8.3. Postgraduate Officer

The SRC noted that no report had been submitted.

Patrick Stewart noted that both the Postgraduate Officer and International Student Officer are international students who flagged their absence at an early stage.

Patrick Stewart reminded members about their reporting requirements.

8.4. Education Officer

The SRC and visitors discussed the reports in the Education Officer's report.

Visitors discussed the content of the report, and discussed the absence of mentions of Federal government funding, and criticised it for perceived attacks on staff.

Other members noted particular sections of the report they agreed with regarding sense of community among students.

8.5. Queer Officer

Rebecca spoke to her report.

Motion: That the SRC authorise \$100 to be spent purchasing items for IDAHOBIT when the time comes.

MOVED: Rebecca Etienne

TABLED TO EXECUTIVE

8.6. Social Justice Officer

The SRC noted the report.

8.7. Disability Officer

Motion: that the SRC authorise the Disability Officer to:

1. Liaise with University associated organisations and services (i.e. *Urbanest*) to promote positive mental health within their communities.
2. Liaise with University of Adelaide associated colleges (i.e. Aquinas, Kathleen Lumley, Lincoln, St Ann's & St Marks) to promote positive mental health within their communities.
3. Communicate & network with external advocacy groups in an effort to supply the greater University of Adelaide community with additional resources.

MOVED: Patrick Stewart

SECONDED: Rebecca Etienne

CARRIED

8.8. International Officer

The SRC noted that no report had been submitted.

11. Other Reports

9.3 Executive

No report to consider.

9.4 Administrator's Report

The SRC noted the SRC Administrator's report.

Motion: That the SRC thank Nooria for her work as SRC Administrator.

MOVED: Patrick Stewart

SECONDED: Ali Amin

CARRIED

12. Emergent Business

SRC Members and visitors spoke to the three motions pertaining to the Royal Croquet Club. They also discussed the avenues through which the SRC could promote such campaigns, particularly through its Facebook page.

Motion: That the SRC opposes the RCC's presence on campus, and recognises it as an infringement of student's right to space. The SRC rejects public space being taken over and used for private profit.

MOVED: Tom Auld **SECONDED:** Tobias Threadgold **CARRIED**

Motion: That the SRC endorse and share David Elliott's change.org petition, "Get the RCC off our Campus at Adelaide Uni!"

MOVED: Tom Auld **SECONDED:** Joanna Barry-Murphy **CARRIED**

Motion: that the SRC support the right of clubs to set up activities around the campus during O'Week, to engage with students.

MOVED: Tom Auld **SECONDED:** Ali Amin **CARRIED**

Tom spoke to his motion regarding Lockheed Martin and the Books not Bombs campaign.

SRC members asked questions of Tom about the practical implication of his motion, and whether the campaign organisers intended it to continue into the new year.

Rebecca Etienne left the meeting at 3:49pm.

Rebecca Etienne returned to the meeting at 3:51pm.

SRC members and visitors discussed the motion and the broader issues it sought to address.

Motion: The SRC calls on the University of Adelaide administration to cut all ties with Lockheed Martin, as well as any other companies which profit from the global military build up.

The SRC supports the Disarm Adelaide Uni campaign in its opposition to Lockheed Martin.

The SRC supports NUS's Books not Bombs campaign in its aims to challenge the priorities of government and universities toward militarism.

MOVED: Tom Auld **SECONDED:** Joanna Barry-Murphy **NOT CARRIED**

Ali closed the meeting at 4:03pm ACDT on Saturday 1 December 2018.

Item 7.1: Bank Signatories

As Members will be aware, Mark Pace has begun as SRC Administrator. This also means the end of Nooria Muradi's time as SRC Administrator.

I want to reiterate the SRC's motion of thanks to Nooria last meeting. Her support during the transition from the previous to current SRCs was hugely valuable, particularly in facilitating handover between outgoing and incoming Office Bearers.

Last meeting, the SRC approved Nooria as a signatory to the SRC's bank account. Accordingly, I recommend that the SRC now remove Nooria as a signatory and add Mark.

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Patrick Stewart
SRC General Secretary

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Item 8.1: Presidents Report

O'Week and Counter Guide

Counter Guide has been completed and sent to the printers – to be ready by O'Week.

Freedom of Speech Inquiry

The Independent Review of Freedom of Speech in Higher Education Providers has submitted its Draft Model Code which would have wide ranging implications on the University, AUU and SRC. I have been working with Mark to make an SRC submission with our recommendations and concerns. The correspondence is in the appendix.

Committees

All university committees have been filled. See appendix for committees and members.

University Strategic Direction

The University has now produced 3 new plans outlining its strategic direction in relation to curriculum design, the student experience and its future:

- Curriculum Design Green Paper
- The University of Adelaide: Strategic Plan to 2030
- Student Success and Retention Plan

These plans have all be distributed to members on Slack.

RCC Update

I was contacted by the media about the RCC on three occasions, providing comment on both after consultation with staff and the SRC.

- I provided comment to In Daily: <https://indaily.com.au/news/2019/01/29/adelaide-uni-admits-failure-to-consult-students-on-rcc-fringe/> and
- Spoke to Wavelength of Fresh 92.7 <https://fresh927.com.au/wavelength-rcc-fringe-shifts-to-adelaide-uni/?fbclid=IwAR0V2ZpVb4Myt91nPvv5qPN5kttWsEUiqXti8qTIEyuXqxwo5255dT1EU8>
- Spoke to On Dit for an expose article: <https://medium.com/@OnDitMagazine/rcc-the-newest-club-on-campus-2c33a044195c?fbclid=IwAR1E7XexrPyWsTBE3J7UskrtSvdfcsVYtKxcEgkjb-ZHsADWwuVk2vY1uo>

Bruce Lines, the Chief Operating Officer also organised a forum with AUU, SRC and clubs to clarify measures that will be in place to manage public access to campus, security, service of alcohol and other related issues. I raised several points about the future direction the university is taking with outsourcing university culture and the need for further engagement with clubs and the AUU.

Find the information forum presentation slides in the appendix.

Affiliates Policy

The SRC budgeted an amount of \$15,300 last year for affiliation fees. Our current affiliates are the National Union of Students and the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations. Mark Pace and I are currently compiling all the information we have on our affiliation and affiliate options and a report will be presented next meeting with recommendations as to how we will use the budgeted affiliation fees.

The SRC, Fix Lounge and Autonomous Areas

- Will update members on recent developments.

National Union of Students

A Future worth Fighting For

In the lead up to the Federal Election the NUS has launched its big campaign for the year, A Future Worth Fighting For. The key demands include:

- A National Taskforce into sexual assault and harassment on campus
- Real action on climate change
- An end to student poverty
- Fully funded, accessible and equitable higher education
- Affordable housing for students

The first phase of the campaign, which asks for the Federal Government to implement a National Taskforce into sexual assault and harassment on campus, will launch around O-weeks. The campaign demands that this taskforce has several specific components within it – that it is independent, expert led, monitoring and evaluative of universities, publicly reporting, and consultative with students and student representatives.

These issues affect students across the country and the National Union on Students is fighting for student issues to be on the National Agenda at the next Federal Election.

I look forward to working with the NUS on working to implement the campaign at Adelaide University.

Submissions

NUS has put in submissions around the [French Review on Freedom of Speech in Higher Education](#), [Vocational Education and Training Review](#) and a [Pre-budget submission](#).

NUS Presidents' Summit

I attended President's Summit from the 4th to the 6th of February in Deakin University, Burwood. It is a gathering of student leaders across the country to collaborate on campaigns that relate to student issues and provide training for incoming student office bearers to best assist in preparing for their terms.

It was a great way to see the future direction our primary affiliate, the NUS, is taking their campaigns and how we can get involved. It also provided a great upskilling and training opportunity.

SRC Meeting 02-19

Monday 18 February 2019



Item 8.2: Welfare Officer's Report

Not provided.

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Item 8.3: Women's Officer's Report

Not provided.

Item 8.4: Environment Officer's Report

Environment Officer's Report 15th February 2019

TOPIC 1 : COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

I have begun my tenor as the Environment Officer by working on creating a plan chart to promote Ecological Sustainability and "Clean Campus-Green Campus" throughout the year which could be a permanent implementation on campus in the coming years.

I have been in contact with the Adelaide Sustainability Association (ASA) committee where we have come up with ideas for "Sustainability Week" to be discussed in the further meetings.

So far, we have progressive ideas that need more concrete decisions and hope to report back with positive news for Sustainability Week to be conducted on the 5th Week of the 1st semester 2019.

My aim is to create a link that positively influences both the students as well as the University

TOPIC 2 : CARBON NEUTRAL ADELAIDE

After my Hand over and discussion with Daniel Conley, I have accepted to further his research on Carbon Neutral Adelaide and would like to promote it among all our students of The University of Adelaide. A positive influence which could be adapted by all the universities across Australia.

Carbon Neutral also called Carbon Neutrality is a term used to describe the action of organizations, businesses and us as individuals taking action to remove as much carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as each put into it. The overall goal of carbon neutrality is to achieve a zero carbon footprint.

The Government of South Australia and the City of Adelaide have a shared vision for Adelaide to be the world's first Carbon Neutral City. The City of Adelaide is working closely with the Government towards this goal.

To initiate this effect on campus beginning of the 1st semester I would like to propose that we conduct an activity where all the students are encouraged to plant a sapling on the university grounds.

Psychological effect: Environmental Epidemiology (CREAL) have found that children exposed to more greenery have demonstrated better 'attention skills' and 'memory development.'

Ecological effect: Except for relaxing, connecting us with nature and their calming effect, trees do a lot when it comes to the environment. If people are good at

something, then its building u excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Harmful CO2 contributes to climate change, the biggest current problem the world has to deal with.

Social effect: It will provide a social space for students as a calm environment adding a unique value to the campus. This activity will also showcase plant diversity and promote social interaction and learning.

The master Plan would be to safeguard, maintain and enhance the garden into the future.

This event could be held during the Sustainability Week on campus as well. Details will be updated in the next report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Liaise with the University associated organizations and services to promote "Carbon Neutral Campus".
2. Communicate and network with the ASA committee to promote this event for the betterment of The University of Adelaide.
3. Liaise with the University to provide a space of land within the University campus to plant trees with the best of everyone's interests.
4. Liaise with the University of Adelaide and associated colleagues to promote "Clean Campus-Green Campus".

I will continue to update the council on future developments.

Perna Kurup

SRC Environment Officer.

Item 8.5: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Officer's Report

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Officer 2019

Create a strong relationship between Wirltu Yarlur and the Union

I think it would be important to have more Indigenous students who participate within the Union. There are few First Nations people who are part of NUS or the Union, I think it would be good to have more First Nations people having a bigger voice at the University. I think a step towards having younger First Nations people involved is to openly show support for campaigns and protests during the year. Such as support the campaign to stop deaths.

More Indigenous teachers and education of Culture

Regarding the recent cuts in funding there are even less Indigenous courses and there are few courses taught by Indigenous people. I feel it is very important that First Nations people are the teachers of these courses perspective when attending an Indigenous course. I also want to encourage more First Nations students to have careers in teaching at university.

I also feel that it is important we have a 'cultural awareness' aspect to the first year's degree. This is something that is being discussed within the RAP committee but I would also ask that this be supported by the SRC. I feel it would be a very important aspect to implement in a student's experience at university as we have lots of International students and POC student.

On Dit

Having the POC issue last year was a great step towards including all students' experiences and giving space to voices of students of all backgrounds. I think it is important to have a POC issue each year but also an Indigenous Issue if possible (during NAIDOC?) or at least a continuing column.

Engagement with Indigenous business

I think we should be engaging with more local Indigenous businesses. I would like to put forward the possibility to sell Yaru Water in the vending machines throughout the university. The Yaru Foundation works towards bringing clean drinking water to Australian Communities that do not have access to clean drinking water.

Product- 1 litre & 500ml still water, 1 litre & 500ml sparkling water.

Kynesha Temple

SRC ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER

Item 8.6: Ethno-Cultural Officer's Report

Ethno-Cultural Officer's Report

18/02/2018

1. Participating in International O'Week

O'Week is the utmost essential event for the new university students. Most of us have attended O'Week when we entered UoA and have benefitted from it. However, the International O'Week is probably unheard of by most of the domestic students, which is held a week prior to the main O'Week – two weeks prior to the start of semester. Same as O'Week, International O'Week provides valuable opportunities for new international students to explore and familiarise with our university. Been separated from the main O'Week grants the students extended time to experience university abroad and boost their confidence in studying and living in a foreign country.

Therefore, as SRC members, we should join in and support the International O'Week by setting a stall during the three-day period and provide support and information about SRC to new international students. Potential activities that are fun and simple can also be considered to promote SRC to the student body. It could be the same activities between O'Week and International O'Week. The activities should be engaging and relevant to the nature of SRC.

Joining in the International O'Week would promote SRC to a larger student body and make an effort in involving international students in the university life.

Recommendation:

- The SRC participate in the International O'Week by setting up stall in the Hub.
- The SRC provide information about SRC to international students, general support when needed, and possibly engaging activities introducing SRC.
- The SRC starts planning for International O'Week along with normal O'Week next year.
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Chuyue (Angela) Qin
SRC Ethno-Cultural Officer

Item 8.7: Rural Officer's Report

Rural Officer's Report

Meeting 18 February 2019

Constitutional Amendment

In an effort to improve accessibility to all students I would like to change the constitution to allow SRC members to attend meetings via video link if given the permission of the SRC president. A draft of the change to the constitution is outlined below:

SRC Constitution – Section 8 – Meetings

g. No Member may exercise a vote by proxy or in any manner other than by personal attendance unless by express permission of the SRC President.

i. Members may attend meetings via video link and vote via distance only when previously approved by the SRC President.

And renumber subsequent sections accordingly.

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

Idea – Online peer networking program beginning before the enrolment period

At the end of last year myself and a group of classmates from the Vet Bioscience and Animal Science courses got together and thought about what we could do to improve the experience for incoming students to our courses. The decision was made to create a Facebook group chat of a handful of us where we would offer help and advice to interested future Adelaide Uni students in an effort to make the transition to uni easier, especially for those who would be moving from rural areas or from interstate. We advertised the chat on a Facebook “SACE discussion page” where we offered to add anyone who had been given an offer to study vet or animal science in 2018.

Initially we had about a dozen people join and chatted to them about everything from accommodation options and where to study, how to enrol, advantages and disadvantages of certain class times, clubs to join, etc. Members also commented on how glad they are that they could get to know some of their classmates ahead of time as it makes the first day of uni less scary.

Once term started the chat expanded to well over 100 members who were then also able to help each other out, organise to meet up, study together etc. and occasionally still ask us for help when they needed it.

Over this most recent Christmas break since our last SRC meeting the same group of people have made the chat again and already have over 40 members.

While visiting the SACE Discussion Page to advertise our group chat however I also noticed a large number of posts from students enrolling to all sorts of courses at Adelaide University

who found the process confusing. Some posts included the following:

“Anyone else completely fucked trying to enrol into classes through the UOA website?”

“Okay uni enrolment makes no sense...”

*“Anyone studying Criminology at Adelaide Uni next year?! I don’t know anyone who is haha
ahhhh”*

Along with a large number of posts from people searching for others in their degree to make plans for O Week or just to connect and share their excitement.

What I would like to do is to put together a more official program where volunteers from each degree or even just each school can make groups or group chats on an SNS platform similar to what I described above and advertise the service to school leavers around the time offers come out.

Advantages for students would include opportunities to form relationship with peers, and access to critical advice which will lead to an easier transition into university prior to the start of semester.

What do I want from the SRC? At this stage I am mostly looking for any other interested individuals who might like to work together on something like this and for any advice that any members of the SRC might have on whether or not they think this is a feasible idea.

Tobias Threadgold
SRC Rural Officer

Item 8.8: Mature Age Student Officer's Report

As a mature-aged student, I quickly realised that my journey within the University was going to be quite different to the average student I might see studying in the same course as me. Did I find this intimidating, I'm not sure, and as a mum, I certainly do bring the nurturing nature into my uni experience, and my engagement with fellow students, but at times still feel a little left out of the 'youthful' space.

I think it is important to acknowledge however, that mature-aged students can bring a multitude of life, family and work experiences with them, and should be supported appropriately where required as they often have numerous challenges to juggle while undertaking tertiary education. The knowledge and experience mature-aged students bring to university can also enhance the opportunities for other students, so I believe it's important to encourage engagement with each other via appropriate activities and opportunities, while keeping in mind possible limitations.

What's my experience?

Well, I'm a full time student in my second year of Nursing studies, I'm a wife and mother to a 17 year daughter currently in year 12, I have worked most of my career in the public sector in welfare and human services, and as student support within Adelaide and Flinders universities. I am fortunate enough to also be currently employed full time as an Aboriginal Health Practitioner in the Royal Adelaide Hospital, enhancing my own studies by engaging in clinical practice on the wards.

Why do I share this, well I think it's important to highlight that I know what I'm talking about when it comes to juggling life's activities. I have a huge year ahead of me in 2019 with three nursing topics a semester, a Certificate 4 in clinical practice to complete, a year 12 student to keep an eye on, all while ensuring I still get a little time out for me.

I know our mature-aged student classification extends across a broad range of ages, and I acknowledge we are all different in terms of what we are juggling, but it's still important to look out for each other while at University. We are all the young, or not so young, professionals of tomorrow.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the anticipated presence of Adelaide University's new mature-aged student cohort, and hope that I have the opportunity to welcome, engage and support this cohort in my new role as the Mature-aged Student Representative.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hanson
SRC Mature Age Student Officer

Item 8.9: Social Justice Student Officer's Report

Social Justice Officer – Zihan Ma' report

Meeting date: FEB 18th 2019

TOPIC ONE:

This report will state **several preliminary ideas** that target at resolving the current Peer mentoring program's deficiency as I mentioned in the last report. I will conduct more researches to refine these ideas in future times and edit them as we discuss.

- The University of Adelaide may set up a new official website for the Peer mentoring program and send a notification to all students to inform them about the website. This website should display information related to student's future life such as faculty introduction (best with a video), solution towards the common problem and etc.
- The website may have a forum page in which new students could upload their questions and greet other students. So that students can help each other and build up social connections. However, relying only on the forum may be insufficient. Thus, the University of Adelaide should recruit qualified volunteers to reply in the forum on a fixed time basis.
- The website should also allow new students to one-on-one communication with trained peer mentors. An appointment system may be developed to help students to book a chat time with their peer mentors.

Further details will be developed as soon as possible.

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Item 9.1: Executive Report

The SRC Executive has not met since the previous meeting. However, Ali Amin moved the following circular motion on 30 January 2019:

Preamble: The State Liberal Government has announced they are cutting \$46 million from public transport services across South Australia.

These cuts will hurt students, working families, the elderly, and people with disabilities the most.

These cuts will result in longer travel times, increased traffic, and daily inconvenience for thousands of South Australians.

Motion: The SRC opposes cutting \$46 million from train and bus services across South Australia.

The SRC endorses all campaigns, rallies and petitions against the Governments cuts to public transport.

MOVED: Ali Amin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY