

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



MEETING 1 APRIL 2019

MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting of Monday 1 April 2019, at 6:33pm in Hub Seminar Room 113.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Ali Amin opened the meeting at 6:30pm and acknowledged the traditional owners

1.2. Attendance

Ali Amin (Chair), Patrick Stewart (minutes), Rebecca Etienne, Yuchen (Elaine) Zhang, Zihan (Zephyrus) Ma, Angela Qin, Michael Brohier, Chelsea Fernandez, Tera Tang, Chongxin (Lucas) Ji, Bingzhang (Franz) Wu, Tom Auld, Sam Chapman, Joanna Barry-Murphy, Kynesha Temple, Isabel Hoo, Andrew Lai, Christopher Shi.

Visitors: Tamsin Anspach, Sarah Tynan, Michael Qin, Harry Peng, Felix Eldridge, Henry Armfield, Leila Clendon.

Late arrivals: Oscar Ong (ex-officio)

1.3. Apologies

Xin (Carol) Wu, Tobias Threadgold, Lisa Hanson, Prerna Kurup.

1.4. Adoption of Agenda

1.5. Welcome

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 18 March 2019 as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Sam Chapman

Seconded: Rebecca Etienne

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Ali noted that the SRC's constitution was amended at the previous meeting for the first time in a decade, and actioned Patrick to lodge the updated Constitution with Consumer and Business Services.

4. Correspondence

None

5. New Members

None.

6. Motions on Notice

7. General Business

7.1. Palm Sunday March (Tom Auld)

Tom Auld spoke to his motion.

Ali Amin expressed his support for the Palm Sunday march, but expressed objection to the preamble of the motion.

Patrick Stewart noted that the SRC had endorsed the Palm Sunday March for several years, and encouraged the Council to continue the tradition.

Leila Clendon spoke in favour of the motion and addressed Ali's comments regarding the motion's preamble.

Ali noted his abstention on the motion.

Motion: that the SRC:

- a. Demands that the camps are closed and that refugees are brought to mainland Australia.
- b. Will endorse and promote the April 14th Palm Sunday March. This includes a post on the SRC Facebook and Instagram pages.

Moved: Tom Auld

Seconded: Joanna Barry-Murphy

CARRIED

7.2. Remi Kanazi Visa Ban (Tom Auld)

Tom Auld spoke in favour of his motion.

Michael Brohier spoke against the motion and expressed his views on recent conflict between Israel and Palestine.

Leila Clendon spoke in favour of the motion.

Sam Chapman stated that he believed this was an issue of freedom of speech, rather than the Israeli-Palestinian conflict more broadly.

Motion: As a body that supports the right of free speech, the SRC condemns the department of Home Affairs for the denial of Remi Kanazi a right to a visa. It also will share and encouraged students to sign the [petition](#) calling for the decision to be overturned.

Moved: Tom Auld

Seconded: Rebecca Etienne

CARRIED

7.3. Study Spaces (Michael Brohier)

Tom Auld spoke in opposition to the motion.

Ali Amin noted the 2018 SRC's involvement in the consultation process on the redevelopment of Level 1 of the Barr Smith Library.

Ali noted he would be happy to support the motion, but believed it was more appropriate to simply note the upgrade, and that he believed this is just an example of the University doing its job.

Patrick Stewart encouraged SRC members to look for ways to push for changes such as these.

Motion: That the SRC commends the University for its excellent upgrade of Level 1 Barr Smith Library, and that the SRC encourages the University to continue to upgrade study spaces around campus in a similar manner.

Moved: Michael Brohier

Seconded: Angela Qin

CARRIED

8. Office Bearer Reports

8.1. President

Ali Amin passed the Chair to Patrick Stewart.

Tom Auld left the meeting at 6:58pm.

Ali Amin encouraged SRC members to use his report as an opportunity to get involved in the meetings he has with University staff, and offer views and provide input.

Ali provided some background to the SRC on the proposed Union House Redevelopment and its history. He also noted that this was one of the few issues the Vice Chancellor remains personally involved in, and has abandoned previous plans agreed on by the University and the AUU/SRC

Ali noted his concerns regarding the use the SSAF money allocated to the Union House redevelopment for other projects, such as a swimming pool.

Angela Qin asked questions about the proposed swimming pool.

Ali reported that the Cloisters and UniBar redevelopment were paid for using student money (SSAF). He asked for SRC Members to share any views he had on the new UniBar.

Rebecca Etienne expressed her view that the UniBar is part of the student experience and encouraged the SRC to do what they can to encourage an affordable UniBar.

Oscar Ong arrived at the meeting at 7:08pm.

Ali updated the SRC on consultation regarding a review of study spaces at the University.

Ali encouraged SRC Members to get in touch with him if they had any student issues they wanted him to raise at the Student Engagement Committee (SEC), and noted a deadline of 11 April for items for the first meeting.

Ali spoke with the Roseworthy Student Association about an SRC event, and was encouraged to organise one for term 2 (after the mid-semester break).

Ali reported that the University has agreed to support the SRC and AUU in an initiative to survey students on the RCC, and is paying for an external consultant to conduct this survey. This will be released on 8 April, and will be accompanied by 2 focus groups on the issue. Ali stated that the SRC has veto power over any questions in the survey.

Ali also reported that the South Australian NUS Education Action Group had met today, to plan a campaign in the lead-up to the Federal election. There will be actions on April 8 and May 2.

Sarah Tynan, NUS National Women's Officer, briefed the SRC on plans for the campaign at the University of Adelaide.

Leila Clendon expressed her opposition to the NUS' campaign.

Sarah Tynan and Sam Chapman responded to some of the points raised by Leila in her contribution.

Patrick Stewart noted the opportunity of the campaign and the Federal Election more broadly for SRC members to influence change on the national level, and encouraged SRC members to consult with students and understand their views.

Ali spoke to the meetings he has had since his last report.

Leila Clendon left the meeting at 7:29pm.

Ali asked Oscar Ong, AUU President, for a commitment to look into the changes to the SRC's affiliation budget structure. Oscar committed to looking into having a resolution of the Board to address the issue, but did not know whether it would be supported by the Board.

Tamsin Anspach suggested that the Board Executive could consider it, but Oscar stated the agenda item submission deadline had passed and he would not consider it in Any Other Business.

Ali described his recent meeting with Deputy Vice-Chancellor Pascale Quester.

The President of the Medical Students Society has raised concerns regarding the modified arrangements for coursework policy, and Ali is investigating these through policy review he is sitting on.

Kynesha Temple asked whether it would be possible for the SRC's affiliations policy to be put into practice, and Ali stated that it was, if the AUU made the required changes.

Patrick Stewart passed the Chair to Ali Amin at 7:36pm.

8.2. Welfare Officer

Patrick Stewart noted that Carol was an apology for this meeting due to a regional placement.

Ali noted that he and Carol would need to meet with the AUU soon to discuss Stress Less Day.

8.3. Women's Officer

Elaine Zhang spoke to her report.

She noted that many women students did not know about the Women's Room, and expressed her plans for a more visible presence of the Women's Officer on campus.

Elaine also discussed her meetings with the NUS National Women's Officer and a former Women's Officer regarding women's issues on campus, particularly sexual harassment and assault.

Elaine also discussed the NUS Women's Department's campaign around sexual harassment and assault, and encouraged the SRC to support the campaign.

Elaine also discussed that the SRC used to provide "Menstruation Mate" packs to students for free, and her desire to restart this program. She also expressed the particular information barrier for international students about menstruation due to different cultural practices and inaccessible information.

Ali committed to getting in touch with Sonia Graetsz from UofA Infrastructure, in coordination with Elaine, to investigate the Women's Room issues.

He also discussed the ongoing calls from some students for the Consent module on MyUni to be compulsory for all students, rather than just optional.

Motion: That the SRC endorse the National Union of Students Women's Department "Respect. Now. Always" campaign.

Moved: Elaine Zhang

Seconded: Rebecca Etienne

CARRIED

Ali also advised that Tobi has taken some Menstruation Mate packs to Roseworthy campus.

Angela Qin asked questions about Elaine's cupcake stall idea, and suggested it be in the Hub rather than the Women's Room. Elaine clarified that this was the plan, but it would

be an opportunity to inform students about the Women's Room's existence and availability.

Angela also raised international students' concerns that, if campaign posters are translated into some languages, students who use other languages as their primary language may be upset or become disengaged.

8.4. Environment Officer

Report not submitted and was an apology for the meeting.

8.5. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer

Kynesha Temple spoke to her report.

She encouraged all students to come to indigenous events, such as NAIDOC Week, to ensure there is proper recognition of these events and strong attendance.

Ali Amin asked whether Wirltu Yarlur held events, and Kynesha Temple confirmed that they do, and some of these (such as NAIDOC Week) are open to all students.

Motion: That the SRC publish posts on its Facebook Page when Wirltu Yarlur events are on that are open to all students.

Moved: Kynesha Temple **Seconded:** Patrick Stewart **CARRIED**

Kynesha expressed her concerns about comments made by Mark Latham and their impact on Aboriginal people.

Motion: That the SRC condemns Mark Latham for his racist views and policies, and will publish a Facebook Post on the SRC Facebook page calling for his resignation and reiterating the SRC's support for Indigenous communities. The SRC President and the SRC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander will collaborate on the wording of this post.

Moved: Kynesha Temple **Seconded:** Rebecca Etienne **CARRIED**

Kynesha spoke about her belief that the SRC should have diverse experiences, and that students from diverse backgrounds should be able to sit on the SRC. She spoke about requirements for many international students to travel away from their families for large parts of the year, the impact of the first two meetings being before student semester.

Ali spoke on the motion. He noted that the revocation of reporting requirements could not be done under the Constitution. He also noted his procedural objections to retrospective leaves of absence for students who were away.

Oscar Ong spoke in opposition to the motion.

Patrick Stewart raised a point of order and asked that Oscar put his points respectfully rather than yelling at the mover.

Angela Qin noted that she appreciated the intent of the motion and supported it, but believed it was the wrong way to go about the issue and believed it set a bad precedent.

Elaine Zhang noted that international students who were absent at the start of the year sent in apologies. She objected to speakers being aggressive towards SRC Members. She encouraged a process of learning at the start of the year.

Sarah Tynan spoke in favour of the motion. She noted that over the past year, changes such as enabling video link, to make the SRC more inclusive of students from diverse backgrounds.

Rebecca Etienne expressed her support for the motion. She said the SRC should celebrate diverse cultures, and encouraged Oscar to be more respectful in future.

Sam Chapman asked why the Office Bearers did not submit their reports while they were overseas. Kynesha Temple answered that students using their one opportunity to visit their families in a year should be given some lenience on reporting requirements.

Sam Chapman expressed his opposition to exempting people for submission of reports, but his sympathy for granting leaves of absence for missed meetings, having himself been interstate.

Ali Amin described the motion as a “waste of time”. He expressed his concern that revocation of reporting requirements could not be done under the constitution, and his objection to granting leaves of absence for meetings in December.

Patrick Stewart spoke in support of the motion. He outlined his view that the SRC should address structural issues which prohibit some members from being as engaged as others in the work of the SRC.

Michael Brohier spoke in opposition the motion.

Oscar Ong stated his belief in a lack of action at .

Tamsin Anspach outlined her views on the motion.

Procedural Motion: That the SRC not adjourn for a break until the end of the current debate.

Moved: Ali Amin

Seconded: Patrick Stewart

CARRIED

Kynesha Temple asked queries about the process of filling casual vacancies, which Ali responded to with reference to the SRC's Casual Vacancy policy.

Ali reminded the SRC about the existing meeting schedule. He expressed his view that the current mechanisms are adequate to protect diversity on the SRC.

Procedural Motion: That the motion be amended to read: *That the SRC respects, celebrates and understands that we are diverse group of students, whose commitment to the SRC is not lessened by our commitment to our cultures and families.*

Moved: Ali Amin

Seconded: Angela Qin

NOT CARRIED

Ali Amin discussed his expectation that Members who missed the first or second meeting should not vote on the motion.

Members who missed either of the first two meetings due to being overseas for family reasons declared a conflict of interest and did not exercise a vote.

Patrick Stewart suggested an amendment to delete the words "*and will revoke any failure to submit for reports*", which was amenable to the mover and incorporated in the report.

Motion: That the SRC respects, celebrates and understands that we are diverse group of students, whose commitment to the SRC is not lessened by our commitment to our cultures and families. The SRC grants a retrospective Leave of Absence for SRC members who were over overseas for familial and/or cultural commitments at the first and second meetings of the SRC 2019.

Moved: Kynesha Temple

Seconded: Joanna Barry-Murphy

NOT CARRIED

Members who missed either of the first two meetings due to being overseas for family reasons declared a conflict of interest and did not exercise a vote.

The SRC adjourned for a break from 8:45pm to 9:00pm.

Bingzhang Wu left the meeting during the break.

8.6. Ethno-Cultural Officer

Angela Qin spoke to her report.

Angela reported that she has been working with Sam Chapman on the compulsory iPad procurement for teaching students she raised in her report. She has met with the program manager and the head of the School of Education to discuss these issues.

They advised that the Library has iPads for loan, but she is fact-checking how often these are accessed. She also questioned whether the University has a business deal with Apple.

Angela raised her concern for the lack of financial support for students who are being required to purchase these devices.

Ali recommended that Angela provide him information on these issues to pass on to the DVC(A) via the Student Engagement Committee.

Angela also attended the LTAG meeting regarding study space modelling. She elaborated on graphs she included in her report.

Angela has been invited by the Adelaide City Council to sit on the Wellbeing of Adelaide Youth (WAY) committee, to represent international students living in the Adelaide City Council area.

8.7. Rural Officer

Ali noted the Rural Officer was an apology for the meeting, and the report was taken as read.

8.8. Mature Age Student Officer

Ali noted the Mature Age Student Officer was an apology for the meeting, and the report was taken as read.

9. Other Reports

9.1 Executive

9.2 Administrator's Report

10. Emergent Business

Ali Amin closed the meeting at 9:12pm.