

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



MEETING 27 MAY 2019

AGENDA AND MEETING PAPERS

AGENDA

Meeting of Monday 27 May 2019, at 6:30pm in Ingkarni Wardli meeting room 715.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.2. Attendance

1.3. Apologies

Zihan (Zephyrus) Ma, Sam Chapman, Angela Qin

1.4. Adoption of Agenda

1.5. Welcome

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Recommendation: That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 11 May 2019 as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

4. Correspondence

5. New Members

None.

6. Motions on Notice

Recommendation: that the SRC constitution Section 2.a.iii be amended as follows, *To promote the principle of equality of all persons regardless of race, faith, sex, gender, economic circumstance, differing physical or mental health, sexual orientation, colour, culture, national origin, age or ethnicity.*

General Councillor's item (Michael Brohier) deferred at last meeting

7. General Business

7.1. General Councillor's Report (Isabel Hoo)

Recommendation: The SRC supports the collaboration and that the SRC encourages the University to collaborate with VSS.

7.2. Sri Lanka Appeal (Michael Brohier)

Recommendation: that the SRC commits \$100 toward the Sri Lanka Appeal to raise money for the Sri Lankan Red Cross.

7.3. Climate Emergency (Tom Auld)

Recommendation:

1. The Adelaide University SRC declares a Climate Emergency.
2. The Adelaide University SRC condemns both major parties for their inaction and negligence towards climate change
3. The Adelaide University SRC commends all groups and activists who have been fighting for the planet such as the recent School Strikers and Stop Adani campaigners.
4. The Adelaide University SRC will publish a press release declaring a Climate Emergency
5. Adelaide University SRC reps are encouraged to attend, promote and where appropriate speak, at all future actions, protests and meetings tackling the climate emergency.
6. The Adelaide University SRC will commit funds, resources and time towards such progressive actions where possible.

7.4. Sudanese Protestors (Tom Auld)

Recommendation:

1. That members of the SRC will take a photo in solidarity with the protesters in Sudan
2. That SRC will put out a statement on its Facebook page in solidarity with the protesters in Sudan
3. The SRC will email the results of this motion to ['action@menasolidaritynetwork.net'](mailto:action@menasolidaritynetwork.net) as a message of solidarity with Sudanese protesters and Unionists

8. Office Bearer Reports

8.1. President

Recommendation:

- a. The SRC opposes the privatisation of SA trains and trams.
- b. The SRC opposes the SA Government's hike to fees and charges and expresses concern they will disproportionately impact students.

8.2. General Secretary

Recommendation: that the SRC:

- a) Opposes any attempts to privatise train and tram services in South Australia;
- b) Condemns the ongoing cuts to public transport, including cessation of bus routes and increasing of ticket fares;

- c) Actions the SRC President to write to the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government outlining these concerns.

8.3. Postgraduate Officer

8.4. Education Officer

8.5. Queer Officer

8.6. Social Justice Officer

Recommendation: the SRC support this research project by sharing related information and the survey link via the student union's social media accounts (On dit).

8.7. International Officer

9. Other Reports

9.1 Executive

9.2 Administrator's Report

10. Emergent Business

Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MINUTES

9. Procedural Matters

Ali Amin opened the meeting at 6:33pm on Monday 11 May. He acknowledged that the SRC met on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people and that this land was stolen.

Ali also noted that the SRC was meeting in the Inkgarni Wardli boardroom for the first time, to enable attendance via video link for members should they need it.

9.1. Attendance

Attendance: Ali Amin, Sam Chapman, Rebecca Etienne, Prerna Kurup, Angela Qin, Michael Brohier, Teresa Tang, Carol Wu, Lucas Ji, Tom Auld, Patrick Stewart, Zephyrus Ma, Elaine Zhang, Kynasha Temple, Andrew Lai, Isabel Hoo, Tobias Threadgold, Oscar Ong (Ex Officio).

Visitors: Felix Eldridge, Tamsin Anspach, Sage Jupe, Harry Peng, Sarah Tynan.

Apologies: Joanna Barry-Murphy, Chelse Fernandez, Lisa Hanson, Bingzhang Wu.

10. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion:: That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 29 April 2019 as amended as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Ali Amin

Seconded: Patrick Stewart

CARRIED

11. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Action	Person Actioned	Progress
Draft Facebook posts and email to Mark and Ali for approval. Bake sale for Sri Lanka	Patrick Stewart	Complete
Franz to provide information to Oscar or to the next meeting regarding Postgraduate issues.	Franz Wu	In report for next meeting
Volunteers to put up rainbow banners	Patrick Stewart	Complete
Contact Sonia Graetz re Women's Room reopening and cc Elaine.	Ali Amin	Complete
Put up posts from motions on Facebook.	Ali Amin	Complete
Convene a meeting of the <i>Future Directions of Student Representation</i> working group.	Ali Amin	Not complete

12. Correspondence

Ali Amin noted that the SRC had received a letter from Michael Wisdom of the “Australian Wisdom Party” in Victoria. It called on students to mobilise in the upcoming Federal Election to get the Wisdom Party elected.

13. New Members

None.

14. Motions on Notice

14.1. Port Augusta Solar Thermal Plant (Tom Auld)

Tom Auld spoke to his motion. He outlined concerns regarding market solutions to environmental challenges in Australia, and expressed his support for public ownership of energy supply.

Ali Amin spoke in favour of the substance of the motion, but said that there was a lack of actionable outcomes.

Patrick Stewart spoke about the community Repower Port Augusta campaign which led to the original announcement, and his support for the SRC taking action on climate change as a priority. He noted the attendance of many SRC members at the School Strike for Climate.

Motion: that the SRC:

- a. The SRC opposes the scrapping of this solar thermal plant.
- b. The SRC supports putting energy into public hands, away from the private sphere, so that it can be run in an environmentally friendly way and for the best interests of workers and the general public.

Moved: Tom Auld

Seconded: Patrick Stewart

CARRIED

14.2. Julian Assange and Chelsea Manning (Tom Auld)

Tom Auld spoke in favour of his motion, describing it as an issue of free speech. He outlined the background to the issues surrounding Julian Assange and Chelsea Manning.

Ali Amin spoke to the motion. He reminded the SRC that the extradition of Julian Assange is to Sweden on accusations of rape, which have not yet been to trial.

Sarah Tynan spoke in favour of Julian Assange facing his charges in Sweden. Tom Auld agreed with this, but spoke of it as a separate issue to the release of information.

Oscar Ong described the motion as a ‘total waste of time’, and question its relevance to the SRC.

Rebecca Etienne stated that you cannot separate the charges from the individual, reminded the SRC about their support for End Rape on Campus and other campaigns.

Sage Jupe spoke in favour of the motion. She supported some amendments regarding Swedish charges, but believed it was appropriate for the SRC to debate the core issue as one of free speech.

Ali Amin outlined that he would be a stricter chair in future.

Motion:

- a. As per our previous motions in support of free speech, the SRC opposed any attempts to persecute those who expose injustice.
- b. The SRC supports the immediate release of Julian Assange and Chelsea Manning.
- c. The SRC urges our government to offer sanctuary to Assange and others threatened by the United States for exposing war crimes.

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY MOVER

15. General Business

15.1. General Councillor's Report (Michael Brohier)

Michael Brohier spoke to his report. He noted that the idea regarding an SRC Interfaith Officer would be deferred to the SRC reform committee.

Tom Auld spoke to the motion, and outlined his concerns regarding the wording of the preamble included in Michael's report. He said he saw similarities to the rhetoric of Cory Bernadi and other right-wing political figures.

Ali Amin spoke to the motion. He discussed some of the work done in this space by the National Union of Students, and questioned whether these specific issues should be dealt with by one officer, rather than more broadly. He supported the issue being considered by the SRC restructure committee.

Patrick Stewart noted his concerns regarding the comments pertaining to the marriage debates, and reflected briefly on the harm caused by that debate.

Kynesha Temple raised concerns that an Interfaith Officer would end up only representing their particular faith – hence for example creating a “Christian Officer”.

Ali Amin noted that there were insufficient members in attendance to carry a constitutional amendment.

Motion: that the SRC constitution Section 2.a.iii be amended as follows, *To promote the principle of equality of all persons regardless of race, **faith**, sex, gender, economic circumstance, differing physical or mental health, sexual orientation, colour, culture, national origin, age or ethnicity.*

DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING

16. Office Bearer Reports

16.1. President

Chair passed to Patrick Stewart at 7:19pm.

Ali Amin noted his main focuses for the year, particularly the RCC, Union House and other Infrastructure Revision.

Ali noted that the RCC survey had been completed, and that the University community was basically split 50-50 on the outcome.

Ali also noted the need to support all University campuses, and would elaborate on this issue next meeting.

He thanked Sarah Tynan for her help in reviewing the University's Sexual Assault and Harassment policy. This will be finalised in the next couple of months.

Ali noted that St Mark's College Master Rose Alwyn had left the College after more than 30 years of employment there. He has spoken with EROC and they encouraged him to write a letter to the employment subcommittee outlining concerns raised by the SRC over several years.

Speaking to his motion, Ali raised the issue of the Evidence Act in Tasmania, and the ongoing "Let Her Speak" campaign. He encouraged the SRC to support his motion.

Motion: The SRC wishes to endorse the End Rape On Campus (EROC) and Marque Lawyers' submission in its entirety.

Motion: The SRC also endorses the Let Her Speak campaign run by EROC and survivors of sexual violence, including Jane Doe and Leia.

Moved: Ali Amin **Seconded:** Rebecca Etienne **CARRIED EN BLOC**

Ali spoke to work being done within the University to reform student governance within their structures. He stated this as the reason that the SRC's *Future Directions of Student Representation* working group had not yet met.

Ali noted the University's increasing moves to online-only models. He noted that USASA is considering establishing an *Online Officer* to represent these students.

Tobi Threadgold made a comment that *Stress Less Day* has been renamed *De Stress Yourself*.

Patrick Stewart spoke about the risks of online-only education, but also the importance of students having the opportunity to study online if they want or need.

Patrick Stewart passed the chair to Ali Amin at 7:33pm.

16.2. Welfare Officer

Carol spoke to her report.

Chelsea Fernandez entered the meeting at 7:33pm.

Carol noted the concerns of the *Better Rent Office* regarding rent in student accommodation, particularly affecting international students.

Ali Amin encouraged Carol to organise a meeting with this organisation to determine how to better work on these issues.

16.3. Women's Officer

Elaine spoke about the ongoing issues with the Women's Room. Currently access is restricted further than it should be, and she is working towards re-launching the Women's Room.

Elaine spoke about her proposal to hold a cupcake stall in the Hub to promote the Women's Room, and then re-launching it. The launch would include movies and board games, to make it casual and encouraging for people to visit.

Elaine noted she planned to hold this event in Week 2 or 3 of next semester, to avoid clashing with Orientation Week.

She also noted ongoing discussion about whether to sell cupcakes as a fundraiser or give them for free, and she would discuss this issue with Mark.

Elaine also discussed the Menstruation Mate packs, and her support for the *Let Her Speak* campaign.

Ali Amin spoke to the report, and noted his support for Elaine's initiatives. He said he has been working with Mark to find a more accessible spot for menstruation mate packs and other SRC freebies.

16.4. Environment Officer

Prerna spoke to her report.

She noted she has spoken to Ecoversity and the Sustainability Association regarding holding an event to raise awareness of how "green" some products are.

She also spoke about encouraging students to avoid waste.

Ali noted he is looking to source a recycling bin for the SRC office. Ali suggested Prerna meet with other environmental groups on campus and create some form of sub-committee.

Tobias Threadgold noted that senior residents at Roseworthy College have been using soft plastic bins, and taking the waste to Coles for recycling.

Ali noted that he had heard rumours that the University's waste management system does not have a way to separate out rubbish from recycling. Tamsin Anspach said she had seen something to this effect occur in a University room when a cleaner emptied the bins.

16.5. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer

Kynesha took her report mostly as read.

She noted that the AUU Native Food Market is in 2 days time on the 15th of May. She encouraged SRC members to attend.

Ali Amin asked about any events which might be upcoming from the University for NAIDOC Week, and she said she would follow this issue up.

16.6. Ethno-Cultural Officer

Angela Qin advised she would like to hold a Multicultural event again this year, and would like to expand it to encompass cultural awareness. She outlined some of her plans for this.

Motion: The SRC support the Resident Survey by City of Adelaide by posting relevant information on the SRC facebook page.

Moved: Angela Qin

Seconded: Ali Amin

CARRIED

16.7. Rural Officer

Tobias spoke to his report.

He noted that the SRC was meeting in a meeting room with video link equipment for the first time, and for that reason he would not proceed with the recommendations in his report regarding the purchase of a conferencing phone.

Tobi noted that the minutes of his Roseworthy Staff-Student Liaison Committee meeting had not been circulated with the meeting papers. Patrick Stewart apologised for the administrative error and emailed them to all SRC members.

16.8. Mature Age Student Officer

Ali Amin noted that Lisa was an apology for the meeting due to having Influenza A.

11. Other Reports

9.3 Executive

Patrick Stewart noted that the Executive had not met since the previous Council meeting, but had carried one circular resolution as outlined in the meeting papers.

9.4 Administrator's Report

Ali Amin noted that Mark did not generally attend SRC meetings, due to them being well outside his work hours.

Ali encouraged members to meet with Mark to discuss their ideas.

12. Emergent Business

Patrick Stewart noted that Lisa Hanson was unwell with the flu, and had been ill for several days, including during mother's day.

Motion: that Lisa Hanson be granted a leave of absence for the meeting of Monday 11 May 2019.

Moved: Patrick Stewart

Seconded: Ali Amin

CARRIED

Ali Amin closed the meeting at 8:05pm.

Item 7.1: General Councillor's Report (Isabel Hoo)

General Councillor's Item (Isabel Hoo)

1. Infrastructure Reference Group

Ali, Angela and I attended the reference group with the other AUU Board members (Stella, Arabella, Jing Soong). The aim of the reference group is to assist the university to do better in connecting how the upgrades in facilities align with what students and staffs wants and needs.

Below stated are the projects planned and the timing: -

Project	Timing
Union House Stage 2	Term 2
Hub review/ Union House Masterplan	Term 2
Public Realm	Term 2 – 3
Barr Smith South L2 & 3 Teaching and Learning Space	Completed
Johnson Lab	Completed + Additional
Engineering South Stage 2	Term 2

The next meeting will cover on how to utilise the space of L5 Union House.

2. Collaboration with Victim Support Service

Victim Support Service (VSS) is a state-wide, independent not-for-profit organisation in South Australia that provides support to people affected by crime, domestic or family violence and abuse and has done so since 1979. VSS employs a team of staff drawn from the fields of psychology, social work, counselling and law, deployed from a metropolitan Adelaide office and seven regional offices across the state, located in Port Lincoln, Port Pirie, Murray Bridge, Mount Gambier, Augusta, Whyalla and the Riverland.

VSS provides a range of services to victims of crime including information, counselling, therapeutic support groups, information about accessing compensation for victims of crime and support with Redress applications for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse, home security upgrades and onward referral to specialist agencies. They also advocate on behalf of individual clients and for systematic changes to improve how criminal justice and the health/welfare systems treat victims of crime. VSS also deploy a team of trained volunteers to provide court preparation and companionship for victims or prosecution witnesses who attend court. The legal service assists women at risk or experiencing domestic or family violence and abuse with obtaining private intervention orders. VSS services also include the VSS Resource Centre, which is

staffed part-time by a qualified librarian. It is an important service for professional members of VSS seeking materials relevant to trauma and recovery for victims of crime.

There have been a number of NGOs that have been partnered with the University in the past years and currently still are such as *Foodbank*, *Guide Dogs*, *The Smith Family* etc. and VSS is a great resource to the SRC and even the University.

Reasons for collaboration:

- More research projects
- Improve the university facilities & support in many ways
- Attract new business partners and relationships
- Generate recognition for the good they create for the community
- Students placements
- Improved the understanding of social issues

Motion: The SRC supports the collaboration and that the SRC encourages the University to collaborate with VSS.

Item 7.2: General Councillor's Item (Michael Brohier)

International Students Gaining References

After discussions with several international postgraduate students, a common problem was evident around getting their first job. Several of the larger companies such as Aldi required local references. Obviously as international students who had only been in Australia for a couple of weeks, this was problematic. As a result, Aldi could not or did not hire them. Some students that I have spoken to have now taken jobs in the market for under \$10 an hour. My idea in response to this issue, a reference system could be established whereby university staff or lecturers could meet with international students. If the staff were confident of the student's character, they could provide a reference.

Meeting 20 May International Student Services

In order to investigate the feasibility of this idea, I was able to meet with Debbie from International Student Services. The Careers Counsellor also attended. She explained that the idea wasn't feasible given that academics' references didn't carry much weight with industry. The Careers Counsellor went on to say that if students were able to volunteer, either at the university or around the community, this could be a pathway toward local references. Debbie clarified that international students are given clear direction during O-week not to seek out employment which does not pay award rates.

The clear outcome was positive, that international students faced with difficulty gaining references could volunteer as a pathway toward those references, before applying for paid work. The ongoing difficulty is that when you are faced with low pay or no pay, some students are forced to take low pay.

I would like to raise briefly that I did reach out to the international officer regarding the idea and initial meeting details. There was no response. I would encourage the international officer, and also the postgraduate officer, whose contribution has been minimal at best and non-existent at worst, to take real action around wage issues. Here is a chance for make use of our elected positions to provided genuine student representation.

I believe this is an opportunity for the SRC, along with our focus on wage theft, to inform students of legitimate pathways to properly paid employment.

Engineering Staplers

This problem may be unique to the engineering faculty but as the majority of our assignments require hard copy submission, there is often the need for a stapler near the assignment submission boxes. Unfortunately, every time a good stapler is placed there by ECMS, it is stolen. I emailed ECMS with the idea to fasten a high-quality stapler using either glue or drilling into the table near the assignment boxes, as this would a) not be stolen and b) work much better than the current stapler, which required you to hand bend the staples. Much to ECMS's credit, they promptly replied promising to investigate the idea. On Thursday I received confirmation that they had purchased the staplers and were planning to fix two as

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suggested, one in the ECMS office and one on the table near the assignment boxes. This is a really positive step demonstrating that engagement between student representatives and the university can lead to great outcomes for students.

Item 7.3: General Councillor's Items (Tom Auld)

SRC Calls for Climate Emergency

As the recent election campaign has shown, none of the major political parties are taking a lead in the transition away from the fossil fuels industry. With the clock ticking down to environmental disaster, it's important that a wide range of institutions call for urgent action on this and help build the environmental movement.

Across the country the National Union of Students is calling on student organisations as well as universities to call for a declaration of a climate emergency. At Adelaide University this week, I spoke with many students who signed our petition supporting this demand and have gotten in contact with our vice-chancellor about making a declaration. It too, is important that the SRC publicly supports this demand as well.

Motion:

7. The Adelaide University SRC declares a Climate Emergency.
1. The Adelaide University SRC condemns both major parties for their inaction and negligence towards climate change
2. The Adelaide University SRC commends all groups and activists who have been fighting for the planet such as the recent School Strikers and Stop Adani campaigners.
3. The Adelaide University SRC will publish a press release declaring a Climate Emergency
4. Adelaide University SRC reps are encouraged to attend, promote and where appropriate speak, at all future actions, protests and meetings tackling the climate emergency.
5. The Adelaide University SRC will commit funds, resources and time towards such progressive actions where possible.

Solidarity with Sudanese Protesters!

Over the past few months in Sudan millions have taken part in street protests and strikes bringing down dictators whose rule lasted decades. Yet the demands of the uprisings for real democratic change and social justice are still a long way from being fulfilled, as the military and security apparatus of the old regimes attempts to hold onto political power. The protesters in Sudan are facing a continuing fight.

Sudanese protesters have issued a public call for international solidarity with their revolution.

For us in Australia, the question of solidarity with our sisters and brothers who are risking everything to fight for peace, freedom, social justice and democracy isn't just an abstract one. Our government has a plan to become the 10th largest arms exporter in the world by targeting sales to repressive regimes in the Middle East and North Africa , and continues to cooperate with dictatorships in the region around 'counter-terrorism' and border controls.

And as we know, Sudanese refugees in Australia have been singled out for particularly viscous racism, constructed around lies about 'African gangs'

Therefore we have a responsibility to stand up for justice in Sudan and Algeria. Motion:

Motion:

1. That members of the SRC will take a photo in solidarity with the protesters in Sudan
2. That SRC will put out a statement on its Facebook page in solidarity with the protesters in Sudan
3. The SRC will email the results of this motion to 'action@menasolidaritynetwork.net' as a message of solidarity with Sudanese protesters and Unionists

Item 8.1: Presidents Report

1. WELCOME

2. MAJOR ITEMS

Standing items

2.1 RCC/ Union House and other infrastructure revisions

The RCC consultation process is nearing its end with a final decision to be made by the University mid-June. The AUU and SRC will formulate a decision and submission by next week. I've been working closely with Oscar on this and we'll be releasing the survey results and more info soon. There has also recently been an ABC article on the topic: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-05-24/fallout-from-rcc-fringe-festival-nightclub-at-uni-revealed/11139648>

The AUU President and I have been working closely with the University and other stakeholders on the Hub and Union masterplan revisions which I've outlined earlier. We attended our first consultation meeting and provided input as to where the project should go.

Lastly, we've just had the inaugural meeting of the Infrastructure Student Reference Group and discussed a series of major infrastructure projects. The aim of the project is to work together with the University on creating a physical and learning environment that facilitates our students' enhanced learning experience and meets student needs. More info <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/infrastructure/projects/campusactivation/engagement/student-reference-group/>

2.2 Supporting all our Campuses

De-stress day planning for Nexus 10 and Roseworthy is complete.

I've been providing assistance to the Adelaide Business Students' Society President in improving student representation in Nexus 10. I sent a series of student partnership agreements and related info which is now the basis of a new relationship between the ABSS and the Business School. I also provided assistance in organising a meeting with the Dean of the Business School.

Furthermore, Stage 1 of the Future Directions of Student Representation Master Plan is prioritising the AHMS for a new student representation structure due to commence shortly.

Other items

2.3 Women's Forum

I've been working with the NUS Women's Officer on setting up a Women's Forum which would:

- Discuss the NUS and SRC's Women's Campaigns

- Give an update on the Colleges campaign
- Explain the new sexual assault and harassment policy
- Discuss setting up a women's collective

This can be tied in to the relaunch of the Women's Room the Elaine has outlined earlier.

2.4 St Marks Update

I've been tipped off that Rose Alwyn is going to be announced soon as the newly appointed head of one of the residential colleges on campus in Queensland and have been in contact with local media there.

I'm also finalising my submission to the St Marks employment subcommittee.

2.5 Future Directions of Student Representation/ Student Voice

I've been working on setting up a framework for this project with priorities for this year being:

- Providing training for all student representatives
- Better building institutional knowledge
- Supporting clubs in taking on an additional student representative responsibility
- SRC structural change
- SRC research officer

Most the work and the first meeting will be conducted over the semester break.

2.6 Bus cuts/ government hikes

We have already discussed the SA Liberals massively cut bus services, now we learn they're considering privatising your trains and trams.

This is bad news for train and tram commuters, privatisation of your trams and trains will mean further cuts, infrequent services, poor punctuality and extortionate prices. Furthermore, the Liberal government recently announced unprecedented hikes for hundreds of fees and charges across the State Government including bus fares.

These increases are going to be a massive hit to South Australian families and will be disproportionately be felt by students.

Motion:

The SRC opposes the privatisation of SA trains and trams.

The SRC opposes the SA Government's hike to fees and charges and expresses concern they will disproportionately impact students.

3. Meetings & Media

Infrastructure Catch up

Met with Sonja Graetz and discussed various University projects

SVA 24.05.19

Discussed SVA Project with Daniejala

Infrastructure Reference Group 10.05.19

Discussed a range of infrastructure projects

Union House/ Hub Refresh Projects

Discussed Union House and Hub masterplans with Cox Architects and UoA

SVA Conference 20-21 May 2019

I attended the Student Voice conference in Sydney.

Item 8.2: General Secretary's Report

Federal Election

The result of the Federal Election is now well-known, with the Liberal-National government reelected for another three years.

This means it is more important than ever for SRC members to follow what's happening in higher education and be prepared to take action when necessary. The Abbott-Turnbull-Morrison Government has inflicted serious attacks on students throughout the six years they've held office – including, but not limited to:

- Attempts to deregulate fees
- Cuts to higher education funding
- Reduction in the HECS/HELP repayment threshold
- Changes to postgraduate study
- Refusal to initiate a taskforce into sexual assault and harassment on campuses

The SRC must be prepared to respond to future policy decisions which have a detrimental impact on students. Too often higher education is an 'easy target' – students are perceived to not pay attention or particularly care when the Federal Government targets them to make a budget saving.

Time and again, we have seen that maintaining and improving the standard of higher education in Australia, for both domestic and international students, requires students to get organised and demand it. This is particularly true under the now-reelected Federal Government.

I look forward to working with all SRC members on these issues, together with our National Union, in the months to come.

Public Transport Services

Decisions detrimentally impacting on students are not isolated to the Federal level. At a State level, the Marshall Liberal Government continues to cut public transport services and undermine them at every turn.

SRC members will recall that we have previously discussed the \$46 million in budgeted cuts to public transport in our State. With these cuts still underway, the State Government has now refused to deny they are investigating options to privatise tram and train services.

Thousands of Adelaide University students rely on tram and train infrastructure every day. This is also particularly true for students studying at Roseworthy, with the Gawler line offering a fast option to Gawler, where some students are based and others are able to use shuttle buses to connect to campus.

It is essential that students have access to reliable and affordable public transport. To that end, I recommend:

Recommendation: that the SRC:

- d) Opposes any attempts to privatise train and tram services in South Australia;
- e) Condemns the ongoing cuts to public transport, including cessation of bus routes and increasing of ticket fares;
- f) Actions the SRC President to write to the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government outlining these concerns.

Meet Your Reps

As previously advised, North Terrace Meet Your Reps will be held on **Tuesday 28 May** from 11:00am to 2:00pm in Hub Central.

A roster, as well as a draft survey, will be distributed to SRC Members this weekend. I look forward to seeing as many Members there as possible!

After the event, I will summarise any learning experiences and circulate them to Members for use when planning future events. I hope this will be particularly useful in arranging Meet Your Reps-style events at Waite, Roseworthy and AHMS, and I intend to work with Members in arranging these events in the near future.

Item 8.3: Postgraduate Officer's Report

Postgraduate Officer

BINGZHANG WU (FRANZ)

In my first report I wrote about the challenges postgraduate students face, especially those international students. They have often studied at different universities and in different cities, which can make things difficult when they settle into their new degree.

This is the big challenge I want to spend the rest of my time on SRC working on. Especially because postgraduate students often have so much work to get done, they can miss out on some of the other things that make UofA such a great place to study and be part of.

Things I have been thinking about doing as part of this include:

- Finding ways for postgraduate students to get more involved in SRC activities and events
- Promote services at the uni that postgraduate students might think are only for undergraduate students
- Make sure postgraduate students feel part of the university life just like undergraduate students often do

I also know that postgraduate students have many different experiences at UofA, because they research and study in so many fields. Because of this I am also looking at how I can make sure my work involves postgraduate students from all different areas.

I have found it hard to know how to get moving on some of these things, especially because I have a lot of work to do for my studies. I am going to arrange a time to meet with the Administrator to discuss this too.

Item 8.4: Education Officer's Report

As we mourn a federal election loss to a party offering extensive and objectively well thought out policy reform to a government of severe disfunction, our jobs to advocate for students here continue to be integral. We must stand up and resist further cuts to Universities in all forms especially as now they are likely to continue, as the LNP try to produce an impossible surplus in a bearish economic environment. Our backing of students extends to the Union movement as a whole and their efforts to influence industrial law to restore penalty rates and stop the exploitation of young and foreign workers.

Over the last 2 months I have not been as active as I would have liked. The Education Policy Committee is yet to have its first meeting; however, this should be done by then next SRC Meeting. The first one is likely to be longer than usual as I would like to broach a range of topics.

Unfortunately, I am unable to make this meeting due to work commitments interstate. A brief list of recent key meetings and other related events is below, many of which will be covered in Ali's report.

Meetings

Student Voice Australia National Conference – 21.05.19

Ali and I made our way to Sydney for the day to meet with other student representatives from around Australia. The day consisted of group work, presentations and a panel about the governance and structure of student/university partnerships. Unfortunately, the takeaways for us were limited considering we are in a leading position compared to many other universities and student reps. We still have significant structural issues to solve but already have a fairly clear direction as to how to do it.

RCC Focus Group 15.05.19

An independent company hosted a focus group with UofA student leaders around the RCC on campus earlier this year. The mood was largely negative with issues around space, beatification, transparency, communication and safety leading the conversation.

University Learning Committee 15.05.19

There was a paper submitted around issues with concurrency of degrees and whether this policy should be reviewed. It seemed to confuse concurrency with overloading. This was pointed out and it was noted the significant benefits to flexibility the university's current procedures allow.

Student Experience Survey data was also analysed. As one of student's concerns was the difficulty to understand teaching staff in professions it was questioned as to whether hiring policies were strict enough to ensure staff are competent enough to teach. This spurred a longer conversation with the Professions faculty representative around training and hiring policies after the meeting.

ULC also endorsed the students as partners principles, another promising step for student representation on campus.

Academic Board – 01.05.19

Students as Partners Workshop – 15.04.19

Academic Program Entry & Approval Committee – 04.04.19

Academic Board – 03.04.19

Peer Review of Teaching Governance Group Meeting – 02.04.19

Meeting with Philippa Levy & Rebecca Tooher – 02.04.19

National Day of Action Planning Meeting – 01.04.19

Sam Chapman

Education Officer

Item 8.5: Queer Officer's Report

QUEER OFFICER'S REPORT

27/05/2019

GEORGE DUNCAN MEMORIAL – UPDATE 3

The George Duncan Memorial was held on the River Torrens at 10:10-10:30am. The guest speakers; David Elliott, former President of the UofA PRIDE Club, Co-convenor of ALLY Network and Law Associate Professor Laura Grenfell and Queer Amnesty Action Group Convenor Leticia Albrecht all provided inspiring speeches that attendees praised at the morning tea.

The wreath was purchased from Tynte Flowers (costing \$99.00) and served its purpose. The weather held out long enough to ensure we did not need to put up a tarp or have umbrellas. The attendees came from university staff, students and organisations. Overall, the event was a success – a total of 50 people came to the George Duncan Memorial, and with the \$500 budget allocated to the event, we only spent \$390.15, just over \$100 under the funding!

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA (IDAHOBIT) – UPDATE 2

On the 17th of May, the world celebrated IDAHOBIT Day - International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.

The event was a success – with many students actively participating my adding a rainbow chain, grabbing a rainbow donut or a lanyard, and having those conversations with Ben, Laura, the ALLY Network and I around LGBTIQ+ students on campus. The Vice Chancellor also made a speech, alongside Jo Barry-Murphy and I for the formal proceedings and was commended for his input. Jo and I were also given good feedback.

Raising the idea about student consultation and engagement, it was suggested that Ben (from student wellbeing) and I sit down to discuss this later to develop the idea. I would like to conduct a survey as the feedback received predetermines my actions as Queer officer for the rest of the year and beyond. I look forward to running more queer-friendly events on campus and using my SRC office bearing role to promote positive change!

'SAY NO TO SEXUAL ASSAULT & RAPE' CHALK PROJECT

Recently, I was approached by a student who wants to promote the conversation about sexual assault and rape. Her idea is to draw, in chalk, a statistic or experience that raises awareness

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and breaks the stigma against speaking out. I contacted Elaine Zhang, the women's officer to meet with Charlotte. As always, feedback is welcome.

Actions: Get in contact with Sean Henschke to collaborate on events/campaigns in future times, keep meeting with Student Wellbeing and attend meetings with Charlotte M & Elaine Z.

REBECCA ETIENNE

QUEER OFFICER

Item 8.6: Social Justice Officer's Report

Social Justice Officer' report

Meeting date: May 27th 2019

TOPIC ONE: A four-year study that focused on the faith community in Australia and the UK has found Muslim women suffered from discrimination and racism. In particular, Professor Hickey-Moody suggested that across all the cities involved in the project, Adelaide seems to be a less multicultural community. The following quotation is related to a Muslim women's experience at Adelaide:

"The mosque [where] I spent most of the week in Adelaide has had young men, white men, driving around the mosque in a car with the windows rolled down pretending to shoot it. I mean, that's terrifying," she said.

Research evidence in the field of psychology suggests that race and religious-based discrimination will contribute to depression, anxiety, substance abuse, psychological distress and poor self-assessed health status. In order to promote the psychological well-being and freedom of religion of the Muslim students at the University of Adelaide, and prevent Islamophobia and related discrimination, the SRC should push for religious awareness education. Such education could be designed in an online format in which students will be able to attend the course any time they want to increase participation. The content of the course should be designed in the way which reduces racism, religious vilification, and stereotype.

I will learn more about constructing the course when the final is over.

Good luck with the exams.

Zihan Ma (Zephyrus)
SRC Social Justice Officer

Item 8.7: International Officer's Report

International student officer report

Continue the previous report, I said some issues about renewing student visa. In this report, I will solve the problems left by the last report and give some own opinions.

Question :

“I asked the faculty about this issue but they said it was the International Student Support (ISS) 's responsibility. And then I went to the ISS and they said they needed the faculty to provide the relevant certification.”

This question is like a cycle, so I am trying to break it. Firstly, I asked the student some questions about his major and why he needed to renew his visa. He said that he was in the second year of uni, and he failed one course last semester, so he felt that he could not graduate on time, so he wanted to renew his visa. Because he and I are in the same faculty, I went to the faculty to ask about this situation. The faculty replied that if a student needs to renew his study visa, he can come and evaluate the time he still needs to complete his study in his last semester. Then go to ISS with this assessment to apply for help. The reason why this student would fall into this cycle is that he did not explain his situation and just wanted to renew his visa.

In conclusion, failure to graduate on time can be worried for all students, especially international students. So some students are very eager to renew the visa, but it is unnecessary. They can choose the courses of winter school and summer school to make up for the credits and help them graduate on time. Moreover, if the college can give some suggestions to students who fail the courses, let them know that they don't need to worry about their visa too early, or let them know how to make up for the credits, I think it will be very helpful.

Last Thursday, I met with Media and information Project officer, Owen and the International Student Support coordinator, Debbie Chua. We discussed this topic and they will make a series of changes and follow up to this issue.

International student officer
Lucas Ji

Item 9.2: SRC Administrator's Report

SRC Administrator's Report 24/05/19

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Over the past fortnight, my time as SRC Administrator has been spent primarily budgeting for future SRC events and activities, organising SRC data and documents and a lot of financial administration.

De-Stress Yourself Event

The next SRC event planned for the year is 'De-Stress Yourself' on Friday the 7th of June in conjunction with the Adelaide University Union. This has historically been the largest event each year, with the largest number of students engaging with the SRC in a single day.

In order to roll out such a large-scale event, we require at least 16 volunteers to help run the activities. I've sent all SRC members a link to a shared google document where you can input your availability to help out - if you're one of the 11 SRC members (and I can see who you are) who haven't opened, or filled in the form - please do so now.

Furthermore, it looks like the SRC might require some non-council members to help out in order to fill all the volunteer slots. If you have any friends who would like to help out, please get in contact with me as soon as possible.

The roster as of 24/05/19 is at the end of my report.

Conference/Travel Costs

Last week I circulated an expression of interest form for SRC members who are interested in interstate student conferences. A complete description into the location, dates and expected activities was circulated to members in those forms.

As of 5 pm Friday the 24th of May I have received the following expressions of interest:

- 1 x EOI NUS Conference
- 3 x EOI NUS NOWSA (Women's) Conference
- 2 x EOI Queer Collaborations Conference
- 1 x EOI CISA National Conference
- 1 x EOI UATSIS Conference (Semester 2).

The SRC Executive has scheduled a meeting on the day of this meeting to provide a recommendation to council on how to divide SRC funds.

The SRC has two budget lines available to use to support students financially at conferences.

- **Conference Costs (\$7500)**
 - **\$7000** - 7 x Delegates to NUS National Conference (December)
 - **\$500** - 1 x Registration to NUS Presidents Summit (January)

- **Travel Costs (\$1510)**

This year the SRC President was a member of NUS National Executive and did not have to pay registration for NUS Pres summit, which means in total there is up to \$2010 available for subsidies. That's just over \$250 per conference for the SRC members who have registered interest.

On the topic of student conferences/organisations, it's worth noting that NUS, CAPA & UATSIS affiliations have been processed internally, and are likely to have been paid as of these meetings.

Attendance and Office Bearer Report Requirements

At meeting 5/19, Council requested a report on SRC meeting attendance and office bearer report submissions.

Report Submissions

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Meeting Attendance & Reports ☆

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Name	Position	SCM	1/19	2/19	3/19	4/19	5/19
2	Ali Amin	President						
3	Patrick Stewart	General Secretary						
4	Sam Chapman	Education Officer						
5	Zephyrus Ma	Social Justice Officer						
6	Sam King	Disability Officer						
7	Angela Qin	Ethno-Cultural Officer						
8	Chongxin Ji	International Student Officer						
9	Lisa Hanson	Mature Age Officer						
10	Bingzhang Wu	Postgraduate Officer						
11	Tobi Threadgold	Rural Officer						
12	Prema Kurup	Environment Officer						
13	Carol Wu	Welfare Officer						
14	Elaine Zhang	Women's Officer						
15	Kynasha Temple	ATSI Officer						
16	Bec Etienne	Queer Officer						
17								
18	Ceases to be a member:							
19		Fails to submit two consecutive reports						
20		Fails to submit four reports overall						
21								
22		Report Submitted						
23		Report Not Submitted						
24		Report Not Required						
25								

Overall, SRC members have been working hard to submit reports in time for SRC meetings. A reminder to those who have missed reports that if an office bearer fails to submit two consecutive reports, or four overall, they will cease to be a member.

Meeting Attendance

	A	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Name	SCM	1/19	2/19	3/19	4/19	5/19
2	Ali Amin	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	Patrick Stewart	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	Sam Chapman	Apol	1	1	1	1	1
5	Zephyrus Ma	Apol	1	1	1	1	1
6	Sam King	Apol	1	Apol	0	1	0
7	Angela Qin	Apol	1	1	1	1	1
8	Chongxin Ji	0	0	1	1	1	1
9	Lisa Hanson	1	1	Apol	Apol	1	0
10	Bingzhnag Wu	Apol	0	1	1	Apol	0
11	Tobi Threadgold	1	0	1	Apol	1	1
12	Prerna Kurup	1	0	0	Apol	1	1
13	Carol Wu	Apol	Apol	1	Apol	1	1
14	Elaine Zhang	Apol	0	1	1	1	1
15	Kynesha Temple	1	1	1	1	Apol	1
16	Bec Etienne	1	1	1	1	1	1
17	Chelsea Fernandez	1	1	1	1	1	1
18	Jo Barry-Murphy	1	Apol	1	1	Apol	0
19	Haoyang Shi	LOA	LOA	LOA	1	Apol	0
20	Teresa Tang	0	0	1	1	1	1
21	Andrew Lai	1	1	1	1	Apol	1
22	Michael Brohier	1	0	1	1	Apol	1
23	Isabel Hoo	1	1	1	1	1	1
24	Tom Auld	1	1	1	1	Apol	1
25							
26	1	Attended					
27	0	Absent					
28	Apol	Apology Submitted					
29	LOA	Leave of Absence Granted					
30							

Similar to submitting reports, SRC members have in general been attending meetings, and formally sending apologies when unable. Note, some of the absences at meeting 5/19 may actually be apologies - I'll be able to confirm this once these meeting paper have been circulated and correct my records accordingly.

SRC members who miss three consecutive meetings, or six overall, without sending in apologies will cease to be a member. Fortunately, no SRC members have missed more than 2 meetings in total - historically by this point of the year we would be filling in casual vacancies **Well done 2019 Adelaide SRC!**

DE-STRESS YOURSELF ROSTER

EVENT SETUP + PACKDOWN Set up and pack down (Event today core flutes, general set up/pack down)				
DETAILS	SHIFT + NAME	CONTACT NUMBER	Sign in	Sign out
SETUP 9:30AM-11AM	Rebecca Etienne			
	Joanna Barry-Murphy			
SETUP 9:30AM – 11AM				
PACKDOWN 3.00PM – 5.00PM	Chongxin Ji Lucas			
	Xin Wu Carol			
	Yiyun Tang Teresa			

BATH BOMB STATION		Sign in	Sign out
10.30AM – 12.30PM	Rebecca Etienne		
12.30PM – 3.30PM	yuchen Zhang Elaine		
	Zihan Ma Zephyrus		

BISCUIT GIVEAWAYS		Sign in	Sign out
10.30AM – 1PM			
1PM – 3.30PM	Isabel Hoo		