

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**



**Wednesday, 1st March 2023, 6:30 PM**

**University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Hughes 322**

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**AGENDA AND MEETING PAPERS**

## AGENDA

### 1. Procedural Matters

#### 1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

The SRC acknowledges that we meet on the traditional country of the Kaurna people. We acknowledge that the land upon which Australia has been built was and always will be an integral part of the spiritual and cultural history of Indigenous people and that this land was never ceded.

#### 1.2. Attendance

#### 1.3. Apologies

#### 1.4. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion:** that the agenda as circulated be adopted.

#### 1.5. Welcome

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Recommendation:** That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

#### 4. Correspondence

#### 5. New Members

#### 6. Motions on Notice

### 7. Office Bearer Reports

#### 7.1. President

*Motion:*

The SRC:

- Supports the expansion of the YouX Breakfast Club program from four days a week to five days a week
- Supports the expansion of the YouX Breakfast Club program to cover trimester timetables
- Requests the investigation of more frequent mobile breakfast club programs at the Waite and Roseworthy campuses.

#### 7.2. General Secretary

#### 7.3. Education Officer

*Motion:*

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  - d. attending relevant events where possible; and
  - e. keeping informed on the campaign by From the Heart and the Uluru Statement.
3. The SRC commits to listening to the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students throughout this process.

*Action:*

1. The Education Officer and President will write to Vice Chancellor and DVCA petitioning the Uni to publicly support the Voice to Parliament.
2. This correspondence will include highlighting the position taken by Universities Australia (as outlined in the preamble), and the precedence set by UNSW Sydney the University's Management Board in affirming their support for the Voice.

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*Motion:*

1. The SRC commits to advertising the vacancy of ATSI Officer on social media and in publications;
2. The SRC commits to filling the vacancy of ATSI Officer as soon as practicable after an application has been received; and
3. The SRC acknowledges the importance of providing Aboriginal and Torres Straight people a platform on the SRC and in all university spaces.

#### **7.4. Queer Officer**

*Motion:*

That Section's 9.d, 11.c, 11.f, 14.d, 15.f of the SRC Standing Orders be amended to contact gender neutral language.

#### **7.5. Postgraduate (Coursework) Officer**

## **7.6. Social Justice Officer**

## **7.7. Disability Officer**

## **7.8. International Student Officer**

### *Motions:*

1. The SRC make a statement of condolences to the students affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkiye and Syria (currently).
2. The SRC share a link to an authorised and recognised fundraiser for anyone choosing to want to donate (happy to adjust this/show evidence of how reputable this organisation is) additional statements to clarify that students have full choice on whether or not they want to donate being up to them can be added, as we don't want anyone to feel pressured.
3. The SRC accepts to hold a vigil for the lives of family students have lost , and those affected in Syria and Turkiye after Ramadan.
4. The SRC accepts to invite an authorised speakers and fundraising agents to the vigil, and not attempt to collect any funds itself, and NO student bodies/fundraising agents, other than those invited by the main vigil organiser attempt to exchange anything physical for money even if it's for the purpose of donations.
5. (possible motion to clarify above) The SRC will vote on and accept the vigil organisers in the last meeting before the actual vigil, and no one may be added after that SRC meeting is held).
6. A hold of \$30 be placed tentatively for the purchase of candles and images of those who's lives were lost to display at the vigil. (Students did say they will be bringing their own images as well just in case , and other members are welcome to display images as well.)

## **8. General Business**

### **8.1. International Women's Day – Anjali Malhotra**

#### **Motion:**

1. The SRC will share an online post on their Facebook page in recognition of International Women's Day on 8/3/23, with the post including a link to the SRC Women's Officer's Support Form, email contact, a statement encouraging female students to access the form throughout the year to obtain support, and links to authorised/official women's support helplines/organisations.
2. The SRC will provide \$30 to the SRC Women's Officer for the printing of posters that have the SRC Women's Officer's Support Form link, email contact, and a statement encouraging female students to access the form throughout the year to obtain support, to be placed around the University of Adelaide campuses.

### **8.2. Trans Rights Protest – Leila Clendon**

*Motion:*

The SRC:

- Opposes the Australian and New Zealand tour of far right and transphobic British commentator Kellie-Jay Keen.
- Supports the protest on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March against Kellie-Jay Keen's transphobic protest in Adelaide.
- The SRC supports the principle that organising amongst the widest layer of students possible is necessary to build a broad campaign, and to do this resources are needed.

Actions:

- The SRC will share the event for the protest against Kellie-Jay Keen on the SRC Facebook page with a short message about the importance of attending.
- The SRC commits up to \$250 for printing leaflets and posters for the protest.
- SRC members who support the motion will attend the protest where possible.

## **9. Emergent Business**

## Item 7.1: President's Report – Georgia Thomas

### 1. O'Week

Huge thanks to everyone who volunteered time to assist during O'Week. The SRC enjoyed excellent engagement from students at both North Terrace and Waite. This years Counter Guide was extremely popular and the vast majority of copies have been distributed to students. Students raised several ideas and issues with council members that we can now work to address.

The Roseworthy O'Night is approaching on Thursday March 9th. We will have an SRC stall for the evening. If you would like to spend time at Roseworthy promoting the SRC please let me know. This is the first time in a long while that the SRC has attended all three campuses for O'Week events.

The SRC were unfortunately not advertised in several YouX promotional materials for O'Week and I have reached out to YouX with this concern. We are an important service for students that is funded by YouX and we cannot help students as well as we would like if they do not know we exist. As a subsidiary of YouX I believe they should be taking any opportunity they can to promote their only service that is by students for students. I am hopeful we won't be overlooked in any future service guides.

### 2. Committees

At least six SRC members had their ability to attend meetings impacted by their scheduling during O'Week - particularly concerning was the Waite Officer being required to attend a committee meeting on the Waite Campus O'Day. This has a real impact on our ability to fulfil our KPI's and forced us to choose between interacting with the students we represent and participating in important working groups. This issue does not exclusively impact upon the SRC, but also students who are on faculty and sports boards. I have raised this concern with Martin McCarron, Executive Director of Student Experience, and will be working with him to have the university implement a black out period over O'Weeks for meetings involving student representatives.

### 3. Karaoke and Queens

On Thursday March 2nd the SRC are co-hosting the Karaoke and Queens event with YouX. This is from 4pm until 6:30pm at Unibar. If you can, please volunteer some time to assist in running this event and come chat to students. Send me an email or message if you are able to help.

### 4. NTEU Wage Theft Report

The National Tertiary Education Union released a report detailing wage theft that has occurred across Australian public universities. Whilst the University of Adelaide was not specifically mentioned in this report, UniSA and Flinders University owed workers almost \$200,000. This figure is extraordinarily concerning and the University of Adelaide is definitely not a martyr in taking care of its workers. I have reached out to our NTEU branch to arrange

for myself and the Education Officer to meet and discuss how we can work with them on future campaigns and work to protect students who are also employed by the university.

## **5. International student work changes**

The Federal Government has announced an increase to allowable working hours for international students to 48 hours per fortnight from July 1 this year. This is positive news in allowing international students more opportunities to work flexibly and to any degree they would like without fear of visa repercussions. However, increased working hours do not fix the mistreatment and exploitation that international student workers remain vulnerable too. In light of this it is important for us to raise awareness of reporting channels for international students and promote workers rights.

## **6. Expansion of Breakfast Club**

The Welfare Officer and I have drafted a motion for submission to the YouX Board to expand the operation of the Breakfast Club. We are advocating for an increase from four days of operation to five days, the operation of the program during trimesters, and a more frequent mobile breakfast club to service Waite and Roseworthy Campuses. This is an improvement we will be taking to both Student Care and the YouX Board. We believe the Breakfast Club is an incredibly valuable service offered on campus and should be expanded for the benefit of more students. We think there are opportunities to examine partnerships with local grocers to expand the variety or frequency of offerings. Many people have taken expansion of the Breakfast Club to student elections without any change occurring and it is finally time for this great program to service students more often. Our intention is to pass the below motion at this meeting, and submit a motion for the next YouX Board meeting to begin the organisation of implementing these changes in collaboration with Student Care.

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## **7. Student Care rental resources**

I have reached out to Ann Madigan, Director of Student Care, to work together to establish resources for students amongst the ongoing rental crisis. Both Student Care and Accommodation Services have not updated their information to reflect the worsening situation and new difficulties that students face in trying to access the rental market. This is a gap within YouX's support services that needs urgent addressing.

## **8. Career Expo feedback**

At the most recent Student Engagement Committee we received an update on the Career Expo happening on the 16th and 17th of March. I was disappointed to see that there was no presence of unions amongst the employers offered. Students are a vulnerable group for work exploitation, and having stalls from unions at this event would be an excellent opportunity to educate students on their current rights in the workplace, and equip them to feel confident in their future careers. I have emailed Fiona Brammy, current Acting Director of Industry Engagement and Career Education, to work out how we can arrange the attendance of unions at the expo.

## **9. Bushfire plans**

Last week I had a student reach out to me about a bushfire happening at Kangaroo Flat near our Roseworthy Campus and enquire about what resources, assistance and plans there are for students in these scenarios. I was unable to easily locate any information about bushfire plans or advice for students on campus during emergency situations. I have reached out to the Dean of the Roseworthy Campus to gain an insight into how the campus is prepared for a bushfire and discuss how we can ensure this information is more easily accessible. When a new Roseworthy Officer commences their role on the SRC I believe this is important information for them to be equipped with and I will loop them into my discussions with the Dean.

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Per usual, please get in touch with any questions or ideas. My best contact is via email - [srcpresident@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:srcpresident@adelaide.edu.au).

In Unity,

Georgia Thomas



## Item 7.2: General Secretary's Report – Agastya Mudgal

Hello everyone,

I would like to say what a great privilege it is to be elected in the SRC as the General Secretary. I aim to provide you with an overview of the activities and initiatives undertaken by the student council during this time, as well as highlight our accomplishments and identify areas for improvement.

As the General Secretary, I intend to work closely with our student council members to ensure that our efforts align with our goals and objectives. Over the course of the year, we have remained committed to improving the university experience for all students, and especially for new comers. Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,

Agastya Mudgal

## Item 7.3: Education Officer's Report – Grace Franco

### **NUS President's Summit**

- In late January I attended the NUS President's Summit in Melbourne.
- We heard from various National Office Bearers, organisations and people. The presentations were educational and enlightening. It was also good to meet Presidents and Office Bearers from other universities across Australia.
- I met National Education Officer, Xavier Dupe.

### **National Education Officer**

- We discussed various things regarding the state of education nationally. In his presentation he outlined his plans for the year, including the NDA.

- NOTE: National Day of Action, March 17th, 6pm at Parliament House

o Facebook event: "ADE: National Day of Climate Action" hosted by NUS Education Department and Uni Students for Climate Justice

### **Student Care**

- I spoke with Ann Madigan (Manager & Senior Education and Welfare Officer) and have subsequently contacted Student Care to organise a meeting regarding the work of Education and Welfare Officers (EWO's) and how we as the SRC can build a relationship to support students going forward.

- In our Board Training, Merlin raised the issue of International Students not speaking English well enough to get their point across – Ann confirmed that students often use Google Translate or are welcome to bring a friend or an interpreter to a meeting with an EWO.

- Action: I will meet with an EWO in the upcoming weeks

- Action: I will advocate for multi-lingual employees

### **University wage theft across Australia – NTEU**

- A recent report done by the NTEU which found that Australian Universities have underpaid their staff by around \$83 Million since 2020.

- Both the UniSA (\$182,709) and Flinders (\$17,000) are listed, the University of Adelaide is not. - See the report: <https://apo.org.au/sites/default/files/resource-files/2023-02/apo-nid321580.pdf>

- Georgia has contacted the NTEU, we will discuss the report, matters relating to The University of Adelaide and any future campaigns by the NTEU.

### **Voice to Parliament**

- I attended the From the Heart launch event 23/02/2023. I am planning to attend a public lecture on “the Voice to Parliament and what it means” on the 28th of February. And, will attend a Voice to Parliament forum on the 17th of March.

- I am investigate hosting a Student Forum with Kyam Maher MLC - Attorney-General, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and other prominent figures in the Voice Campaign. I am still in the process of working out what it could look like in practice.

- Note: Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students can be accessed through o Wirttu Yarlu (Tel: 8313 3623, wirttu.yarlu@adelaide.edu.au)

o Student Life Counselling Support (Tel: 8313 5663, counsellingcentre@adelaide.edu.au) o Student Care (Tel: 8313 5430, studentcare@adelaide.edu.au)

### **SRC support of the Voice to Parliament**

“Constitutional recognition through a Voice to Parliament is a body enshrined in the Constitution that would enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to provide advice to the Parliament on policies and projects that impact their lives.” – From the Heart (<https://fromtheheart.com.au/what-is-a-voice-to-parliament/>)

“Universities Australia welcomes the forthcoming referendum to establish a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution based on the principle of providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians with a stronger say on legislation and policy that impact Indigenous communities and quality of life.” – Universities Australia (<https://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/media-item/statement-on-the-upcoming-referendum/>)

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### **Vacancy - ATSI Officer**

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### **O-week**

- I was on the SRC stall all day handing out Counter Guides, with various SRC members.

- The Counter Guides we well received and provided an opportunity to discuss with students the role of the SRC and how we can support students.

#### Student engagement committee (SEC)

- I attended the SEC meeting on Friday 24th where we went over the plan for the year. Unfortunately, because this meeting was held during o-week we were short on time and unable to go through everything on the agenda.

- I look forward to what we can accomplish in the year ahead and amplifying student voices.

#### My next actions

- Contact faculty clubs to introduce myself, touch base and get informed about what each faculty specific issues are and discuss how and where I can support them.

#### My goals / campaigns for the year

- Capping/standardising late penalties for each faculty

- Automatic extension – clarify and advocate to extend to 48 hours

- Expanding exam support programs

- Increase SSAF funding

## Item 7.4: Queer Officer’s Report – Billy Zimmermann

### Counter Guide

I was pleased to contribute to Counter Guide, writing the page on why students should join their Union and the page explaining what the difference between the SRC and YouX is.

### Pride Club

I have reached out to the President of the Pride Club for a meeting to discuss how the SRC could assist their club and how we can help advocate for Queer Students.

### Standing Order amendments

Unfortunately much of the language within the SRC’s governance documents is gendered and thus not inclusive of nonbinary people and others on the gender spectrum. Today I will be focusing on the Standing Orders and seeking to amend these, in time I may go through and find other gendered references in our other policies.

### **In saying this I move the following:**

That Section’s 9.d, 11.c, 11.f, 14.d, 15.f of the SRC Standing Orders be amended to contact gender neutral language.

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann

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| <p><b>Section 15.f.</b></p>  | <p><b>Section 15.f.</b></p>  |



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## Item 7.5: Postgraduate (Coursework) Officer's Report – Daniel Garcia Zapata

Dear fellow SRC members,

Before I start with my report, I want to say thank you to the previous Postgraduate Officer (coursework) Edward Satchell for his hard work during 2022 and his genuine intentions to listen to and support the students he represented. His job included deep research about the main concerns for all postgraduate students (by research and by coursework) and elaborated a useful report that helped me to understand where to focus my efforts during the year. He always has been open to answering my questions and sharing his experience.

Nevertheless, only 7% of the research sample is postgraduate students by coursework. Therefore, I have started working on new research focused on the concerns and necessities of these students, evaluating the support given by the university and identifying how I can make their experience better. We will make dedicated studies for each faculty and differentiate the necessities of local students, international students, minorities, etc. I have contacted the International Student Officer and will contact other SRC fellow members to hear from them about what topics should be approached, how the research should be conducted, etc.

I have contacted the Division of Academic and Student Engagement to express my concern about one issue that postgraduate students by coursework must face, the mandatory courses related to 'communication skills that only students without an Australian passport must take. This distinction from the study plan to locals and international students comes from wrong assumptions and affects the academic development of many students that have to miss other courses that could be more useful for their careers to take an imposed course.

On the 28th of February I have been part of a 'Postgraduate Networking Session' focused on engaging with new postgraduate students, listening to their questions, and sharing how I as the postgraduate officer (coursework) and in general the Student Representative Council can help them during their studies.

I have also been part of the first Admissions Committee of the year. As a new member of this committee, where we reviewed the current admission system, and the English proficiency requirements for international students. I shared my concerns with the current admission system, and the current issues for local and international students and always advocated in the best interest of students in general.

I look forward to working together with other fellow SRC members to make the university experience for postgraduate students and all students the best one possible.

Daniel Garcia Zapata

## Item 7.6: Social Justice Officer's Report – Mutaher Ishaque

Hello everyone,

My name is Mutaher. I am your Social Justice Officer for 2023.

This role is a great opportunity for me to be the voice of university students from diverse background and ethnic groups. I have had meetings with the women's officer and disability officer to discuss issues surrounding a diverse background of students. We will continue to work together in this regard throughout the year for the betterment of the university community.

I am still out of Australia till first week of March but in my online meeting with the Women's officer we discussed safer campus initiatives, amenities in the women's room and prayer room, and diverse cultural support.

I look forward to working with you all this year.

Thank you

Mutaher



## Item 7.7: Disability Officer's Report – Yuka Maruyama

### 1. Counter Guide Book for O'Week

I wrote an article about Disability Support – how to access this support and the silent places at university. The content about the silent places at the university was similar to Disability Illness Divergence Association UoA (DIDA), so we collaborated on that. However, the content about how to access disability support was not mentioned in this book although it is the most important for disabled students. That is why I am planning to make the chance to publish about that especially before semester 2 starts since there is a couple of new disabled students for sure. And, I will talk to disability support team and find what we can do to access this support easily and make better support for the students.

### 2. Disability Illness Divergence Association UoA (DIDA) meeting / Form service

I attended a meeting for Disability illness Divergence Association UoA (DIDA) on 31st January. I would like to keep in touch with them to collect information about what they need to make their university life better, and I will create a form to ask disabled students what they need. Based on this result, I would like to work out with disability support team. I will make that active in a couple of weeks.

### 3. Reasonable Adjustments to Learning, Teaching and Assessment for Students with a Disability policy working group

Currently, I am not in this working group. However, I heard they need feedback from disabled students, which is why they asked for help from DIDA, so I think I need to work on that as disability officer, I am talking to get involved with this working group as disability officer now.

### 4. Pushing the Australian Government to ensure that we have remote and in-person options for education – NUS

NUS Disabilities Officer messaged me to campaign about pushing the Australian Government to ensure that we have remote and in-person options for education. I am still in discussion with her now. Since some couple of students who have disabilities and illnesses can be hard to go to school every class, for them, I would agree with this campaign, however, as I am an international student, I have experienced suffering from online studies, so I will discuss with her about that included in these how to support students online and make sure the students who need online class can access this and no big difference education quality between in person and online. It will be quite a lot of issues and suggestions, so I will keep in touch with her and continue to discuss that. I will keep updating you all about that.

Yuka Maruyama

SRC Disability Officer

## Item 7.8: International Student Officer's Report – Yeganeh Soltanpour

International students report:

In a meeting with the minister of Education and Universities Accord, changes to visa and working conditions were announced, this is purely for your information, but staying updated on these matters, is important as some of these changes apply to Adelaide university courses especially. This is an extract from the announcement if the SRC see's benefit in posting an update on the Facebook group, I'm happy to make a post – however, this information has been communicated on many other channels, so I don't see a strict importance (this is up to the council on what they see fit).

One part of the extract, if this was to be posted it would need to be adjusted:

From 1 July, work restrictions for student visa holders will be re-introduced.

Student visa work restrictions were relaxed throughout the pandemic, and completely removed in January 2022 to allow primary and secondary student visa holders to work over their normal limit of 40 hours per fortnight to address workforce shortages. This will end on 30 June 2023.

From 1 July 2023, work restrictions for student visa holders will be re-introduced and capped at the increased rate of 48 hours per fortnight. This ensures that student visa holders can focus on obtaining a quality Australian education and qualification, while remaining able to support themselves financially, gain valuable work experience, and contribute to Australia's workforce needs.

End of extract.

### What should the SRC prepare for?

During the period of time where working hours were capped to 40 hours, the international student services/counselling services experienced an uptake in the number of cases involving the mistreatment of international students doing cash in hand work, there is a chance we might see a rise again. This may not be the case in our term, however, there is a possibility, and preparing for when we see a rise in the maltreatment of students is essential. Abuse of students ranges from withholding payments, being paid below their wages, having wages withheld unless they agree to do a certain number of shifts, physical and mental abuse/manipulation. There is still time to prepare, but I believe a releasing information on workers' rights for international students prior to the first of June would be appropriate. I'm happy to collaborate with any other officer or organisation at any level, and possibly utilising our own student media to dedicate one or two pages on what students' rights are, who to report ill treatment to, and resources available at university to help them.

Visa extensions:

Extract.

Extended post-study work rights are intended for international students graduating with degrees linked to workforce shortages in Australia.

Under the Temporary Graduate Work visa (subclass 485), the post-study 'stay and work' period for eligible graduates of listed qualifications will increase, as follows:

- Four years for bachelor's degree graduates, up from two years previously.
- Five years for master's degree graduates, up from three years previously.
- Six years for doctoral graduates, up from four years previously.

Full list : <https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/news/post-study-work-rights-extension-qualifications-announced>

### **What should the SRC prepare for?**

Over 89% of the courses listed are those offered by the university of Adelaide, we may see an uptake in the number of international enrolments over the next few semesters, as students prepare to take advantage of the new extensions. The issue is , with the current merger, the possibility of job losses, lower quality of courses and less educators to teach the courses (this is an assumption) , we may see an increase in the number of complaints and troubled students. It's too early to make any solid assumption yet, but If it comes to it, the consideration of increased enrolments and decreased quality of courses is a factor to consider.

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A 7.8 magnitude earthquakes has devastated Turkey and Syria, with the death toll showing no signs of slowing down. I've spoken to many students from Turkey with a few expressing losses of extended family. Based on talks I've had with the coordinator of intercultural events at pinnacle college, university staff, and affected students here's a few factors that were recommended we do as the SRC.

At the moment, the combined death toll is 47,244. With the holy month of Ramadan approaching, and many students being devastated by their loss, it was recommended that the SRC organise a vigil at the university to show their condolences, the date would most likely be after the holy month of Ramadan. It is recommended that the SRC may not have the capacity to hold a fundraiser for Syria and turkiye itself, therefore, the only appropriate method would be to invite one of the few fundraisers recognised by the UN that operates in Adelaide, they have confirmed that they are happy to send their volunteers to our fundraiser. There is no direct cost to having a vigil, other that the purchase of candles that we can donate to the fundraisers at the vigil, each candle can be purchased for \$1 or \$2 from the volunteers, which will be donated to the efforts to help those affected (a pack of about 100 candles is \$5 – so \$10 dedication of SRC funds, and maybe an additional \$20 to print materials that will be displayed at the vigil is requested – this doesn't need to be decided yet, and recommendations are welcomed) – any officer wanting to help is very much welcome to, the presence of many community leaders can also be organised, with many accepting to come if anything like this goes ahead).

For future consideration : the possibility of handing out juices/ tissues/ water as it may become an emotional event.

*Motions:*

1. The SRC make a statement of condolences to the students affected by the devastating earthquakes in turkiye and Syria (currently).
2. The SRC share a link to an authorised and recognised fundraiser for anyone choosing to want to donate (happy to adjust this/show evidence of how reputable this organisation is) additional statements to clarify that students have full choice on whether or not they want to donate being up to them can be added, as we don't want anyone to feel pressured.
3. The SRC accepts to hold a vigil for the lives of family students have lost , and those affected in Syria an turkiye after Ramadan.
4. The SRC accepts to invite an authorised speakers and fundraising agents to the vigil , and not attempt to collect any funds itself, and NO student bodies/fundraising agents, other than those invited by the main vigil organiser attempt to exchange anything physical for money even if it's for the purpose of donations.
5. (possible motion to clarify above : the SRC will vote on and accept the vigil organisers in the last meeting before the actual vigil, and no one maybe added after that SRC meeting is held).
6. A hold of \$30 be placed tentatively for the purchase of candles and images of those who's lives were lost to display at the vigil. (Students did say they will be bringing their own images as well just in case , and other members are welcome to display images as well.)

## Item 8.1 – International Women’s Day (Anjali Malhotra)

As the SRC Women’s Officer, I decided to create a point of contact for all students in the university community, especially female students. This form was discussed as being under progress in my first office bearer report in the first SRC meeting of 2023. The form is now completed, and with International Women’s Day coming up on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March (which will be in between meetings), I believe this is a good opportunity for me to introduce it to the university students through the SRC’s Facebook page and through posters that can be placed around the university for International Women’s Day, to encourage students to seek support that they feel the SRC may be able to provide by reaching out to me via the form. The form also contains an email contact using which female students can reach out to me with the assurance that the email is only accessible by the Women’s Officer.

I will also be able to provide a brief introduction to the form in the post by the SRC page to familiarise the students with my role and how they can access support, whilst also providing links to various external support organisations, helplines, and women services mediums, in both the online post and the physical posters. The physical posters can be placed in communal campus spaces, bathrooms, and YouX/SRC/Ask Adelaide offices.

I hope the SRC stands with my initiative to encourage female students to access support and have resources available via this effort.

Kind Regards,

Anjali Malhotra

SRC Women’s Officer

Link to Support Form - <https://forms.gle/gnqkL9FQEKCJ1RCQ9>

Email - [srcwomensofficeradelaideuni@gmail.com](mailto:srcwomensofficeradelaideuni@gmail.com)



## SRC Women's Officer - Support Form

Hi Everyone,

My name is Anjali and I'm the Women's Officer for the University of Adelaide Student Representative Council for 2023!

This is a Support Form that can help you get in touch with me regarding any issues/questions/concerns/queries that you may wish to seek guidance on. You can complete this form anonymously or fill in your student number and name (if you would like me to contact you/reach out to you regarding your concern).

I will be checking this space regularly to ensure I can support all students as best as possible through the SRC.

Thank you for taking the time to reach out!

Kind Regards,

**Anjali Malhotra**

**SRC Women's Officer 2023**

**University of Adelaide**

[srcpresident@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:srcpresident@adelaide.edu.au)

[srcwomenofficeradelaideuni@gmail.com](mailto:srcwomenofficeradelaideuni@gmail.com) (this email and this support form will only be accessible by the SRC Women's Officer to maintain the privacy of female students)

### Motions:

1. The SRC will share an online post on their Facebook page in recognition of International Women's Day on 8/3/23, with the post including a link to the SRC Women's Officer's Support Form, email contact, a statement encouraging female students to access the form throughout the year to obtain support, and links to authorised/official women's support helplines/organisations.
2. The SRC will provide \$30 to the SRC Women's Officer for the printing of posters that have the SRC Women's Officer's Support Form link, email contact, and a statement encouraging female students to access the form throughout the year to obtain support, to be placed around the University of Adelaide campuses.

### Item 8.2 – Trans Rights Protest (Leila Clendon)

Far right online personality Kellie-Jay Keen aka 'Posie Parker' is organising a demonstration against trans rights at Parliament House, with the rallying cry "let women speak."

Keen has connections with far-right groups such as the Proud Boys; the far-right Hungarian politician, Holocaust denier, and Islamophobe Hans Lysglimt Johansen; Canadian white-supremacist Jean-François Gariép; and American right-wing talk show host Tucker Carlson. She actively campaigns against transgender people having their gender recognised by the

state, against drag performances and against trans people using public bathrooms aligning with their gender. She compared schools letting trans kids use the correct bathroom to social engineering and called trans people and their supporters a ‘cult.’

In an attempt to build a right-wing movement around her transphobic politics, and build a bridge between the far right, conservative Christians and TERFs, Keen is touring Australia and New Zealand whipping up transphobia and bigotry. To fight against Keen spreading her far-right, transphobic ideology, a counter demo has been called. The protest aims to expose the links between Keen and the far right, to challenge the narrative that she is just a concerned feminist and to show supporters of her views that LGBTI people won’t just back down without a fight. As an organisation that is here to stand up for students’ rights, we need to be part of the fight against transphobia and support the rights of trans students on and off campus.

The protest is called for 12PM, Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. The Facebook event for the protest can be found here: <https://fb.me/e/2vjgRKq8k>

We aim at outnumbering the bigots. Nothing will halt the growth of an anti-trans movement in Adelaide like those that attend being completely demoralised by a vibrant, loud and large trans rights rally. It is also important to show trans students at this university that a large number of their classmates are disgusted by these ideas, and are willing to fight with them and defend them.

To get a rally like this, we need to actively promote it on campus. There’s no use in just promoting it through already existing networks. We want the movement to grow and continually increase the number of people willing to come out and fight for LGBTI rights.

To do this we need materials. Printing is one of the biggest costs in running any campaign. Below is a table of the costs to print 1,000 leaflets and 150 posters using the university printing. We can easily go through more than that through the course of a campaign. It is also important to have money available to print more materials if needed, because we don’t want to waste activist time calling the Greens and unions and begging for more resources or waiting for another SRC meeting if we find that we’ve run out of leaflets. We need to spend that time talking to students. This is why I’ve budgeted an extra 90 dollars. If this money is not needed, it won’t be used.

|                 | Cost per page | Cost per item | Total |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Colour leaflets | 40c           | 10c           | \$100 |
| Colour posters  | 40c           | 40c           | \$60  |

Anyone who will give lip service to standing up for trans rights but blocks resources for activists who are trying to build a movement to defend trans rights is a hypocrite who is complicit in the rise of the far right and transphobia.

*Motion:*

The SRC:

- Opposes the Australian and New Zealand tour of far right and transphobic British commentator Kellie-Jay Keen.
- Supports the protest on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March against Kellie-Jay Keen’s transphobic protest in Adelaide.
- The SRC supports the principle that organising amongst the widest layer of students possible is necessary to build a broad campaign, and to do this resources are needed.

Actions:

- The SRC will share the event for the protest against Kellie-Jay Keen on the SRC Facebook page with a short message about the importance of attending.
- The SRC commits up to \$250 for printing leaflets and posters for the protest.
- SRC members who support the motion will attend the protest where possible.





## Appendix 1: Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting (8 February 2023)

### 1. Procedural Matters

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

#### 1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

*Georgia acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.*

#### 1.2. Attendance

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

#### 1.3. Apologies

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

#### 1.4. Absences

Sebastian Thompson, Jia Ming Lai

#### 1.5. Adoption of Agenda

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

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

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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

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

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

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

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

#### 4. Correspondence

#### 5. New Members

#### 6. Motions on Notice

#### 7. Office Bearer Reports

### **7.1. President**

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

*Georgia delivered her report.*

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

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

### **7.2. Welfare Officer**

*Rafael delivered his report.*

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

*Anjali delivered her report*

### **7.4. Environment Officer**

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

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

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

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

### **7.6. Mature Age Officer**

*Tony delivered his report.*

### **7.7. Rural Officer**

*Report taken as read*

### **7.8. Waite Officer**

*Merlin gave a verbal report.*

## **8. General Business**

### **8.1 Environment NDA**

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

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

4. The SRC will co-host the Facebook event for the Adelaide action and promote the event on Facebook.
5. SRC representatives who support this motion will attend the event and help with its online promotion.

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

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

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

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

The motion now reads:

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

*Yeganeh left the meeting at 7:48pm*

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

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

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

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

**Amended motion is moved:**

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

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

## **8.2. Keep up the fight for LGBTI Rights**

**Motion:**

**The SRC:**

- Stands in solidarity with the Community Action for Rainbow Rights and the abuse survivors’ protests against George Pell.

- Condemns Don Farrell for openly showing support for Pell by attending his funeral instead of the protests happening at the same time.
- Opposes concessions to the far-right in the Religious Discrimination Bill allowing schools to teach that being LGBTI is a sin and fire teachers for being open about their gender and sexuality.
- Opposes the British Parliament's attempt to undemocratically shut down the Gender Recognition Bill in Scotland.
- Opposes the Australian and New Zealand speaking tour of far right and transphobic British commentator Kellie-Jay Keen.
- Supports the protest on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March against Kellie-Jay Keen's event in Adelaide.

Actions:

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

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

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

### 8.3. Condemn Israeli Massacre of Palestinians

The SRC:

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

Action Points:

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

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

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

Rafael moved an amendment to:

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

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

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

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

James moved his motion concerning invasion Day:

##### **The SRC:**

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

##### **Action Points:**

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

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

James was amendable to the amendment.

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

Billy's amendment is to remove point 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The SRC:**

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

**Action Points:**

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

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

### **8.5. Oppose Labor's Uni Merger**

James proposed his final motion for General Business:

**The SRC:**

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

**Action points:**

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

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

**Moved:** James Wood

**Seconded:** Leila Clendon

**Procedural Motion Carried**

### **9.1. Merger Forum Motion**

Leila proposed her final motion in Emergent Business.

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

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

MOTION LAPSES.

*Meeting Automatically closed at 9:00pm*