

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**



**Wednesday, 4th Oct 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

Provisional for reference only:

Georgia Thomas, Aiden Zeyang Wang, Veronica Yang, Daniel Garcia Zapata, Merlin Wang, Yuka Maruyama, Arnav Gupta, Rafael Aquino, Leila Clendon, James Wood. Shuhui (Tom) Zhai, Arnav Gupta, Hamish McNamara, Grace Franco, Tony Tu, Sana Vohra, Ruby Stewart, Yeganeh Soltanpour, Lani Bushnell, Yeganneh Solt

**Late:**

#### 1.3. Apologies

#### 1.4. Absences:

#### 1.5. Adoption of Agenda

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

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang      **Seconded:**      **Motion Passed/Failed**

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Motion:** That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting on the 2nd Aug 2023 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang      **Seconded:**      **Motion Passed**

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Action	Responsible	Status
Planning & Budgeting for Roseworthy Consultation	Georgia	Rescheduled and ongoing(Georgia will distribute 200-250 though executive)
Bank Handover	Georgia, Aiden and Kim	Ongoing
Letter to the University regarding Qiqi Haer	Wella Huang & Tom Zhai	Ongoing

### 4. Correspondence

### 5. New Members

The executive passed a circular resolution to appoint casual vacancies for:

- ATSI Officer - Jayde Thyer
- Ethnocultural Officer - Owen Ong

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang      **Seconded:**      **Motion Passed/Failed**

## **6. Office Bearer Reports**

### **6.1. President**

Motion within report :

The SRC resolves to amend the following sections of the Council Constitution, so they read:

- 7.b.7. - First Nations Officer
- 7.d.iiiiv. - To be First Nations Officer a person must identify as Australian First Nations.

**Moved:** Georgia Thomas      **Seconded:**      **Motion Passed/Failed**

- 6.2.** General Secretary
- 6.3.** Education Officer
- 6.4.** **Welfare Officer**
- 6.5.** **Women's Officer**
- 6.6.** Queer Officer
- 6.7.** **ATSI Officer**
- 6.8.** Disability Officer
- 6.9.** **Environment Officer**
- 6.10.** Postgraduate Officer – HDR
- 6.11.** Postgraduate Officer – Coursework
- 6.12.** International Student Officer
- 6.13.** Social Justice Officer
- 6.14.** **Ethno-Cultural Officer**
- 6.15.** **Rural Officer**
- 6.16.** **Mature Age Officer**
- 6.17.** Roseworthy Campus Officer
- 6.18.** Waite Officer

## **7. Motions on Notice**

## **8. General Business**

## **9. Executive Report**

N/A

## **10. Emergent Business**

N/A

## **11. Date of the Next Meeting**

## **12. Appendix**

- 12.1.** Appendix 1: Minutes of the Council Meeting (17th May 2023)

## Item 6: Office Bearer Reports

**There shall be reports at every meeting from the SRC President and all persons who have attended formal meetings on behalf of the organisation. Additional reports submissions are encouraged outside of the compulsory meetings.**

Reports are required from the General Secretary, Education Officer, Queer Officer, Postgraduate Officer – HDR, Postgraduate Officer – Coursework, Social Justice Officer, Disability Officer, International Officer **on every odd meeting.**

Reports are required from the Welfare Officer, Women’s Officer, Environment Officer, ATSI Officer, Ethno-Cultural Officer, Rural Officer, Mature Age Officer **on every even meeting.**

### Item 6.1: President’s Report – Georgia Thomas

#### **Disability Inclusion Action Plan Implementation Working Group**

The first meeting of the DIAP implementation working group occurred on 07/09. This group includes, amongst staff, myself and our Disability Officer, Yuka, along with student representatives from DiDA and postgraduate positions. The group aims to oversee and guide improvements to disability inclusion on campus and looks to undertake some really impactful and meaningful work to improve accessibility on campus over the coming months.

#### **Union House Student Reference Group**

Approval of Union House redevelopment plans have passed through the student reference group following our recent meeting.

#### **NUS Office Bearer Visits**

During the NUS Small and Regional Officer’s visit to South Australia we were able to show her both the North Terrace and Roseworthy campuses and discuss some of the key issues facing students at our satellite campuses. Thank you so much to Lani for hosting Cheyne out at Roseworthy!

#### **NUS Ethnocultural Conference**

I was pleased to attend the 2023 NUS Ethnocultural Conference that was hosted at UniSA over the past week. It was a well-organised conference and it was excellent to host students from other states in Adelaide for the week and discuss key issues facing ethnocultural, international and Indigenous students.

I was able to meet with the NUS General Secretary and discuss our recent reaffiliation and our participation at the upcoming national conference in December.

#### **Casual Vacancies**

We have now filled the casual vacancies for the positions of Ethnocultural Officer and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer.

### **Constitutional Amendment**

Motion:

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### **Referendum**

This is our final Council meeting prior to the Voice referendum. As per motions passed earlier in the year, I reiterate our support of a Yes vote, and encourage eligible council members to vote this way on Saturday October 14. For those ineligible to vote, please consider giving up some time to hand out cards on polling day - I can connect you with the right people to arrange this.

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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 6.1: General Secretary's Report – Aiden Zeyang Wang**

### **Report Submission and Attendance**

It's encouraging to note that most individuals have encountered no issues with my form thus far. However, I'd like to draw attention to a matter of concern – the recent decline in report submissions since our last meeting. I want to emphasize the significance of timely report submissions, particularly in relation to your respective portfolios.

**To reiterate, you can access the submission form here and I strongly encourage you to save this link to your browser as I will also use the same link for 2024 if you got re-elected:**  
[Form Link](#)

As of the time of compiling this agenda paper, here's an overview of the responses received thus far:

5. 04/10/2023 Position and Name (eg. General Secretary - Aiden Zeyang Wang)

[More Details](#)



4  
Responses

Latest Responses  
"President - Georgia Thomas"  
"Welfare Officer - Rafael Aquino "

6. 04/10/2023 Please Upload Your Report / Motion Below:

[More Details](#)

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Responses

Latest Responses  
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 Welfare Officer\_Rafael Aquino.docx

7. 04/10/2023 If you are Going to be Late or as an Apology please detail you reasons below:

[More Details](#)

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Responses

Latest Responses

Furthermore, I'd like to request that all reports be submitted in **WORD** format to facilitate ease of copying and pasting. PDFs, while appreciated, can be challenging to work with in this regard.

**Attendance Compliance:**

Lately, Georgia and I have observed an increasing number of absences. It's essential to underscore the importance of attendance for each of you as representatives, as well as the requirement outlined in the constitution, specifically under section 6(e)(iii):

"A person ceases to be a member of the association when: The Member is absent without leave at three consecutive council meetings or at six meetings throughout their term of office."

I would greatly appreciate it if you could review your attendance records against the master list below and promptly inform me if you suspect any errors in the recorded attendance.



ATTENDANCE		8th December	8th February	1st March	15th March	29th March	3rd May	17th May	31st May	2nd Aug	30th August	13th September	4th October
		Special Meeting	Meeting 1	Meeting 2	Meeting 3	Meeting 4	Meeting 5	Meeting 6	Meeting 7	Meeting 8	Meeting 9	Meeting 11	
President	Georgia Thomas												
General Secretary	Agastya Mudgal	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	ZW					
Education Officer	Grace Franco												
Welfare Officer	Rafael Aquino												
Womens Officer	Anjali Malhotra						LATE						
Queer Officer	Billy Zimmermann									DC			
ATSI Officer	Jayde Thyer												
Disability Officer	Yuka Maruyama									YM			
Environment Officer	Sebastian Thompson									AT			
Postgraduate Officer (HDI)	Jack Butcher												
Postgraduate Officer (Coi)	Daniel Garcia Zapata												
International Student Officer	Yeganeh Soltanpour							LATE					
Social Justice Officer	Mutaher Ishaque	MI	MI	MI				WH			LATE		
Ethnocultural Officer	Sana Vohra												
Rural Officer	Hamish McNamara							LATE			LATE		
Mature Age Officer	Tony Tu										LATE		
Waite Officer	Merlin Wang					LATE							
Roseworthy Officer	Claire Bensted							AG					
General Councillor	Leila Clendon												
General Councillor	James Wood												
General Councillor	Jia Ming Lai												
General Councillor	Tom Zhai					LATE		LATE	LATE				
General Councillor	Lani Bushnell												
General Councillor	Simranjeet Singh					LATE					LATE		
General Councillor	Veronica Yang												
General Councillor	Ruby Stewart												
KEY	Present												
	Apology												
	Absence												

That’s all from me now, thanks for reading this far and as always, as your General Secretary, I’m here to support you and the students anytime. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at: [a1837337@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:a1837337@adelaide.edu.au) or [aidenzeyang.wang01@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:aidenzeyang.wang01@adelaide.edu.au)

Kind Regards,

Aiden Zeyang Wang  
SRC General Secretary

### Item 6.4: Welfare Officer’s Report – Rafael Aquino

#### NUS Campaign

From further coordination with the NUS Welfare Department and the campaigns officer, there is an aim for there to be stalls to promote the Change the Age campaign to be on campuses Australia-wide from the end of the month.

There will be an organizing meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October which will take place online to further coordinate materials, talking points and general aspects of the campaign. Please reach out to me if you would like to participate or have any questions.

In unity,  
Rafael Aquino

### Item 6.5: Women’s Officer – Anjali Malhotra

As the Women’s Officer for 2023, I have been able to support students at the University of Adelaide in many ways. I am incredibly proud of the initiatives and achievements I have been able to accomplish alongside those of the collective SRC.

This is my final SRC report for my role as Women’s Officer and I would like to congratulate all newly elected incoming members of the 2024 SRC on their wins, I hope you continue to bring positive changes for the betterment of the university community.

I would also like to thank all those who have stood by me, supported me, and who voted for me when I was elected to my as the SRC Women's Officer – thank you for believing in my abilities and recognising my passion for this role. Congratulations to all the outgoing 2023 SRC members for all their achievements and hard work this year, the meetings have been interesting and meaningful, and I have enjoyed working with you all.

To all the female students I have been able to help, guide and support through my Empowering Women Initiative, to student community for whom we delivered the free period product promise, to all the students who donated to the charities for women's mental health and took part in our campaigns, and to all the passionate minds that attended female empowerment protests and events – thank you for raising your voice, taking your stand, and supporting women.

Finally, as Women's Officer, I am incredibly proud of the SRC and the representation of women through the SRC this year, and so, I would like to finish off by quoting Ruth Bader Ginsburg (a woman who fought for gender equality throughout her lifetime as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, USA) "Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. ... It shouldn't be that women are the exception."

Kind Regards,

**Anjali Malhotra**  
**SRC Women's Officer**

## **Item 6.7: ATSI Officer – VACANT**

N/A

## **Item 6.9: Environmental Officer - Adeline Tang**

SRC Environmental Officer Report

### **Global Issue: Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant**

#### **Introduction**

The Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, located on the east coast of Japan, experienced a catastrophic nuclear disaster in March 2011 due to an earthquake and tsunami. This report examines the environmental impact of the disaster, ongoing challenges, and the efforts being undertaken for recovery and clean up.

#### **Historical Context**

The Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, operated by Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings (TEPCO), suffered a triple meltdown following the 9.0 magnitude Tōhoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami on March 11, 2011. The disaster led to the release of radioactive materials into the atmosphere, soil, and ocean.

#### **Environmental Impact**

The disaster had wide-ranging environmental effects:

1. **Radioactive Contamination:** The release of radioactive isotopes, including caesium and iodine, contaminated air, water, soil, and marine resources.



2. Ecosystem Disruption: Radiation affected flora and fauna, causing shifts in local ecosystems and food chains.
3. Human Displacement: The disaster led to the evacuation of residents within a 20-kilometer radius and caused long-term displacement.

### **Ongoing Challenges**

Challenges persist years after the disaster:

1. Radioactive Water: The plant has accumulated vast amounts of contaminated water used for cooling the reactors. Disposing of this water, particularly tritium, remains contentious.
2. Decommissioning: The process of decommissioning the damaged reactors is complex, requiring innovative technologies and a long-term commitment.
3. Waste Management: Properly managing radioactive waste and contaminated materials is essential for preventing further environmental harm.

### **Recovery**

Multiple initiatives are aimed at addressing the aftermath of the disaster:

1. Decommissioning Plan: TEPCO outlined a multi-decade plan for decommissioning the reactors and removing spent fuel.
2. Containment: Efforts include constructing a sarcophagus-like structure around the damaged reactor buildings and using remote-controlled robots for cleanup.
3. Decontamination: Soil and vegetation in affected areas are being decontaminated to reduce radiation exposure.
4. Community Involvement: Local communities are being engaged in decision-making processes, and efforts are being made to restore normalcy.

### **International Impact**

The Fukushima disaster had profound implications beyond Japan:

1. Nuclear Safety: The disaster underscored the need for stringent safety measures, emergency preparedness, and clear communication in the nuclear industry.
2. Global Scrutiny: The incident sparked international debates on the role of nuclear energy and prompted countries to reevaluate their own nuclear power programs.

### **Conclusion**

The Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant disaster had far-reaching environmental consequences, highlighting the importance of safety, preparedness, and responsible management of nuclear facilities. Recovery and clean-up efforts are ongoing, requiring collaboration, innovation, and international cooperation. Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant will continue to shape environmental and nuclear policy for years to come.

I will continue to look into future environmental issues ensuring the protection, preservation and conservation at The University of Adelaide. Additionally, I will keep track and update towards the SRC regarding issues of the environment to be involved within the community.

That's all from me, thanks for reading as always, as your Environmental officer, I am here to support you and the students anytime. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [a1845176@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:a1845176@adelaide.edu.au)

Warm Regards,  
SRC Environmental Officer - Adeline Chi May Tang

**Item 6.14: Ethno-Cultural Officer – VACANT**

N/A

**Item 6.15: Rural Officer – Hamish McNamara**

Not Submitted

**Item 6.16: Mature Aged Officer – Tony Tu**

Not Submitted

**Item 7: Motions on Notice**

**Item 8. General Business**

N/A

**Item 10. Emergent Business**

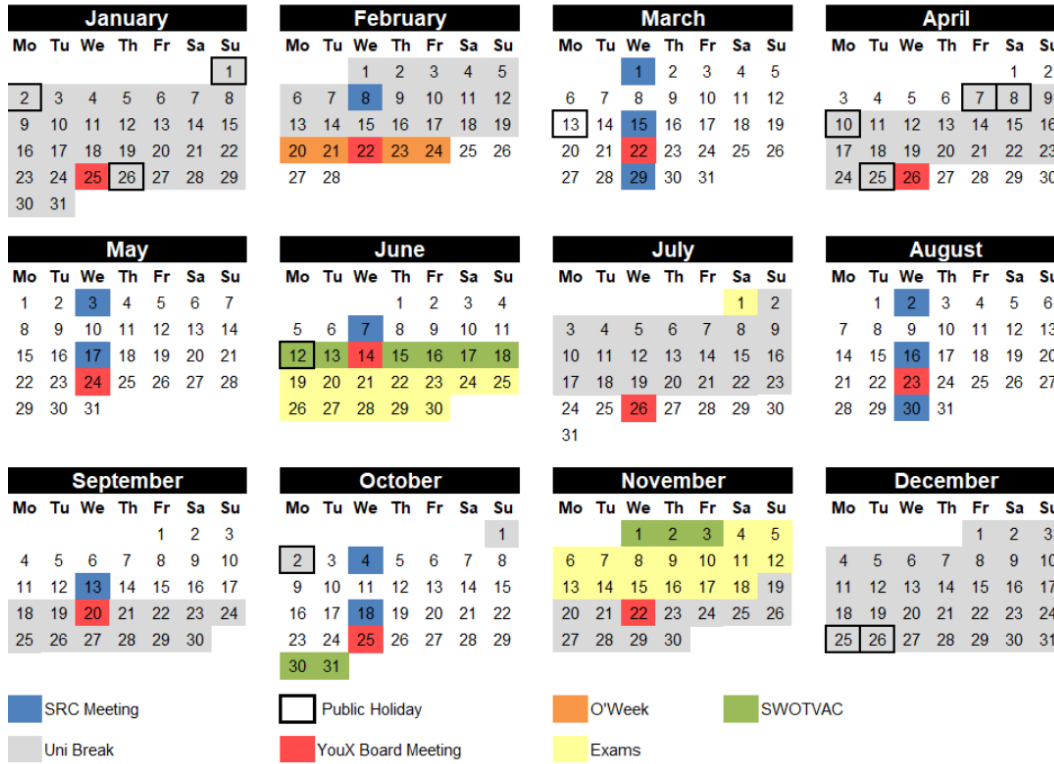
**All emergent business matters as detailed here must be provided in writing to the General Secretary within a reasonable timeframe following the agenda reports deadline. It is anticipated that all emergent business items be submitted to the General Secretary at least two days prior to the scheduled meeting. Any submissions beyond this timeframe will be considered at the discretion of the General Secretary and President, or alternatively, they will be included in the agenda papers for the subsequent meeting.**

N/A

**Item 11. Date of Next Meeting**

**The date and time of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 6:30pm at University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Hughes 322. In case of controversies, please refer to the below agreed timetable:**

## 2023 SRC + YouX Meetings



## 12.1 Appendix 1: Minutes of the Council Meeting (13<sup>th</sup> September 2023)

### Meeting in Hughes 322 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023

#### 1. Procedural Matters

*Georgia Thomas opened the meeting at 6:48pm.*

##### 1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Georgia acknowledged the owners of the land we were on as that of the Kaurna people.

##### 1.2. Attendance

Georgia Thomas, Aiden Zeyang Wang, Rafael Aquino, Jayde Thyer, Yuka Maruyama, Adeline Tang, Daniel Garcia Zapata, Wella Huang, Arnav Gupta, Merlin Wang, Leila Clendon, Veronica Yang.

##### 1.3. Apologies

Ruby Stewart, Anjali Malhotra, Yaganneh Solt, Jiaming Lai, Tony Tu, Hamish McNamara,

##### 1.4. Absences

Sana Vohra, Suhui (Tom) Zhai, Lani Bushnell, Simranjeet Singh Dahia,

##### 1.5. Adoption of Agenda

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

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang      **Seconded:** Arnav Gupta    **Motion Passed**

#### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Recommendation:** That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang    **Seconded:** Daniel Zapata    **Motion Passed**

#### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Action	Responsible	Status
Planning & Budgeting for Roseworthy Consultation	Georgia	Rescheduled and ongoing(Georgia will distribute 200-250 though executive)
Bank Handover	Georgia, Aiden and Kim	Ongoing
Letter to the University regarding Qiqi Haer	Wella Huang & Tom Zhai	Ongoing

Tom: Mentioned to Wella that he will will send something to Aiden Zeyang Wang ASAP regarding the Qiqi Haer letter.

- 4. Correspondence
- 5. New Members
- 6. Office Bearer Reports
  - 6.1. President

*Georgia Thomas passed the chair to Aiden Zeyang at 6:51pm*

Georgia did not submit a report, she mentioned the next report will be twice the length.

*Aiden Zeyang Wang passed the chair to Georgia Thomas at 6:52pm*

**6.2. General Secretary**

Aiden Delivered his report. Aiden reminded everyone about RUOK Day and further stressed that all reports and attendance submissions should be on the forms and that he will no longer take emails relating to these issues.

Aiden: invited Jayde Thyer at 6:54pm to present on ATSI matters and 'Yes' related matters.

**6.3. Education Officer**

VACANT

- 6.4. Welfare Officer
- 6.5. Women's Officer
- 6.6. Queer Officer

VACANT

- 6.7. ATSI Officer
- 6.8. Disability Officer

Daniel: read the report on behalf of Yuka.

- 6.9. Environment Officer
- 6.10. Postgraduate Officer – HDR

VACANT

**6.11. Postgraduate Officer – Coursework**

Leila: thinks that having more courses that are free is really good in general but the only concern is that pre-recording would be detrimental for staff.

Leila: recommended to split the motion to the first two and the last one separately.

Daniel: not opposed and open for suggestion .

Georgia: amendable to move this separately.

Motion amend: Point two from 'Merge Committee' to write to 'the University'

*Lost Quorum at 7:07pm due to wifi connection.*

*Gained Quorum at 7:09pm*

Motion within the report now reads:

The SRC:

- Recognize the great work of the University of Adelaide by giving free access courses (On Audit Track) to students all around the world through subjects like Maths, AI, and Programming on EdX <https://www.edx.org/school/adelaidex#programs>
- Encourage the University of Adelaide and all universities in Australia to offer more and better free, quality education through online platforms in order to contribute to a more equitable society.
- Call the University of Adelaide and all universities in Australia to offer recognition and not just access to the content for the courses available online. This way, worldwide learners can probe their skills and education endeavors.
- Call the University of Adelaide and all universities in Australia to identify the courses that could make a bigger difference for an equitable society and release these courses for online learners.

#### **Action Points:**

- The SRC will endorse and publicly share on its social media accounts the petition to provide free quality education through online platforms to contribute to a more equitable society.
- The SRC will write to the ~~merge committee~~ **the Univeristy** the petition to consider and include the compromise on building a more equitable society contributing with free education access to edge-tech courses.
- The SRC will write The National Union of Students (NUS) to extend this petition to all universities in Australia.

**Moved:** Daniel Zapata    **Seconded:** Arnav Gupta    **Motion Passed**

#### **6.12. International Student Officer**

Yaganneh did not submit a report.

#### **6.13. Social Justice Officer**

**Wella** Delivered her report

**Wella:** Expresses the need for swift access to period products all around campus.

**Georgia:** Mentions the availability of existing free products.

**Wella:** Highlights that some students still can't access them.

**Georgia:** Questions whether the university's installation of vending machines suffices, or if we require an additional solution.

**Wella:** Explains plans to acquire larger vending machines.

**Aiden:** Suggests discussing how Georgia can contribute to this initiative and explores the possibility of new ideas.

**Georgia:** Recommends connecting with the Student Life Team, expressing concerns about the redundancy of the current motion.

**Anjali:** Emphasizes the value of the initiative but cautions against wasting resources, given the effort already invested.

**Aiden:** Posits that Georgia may want to enhance the initiative.

**Leila:** Emphasizes the importance of university funding and raises uncertainty about the current funding status, suggesting that the union should not bear the cost if the products are meant to be free.

**Georgia:** Reminds the group that the university is paying for this.

**Anjali:** Voices concerns about the allocation of additional funds.

**Wella:** Highlights issues with access in the physics building and stresses the need for equitable access.

**Georgia:** Proposes discussing the implementation of new ideas with the Student Life Team

Wella withdrew her motion.

- 6.14. Ethno-Cultural Officer
- 6.15. Rural Officer
- 6.16. Mature Age Officer
- 6.17. Roseworthy Campus Officer
- 6.18. Waite Officer

## 7. Motions on Notice

## 8. General Business

N/A

## 9. Executive Report

The executive passed a circular resolution to appoint casual vacancies for:

- ATSI Officer - Jayde Thyer
- Ethnocultural Officer - Owen Ong

## 10. Emergent Business

## 11. Date of the Next Meeting

The next SRC Meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Georgia Closed the meeting at 7:20pm.