

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Thursday 7th April 2022, 6:30pm

University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Hughes 322

<https://adelaide.zoom.us/j/89097626674?pwd=MHg0dG0ybEtrNWIZY1daSnkybjlDUT09>

Passcode: 798894

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 Kurna 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 of 24 March 2022 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

Moved: Billy Zimmermann **Seconded:**

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
Bank handover	Billy & Ana	Ongoing
Certify SGM Attendees	Billy	Ongoing
The SRC Social Justice Officer will publish a post on SRC social media that summarises Amnesty International's recent report and condemns Israel's oppression of Palestinians.	Tom Wood & FB Admin	
Publish a Facebook post asking the AUU to disclose information related to the rebrand of the AUU	Eddie Satchell & FB Admin	
The SRC will release a statement on the SRC Facebook page opposing opposition Labor's university merger plan.	James Wood and FB Admin	COMPLETE
A response to the NSSS is published on the SRC Facebook page after it is released that provides a summary of key issues and information.	Georgia Thomas and FB Admin	COMPLETE
that the SRC makes a post on its Facebook page linking the Roseworthy petition and outlining its importance.	Liam Johns and FB Admin	
The SRC will write to the Premier Peter Malinauskas and Labor's education	James Wood & Ana Obradovic	

spokesperson Blair Boyer expressing the SRC's opposition to their proposed university merger.		
---	--	--

4. Correspondence

5. New Members

6. Motions on Notice

7. Office Bearer Reports

7.1. President

7.2. General Secretary

7.3. Education Officer

7.4. Queer Officer

7.5. Postgraduate Officer (Research)

7.6. Postgraduate Officer (Coursework)

Motion: Remove the Maximum Cap of Hours Worked Attached to International Student Visas

The SRC notes:

- the significant threat of wage theft and exploitation that international students face in Australia;
 - the reluctance of international students to raise complaints or seek legal redress against their employer because of the precarious nature of employment international students face in Australia;
 - the threat of deportation for breach of visa conditions under Migration Act 1958 (Cth) s116(1)(b) is a significant driving factor for the precarious nature of employment for international students in Australia and a reason why international students fear lodging complaints regarding illegal work practices of their employer;
 - visa conditions 8104 and 8105 provide that international students can work a maximum of 40 hours a fortnight while a student's course is in session and that the Australian Government temporarily suspended this requirement in the context of the Pandemic because of what the Government describes as 'work shortages' or in other words because;
 - that the Australian Government has a duty of care to international students while studying in Australia and a duty to adopt policies which uphold Australia's employment standards;
 - that visa conditions 8104 and 8105 while active lead to the greater risk of exploitation and systematic underpayment of international students while working in Australia and thereby undermine the industrial law system of Australia
1. The SRC supports the removal of 40 hour a fortnight cap on international student work attached to international student visas.

2. The SRC President will seek the support from the SRC Presidents of Flinders University and the University of South Australia in relation to this policy. The SRC President will then write jointly with the SRC Presidents of the other noted South Australian universities to:
 - a. the Australian Federal Minister of Immigration and the Australian Federal Minister of Education; and
 - b. Study Adelaidenoting the position and requesting a response.
3. The SRC President will also write to the relevant officer of the University requesting their endorsement of the above.

Motion: The AUU to Repeal AUU Constitution Schedule 4 and Abandon the Proposed AUU Rebrand

Noting:

- The failure of the AUU under Oscar Ong to genuinely consult with the student body in developing the rebrand of AUU to 'Youx';
 - The failure of the AUU under Oscar Ong to disclose to the student body the cost of the rebrand development and future implementation;
 - The inconsistency that such a rebrand would have between the legal name of the AUU and its brand as well as confusion this would result in;
 - The history and established recognition of the AUU brand as it stands;
 - The overwhelming student opposition to the rebrand;
 - The rebrand being motivated by vacuous ideology and politics; and
 - The inherent absurdity of the proposed new branding and the discredit this would bring to the AUU,
1. The SRC opposed AUU Constitution Schedule 4 and the proposed rebrand of the AUU;
 2. The SRC supports the repeal of AUU Constitution Schedule 4; and
 3. The SRC President will write to the AUU President requesting the AUU Constitution Schedule 4 be repealed at the next meeting of the AUU and that the SRC President provide a response to the above points noted and that the SRC will publish the AUU President's response to this request.

7.7. Social Justice Officer

7.8. Disability Officer

7.9. International Officer

8. General Business

8.1. Demand the Malinauskas Labor Government Act for the Environment – Nix Herriot

Motion:

The SRC demands that the Malinauskas Labor Government:

1. Commits to free, publicly owned and green public transport in South Australia.
2. Act on it's stated opposition to the construction of a federal nuclear waste dump at Kimba on the Eyre Peninsula and rule out developing a nuclear industry in South Australia.
3. Act on it's commitment to grant world heritage for the Great Australian Bight.
4. Make salt mining companies responsible for environmental damage pay for the remediation of the St Kilda Mangroves
5. Act on the climate emergency, including supporting the rapid phasing out of fossil fuels.

Moved: Nix Herriot

8.2. Labor Must oppose the militarisation of Universities and their research – Ramon O'Donnell

Motion:

Demand that SA Labor opposes the militarisation of Universities and their research

8.3. Roseworthy and Waite Officers – Liam Johns

I hence motion that the SRC:

- Amends point 7.a.ii of the constitution such that subpoints 16 and 17 are added, with these points reading:

16. Roseworthy Campus Officer

17. Waite Campus Officer

- Amend point 7.d of the constitution such that subpoints XI and XII are added, with these points reading:

XI. To be Roseworthy Campus Officer, a person must be studying at least one subject at the university's Roseworthy campus.

XII. To be Waite Campus Officer, a person must be studying at least one subject at the university's Waite campus.

9. Emergent Business

9.1 Delegation of Authority

Motion:

The SRC Delegates authority to the SRC Executive until Thursday 28 April.

Item 7.1: President's Report – Ana Obradovic

SRC President's report

1. SGM name counting and social media

After double checking the names registered for the SGM, we found that 169, rather than 167, students attended the SGM on March 24th. This is an impressive result and proves that determined campaigning can push against the inertia of the student movement in Adelaide.

Social media posts were posted once we'd confirmed the wording of motions proposed by students on the day. They've been some of our most popular posts. Billy is in the process of sending these lists of names to the VC and AUU Board, as they are both targeted by student motions.

Campaigners have received messages from students invigorated by the process of democracy from below.

2. Student Engagement Committee and contact with faculty deans/executives

At the last SEC meeting, DVCA Jennie Shaw made it clear that School mergers would be investigated now that Faculty mergers were being finalised. When quizzed on this, she said such mergers had happened in the past because staff suggest them (for example, the Department of English, Creative Writing and Film) Any school mergers would have to be approved by herself and the VC, which, of course, gives them ultimate authority. I have emailed heads of schools for clarification on their policy re: school mergers, and whether any are being suggested now that Faculties have merged. I will update once I receive responses.

3. Correspondence of official funding cut from AUU

Our funding has now officially been cut until the end of our term in November 2022. The reason given is publicly discussing the funding agreement at the SGM. To respond this way in response to an official student intervention demanding the opposite speaks to the Progress/Young Liberal's disdain for student democratic will.

4. Appropriate social media monitoring policy update

This is ongoing. Any members with suggestions for appropriate policy should contact Mark Pace, Billy and myself.

5. Committees update

I received correspondence, after a long wait, regarding committee appointments. Instead of contacting me, representatives have already been put on each committee. I am in the process of negotiating our right to put our own reps on these committees.

6. Communication with USyd Education officer re: fundraising and USyd staff strike

The USyd Education officer has communicated that the Executive should be passing a substantial donation to us in the next week. This solidarity is important for us to continue resourcing campaigns. I communicated my support for their EAG's campaign to build solidarity amongst students for the USyd staff strike. They argue on FB:

As staff vote on whether to strike or not later in the semester, us students need to show real solidarity. Missing a day or two of class is not going to seriously impact your degree; but a day or two of workers shutting down the university will go a long way for staff to win their demands against university management. Us students ourselves are impacted by this fight-our learning conditions are improved by staff being less overworked, more secure in their jobs, and more well paid. And anyone who hates injustice and inequality, should be rearing to take action to support those struggling against the millionaire CEOs who run our university as a corporation.”

7. Petitioning for university divestment from fossil fuels in collaboration with Fossil Free UoA and Uni Students for Climate Justice

This past week I have organised stalls alongside socialists to build Fossil Free SA’s divestment petition. The response from students has been overwhelmingly positive. We are in a climate emergency, and it is stunning that our university feels confident enough to invest in and partner with the very industries profiting from creating climate disaster globally.

Yours sincerely,

Ana Obradovic

SRC President

Item 7.2: General Secretary's Report – Billy Zimmermann

Hi everyone,

It feels odd that the year is rolling on with it being almost one quarter over. These past few weeks have been moderately quiet for my General Secretary duties, but I have maintained regular contact with Ana and Mark.

SGM Verification

I am working on the list of attendees to the SRC's SGM, working to verify those who were there and not there. This is to ensure maximum adherence to procedure and ensure transparency, it is my intent to send this verified list to the AUU and University.

I will note that prior to passage of motions during the SGM, I moved a circular resolution which unanimously passed the executive allowing members to join via Zoom due to the escalating COVID cases.

Communication

I have remained open to communication from the University, SRC members and AUU Board members. If you have any questions or enquiries, I am more than happy to take them.

Casual Vacancy

The Mature Age Officer, AJ, is no longer an SRC member due to not being a student. I have begun thinking about the application process for this role. I hope to have this finalised by the end of break.

Item 7.3: Education Officer's Report – James Wood

Education Officer Report:

Cuts Update

The long awaited and much loathed faculty mergers officially came into effect on the 28th March. Without doubt, this will soon be followed by a second wave of staff cuts through school mergers within the faculties.

A new bunch of stats published by Frank Larkins in Campus Morning Mail provides more evidence of management's ulterior motives in pushing ahead with these mergers. From 2019 to 2021, UofA lost 8% of its total staff, including 15% of casual staff. These figures do not include either the latest round of firings due to the faculty mergers or the looming academic staff cuts. The key justification for these cuts were projections of declining enrolments leading to a major funding shortfall. These figures show that international student enrolments actually increased by 5% from 2019 to 2020. Yes, this might be only 5% but it completely rebuffs management's claims of a total funding crisis caused by plummeting enrolments during the pandemic. Domestic enrolments also increased from 2019 to 2020.

Larkins has observed that 'there is almost no correlation between the total staff losses shown in the figures and the percentage reduction in overseas student enrolments'. He rightfully connects the dots here, claiming that this is evidence of university managers using 'opportunistic strategic to determine their staff reduction policies'. This just confirms everything that we have been saying about how the cuts have been justified through fabricated claims of a funding crisis. Yet another reason to not trust a word coming out of Høj and co.

SGM:

The SGM last Thursday was a real resounding success. This has been the biggest student action on campus for quite some time now, drawing in at least 169 students. It was also most likely the first official SGM since the 1990s. All the main motions in the agenda (opposing the mergers, condemning the University Council and defending student democracy) passed unanimously. It was also great to see many students come up afterwards to raise their own motions to demand fossil fuel divestment, condemn academic wage theft and to defend

student media against AUU attacks. We can say with confidence that the grassroots democracy exercised by students at the SGM is a powerful mandate that represents a wider sentiment on campus. Even if we couldn't stop the mergers, student activism is now on a stronger footing to oppose future attacks on education and fight the corporate university, such as by campaigning for fossil fuel and weapons industry divestment.

Opposing Labor's Merger Plan:

At the previous SRC meeting, the council voted to express its opposition to the new SA Labor government's university merger plan. I have posted the motion with a preamble onto the SRC Facebook page. I will soon send of a letter expressing the SRC's position to the Premier Peter Malinauskas and to Blair Boyer, the Minister for Education, Training and Skills. We should take what is likely to be an ongoing issue very seriously. If Labor pushes ahead with the merger, it would be the single biggest attack on education in many years, almost certainly resulting in major job cuts, the axing of courses and more corporatisation. Defeating this will take determined campaigning willing to call out Labor's awful plan for the neoliberal disgrace it is.

Radio Appearance

Last Monday, I featured on the ABC Adelaide evenings show hosted by the legendary Peter Goers, together with the former socialist Education Officer Daniel Nesar to discuss the Green's new policy of abolishing student debt. Axing the debt sentence that hangs over the heads of students and of workers after graduation would go a long way in supporting ordinary working-class people. Most people have been handed the raw end of the deal for years now, with stagnant wage growth, cuts to public services and costs of living going through the roof. At the same time, the same billionaires who profit off a high-skilled workforce have doubled their wealth and university managers are raking in more cash from fee hikes. On the opposing side of the debate though, the Young Liberals wheeled in a tax lawyer and Burnside councillor. I can't think of a much better person to rail against giving students debt relief than a toff from the leafy suburbs. We also discussed the cuts at Adelaide Uni, the exploitation of international students as a revenue streams and government attacks on student unions.

Education National Day of Action

The National Union of Students has called a National Day of Action (NDA) for Free Education on the 13th April to demand better from our universities and the government. The NDA's key demands are for free education including debt abolition, secure jobs for casual staff, independent student unions and supporting staff industrial action.

James Wood

Education Officer

Item 7.4: Queer Officer's Report – Mat Monti

Student Wellbeing Meeting:

I've been in contact with Kansas (President of Pride Club) and Ollie (Queer Rep w/ DIDA). Ollie has organized for them, Kansas and me to have a meeting with Student Wellbeing this Tuesday (will update about this meeting in person). The meeting will cover Student Wellbeing's planned changes which aim to support Queer students, and they've requested that myself, Kansas and Ollie provide feedback as to whether their changes will actually fix the problems we've identified.

Petition update:

Given the above meeting, I've made the decision to hold off on the petition I mentioned in my last report. I believe it would more beneficial to wait and see what Student Wellbeing have planned so then I can better address the specific needs of the students beyond the changes student wellbeing currently have planned.

NSSS Response:

TW: Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment

As Georgia outlined last week, the results of the National Student Safety Survey were extremely revealing. Among the numerous findings of the NSSS, something that came to my attention as the Queer Officer was the amount of Gender Diverse students experiencing Sexual Assault or Sexual Harassment. Georgia has been gracious enough to work with Falie and I, to ensure that the three of us can lead the SRC's response to the findings of the NSSS and we've received a request from Nicola Venditozzi (Wellbeing Officer) to have a meeting to figure out how we can raise awareness of the steps for reporting Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at UoA.

Dr Duncan Memorial:

Kansas from Pride Club has begun organizing a memorial event for the anniversary of Dr George Duncan's Death. Kansas has asked me to help organize this along with a group of Queer Law Students, Feast Festival and others. I've offered them my help and any help the SRC is able to provide. I'll keep the SRC updated with the progression of this event and I'd really appreciate any members of the SRC who are able to attend the event to please do so.

In Solidarity,

Mat Monti (They/Them)

Item 7.5: Postgraduate Officer (Research) Report – Jack Crawford

The postgrad survey set up by me and Eddie has gathered 62 responses.

In his report Eddie is including a breakdown of the results, so I won't repeat all the details here. But I do want to emphasise a few things. Some of the most common concerns of respondents were related to academic support, financial support, cuts/education quality, and jobs. When asked "What do you believe the primary aims of the University of Adelaide are currently?", the most common response was some form of "to make profit". These results speak to the importance to the work the SRC is doing to oppose cuts and restructures. It highlights that the administration's priorities are harming all students and staff, including postgraduate researchers who made up the majority of survey respondents (it's also worth noting that roughly half of respondents are current or former university workers).

Below is a selection of postgrad testimony that highlights these themes. Obviously I can only include a small selection from a very large pool, but it will suffice to give you a picture:

"The university continues to cut funding to all services that support teaching staff and students. The mechanical engineering workshop for example is incredibly understaffed, the school of medicine's statistics support team no longer exists"

"The significant shrinking of key academic staff and the overloading of existing staff is the most immediately pressing issue. Secondly, the severe shortage of teaching, tutoring, or professional experience opportunities available for postgraduate students in my department - an issue I believe is directly related to the shrinking of staffing budgets. In my view, the prospect of graduating from a research postgraduate course without a meaningful opportunity to gain experience as an educator is unacceptable. I would happily trade 10+ CaRST hours for 1 hour of actual tutoring experience."

"Access to necessary resources, particularly texts via the library and interlibrary loans, which has become increasingly difficult over the past few years (especially in Humanities); concern about lack of sufficient support for students with different needs due to insufficient resources and understanding of a variety of needs, despite the best efforts of many staff members; concern about the lack of accountability for high ranking staff who sexually harass students/staff or otherwise abuse their position of power; concern about management of university making decisions about the future of the institution that go against the best interests of staff and students without the input of staff and students/ignoring the input of staff and students."

"PhD stipends are less than minimum wage (\$14/hour for a 40h week). Some PhD students don't receive a stipend at all. Many live below the poverty line with no Uni support and no spare time to work other jobs. Bullying and professional abuse is rife. A lot of exploitation of women and minority students."

"Stipend is below minimum wage, difficult to live on only \$500 a week, when rent takes up half of this, groceries a quarter of this and bills the remaining amount. Furthermore, for my course, it's pretty much assumed that you'll do 4 years of work, but funding does not reflect this. 92% of students in my course work for an extra year unpaid by the uni, but still producing papers that fulfil the Universities key performance indicators."

Respondents also raised a number of good suggestions and demands that I intend to raise with the University. Some of these include: expanding the library's institutional subscriptions and other resources for postgrads, free gym memberships for research students, greater rights and opportunities for casual workers, and more support for parents (such as parenting leave and child medical leave for postgrads).

Item 7.6: Postgraduate Officer (Coursework) Report – Eddie Satchell

2022.04.07 - Postgraduate (Coursework) Officer Report

Postgraduate Student Survey and Consultation Meeting

As noted in my previous report, the SRC Postgraduate (Research) Officer and I conducted a student survey to identify the primary concerns of the postgraduate student body. Subsequent to the survey, the SRC Postgraduate (Research) Officer and I also hosted a zoom consultation meeting with the postgraduate student body.

The survey was sent to all Higher Degree by Research students through the Adelaide Graduate Centre newsletter and distributed directly via faculties. No direct communication method with postgraduate coursework students appears to exist via the faculties which made communication with this group difficult.

Respondents:

There were 70 respondents to the survey which is a reasonable level of engagement. The significant majority of respondents were research postgraduate students.

There was a balance of respondents across faculties with all faculties represented. There was a balance of students by length of study at the University. Around half of the respondents had not completed undergraduate or previous studies at the University.

The survey did not ask for students to identify gender, age, or whether they were an international or domestic student, and as such these variables are not accounted for.

The survey was largely qualitative; students were asked to provide an open response to various questions regarding their experience at the University. To better organise and review these responses, categories were attached to each response according to general categories that appeared from reading the responses.

The primary concerns raised related to the following categories:

- Academic and study supports;
- Financial support while studying including scholarships;
- University cuts and quality reduction;
- Research infrastructure including technology and journal access.

Other concerns raised related to:

- Inclusion (for example for non-city, disability, mature, and intentional students);
- Job supports;
- Lifestyle/study balance

The primary areas students thought the University could change to better support postgraduate students related to:

- Staffing and cuts;
- Stipends, scholarships, and research funding;
- Community

Concerningly a majority of students viewed the current primary aim of the University was 'to make a profit'. Regrettably, a minority of respondents had heard of or engaged with the SRC and AUU previously.

Further suggestions included:

- Dedicated postgraduate study spaces in each faculty;
- Greater postgraduate community support;
- Free gym membership for research students;
- Access room for disabled students (this was in line with SRC policy adopted this year and further supports that policy)
- Dedicated and improved mental health services;
- Better resourced libraries including librarian supports and reversing cuts to libraries and library resources;
- Casual worker rights;
- 'Make university about teaching again'.

Some of these findings support existing SRC projects such as advocating against wage theft. Beyond this, we will use these survey results to inform the postgraduate officer agenda for the remainder of the year. Particularly, I would like to develop a better platform and community for postgraduate students including an online platform in line with numerous student suggestions.

I will look to develop a summary of these reports in graphic and table format to provide to the SRC Executive for publishing on the SRC Facebook page.

Wage Theft

Previous Matters

I am continuing to follow up and engage with the University Administration regarding the motion the SRC passed on 09 December 2021 regarding the endorsement of the Final Report of the Select Committee on Wage Theft in South Australia Recommendation 33 which reads:

33. Universities have an obligation to teach students about Australia's industrial relation system and employee rights and responsibilities and should use University funded organisations such as Study Adelaide to fulfill this requirement.

After initially refusing to provide a position regarding the above on the basis that the Legislative Council did not formally adopt the Select Committee Report, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor has arranged to meet with me on 26 April 2022 to discuss the Recommendation as well as the steps the University is taking or will take to address the above.

I have reaffirmed that the SRC has requested the University of Adelaide endorse Recommendation 33.

Matters Arising

I note the Marc 2022 report of the Senate Economics References Committee titled 'Systemic, Sustained and Shameful: Unlawful Underpayment of Employee's Remuneration'.

This report identified that there are significant concerns across the university sector regarding underpayment of workers. This was particularly acute due to the exceptionally high levels of casualisation of workers at the University. I again note that many students of the University of Adelaide, particularly postgraduate students, are also employees of the University. I also note the likely increase of the casual workforce at this University due to ongoing staff cuts and mergers as well as the further work pressures these cuts and mergers place on staff.

The SRC must should engage with the University, students who are or have been employees of the University, the NTEU, as well as other relevant groups to address this issue and demand the University to a proactive role in eliminating any wage theft or underpayment which may be occurring at the University.

The report can be found here:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Economics/Underpaymentofwages/Report

Edward Satchell
SRC Postgraduate (Coursework) Officer

Motion: Remove the Maximum Cap of Hours Worked Attached to International Student Visas

The SRC notes:

- the significant threat of wage theft and exploitation that international students face in Australia;
- the reluctance of international students to raise complaints or seek legal redress against their employer because of the precarious nature of employment international students face in Australia;
- the threat of deportation for breach of visa conditions under Migration Act 1958 (Cth) s116(1)(b) is a significant driving factor for the precarious nature of employment for international students in Australia and a reason why international students fear lodging complaints regarding illegal work practices of their employer;

- visa conditions 8104 and 8105 provide that international students can work a maximum of 40 hours a fortnight while a student's course is in session and that the Australian Government temporarily suspended this requirement in the context of the Pandemic because of what the Government describes as 'work shortages' or in other words because;
 - that the Australian Government has a duty of care to international students while studying in Australia and a duty to adopt policies which uphold Australia's employment standards;
 - that visa conditions 8104 and 8105 while active lead to the greater risk of exploitation and systematic underpayment of international students while working in Australia and thereby undermine the industrial law system of Australia
4. The SRC supports the removal of 40 hour a fortnight cap on international student work attached to international student visas.
 5. The SRC President will seek the support from the SRC Presidents of Flinders University and the University of South Australia in relation to this policy. The SRC President will then write jointly with the SRC Presidents of the other noted South Australian universities to:
 - c. the Australian Federal Minister of Immigration and the Australian Federal Minister of Education; and
 - d. Study Adelaidenoting the position and requesting a response.
 6. The SRC President will also write to the relevant officer of the University requesting their endorsement of the above.

Motion: The AUU to Repeal AUU Constitution Schedule 4 and Abandon the Proposed AUU Rebrand

Noting:

- The failure of the AUU under Oscar Ong to genuinely consult with the student body in developing the rebrand of AUU to 'Youx';
- The failure of the AUU under Oscar Ong to disclose to the student body the cost of the rebrand development and future implementation;
- The inconsistency that such a rebrand would have between the legal name of the AUU and its brand as well as confusion this would result in;
- The history and established recognition of the AUU brand as it stands;
- The overwhelming student opposition to the rebrand;
- The rebrand being motivated by vacuous ideology and politics; and
- The inherent absurdity of the proposed new branding and the discredit this would bring to the AUU,



4. The SRC opposed AUU Constitution Schedule 4 and the proposed rebrand of the AUU;
5. The SRC supports the repeal of AUU Constitution Schedule 4; and
6. The SRC President will write to the AUU President requesting the AUU Constitution Schedule 4 be repealed at the next meeting of the AUU and that the SRC President provide a response to the above points noted and that the SRC will publish the AUU President's response to this request.

Item 7.7: Social Justice Officer's Report – Tom Wood

Social Justice Officer's Report

I attended the Student General Meeting at the Barr Smith Lawns on Thursday March 24. I introduced and spoke to a motion demanding that the university immediately divest from fossil fuels. This received unanimous support. I have since been in contact with members of Fossil Free UofA to discuss where the divestment campaign goes next now that their divestment petition has been widely. I plan to meet with the SRC Environment Officer Nix Herriot soon to discuss the same topic.

Item 7.7: Disability Officer's Report – Falie Klieve

Falie's report will be provided to members closer to the meeting time.

Item 7.8: International Officer's Report – Dhuruva Padmanabhan

I've been talking to Mat about organising an International Student night the SRC could host to engage International Students and also encourage a sense of community with International Students. I've never planned an event like this before so if anyone is interested in helping with organising and planning the event I'd appreciate the support. My basic idea is to have a shared dinner vibe, with different cultural groups bringing in their foods to introduce one another to different cultures and cuisines, as well as having games and fun activities.

I'd like the event to be an opportunity for International students to not only engage with one another but also the SRC and understand what work we do and how we can help with during their time at University.

I'm also interested in having meetings with other SRC reps where possible to help get their help when our duties overlap.

Regards,

Dhuruva

Item 8.1 Demand the Malinauskas Labor Government Act for the Environment – Nix Herriot

See attached document

Item 8.2 - Labor Must oppose the militarisation of Universities and their research – Ramon O’Donnell

Preamble:

As the global arms race has intensified over the last decade, South Australian universities have become increasingly militarised. Between 2011-2020, global arms expenditure rose 9.3% to nearly \$2 trillion dollars in 2020. In the same time, Adelaide University has strengthened its ties to the defence industry through research partnerships and graduate programs with companies such as BAE systems, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon. The current conflict in Ukraine represents an opportunity for the university to strengthen these ties even further, as the same companies see a business opportunity for increased profits amongst the bloodshed and horror of the Russian invasion, and in the broader drive to war between nuclear powers both in eastern Europe and the Indo-Pacific. In the second platform in its policy on higher education, SA Labor emphasises that

“South Australia’s higher education sector must be actively engaged with local industry and business to optimise local investment, commercialisation of research and economic growth”

This approach to education as something to be directed by the wants of industry is exactly what has driven the increased militarism within Universities. Further, Malinauskus has already shown interest in developing nuclear industry in South Australia with specific reference to the AUKUS treaty, something that would necessarily involve University research into nuclear enrichment that has the potential to be used in the development of nuclear weapons.

Instead of this, the new state Labor government should oppose the militarism at Adelaide University. Historically the Australian labour movement has a strong tradition of being anti-war and anti-militarism; such as in WW1 when conscription was defeated by mass working class movements led by the IWW, or in its opposition to the Vietnam war.

The SA Labor government should stand with students and call for the full funding of universities such that the direction of higher education is not tied to whatever makes the most profits, particularly when that means funnelling students into industries whose sole purpose is destruction and loss of life for the benefit of imperialist states.

Motion:

Demand that SA Labor opposes the militarisation of Universities and their research

Appendix 1: Minutes of the Previous Meeting (24 March 2022)

Meeting in Hughes 322 Thursday 24th March 2022

1. Procedural Matters

Ana Obradovic opened the meeting at 6:30

1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Ana acknowledged the owners of the land we were on as that of the Kurna people.

1.2. Attendance

Ana Obradovic, Billy Zimmermann, James Wood, Ulian Cox, Georgia Thomas, Mat Monti, Nix Herriot, Jack Crawford, Ramon O'Donnell, Wendy Yu, Dhuruva Padmanabhan, Liam Johns, Tom Wood, Falie Klieve

1.3. Apologies

Eddie Satchell, Henry Southcott, Frankie Ciampa, Chanel Tresize, James Dimas, Marilee Hou, AJ Francotirador, Alicia Turner, Steph Madigan

1.4. Absences

1.5. Adoption of Agenda

Procedural Motion: That the agenda be adopted as circulated

Moved: Billy Zimmermann **Seconded:** Georgia Thomas **Motion carried**

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Recommendation: That the SRC accept the minutes of the meeting of 10 March 2022 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1).

Moved: Billy Zimmermann **Seconded:** Ulian Cox **Motion carried**

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

ACTION	PERSON	STATUS
Bank handover	Billy & Ana	Ongoing
Posting the text of the Ukraine Motion	Facebook Admins	COMPLETE
The SRC Social Justice Officer will publish a post on SRC social media that summarises Amnesty International's recent report and condemns Israel's oppression of Palestinians.	Tom Wood & FB Admin	Ongoing

4. Correspondence

5. New Members

6. Motions on Notice

7. Office Bearer Reports

7.1. President

Ana handed over the chair to Billy Zimmermann at 6:33

Billy handed over the chair to Ana Obradovic at 6:35

7.2. Welfare Officer

Ulian took most of his report as read noting a few items of importance.

7.3. Women's Officer

Georgia delivered her Women's Officer report going into detail on the release of the National Student Safety Survey results. She noted an email she has sent to the University requesting that they release their university specific report.

Recommendation: A response to this report is published on the SRC Facebook page after it is released that provides a summary of key issues and information.

Moved: Georgia Thomas **Seconded:** Mat Monti **Motion Carried**

Recommendation: The SRC hosts an event or dedicated space where students can directly contribute and provide feedback on how we can take action to improve campus safety in the wake of the NSSS report release.

Moved: Georgia Thomas **Seconded:** Mat Monti **Motion Carried**

7.4. Environment Officer

Nix delivered their report following up on items in their report last fortnight as well as the Global Climate Strike.

That the SRC:

1. Endorses and encourages students and staff attend the Adelaide Global Day of Climate Action on 25 March
2. Supports the central demand of Fridays for Future to prioritise #PeopleNotProfit.

Moved: Nix Herriot **Seconded:** James Wood **Motion Carried**

7.5. Ethno-Cultural Officer

Marilee was an apology; her report was taken as read.

7.6. Rural Officer's Report

- Remove ‘premier-elect’ and replace with ‘premier’
- Remove ‘Susan Close’ and replace with ‘Blair Boyer’

Amendable to mover

Amended motion put put.

The SRC:

1. Calls for Labor to drop its planned establishment of a University Merger Commission.
2. Calls for Labor to commit to a tuition free and fully publicly funded university model.
3. Opposes university mergers in principle, acknowledging that they are measures intended to entrench the corporatisation of universities by giving management more scope to implement cuts and generate bigger profits through obtaining research funding.

Action points:

1. The SRC will release a statement on the SRC Facebook page opposing opposition Labor’s university merger plan.
 2. The SRC will write to the Premier Peter Malinauskas and Labor’s education spokesperson Blair Boyer expressing the SRC’s opposition to their proposed university merger.
 3. The SRC commits to supporting potential campaigns and actions to oppose the merger.
- Moved:** James Wood **Seconded:** **Motion carried.**

Ana handed over the chair to Billy Zimmermann at 7:08

8.2. The new state Labor government must reverse job losses at UoA in defence of our right to quality education

Motion:

- The SRC demands that the new state Labor government commit to reversing job losses at Adelaide University to prevent deterioration of our education quality
- The SRC demands the new state Labor government cap the VC’s salary to the average university worker’s salary.

Amendments proposed by Ulian Cox:

- Remove point 1 and replace it with ‘The SRC requests that the new state government and their federal counterparts commit to fully funded universities.

Moved: Ulian Cox **Seconded:** Georgia Thomas **Amendment failed**

- Replace ‘average university workers salary’ with ‘level of the state premier’

Moved: Ulian Cox **Seconded:** Georgia Thomas **Amendment carried**

Motion moved in amended form:

- The SRC demands that the new state Labor government commit to reversing job losses at Adelaide University to prevent deterioration of our education quality
- The SRC demands the new state Labor government cap the VC's salary to the level of the State Premier.

Moved: Ana Obradovic

Seconded: James Wood

Motion Carried

Billy handed chair over to Ana Obradovic at 7:25

Ana handed the chair over to Billy Zimmermann at 7:27

Ana made a statement regarding unacceptable comments on the SRC page that have come up recently. Ana said that genuine political debate is always a good thing but that some behaviour recently has been unacceptable. She gave an update of working with the SRC Administrator to find a best practice in handling abusive comments of bullying nature.

10. Emergent business

Billy Zimmermann closed the meeting at 7:30