

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Thursday, 30 November 2023, 7:00 PM

University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Hughes Lecture Theatre 309 & Zoom

SCM Minutes 30/11/2023

1. Procedural Matters

Georgia Thomas opened the meeting at 7:14pm.

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, Yuka Maruyama, Adeline Tang, Yeganeh Solt, Wella Huang, Merlin Wang, Shuhui (Tom) Zhai, Veronica Yang, Owen Ong, Jiaming Lai,

Late:

Simranjeet Singh Dahia – 7:19pm, Leila Clendon – 7:24pm

1.3. Apologies

Lani Bushnell

1.4. Absences

Anjali Malhotra, Jayde Thyer, Daniel Garcia Zapata, Hamish McNamara, Tony Tu, Arnav Gupta, Ruby Stewart.

Georgia Thomas acknowledged there is one item for today's meeting and passed the chair to Aiden Zeyang Wang at 7:15pm

Aiden screen shared the item to members online and in person, acknowledging the petition was received validly and that enough notice was given according to the constitution.

Aiden asked Merlin to speak to the petition and the attached regulation to the council members (Appendix 1).

Aiden opened the opportunity for questions regarding the regulation.

No questions were raised and Aiden read out the motion submitted:

Motion: That the SRC adopts the Student Representative Council (Adelaide) Regulation Concerning Elections (Appendix 1).

Moved: Merlin Wang **Seconded:** Shuhui(Tom) Zhai Merlin Wang **Motion Passed**

The motion to adopt a regulation requires an absolute majority of members. This motion received 12 votes in favour out of a total SRC Membership of 22 so was resolved in the affirmative.

Aiden Zeyang Wang passed the Chair to Georgia Thomas on 7:26 pm.

Georgia mentioned there's no additional items for discussion according to the petition received by members.

Georgia Thomas closed the meeting on 7:27pm.

Appendix 1 : Student Representative Council (Adelaide) Regulation Concerning Elections

Student Representative Council (Adelaide) Regulation Concerning Elections

1. Authority
 - a. A regulation enacted pursuant Section 14.g of the SRC Constitution to provide guidance on the conduct of Elections
2. Purpose
 - a. To provide guidance and governance to the SRC on the operation of annual elections.
3. Definitions
 - a. Definitions in Clause 2 of the SRC Constitution are applicable to this Regulation
 - b. Constitution shall mean the Constitution of the Student Representative Council (Adelaide) Inc
 - c. 'Election Rules' shall mean the AUU Rules Concerning the Conduct of Annual Elections, By-Elections, and Referenda.
 - d. 'YouX' shall mean the statutory body called the Adelaide University Union
 - e. 'Annual Election' shall mean the election held in conjunction with YouX to elect Board Directors and SRC Members.
 - f. 'Election Tribunal' shall mean the tribunal appointed by the YouX Board to oversee the Annual Elections
 - g. 'Declaration of the Poll' is the final declaration of the Annual Election Results by the YouX Returning Officer
4. Interpretation
 - a. Interpretation of this Regulation is within the jurisdiction of the President, pursuant to the authority of Council.
5. Timeline
 - a. The SRC Elections shall be held concurrently with elections to the YouX Board.
 - b. The timetable set out in the Election Rules shall apply for the SRC Elections.
6. Requesting the Annual Election
 - a. The SRC President shall make a request to the YouX Executive Officer and YouX President in writing no later than Monday ten weeks before the Annual Elections. This application must state the positions to be elected and any relevant eligibility requirements for those positions.
 - b. The SRC President shall request that all Council positions be taken to an election in addition to any other relevant elections for bodies the SRC is an affiliate of.
7. Conduct of elections
 - a. For the annual elections held concurrently with elections to the YouX Board, the SRC delegates authority to the YouX Returning Officer, and Election Tribunal.
 - b. For the filling of vacant positions outside of the Annual Elections, the SRC shall be responsible for their governance according to this regulation and the Casual Vacancy Regulation.
 - c. After the Declaration of Poll, the YouX Election Tribunal's involvement with the Annual Elections shall end and the SRC will be responsible for the filling of any vacancies.
8. Voided elections
 - a. If the Election Tribunal declares any part of the elections for SRC Positions void insofar as there is no candidate elected, it is the responsibility of the incoming SRC to fill this position in accordance with the Casual Vacancy Regulations.
 - b. In the case of a voided election resulting in less than half of the Council positions being vacant on the first day of the new SRC's term, for the purposes of the SRC Constitution, it shall be treated as a vacancy.

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9. Election to multiple positions
 - a. In the event a candidate is elected to more than one position on the SRC, the candidate shall, within 30 business days following the Declaration of the Poll, inform the newly elected SRC General Secretary in writing of their decision to retain only one of the elected positions.
 - b. The candidate's notification must explicitly state the position they choose to retain.
 - c. The non-preferred position(s) will be vacant as of the start of the SRC's term on 1 December.
 - d. Failure to notify within the stipulated period will result in automatic forfeiture of all elected positions, and such positions shall be deemed vacant.
 - e. The vacant position(s) shall be automatically filled by the next highest polling candidate(s) on 1 December, from the most recent election at the time the vacancy arises and who shall hold office until the expiry of the term of the Student Elected Officer(s) / Councillor(s) who is replaced.

10. Presidential and General Secretary Vacancies
 - a. In the event where the position of SRC President is not contested, vacant due to disqualification, or otherwise unoccupied, the General Secretary shall assume the role of Acting President.
 - b. If both the SRC President and General Secretary are not contested, or otherwise unoccupied, the council shall appoint an Acting President from the members of the Executive.
 - c. The Acting President shall exercise the powers and duties of the President, subject to limitations defined in the SRC Constitution or as determined by the council.
 - d. This arrangement shall remain in effect until the incoming council appoints a new President, in accordance with the SRC Casual Vacancy Policy.
 - e. After the appointment of the SRC President, the Acting President must facilitate a transition period not exceeding 7 days.
 - f. The role of Acting President ceases after the transition period and the General Secretary will continue to act within their prescribed duties according to the constitution.