



**Adelaide
University
Union**

Adelaide University Union
Board Meeting Agenda
September 2021

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Mission, Vision and Values

Vision

Our belief is that an educated, engaged and passionate community can change the world for the better.

Mission

The Union strives to enrich the student experience by ensuring:

- I. that the student voice is heard and valued;
- II. that the full range of student communities is fostered and engaged;
- III. the health, safety and wellbeing of students which allow for development, both individually and collectively.

Values

Our values lie at the heart of what we do and our commitment to these principles will allow for our individual differences to be overcome.

- Accessible Education

The Union recognises that education is one of the most powerful determinants in a person's life and that it must be accessible for all students regardless of social or economic status.

- Diversity

The Union recognises that within the student community there are many communities defined by gender, ethnicity, faith and economic status, etc. Each community possesses a unique student experience and we value, embrace and promote that diversity.

- Partnership & Community

The Union believes that the University experience will be richer for students if it includes interaction with a broader range of community partners, whether they be social, cultural, sporting, charitable or business.

- Professionalism

The Union recognises that the task of representation requires the highest standards of ethical behaviour, efficacy, and service, as well as management and professional skills all aimed at delivering benefits for students.

- Democracy

The Union is committed to a student organisation governed by the students of the University of Adelaide and seeks to foster and strengthen democratic decision-making processes.



Adelaide University Union Board Meeting Agenda

For the meeting on 8th September 2021

Boardroom at 6pm

1. Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners and Apologies **CQ**

We would like to Acknowledge that the land we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their Country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest **CQ**

That all directors and officers in attendance declare that they have read and considered all papers within this agenda that require decision making and have no known conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest with respect to those matters.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting **CQ**

Recommendation:

That the Board accepts the minutes of the meeting of 11th August as a true and accurate record.

4. AUU President's Report **CQ**

5. SRC President's Report **OO**

6. Honoraria Rule

OO

Recommendation:

Regarding the power granted in Clause 20 of the AUU Constitution concerning Rules, this Board resolves to:

Add:

Section 7. Suspension of Honorarium and Other Benefits

The board may suspend any Honorarium and/or Other Benefits of the student elected representatives. This could be but not limited to: failure of carry out their duties and/or reasons of misconduct.

and authorises the EO to alter the Master Copy accordingly.

7. Clubs Administration Policy

OO

Recommendation:

Regarding the power granted in Clause 21 of the AUU Constitution, this Board resolves to:

Add:

Clause 11.5. Clubs (except faculty, course based, invite only clubs), must accept any students as their members provided they have follow through the appropriate application process. Reasons of rejection/cessation of a student's clubs membership application are only limited to: reasons of proven misconduct and/or they present as a potential physical threat to other club members and/or unable to pay for the prescribed membership fees.

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8. Any Other Business

9. In-Camera Items

10. Close:

Next Meeting: 6pm 13th October

Close of Submissions: 6th October

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Chuyue (Angela) Qin (CQ)

Oscar Zi Shao Ong (OO)



Adelaide University Union Board Meeting Minutes

For the meeting on 11th August 2021

Ingkarni Wardli B18 at 6pm

Present:	
Chuyue (Angela) Qin (President)	Simone Bannister (Observer)
Isaac Trumble (Vice-President, Student Media Committee Chair)	
Stella Woo	
Yoong Aun (Andrew) Lai (Executive, Clubs Committee Chair)	
Oscar Zi Shao Ong (Executive)	Apologies:
Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung (Executive)	Matt Monti
Billy Zimmermann	Absence:
Ivan Jankovic	
Gary Sutherland (Observer)	Minutes Secretary:
Michael Physick (Observer)	Jing Soong Goh

Meeting started at 6:08pm.

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3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

CQ

Recommendation:

That the Board accepts the minutes of the meeting of 14th July as a true and accurate record.

Billy Zimmermann mentioned that Dr. Pepper's price noted should be 2.5 instead.

Moved: Oscar Zi Shao Ong

Seconded: Isaac Trumble

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4. AUU Rebranding

SB

The Board moved in-camera to discuss this item for its commercial in confident nature at 6:10pm.

The Board moved ex-camera at 6:51pm.

Ivan Jankovic entered the room at 6:52pm.

Isaac Trumble and Stella Woo left the room at 6:52pm.

5. AUU President's Report

CQ

Chair was passed to Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung at 6:52pm. Chuyue (Angela) Qin delivered her report.

Isaac Trumble and Stella Woo entered the room at 6:53pm.

Chair was passed to Chuyue (Angela) Qin at 6:56pm.

6. SRC President's Report

OO

Oscar Zi Shao Ong delivered her report, specifically addressed the faculty representative issue.

Billy Zimmermann asked about the review of academic freedom policy mentioned. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that motivation for the review was for the university to be more aligned with the French freedom of speech code.

7. Clubs Committee Chair's Report

Yoong Aun (Andrew) Lai took it as read.

Chuyue (Angela) Qin would like to note that the club committee is on-track on spending the budget.

Billy Zimmermann asked if the budget for club grant would be increased next year, which was met with a positive answer. Gary Sutherland added that more grants would be allocated this year from excess in budget in other areas.

8. Any Other Business

Billy Zimmermann wished to move a motion for AUU to take a stance that the university budget cuts should not be instated if any students would be impacted.

Chuyue (Angela) Qin asked how would 'no student is impacted' be measured and defined. Oscar Zi Shao Ong suggested for this motion to be submitted to the SRC instead.

Billy Zimmermann wished to move a motion for AUU to call for the Vice-Chancellor to take a pay cut to the same level of the SA premier.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong suggested again that this is for the SRC. He added that the Vice-Chancellor's wage is determined by the University Council, and he has asked the Vice-Chancellor if he is open to a pay cut, to which the latter agreed.

Billy Zimmermann raised that the SASH training was good and should be expanded to the student media directors as well, since they are in positions of power. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that he should have raised this with the Student Engagement Committee, and this could be investigated.

Billy Zimmermann raised that the "Things to do at Adelaide U" Facebook page wishes to collaborate with the AUU. Chuyue (Angela) Qin suggested them to email her.

9. In-Camera Items

CQ

10. Close:

The meeting was closed at 7:21pm.

Next Meeting: 6pm 8th September

Close of Submissions: 1st September

Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Chuyue (Angela) Qin (CQ)

Oscar Zi Shao Ong (OO)

Simone Bannister (SB)

Yoong Aun Lai (YL)

To: AUU Board
Subject: AUU President's Report
Date: 01/9/2021

First of all, good job for getting through election week, and congratulations to all representatives provisionally elected! Hopefully you will all do a good job next year in representing students.

I attended the quarterly CRS board meeting with Gary and Kathryn.

I have attended the academic board meeting. A range of issues were discussed, such as the university's plan of including a selective placement course for every degree in line with the graduate employability framework.

As mentioned in the last meeting, the AUU has received the new SSAF agreement from the university. In which, there is a 1% increase in the amount of SSAF (from 35% to 36%), lower than what we advocated for. Moreover, the contract would be longer than a single-year. We were slightly disappointed of the absent of SSAF meeting where services such as University Sports and AUU would present SSAF allocation plan for future years.

Finally, it's good to see our new front-of-house location being welcomed by students and hosted by students. Events have already been occurring in the space and I hope we could make use of the space more.

Yours Sincerely,
Chuyue (Angela) Qin
AUU President

To: AUU Board
Subject: SRC President's Report
Date: 01/09/2021

1. University Restructuring

The university announced that provisional approval to the reduction in the number of faculties from five to three was given by the university's council, subject to the outcome of the staff consultation process required by the University's Enterprise Agreement. I have lobbied for the university to keep students informed every single step of the process and ensure full transparency of the university's plans. Another of my key advocacy has been the student experience must not be impacted, if not better, for any changes that come about, which now has been listed as one of the priorities of the university.

One of my main missions is to ensure that the student voice is heard and valued. I am particularly concerned about the lack of student consultation aspect in the council's provisional approval. Although it has been promised that students experience remains one of the top priority, students must be included as part of consultation. The council must also be presented students opinions through thorough consultation process while making their final decision. Thus, I am asking for assurance from the university council to ensure the following:

1. Another student forum to outline the key changes of the faculty mergers.
2. Students to be engaged throughout the consultation process.
3. Continued transparency throughout the university's consultation process.
4. Students' consultation results be part of the consideration of the final decision making.

The students experience remains the main priority of the advocacy of the SRC. In order to do so, we will continue our constructive approach to engage with university through different mediums to ensure the students best interest are looked after and hold them accountable for any decision that will impact students.

2. Issues in Rural Campuses

I visited the rural campuses recently to hear students concerns. Students want better mental health support and restoration of certain facilities and practicals on campus. I have raised the issues with university and have numerous conversations with them. I am actively actioning the item to ensure an outcome is achieved for these students.

3. Access to Lower Levels of Hughes from North Side of Campus

Students raised that the door to Barr Smith South on level 2 is locked, making it a longer trip to get from Hughes level 1 to the north side of campus. I was told the door

was returned to swipe access to prevent general access (I believe because of low visibility and is a remote location) to ensure the safety of students and staff.

4. Assessment and Feedback Strategy

“The Education Pillar Plan under Future Making commits the University to improving the educational outcomes of assessment across our portfolio, including through review of our use of final exams and of the balance of formative and summative assessments in our courses. This commitment remains pertinent post-2020 and to our renewed focus on uplift of the student learning experience and outcomes in a rapidly evolving and increasingly competitive higher education environment. Earlier this year, the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Learning), at the request of the Vice-Chancellor, initiated a strategic planning initiative with the aim to arrive at a set of principles, goals and priority actions that would respond proactively to sector challenges and opportunities in assessment, and that would drive and support uplift at institution level. Sector-wide, the Covid-response ‘online pivot’ experience of 2020-21 has catalysed debate around the purposes and practices of assessment. There is an emerging consensus on the need for change. Recognising the critical role assessment plays in shaping learning behaviours, experiences and outcomes, it is a timely moment for Adelaide to use our 2020-21 experience as a springboard for assessment and feedback review and clear direction-setting for enhancement.”

The goals for the project is to:

To ensure all students experience assessment tasks that are authentic to practice in the discipline and align with academic, professional and employer expectations.

To avoid assessment overload and maintain an effective balance between formative and summative assessment.

To design assessment programmatically, to ensure students can demonstrate progressive attainment of program learning outcomes.

To integrate assessment and feedback literacy development into student learning, in all of our academic programs.

To promote the development of students’ digital capabilities through assessment and feedback and benefit from the affordances of digital tools and technologies.

To ensure strong assessment security measures are in place for summative assessments that are critical to demonstrating program learning outcomes.

I have raised several important points preliminarily, including, the assessment for students needs to be new and cannot be recycled from previous years, the importance of workings when assessing students especially ECMS.

5. International Student Return Plan

I have advocated for this heavily and following up on the issue regularly. One of the major constraints is the federal government has restricted their approval for the plan to be only proceeding when there is no state lockdown. The possibility of removing the constraint is now being investigated.

6. National Student Safety Survey (NSS)

An all student email from the Vice-Chancellor is now being sent regarding the NSS. The University of Adelaide will again be participating in the National Student Safety Survey, which will be run independently through the Social Research Centre on behalf of all Australian universities. A random sample of 10,000 students at our University, selected by the Social Research Centre, will be invited to participate in the survey, which will run from Monday 6 September to Sunday 3 October. All information collected by the Social Research Centre will be confidential, de-identified and aggregated. Invitations and follow up reminders will be sent from the Social Research Centre directly to students via email and/or text. All students who are selected are strongly encouraged to participate, whether or not they have experienced sexual violence, coercion or harassment of any kind. The Social Research Centre is also running a project for any students who would like to share more about their experience of sexual harassment, sexual assault or unwanted sexual behaviour. It is open to all current students, as well as students who have been enrolled at an Australian university in the past five years. The survey will provide the University with important information that will give us a thorough understanding of what is happening in our student community and help us to build on the work we have undertaken since the last survey in 2016. Support is available from University Counselling - 8313 5663, or after hours - 1300 167 654 or texting 0488 884 197. Our Safer Campus Community page has information about the survey, and on where students can seek support and assistance. More information about the survey can be found on the Social Research Centre's website.

7. Extra Desks

Students raised the need for extra tables in the student room 108a Hartley. I raised the issue to university and the issue is now resolved.

8. Prayer Room Electrical Fault

Students raised the issue with me that the socket wasn't working again. I have raised the issue with the university and is fixed within 24 hours. The swipe card access is also fixed.

9. Online Lectures Issues

I have been accepting complaints regarding online lectures and have been meeting with relevant course coordinators and head of schools to resolve the issue. I have now resolved all issues raised to me.

10. ProctorU

I have started a petition to call for all ProctorU exams to be replaced by f2f exams. There is a strong call from the medical students for their ProctorU exams to be moved f2f.

Yours Sincerely,
Oscar Zi Shao Ong
SRC President