



## Adelaide University Union Board Meeting Minutes

For the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Boardroom at 6pm

<b>Present:</b>	
Chuyue (Angela) Qin (President)	Nick Birchall (Observer)
Isaac Trumble (Vice-President, Student Media Committee Chair)	Mat Monti
Stella Woo (Zoom)	Chas Davis (Observer)
Yoong Aun (Andrew) Lai (Executive, Clubs Committee Chair) (Zoom)	
Oscar Zi Shao Ong (Executive)	<b>Apologies:</b>
Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung (Executive)	
Billy Zimmermann	<b>Absence:</b>
Ivan Jankovic (Zoom)	
Gary Sutherland (Observer)	<b>Minutes Secretary:</b>
Michael Physick (Observer)	Jing Soong Goh

*Meeting started at 6:03pm.*

### **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**

Nick Birchall entered the room at 6:03pm. A group of students also tried to enter the Boardroom.

Chuyue (Angela) Qin informed them of the CoVID capacity restriction and invited them to join in via Zoom, the link was provided to Nick Birchall in her reply to his email on the day.

Billy Zimmermann suggested a procedural motion. Oscar Zi Shao Ong asked the student observers to leave the room first so that the CoVID restriction can be maintained per SA Health regulations.

Students exited at 6:06pm.

Billy Zimmermann moved a procedural motion.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the board relocate the meeting to Napier G03.

**Moved:** Billy Zimmermann

**Seconded:** Mat Monti

Oscar Zi Shao Ong dissented the motion on the ground of the room not being booked.

**FAILED**

Matt Monti would like their name to be changed to “Mat”, so it is more gender-neutral.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Board accepts the amended minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> August as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Isaac Trumble

**Seconded:** Oscar Zi Shao Ong

**CARRIED**

### **4. AUU President’s Report**

**CQ**

Chair was passed to Isaac Trumble at 6:09pm. Chuyue (Angela) Qin took her report as read.

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## 5. SRC President's Report

OO

Oscar Zi Shao Ong delivered his report.

Ivan Jankovic and Chas Davis entered the room via Zoom at 6:12pm.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong mentioned that in the Student Engagement Committee meeting, the DVCA proposed potentially more funding to the AUU for extra perks for fully vaccinated students to encourage vaccination. He mentioned that the AUU has to be cautious as to not discriminate students who cannot receive vaccines.

## 6. Honoraria Rule

OO

Oscar Zi Shao Ong explained that the incentive for this motion is to ensure student representatives are being responsible to their roles. He mentioned that the Board by default has the power to decide on as well as move all budget items.

Billy Zimmermann questioned whether the honorarium would be for the “regular” or “other” type, and raised concerns of the motion being overbearing and targeting and of the Board overstepping in SRC affair, especially since the elected representatives next year are “rivals” of the majority of the board.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong disagreed and mentioned the case of student representative took the honorarium paid in bulk then leaving the position. He would like to introduce this rule as a further safe-keeping measure.

Chuyue (Angela) Qin explained that given the wording of the motion, it would cover both “regular” and “other” honoraria. She further disputed Billy Zimmermann’s claim of the motion targeting next year’s student representatives, citing that the returning officer’s report has not been finalized and the list of provisional elected representative isn’t even out. She clarified that the rule would in fact be governing Oscar Zi Shao Ong’s as well as her honoraria at the moment.

Billy Zimmermann questioned about the classification of “misconduct” mentioned in the wording and definition of “failure of carrying out their duties”. Oscar Zi Shao Ong explained that the rule states all the wording and policies are interpreted by the AUU president, but the board can reject the interpretation through a vote. Ultimately, the Board would be determining whether the person(s) receiving honoraria is fulfilling their duties or not.

Billy Zimmermann asked if the AUU can provide any amount of dollar to the SRC, including 0 dollars, to which Gary Sutherland confirmed.

Billy Zimmermann further ask where would the money be directed if the SRC president's honorarium is cut. Oscar Zi Shao Ong said that the money stays within the SRC, but board's approval would be required to reallocate the money. Gary Sutherland added that motions could be submitted to the finance committee (the executive committee by default).

Nick Birchall commented that the board could abuse the power of interpreting misconduct. Oscar Zi Shao Ong disagreed and said that the board is accountable to the students ultimately. Chuyue (Angela) Qin added that the definition of misconduct from the president could be challenged by the board, as well as the university tend to refer matters regarding misconduct back to the board before deciding.

Nick Birchall suggested a third-party tribunal similar to the student media tribunal. Mat Monti agreed and said that it would enable a fairer and more sensible findings. Oscar Zi Shao Ong agreed to looking into this rule change in the future.

Michael Physick added that about 11 years ago, an independent tribunal was formed in the removal of the president of PGSA.

Chuyue (Angela) Qin put the matter to a vote.

**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 carrying out their duties and/or reasons of misconduct.

to the Rule Concerning Honoraria, and authorises the EO to alter the Master Copy accordingly.

**Moved:** Oscar Zi Shao Ong

**Seconded:** Isaac Trumble

Billy Zimmermann and Mat Monti dissented the motion.

**CARRIED**

**7. Clubs Administration Policy**

**OO**

Oscar Zi Shao Ong amended the motion to the following wording:

**Recommendation:**

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

Add:

Clause 11.5. Clubs membership shall be open to all interested students in the University of Adelaide.

and authorises the EO to alter the Master Copy accordingly.

Oscar Zi Shao Ong explained that the incentive of this motion is to stop some clubs from rejecting genuinely interested students for their own benefit, and the rule addition would allow the clubs admin to have authority when dealing with such situations. He said that this would also stop students from ‘stacking’ clubs by only admitting friends and rejecting others. This clause was also taken directly from the draft club constitution being provided to all clubs.

Billy Zimmermann felt that the wording of the motion is ineffective since it is very broad, and it is infringing the clubs’ autonomy.

Isaac Trumble agreed with the motion being too broad and expressed concerns for clubs with specific ideologies and identities, such as religious clubs.

Gary Sutherland reminded that the correct procedure is for the motion to be discussed in the clubs committee. He added that the board should ensure no clubs discriminate but the current motion might not reflect that.

Ivan Jankovic raised that the motion should be discussed in clubs committee and with AUU staff. Chuyue (Angela) Qin added that the motion has been amended and provided the new wording through Zoom. Ivan Jankovic asked for the aim of this motion, to which Oscar Zi Shao Ong repeated his earlier points.

Billy Zimmermann further questioned the definition of “interested students” and how to identify them with an example of him joining the liberal club.

Chuyue (Angela) Qin concluded the discussion as Oscar Zi Shao Ong agreed to table this motion to the clubs committee. Gary Sutherland reminded the board that its role is to provide administrative help to clubs.

## 8. Any Other Business

Nick Birchall asked whether the motion will be tabled to the clubs committee, to which Chuyue (Angela) Qin replied that Yoong Aun (Andrew) Lai, the chair of clubs committee, would be in charge of putting it in the agenda.

Nick Birchall demanded Yoong Aun (Andrew) Lai and Chuyue (Angela) Qin to promise that the item is included and asked Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung for her opinion on this. Chuyue (Angela) Qin raised that Nick Birchall cannot “demand” this to happen and her “promising” this motion to be included has no impact whatsoever.

Chuyue (Angela) Qin named Nick Birchall at 6:55pm.

Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung asked him to leave and expressed her discontent towards him demanding for her opinion. She said that it was rude for Nick Birchall to do so out of the blue in a very inconsiderate way.

Nick Birchall said that he is at least happy to hear that Yi-Ruei (Esther) Hung “has a voice”.

Chuyue (Angela) Qin asked Nick Birchall to leave again and warned him to be more respectful to board directors.

Nick Birchall left the room at 6:58pm.

## 9. In-Camera Items

*The board moved in-camera at 6:58pm.*

*The board moved ex-camera at 7:08pm.*

## 10. Close:

*The meeting was closed at 7:08pm.*

**Next Meeting:** 6pm 13<sup>th</sup> October

**Close of Submissions:** 6<sup>th</sup> October

## Persons Responsible for Agenda Items:

Chuyue (Angela) Qin (CQ)  
Oscar Zi Shao Ong (OO)