

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**



**Monday, 29 April 2024, 6:00 PM**

**University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Ligertwood 113**

**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:

Aiden Zeyang Wang, Briana Symonds-Manne, Xenon Lane, Valeria Caceres Galvez, Sage Jupe, Domin Joseph, Alex Bastiras, Ashraf Bin Abdul Halim, Nix Herriot, Lashhanth Dhevaraju, Jake Ford, Olivia Aston, Akshay Kumar Agarwal, Jocelyn (Yiyan) Zhang, Lani Bushnell, Louis Jiang, Yang Zhang, Afser Hussain, Binu Arundi Rajasuriya, Soraya Rezaee, Robin Wood, Alec Tedesco

**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 meetings 18 & 28 March 2024 as a true and accurate record (Appendix 1 & 2).

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang

**Seconded:**

**Motion Passed**

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Action	Responsible	Status
Posting of Campus Kitchen event Initiative	Aiden Zeyang Wang	Completed
Posting of Casual Vacancies	Aiden Zeyang Wang	Completed
Interview for Casual Vacancies	SRC Executives	Completed
Clarification on how much Money in the SRC Bank Account have been carried over from 2023	Aiden Zeyang Wang	Continuing

Clarification on How much funds do we have for 2024 in the SRC Bank Account	Aiden Zeyang Wang	Continuing
Write a letter regarding 7.2 and Send to the president for posting.	Sage Jupe	Continuing

#### 4. Correspondence

#### 5. New Members

Jayden Thyer – ATSI Officer  
Edward Archer - General Councillor  
Oscar Harding – Rural Officer  
Saahib Panesar – Environmental Officer  
Jayden Squire – Disability Officer

The Council in the SCM on 28/03/2024 decided to pass a motion to accept all new recommendations by the executive.

#### 6. Office Bearer Reports

##### 6.1. President

6.1.1. Motion: That the President circulate the form on the SRC Facebook page to invite student submissions.

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

6.1.2. Motion: That the President posts the casual vacancy on the SRC Facebook page and proceed with filing this casual vacancy according to the SRC Policy.

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

6.1.3. Motion: that the SRC accepts the content of the letter for the President to post on Social Media

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

6.1.4. Motion: that the President posts this initiative on the SRC fakebook page to promote this initiative.

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

##### 6.2. General Secretary

N/A

##### 6.3. Education Officer

##### 6.4. Welfare Officer

##### 6.5. Women's Officer

##### 6.6. Queer Officer

6.6.1. Motion: George Duncan Memorial Event

**Moved:** Sage Jupe      **Seconded:**      **Motion Passed/Failed**

##### 6.7. ATSI Officer

##### 6.8. Disability Officer

##### 6.9. Environment Officer

##### 6.10. Postgraduate Officer – HDR

**6.10.1. Motion:**

1. The SRC rejects the recent filling of casual vacancies and will reopen these positions.
2. The SRC censures SRC President Aiden Wang for misconduct and flouting democratic procedures.

**Moved:** Nix Herriot

**Seconded:**

**Motion Passed/Failed**

**6.11. Postgraduate Officer – Coursework**

**6.12. International Student Officer**

**6.13. Social Justice Officer**

**6.13.1. Motion that The SRC:**

1. Condemns the federal Labor government's increased military spending.
2. Understands that increased military spending is not in the interests of students or workers, but only the capitalist class.

**Moved:** Alex Bastiras

**Seconded:**

**Motion Passed/Failed**

**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 (18 March 2024)

**12.2.** Appendix 2: Minutes of the Special Council Meeting (28 March 2024)

## **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 – Aiden Zeyang Wang**

Dear Council members

Firstly, I am both humbled and exhilarated to share with you in the recent Student Council by-election, with a landslide victory, securing 64% of the total votes—nearly doubling the combined total of the other candidates—the polls have sent a clear message: our university is ready for a presidency that champions inclusivity, diversity, and actionable leadership.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for believing in the vision we share for an exceptional student experience. Your voice, amplified through your votes, has reaffirmed our belief in a Student Representative Council that transcends brainless activism and focuses on meaningful, student-centered leadership. This isn't just my victory; it's ours—built on the foundation of our collective aspirations for a university that genuinely embodies the welfare and interests of all its students rather than unrelated and distanced activism that has no impact on the students we represent.

Now in the wake of our refreshed and re-energized return from the mid-semester break, I trust that you are all geared up to navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead with renewed energy. We have taken stock of our strategies and resources, aiming to enhance the quality of education and course offerings at our esteemed University of Adelaide.

As we chart the course for the future, the Student Representation Working Group has been a place for productive collaboration. I have also had the privilege to continue engaging with student and staff representatives from UniSA and USASA to further plan our student representative structures in both institutions. I am optimistic that we can reach an agreement within both institutions that not only ensures a smooth transition to the new institution but also the best possible student representation. The recommendations have been constructive for the formation of governance and policymaking at the new institution. As we move closer to the creation of the new university, it's crucial to start discussions on how student representation can be structured in our new institutions to ensure sustainability and effectiveness in representing the broader student cohort.

The Food Pantry Initiative, which I mentioned previously, is transitioning from concept to reality. We're in the final stages of preparation with the Infrastructure Team, and the launch is imminent. This initiative is a testament to our dedication to tackle food insecurity head-on, and it is just one of the many ways we're ensuring that the SSAF fees are utilized to directly benefit our student life on campus.

In the coming weeks, be on the lookout for more initiatives that will bolster our university's commitment to disability inclusion, diversity, employability, and above all, a presidency that not only listens but acts diligently for the betterment of your university experience. We're poised to foster an even stronger sense of belonging, ensuring that every student can proudly say they feel heard and supported.

Together, we will enact the changes we have promised, ensuring that the vibrancy of student life is not just maintained but flourishes. We are here to amplify your voice in every room where decisions are made, and I am here, steadfast in my commitment to deliver a tangible and positive impact for our community.

### Action Item from YouX Board meeting

Last week at the You X Board meeting, board members engaged in an extensive debate on the proposed trimester offerings at the university and whether this change would benefit students. Various perspectives were presented both for and against the proposal. Along with the board, we have decided to formally request submissions from students or representatives on their opinions regarding trimesters. These submissions will significantly influence the SRC's stance on the matter and will also inform the You X Board as they consider whether to take a stance on trimester offerings for students, a topic I will actively present to them.

To facilitate informed opinions, I have created a link for any university student to submit their views supporting, opposing or abstaining from trimester offerings. These submissions will be included in the next SRC meeting for member consideration. I will encourage the council to then form a viewpoint on this matter, which I will then report back to the You X Board for further consideration down the track.

Please find the following link for your consideration and for sharing to other students before 9 May 2024:

<https://forms.office.com/r/wAgmygT541>

#### **6.1.1 Motion: That the President circulate the form on the SRC Facebook page to invite student submissions.**

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang

**Seconded:**

**Motion Passed/Failed**

Last Friday, I've been formally advised that the Election Tribunal has declared the election results and I have now officially been elected to the position of SRC President. With this being finalised, I will need to declare the position of General Secretary Vacant and for it to be advertised based on the casual vacancies policies.

#### **6.1.2 Motion: That the President posts the casual vacancy on the SRC Facebook page and proceed with filing this casual vacancy according to the SRC Policy.**

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang

**Seconded:**

**Motion Passed/Failed**

At the last council meeting, the council approved to release a public statement against transphobia. I have received the submission from the queer and I now bring this to the council for the approval for its content:

## **“Statement Against Transphobia and Bigotry Adelaide University Student Representative Council**

Over the past few months students have witnessed a disturbing increase in the spread of bigoted posters and stickers specifically targeting transgender people. This transphobic propaganda has been found all across campus, including women's bathrooms and around the rainbow room.

The Student Representative Council of Adelaide University stands firmly against bigotry towards oppressed groups, and condemns transphobia and oppression on the basis of gender and sexuality in all its forms. Surveys in the past few years both from Equality Australia and IPSOS show that a majority of people in Australia support trans rights. However, while the presence of these stickers represent a minority of bigots, the SRC still believes it important to state that we stand in solidarity with trans people.

In response, on the night of 18/03/2024 the SRC passed a motion with a majority of votes to release a public statement against transphobia. This motion also proposed the creation of stickers by the SRC for a pro-trans sticker campaign in order to combat the harmful propaganda of the bigots.

Signed,

Sage Jupe, Queer Officer

Brianna Symonds-Manne, Education Officer

Nix Herriot, Postgraduate (HDR) Officer

Valeria Caceres Galvez, Women's Officer

Ashraf Bin Abdul Halim, Ethnocultural Officer

Soraya Rezaee, General Councillor

Alexander Bastiras, Social Justice Officer

Alessandro Tedesco, General Councillor

Xenon Lane, Welfare Officer"

### **6.1.3. Motion that the SRC accepts the content of the letter for the President to post on Social Media**

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang

**Seconded:**

**Motion Passed/Failed**

### **Professional Development for SRC Members**

If you are not already aware of this Professional Development provider, it's worth having a look. Topics all relate to gender, equity and diversity & often involve discussion of recent research in these areas.

Sessions free or very low cost (to ensure everyone can access) and mostly on-line on-demand. I can highly recommend.

<https://parlour.org.au/parlour-live/parlour-lab/>

**AHRC Speaking from Experience Project: Giving workers a say on how to stop sexual harassment at work**

The Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Dr Anna Cody, is coming to Adelaide as part of the national *Speaking from Experience* project, and holding consultations with workers from marginalised groups, including young people and migrant workers, from May 13-15th.

Participants will each receive a \$120 gift card to offset transport costs, and the event will be catered. Please see the attached SfE Flyer for participants for more information.







# HAVE YOU BEEN SEXUALLY HARASSED AT WORK?

The Australian Human Rights Commission wants to hear from individuals who have been sexually harassed at work on what they think needs to change to make workplaces safer. The information gathered will help create resources to make workplaces safer for everyone.

The consultations will run from March until October 2024, and **will focus on speaking with specific groups of workers** (such young people aged 18–24, First Nations workers, LGBTIQ+ workers, migrant and seasonal workers, culturally and racially marginalised workers, and workers with a disability). We want to hear from workers from these communities because they unfortunately experience higher rates of workplace sexual harassment. It's important that we listen and learn from these communities so that we can find ways to make workplaces safer.

Participants will receive a \$120 gift voucher for in-person attendance to contribute to participation costs, such as travel.



You can also have your say online.



*The Speaking from Experience project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of The University of Sydney (HREC number 2023/580).*

**6.1.4: Motion that the President posts this initiative on the SRC facebook page to promote this initiative.**

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang

**Seconded:**

**Motion Passed/Failed**

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

Kind Regards,  
Aiden Zeyang Wang  
SRC President

## **Item 6.2: General Secretary's Report – VACANT**

N/A

## **Item 6.3: Education Officer's Report – Briana Symonds-Manne**

### **24/04 Education Report**

As the devastating war in Gaza drags on with a death toll of over 34,000, 13,000 of whom are children, thousands of students across the United States are occupying their campuses to oppose this brutal war. An encampment has also gone up in Sydney University with activists there demanding the uni divest from Thales, a weapons company with links to Israel. This explosion of solidarity with Palestine from at least 20 universities across the states, students engaging in pitched battle against the pro-israel and pro-military stance of their administrations should serve as a reminder to us of the crucial role of students and their unions in organising resistance to war. Students in the US are standing in the heroic tradition of students who have fought against the Vietnam War and South African Apartheid in the 70s and are showing us the way forward in Australia today where our government invests billions in military aid to Israel and our universities receive piles of cash to funnel students into the war machine. I will be working to cohere solidarity with Palestine and the students fighting for Palestinians here in Adelaide and organising opposition to our own universities' links with weapons companies who are fueling Israel's war like Lockheed Martin and BAE systems.

What I've been doing;

### **A photo petition in solidarity with Columbia University students**

Students at Columbia University where the occupations started have faced brutality and arrest at the hands of the police; over 100 were arrested for their protest last week, but continue to stand strong despite being threatened with the calling in of the national guard by university administrators. It's important for students everywhere to stand in solidarity with these activists. I've helped organise a photo petition of Adelaide Uni students who support the Columbia University protests to go up online.

### **Speaking at the Sunday Palestine rallies**

I have spoken at a few of the main Sunday rallies for Palestine about the need to stand in solidarity with Palestine in Australia. These rallies have continued, with hundreds of attendees, for six months as the war on Gaza drags on and are crucial in maintaining opposition to the mass murder of Palestinian civilians and children here in Adelaide.

### **Organising the protest against Labors attacks on refugees**

I helped organise a protest against Labor's deportation bill attacking refugees on the 12th of May. This bill would see refugees criminalised for resisting their own deportation back to the danger they were trying to escape, the home affairs department has also revealed that over 300 Australian-born children could be forced to cooperate with their own deportation. The vote on the bill in the senate was delayed by 6 weeks but will be voted on again in a few weeks. This is a disgusting bill that should not be allowed to pass, public opposition is crucial.

## **Item 6.6: Queer Officer's Report – Sage Jupe**

### **George Duncan Memorial**

Since last SRC I have been corresponding with the Pride Club around the organizing of the George Duncan Memorial event. This event marks the anniversary of the police murder of Dr George Duncan at the hands of Adelaide police. The outrage following, and the gay liberation movements of the 70s, set off a course of events that would eventually lead to South Australia being the first state to decriminalize homosexuality.

### **Trans Rights Stickers**

Last meeting, as a response to the noticeable rise of transphobic stickers on campus, and to show basic solidarity with trans students, we voted as an SRC to provide \$115.50 to print trans-rights stickers. Since then there has been no clarity from the president at all about these funds. In fact there seems to be a deliberate obscuring and dishonesty around SRC finances in general by the president, which has resulted now in democratically voted upon motions being denied funding.

#### **6.6.1 Motion: George Duncan Memorial Event**

##### **Preamble:**

On Friday 10th of May Pride Club will be hosting the annual George Duncan Memorial Event and have invited the SRC to co-host and promote.

This event marks the anniversary of the homophobic murder of Adelaide University lecturer Dr George Duncan in 1972. His drowning in the River Torrens occurred during a time of extreme homophobia in Australia and was suspected to be by the hands of the Adelaide's police vice squad. The outrage around his murder contributed to a growth of the 70s gay liberation movement that would lead to groundbreaking law reforms and the decriminalization of homosexuality in South Australia.

It has been a tradition for many years for the SRC to co-host and promote the memorial event each year alongside the Pride Club.

**Action Points**

1. The SRC facebook page will launch an event for the memorial, and invite Pride Club of the University of Adelaide to co-host. The event would be for an 11am start, Friday 10th of May at The University Footbridge.

**Moved:** Sage Jupe

**Seconded:**

**Motion Passed/Failed**

**Item 6.8: Disability Officer's Report – Jayden Squire**

Dear President Wang,

I have nothing to report to you or the Student Representative council (SRC) at this stage.

I would like to use my tenure on this council to focus on highlighting the issues of both physically disadvantage students and those who are neurodivergent.

I am an honors student in Earth and Planetary Science, based out of the Mawson Building. The Mawson Building DOES NOT have any accessible entrances for those who are wheelchair users. This failure to be accessible is against discrimination law, as people with disability should not be prevented from using public services, areas and facilities. I hope within coming weeks to seek advice from University Infrastructure about why this hasn't been addressed – infact, a elevator was added to fit this requirement in the early 2000s, but has since been removed due to ongoing maintained issues and has not been replaced.

I look forward to having more to discuss in my next report,

Sincerely,

Jayden Squire

Disability Officer

Student Representative Council

YouX

University of Adelaide

## Item 6.10: Postgraduate Officer - HDR's Report – Nix Herriot

### **Palestine, refugee and environmental activism**

I have continued to both attend and help organise regular rallies in solidarity with Palestine. We recently passed six months of relentless death and destruction in Gaza. It remains heartening to see sustained opposition to the war around the world, most recently led by students and faculty members at Columbia University who are leading high-profile campus actions for Palestine in spite of harsh repression. The next local event is a [student strike for Palestine](#) on May Day, international workers' day and traditionally an important day of protest and activism. I hope to see other SRC reps present at this important strike.

On 12 April, I attended a lively protest against the Labor government's attempts to criminalise refugees who refuse to participate in their own deportations. I'm appalled at the return of anti-refugee racism to the centre of Australian politics and particularly Labor's efforts to outflank the Liberals in a race to the bottom on refugees.

On 24 March, I also participated in the large March for Forests to oppose native forest logging across Australia, which is accelerating the destruction of critical native wildlife habitat and carbon stocks. It was good to connect up with representatives of the Bob Brown Foundation and I hope that similar environmental protests will become more regular in Adelaide.

### **Opposing the Adelaide University merger and militarisation**

I have attended two ABLE faculty staff forums, on 27 March and 10 April, which are the first in a number of planned virtual forums for staff on the Adelaide University merger process. There was a lot of spin, but very little information about what the merger will mean for staff and students' quality of teaching and learning. In response to my question about trimesters, management reaffirmed that they still intend to "move towards trimesters" but that this is "still a live discussion". Comments by staff and postgraduates highlighted ongoing concerns about the trimester/modular learning proposals and scepticism about participation in the merger process.

Despite talk of discussion and 'co-creation', it's very clear that management are doggedly pursuing their own interests in spite of opposition and scepticism by staff. Decisions on trimesters and other issues have already been made from on high. Staff and students are to play little to no active role. The process of constructing the new university is top-down and has been shaped considerably by corporate consultants from Deloitte. As mentioned previously, the Transition Council, which has approved the founding policies for the new uni, includes unelected appointees such as former conservative politician Amanda Vanstone and weapons company director Andy Keough.

A related concern I wish to highlight in this report is the continued militarisation of our education. During the staff forum, management indicated that defence and national security has been earmarked as a focal point for research at the new university. This is connected to the objectives laid out in the Labor government's University Accords reports. The Accords insist on further corporatising higher education to satisfy the employment and research demands of big business and the government. This includes a commitment to militarism and furthering pressure on students to participate in war-driven programs. For postgraduates, this includes HDR placements tied even more closely to industry. Universities are already being militarised. This is detailed in an alarming new [report](#) by *Declassified Australia*, including hundreds of millions of dollars paid by the US military and arms dealers to shape education at Australian universities. The AUKUS pact, with its signature

nuclear attack submarines, is a military build up that only brings us closer to war with China. It has been disappointing to hear support for this program on the grounds of 'jobs creation' and 'national defence' at any cost from right-wing members of this SRC. HDRs and students more widely are negatively impacted by the further gearing of our education towards military objectives and I will continue to raise my concerns.

### **Motion of censure of SRC President Aiden Wang and rejection of filling casual vacancies**

#### **Preamble:**

This is a motion of censure in response to undemocratic behaviour and the dishonest manipulation of finances by members of the right-wing Progress faction and SRC President Aiden Wang since the 2023 student elections.

In 2023, Left Action won the largest share of SRC votes and positions. Since then, Progress has worked to undermine these results. Several positions won by Left Action, including SRC President, were overturned by a particularly draconian interpretation of electoral rules and unelected, right-wing candidates were installed in their place. Lacking a clear SRC majority, Progress has since then rushed to fill casual vacancies, with disregard for democratic process.

The recent SRC special council meeting, held on 28 March to install candidates, was illegitimate. Notice of the meeting, including a report on prospective candidates, was emailed to SRC members on 24 March, less than one academic week before the meeting and in violation of regulation 5.f for filling casual vacancies. This meeting was called despite notice from all Left Action members of council that they would be interstate for a well-advertised left-wing conference. By rushing into this vote, Progress installed candidates without scrutiny or debate. We consider this special council meeting, its decision and the office bearers installed by it, to be illegitimate. These positions should be reopened.

Of further concern is the dishonest manipulation of finances by Progress. Financial information has been deliberately withheld from council and executive members in order to deny funds to democratically approved left-wing motions. A successful motion to allocate the modest sum of \$115.50 towards a sticker campaign against transphobia was opposed by Progress who claimed that the SRC has no money. Aiden has failed to transparently provide details of the SRC's 2024 budget, the funds of which are allocated to the SRC by members of his own faction on the YouX Board. Council members have been denied the right to view budgets and accounts, despite verbal confirmation from YouX employees that there are sufficient funds for printing stickers.

In a gross misappropriation of finances, Progress used the approximately \$3000 printing budget to print the SRC Counter Guide despite zero consultation with the SRC council or executive. SRC representatives other than members of Progress were deliberately excluded from this publication. Counter Guide is intended to be an independent and critical voice of students during O'Week. Instead, this pro-management publication included Aiden's celebration of the Adelaide University merger as a "merger of ambitions" to be welcomed by students.

Facilitated by SRC President Aiden Wang, this behaviour fits a well-established pattern of right-wing and undemocratic conduct by Progress. Progress has attempted to entrench its power in the student union, for example by removing their elected opponents on YouX Board for arbitrary infractions of regulations. Progress' behaviour on the 2024 SRC demonstrates their own willingness to violate rules and norms. The strength and democratic nature of student unions is important so that they can truly

defend students' interests. Progress' behaviour represents a serious undermining of this objective and should be condemned.

**6.10.1 Motion:**

2. The SRC rejects the recent filling of casual vacancies and will reopen these positions.
3. The SRC censures SRC President Aiden Wang for misconduct and flouting democratic procedures.

**Moved:** Nix Herriot

**Seconded:**

**Motion Passed/Failed**

**Item 6.11: Postgraduate Officer – Coursework's Report – Lashhanth Dhevaraju**

Lash has indicated he will deliver a verbal report to the council on the developments of the initiatives mentioned from the last meeting.

**Item 6.12: International Student Officer's Report – Akshay Kumar Agarwal**

Akshay has indicated he will deliver a verbal report to the council on the developments of the initiatives mentioned from the last meeting.

**Item 6.13: Social Justice Officer's Report – Alex Bastiras**

**Social Justice Officer Report 25.04.24**

Recently I have been involved in campaigning for the rights of both refugees and the Palestinian people. The Labor government has launched a new grotesque attack on the right to seek asylum. They are pushing for a law which would enable refugees to be imprisoned for up to five years for refusing to comply with their own deportation and the blacklisting of certain countries who refuse to accept deported refugees. I helped organise a protest against this awful attack on April 12 through Campaign Against Racism and Fascism, as I think fighting against the oppression refugees face in Australia is a key social justice issue. I also spent many hours speaking with students and other people on campaign stalls to build solidarity with refugees.

I have also continued to campaign against Israel's atrocities in Gaza through Students for Palestine. The Palestine solidarity movement is still significant in Australia, as many people (especially students) continue to be outraged by the ongoing war and our government's complicity in it. We are now witnessing incredible actions of solidarity by college students in the US, particularly at Columbia University, which shows the important role that students can play in fighting against injustice. I am deeply inspired by the courage of these students, and they give me energy to continue the fight here for a free Palestine.



One of the key events we are building currently is a student strike for Palestine on May 1. May Day has a great heritage as a day to celebrate workers' struggle and it's really important that we honour this tradition by engaging in the struggle for a free Palestine.

### **The SRC Condemns Increased Military Spending**

#### **Preamble:**

Last week the Albanese government shamefully announced a \$50 billion increase to military spending over the next decade. A key part of this announcement was that the government will be investing in long range missiles and targeting systems, with the aim of increasing Australia's ability to project power in the Asia-Pacific region. This boost to military spending is clearly part of Australia's preparation for imperialist war with China. For several years, tensions between the US and China have been increasing as these two major powers vie for global hegemony. Australia has blatantly thrown its lot in with the US, the most destructive empire this world has ever seen, while cynically proclaiming it wants to defend democracy in the Asia-Pacific region.

The SRC understands that these imperialist tensions are about different ruling classes battling for power and that if war breaks out it will be ordinary people who suffer the most. This is why we must condemn our government's drive to war and instead agitate for the building of an anti-war movement. The lie that we are constantly told is that military spending is about protecting the whole country and that it helps create jobs for workers. This military spending will not protect ordinary people, it will simply further inflame tensions and bring the horrific possibility of war even closer. The government itself has been clear that it wants to project power, which shows this spending is about offense, not defense. The logic of increased military spending is to further propel a dangerous arms race between the US and Chinese blocs, where both sides aim to out-militarise the other. The government should provide jobs to workers which will benefit society, instead of bolstering industries of death.

We are currently facing a situation where average real wages have decreased by at least 5 % over the last few years. A recent Anglicare Australia report states that only 0.6 % of rentals nationwide are affordable for a person on a full-time minimum wage. This is a shameful indictment on our government. The Albanese government should be investing money in boosting wages, building public housing and on other social spending, instead of driving us closer to war.

#### **6.13.1. Motion that The SRC:**

2. Condemns the federal Labor government's increased military spending.
3. Understands that increased military spending is not in the interests of students or workers, but only the capitalist class.

#### **Action Points:**

1. The SRC will publish a public statement condemning the Labor government's increased military spending and instead call for the government to invest in boosting wages and social services.



2. The SRC will commit to support potential campaigns and actions which are anti-war and anti-military.

## 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 council voted with Majority that the meetings will be held every second Monday. A schedule of the meetings are as follows.

Below, I have listed all the meeting dates for the year, taking into consideration SWOT week, exams, university holidays and public holidays (the **bold dates are meeting dates**; the others are not):

- **18th March**
  - 1 April (Easter Monday)
  - 15 April (Mid- Semester Break)
  - **29 April**
  - **13 May**
  - **27 May**
  - 10th June (SWOT Week)
  - 24 June (Exam)
  - 8th July (Mid-Year Break )
  - **22 July**
  - **5 August**
  - **19 August**
  - **2 September**
  - 16 September (Mid-Semester Break)
  - **30th September**
  - **14 October**
  - 28 October (SWOT Week)
  - 11 November (Exam)
  - 25 November (End of year break)

## SRC Meeting 29-04-2024 – Ligertwood 113



All Meetings are going to be scheduled **at 6pm**, venue will be announced.

## 12.1 Appendix 1: Minutes of the Council Meeting (18 March 2024)

### Meeting in Hughes 322 Monday 18 Mar 2024

#### 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.

*Aiden Zeyang Wang declared the meeting open at 6:11pm.*

*Aiden Zeyang Wang appointed Lashhanth Dhevaraju as the Secretary for the meeting for minutes taking.*

##### 1.2. Attendance

Aiden Zeyang Wang, Briana Symonds-Manne, Xenon Lane, Valeria Caceres Galvez, Sage Jupe, Domin Joseph, Alex Bastiras, Ashraf Bin Abdul Halim, Nix Herriot, Lashhanth Dhevaraju, , Akshay Kumar Agarwal, Jocelyn (Yiyan) Zhang, , Louis Jiang, Yang Zhang, Afser Hussain, Binu Arundi Rajasuriya, Soraya Rezaee, Robin Wood

**Late:**

##### 1.3. Apologies

Jake Ford, Lani Bushnell

##### 1.4. Absences

##### 1.5. Adoption of Agenda

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

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang      **Seconded:** Binu Arundi Rajasuriya      **Motion Passed**

*Akshay Kumar Agarwal joined meeting at 6:15PM*

#### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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

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

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Action	Responsible	Status
Posting of Campus Kitchen event Initiative	Aiden Zeyang Wang	Completed
Posting of Casual Vacancies	Aiden Zeyang Wang	Completed
Interview for Casual Vacancies	SRC Executives	Continuing
Clarification on how much Money in the SRC Bank Account have been carried over from 2023	Aiden Zeyang Wang	Continuing
Clarification on How much funds do we have for 2024 in the SRC Bank Account	Aiden Zeyang Wang	Continuing
Write a letter regarding 7.2 and Send to the president for posting.	Sage Jupe	Continuing

### 4. Correspondence

### 5. New Members

### 6. Office Bearer Reports

#### 6.1. President

Aiden Zeyang Wang delivered his report

Motion within report : That the SRC withdraw its approval on motion 7.2 point 2 from the previous meeting held on 01 March 2024.

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

#### 6.2. General Secretary

#### 6.3. Education Officer

#### 6.4. Welfare Officer

Xenon Lane delivered his report.

#### 6.5. Women's Officer

Valeria Caceres Galvez delivered her report

Briana Symonds-Manne commented on Valeria's report  
Ashraf Bin Abdul Halim commented on Valeria's report

#### 6.6. Queer Officer

#### 6.7. ATSI Officer - Vacant

#### 6.8. Disability Officer

#### 6.9. Environment Officer - Vacant

#### 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 - Not submitted**
- 6.15. **Rural Officer - Vacant**
- 6.16. **Mature Age Officer - Not submitted**
- 6.17. Roseworthy Campus Officer
- 6.18. Waite Officer

## 7. Motions on Notice

### 7.1. Wipe HECS debt - make education free

#### Motion that The SRC:

1. Recognises that rising HECS debt is a severe assault on the living standards of workers and students in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis.
2. Supports the abolition of HECS and demands a return to fully funded free education.

#### Action Points:

1. The SRC will support campaigns for the wiping of student debt, abolition of the HECS system, and for a return to a fully funded free education system (including for international students).
2. SRC members will publicly oppose the HECS system and campaign for free education.

Valeria and Ashraf commented on this motion in favor of this motion.

*Aiden Zeyang Wang passed chair to Lashhanth Dhevaraju at 6:53PM*

Aiden commented on the motion and responded to Alex regarding amendment of the wording of the motion and action points to include 'members who voted in favour of this motion' rather than binding on the entire SRC.

*Alex dissented in the Chair. The council voted in favour of the original wording.*

*Lashhanth Dhevaraju passed the chair back to Aiden Zeyang Wang at 6:54pm*

Saahib responded to Alex's motion.

Sage responded to Saahib.

Saahib responded to Sage back.

Lashhanth and Binu responded to the motion.

Briana responded to Binu regarding her comments.

Aiden proposed an amendment to the motion to limit to specific campaigns that is going to happen.

*Alex dissented in the Chair. The council voted in favour of the original wording.*

*Robin Wood left the meeting at 7:06PM*

**Moved:** Alexander Bastiras

**Seconded:** Valeria Caceres Galvez **Motion Passed**

## 7.2. Motion: Stick it to the Right

### Preamble:

There has been a notable up-tick in the presence of bigoted right-wing propaganda attacking trans people, as well as racist stickers associated with fascist groups on and around the North Terrace campus. Posters and stickers spreading transphobic messaging have been seen in multiple bathrooms and kitchen spaces around the university, and far right stickers have been found on North Terrace around the university.

As the SRC we should take measures to counter fascist and bigoted propaganda. Allowing right-wing political forces to propagandise hatred unchallenged will only allow them to further feel emboldened to do so. The remedy to the situation is for the SRC to provide students with a means of expressing political opposition. This motion proposes creating stickers that students can put around campus and cover up the anti-trans and fascist propaganda.

### Motion that the SRC:

1. Will allocate \$115.50 to print 300 anti-fascist, pro-trans rights stickers. Price quoted from at 35c a sticker plus 10% GST.

*Binu Arundi Rajasuriya left the room at 7:08PM*

Valeria gave some background info to the council regarding the motion. She came across a group of people spreading out posters aimed at anti trans inside the campus facilities.

Sage got reports from the pride club regarding the anti-trans movement on campus and the anti-trans stickers being posted up on campus facilities especially bathrooms, class rooms, hallways etc.

*Binu Arundi Rajasuriya came back into the room at 7:14PM*

Aiden pointed out that it is concerning to see behaviours as such happening on campus. However in the preamble it was clear that the intention of the production of these stickers are to “put around campus and cover up” existing stickers.

Aiden expressed concerns in this motion and mentioned that the act of putting stickers regardless of content, as long as its not approved by the university is inappropriate. He is not going to encourage these Band-Aid solutions in anyways especially when tampering with university facility.

Bri and Sage both commented on Aiden’s statement and argued the motion was to produce stickers and the preamble is not a part of the motion the council is passing. Aiden is trying to block a motion to support marginalised communities on campus.

Aiden responded that he is also disappointed with the behaviour of sticking posters discriminating against the trans community in UofA. However this does not make sticking pro-trans stickers onto the existing stickers correct. The fact these original stickers are there is

the matter of concern, hence the right course of action of the focus on the removal of them and report mechanism.

*Aiden proposed an amendment to the Motion regarding report mechanism. Sage dissented in the Chair and do not wish to diverge from the original motion. The council voted in favour of the original wording.*

Sage replied to Aiden that the amendment is a fallacious attempt to not help the Trans community in the university.

Aiden mentioned he is in supportive of all marginalised communities however that's not his point. He is debating the Band-Aid solution rather than addressing the vandalism of university property in the first place, which is clearly against Uni rules and regulations.

*Aiden proposed a additional clause under the printing of stickers to regulate where council members may stick or distribute them. Sage dissented in the Chair and do not wish to diverge from the original motion. The council voted in favour of the original wording.*

Aiden also note that at this point he is unclear how much money will be left from Val's previous campus kitchen initiative/

*Aiden proposed a amendment to the motion : SRC will allocate whatever fund less than \$115.50 is left after allocating the funds for Valeria's campus kitchen motion. Motion passed.*

*Valeria proposed a amendment to the motion: the SRC puts out a public statement that it does not tolerate transphobia and is concerned with the rise of transphobia within the community. The mover will draft the message for the president to post. Motion passed.*

Aiden commented this amendment is good but still does not address the key issue.

Bri commented that this debate is taking too long and should proceed to a vote.

Aiden responded that in principle this whole initiative of acknowledging this issue is fantastic but the way we are addressing this issue has major issues and he still holds firm that he cannot allot the SRC to approve on vandalising university property.

Aiden reads out the current motion:

Motion that the SRC:

1. Will allocate \$115.50 to print 300 anti-fascist, pro-trans rights stickers. Price quoted from at 35c a sticker plus 10% GST.
2. If there's not enough money in the SRC bank account, SRC will allocate whatever fund less than \$115.50 is left after allocating the funds for Valeria's campus kitchen motion.
3. That the SRC puts out a public statement that it does not tolerate transphobia and is concerned with the rise of transphobia within the community. The mover will draft the message for the president to post.

*Aiden requested the motion to be voted separately rather than in block. Sage dissented in the Chair and do not wish to diverge from the new motion. The council voted in favour of voting as a block.*

*Aiden Zeyang Wang passed chair to Lashhanth Dhevaraju at 7:20PM*

Aiden commented on the motion  
Sage Bri and Ale. responded to Aiden  
Lashhanth responded to Briana

*Lashhanth Dhevaraju passed the chair back to Aiden Zeyang Wang at 7:24PM*

*Aiden concluded all debates regarding this motion and put the council to a vote.*

**Moved:** Sage Jupe    **Seconded:** Valeria Caceres Galvez    **Motion Passed**

## **8. General Business**

## **9. Executive Report**

N/A

## **10. Emergent Business**

Ash and Bri challenged the previous decision by Aiden to not include Ash's Report.

Aiden replied that by the specified due date ash's report was not submitted in the MS Form.

Bri argued that despite Ash submitted under a different date, this does not mean he has not submitted.

Aiden said this is not the first time we used it and anyone can ask questions regarding the procedure of submission, this is despite the facts that instructions were clearly displayed on the form. Also everyone else can submit without any issues.

Aiden rejected the grounds of arguments and noting this is not included in the Agenda.

*Bri dissented in the Chair and would like the council to adopt Ash's submission. The council voted in favour of adoption.*

Motion – To accept ethno cultural officer's report

**Moved:** Briana Symonds-Manne    **Seconded:** Nix Herriot    **Motion Passed**

*Aiden Zeyang Wang passed chair to Lashhanth Dhevaraju* debated that that plenty of time was given and opening a precedent is not appropriate.

*Lashhanth Dhevaraju passed the chair back to Aiden.*



Aiden mentioned that Ash's report is now officially under emergent business and invited Ash to present his report.

Ash Presented his report.

Alex commented on Ashraf's report

Saahib responded to Alex

Akshay responded to Alex

*Aiden Zeyang Wang closed the meeting at 7:48pm*

### 11. Date of the Next Meeting

The council voted with Majority that the meetings will be held every second Monday. A schedule of the meetings are as follows.

Below, I have listed all the meeting dates for the year, taking into consideration SWOT week, exams, university holidays and public holidays (the **bold dates are meeting dates**; the others are not):

- **18th March**
  - 1 April (Easter Monday)
  - 15 April (Mid- Semester Break)
  - **29 April**
  - **13 May**
  - **27 May**
  - 10th June (SWOT Week)
  - 24 June (Exam)
  - 8th July (Mid-Year Break )
  - **22 July**
  - **5 August**
  - **19 August**
  - **2 September**
  - 16 September (Mid-Semester Break)
  - **30th September**
  - **14 October**
  - 28 October (SWOT Week)
  - 11 November (Exam)
  - 25 November (End of year break)

All Meetings are going to be scheduled **at 6pm**, venue will be announced.

## 12.2 Appendix 2: Minutes of the Special Council Meeting (28 March 2024)

Meeting in Ligertwood 316 Monday 28 Mar 2024

Aiden Zeyang Wang declared the meeting open at 6:07pm

### 1. Procedural Matters

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**Late:**

## 1.3. Apologies

Briana Symonds-Manne, Xenon Lane, Sage Jupe, Alex Bastiras, Ashraf Bin Abdul Halim, Nix Herriot, Binu Arundi Rajasuriya, Jake Ford.

## 1.4. Absences

## 1.5. Adoption of Agenda

Val questioned the timing compliance of the SCM noting that this was also raised by another member of the council.

Aiden addressed the council his explanation on the timing and affirmed it is compliant after reading and displaying the regulation to the council.

*Aiden opened questions should any members of the council requires further clarification or is against the interpretation. No further questions or concerns raised by the council.*

*Aiden noted that without further questions or concerns raised by the council, the council affirms the interpretation and should proceed with adopting the meeting procedural motion.*

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

**Moved:** Aiden Zeyang Wang

**Seconded:** Lashhanth Dhevaraju

**Motion Passed**

## 2. Motions on Notice

Aiden assumed members of the council has gone through the recommendation by the executive and opened the floor to questions.

*No questions where raised and Aiden suggested the council to put the motion to a vote.*

**2.1. Motion that The SRC:** Accepts the recommendations from the executive to appoint the casual Vacancies.

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

*Aiden opened the floor to any other questions related to the agenda item. No questions were raised.*

Aiden confirmed the following appointments by the council:

Jayden Thyer – ATSI Officer  
Edward Archer - General Councillor  
Oscar Harding – Rural Officer  
Saahib Panesar – Environmental Officer  
Jayden Squire – Disability Officer

*Aiden Zeyang Wang declared the meeting closed at 6:25pm*