

Motion to the SRC to create an SRC External Campaigns Committee

This SRC notes:

- That the sabbaticals do not have the time to devote to large scale campaigns, and often do not have experience in national campaigning.
- SRC progresses little with the organisation of national campaigns outside of SRC meetings.
- That the CHESS constitution only allows 2 representatives of each member institution as full members of the CHESS Executive (Currently the Association President and Director of Representation)
- That there is little in the way of administrative (or other) support to the CHESS executive.
- That sabbaticals can be too busy with internal issues to devote great amounts of time or resources towards the work of CHESS
- There are some very significant national issues at present where we must be effectively represented.
- The SRC has in the past seldom shown engagement with national issues.
- That the SRC has the right to formulate Students' Association on representational issues.
- Internal campaigns are currently effectively led by SRC subcommittees.

This SRC believes:

That the Students' Association needs to be more proactive in campaigning on the issues enshrined within its policy and needs to be able to react quickly and effectively to external, particularly national, issues.

That the relationship between SRC, CHESS and the wider world could be vastly improved, and doing so would vastly improve our chances of achieving our aims.

That the Students' Association needs to devote more time and resources to promoting its members' interests to the outside world. In particular, co-ordination of this should be someone who has the experience, skills and knowledge required.

This SRC resolves:

- 1) That a new Convenor is appointed to chair a new SRC sub-committee called the SRC External Campaigns Committee. The Convenor will be known as SRC External Campaigns Convenor.
- 2) The subcommittee should consist of the SRC External Campaigns Convenor; Association President; the Director of Representation; the SRC Education Officer; the SRC Environment & Ethics Officer; the SRC Accommodation Officer; the SRC Equal Opportunities & Welfare Officer and two further carved up representatives of the SRC. The sub-committee may also invite, at its discretion, further representatives which would be helpful to its operation. These representatives will not be entitled to vote and need not be members of the Students' Association but may include, among others, politicians, consultants, advertising professionals and other members of CHESS.
- 3) In the absence of the Convenor, the committee would be chaired by the Association President or failing that the Director of Representation.

- 4) The committee should meet as deemed appropriate by the Convenor or when actioned by the SRC to organise a campaign. The committee should meet at least twice a semester.
- 5) The SRC Campaigns Convenor should work closely with the Association President and Director of Representation on National Issues, and amongst themselves these three members of the subcommittee should ensure that tasks are divided appropriately according to time restraints and the skills set of the subcommittee. The Convenor should attend meetings of CHES where appropriate as a non-voting representative, and should be in contact with other CHES members where appropriate.
- 6) The Convenor would be given an email address such as srcexternal@st-andrews.ac.uk
- 7) The Convenor should be appointed each March and hold office from April until the end of March of the following year. The selection committee for this post will mirror that of the SSC Convenor Selection Committee, i.e. 2 sabbaticals (Association President & Director of Representation), the outgoing Convenor and 2 other members of the SRC Campaigns Committee.
- 8) The Convenor should be appointed on the basis on their experience and knowledge of politics, campaigning and lobbying. They should also be effective at coordinating the actions of large groups of people.
- 9) The Convenor would not have a vote at SRC but would still be required to attend.
- 10) The subcommittee would be given a budget, as determined by the Students' Association.
- 11) The sub committee would be required to act, at all times, in accordance with Students' Association policy. The committee may act without specific mandate from the SRC providing their actions are in line with current Association policy.
- 12) The Convenor's role should be focussed on the co-ordination of external campaigns but may be called upon to assist with internal campaigns as directed by the relevant subcommittee.
- 13) The Association President and the Director of Representation are mandated to provide effective training for the External Campaigning subcommittee.
- 14) All members of the SRC may be mandated by SRC to attend the SRC External Campaigns subcommittee and/or to carry out actions on its behalf.
- 15) The Convenor should be responsible for training members of the SRC in national campaigning.

Proposed

Seconded

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