



# University of St Andrews Students' Association Students' Representative Council Student Services Council

## AGENDA

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Large Rehearsal Room – 6:15pm

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

### 2. Apologies for Absence

- 2.1. Paloma Paige
- 2.2. Mika Schmeling

### 3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- 3.1. JC 18 September 2018

### 4. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

### 5. Open Forum

### 6. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers

- 6.1. Report of the Athletic Union President
- 6.2. Report of the Association President
- 6.3. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services
- 6.4. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities
- 6.5. Report of the Association Director of Education
- 6.6. Report of the Association Director of Wellbeing

### 7. Questions for Association Committees

- 7.1. Questions for Association Alumni Committee
- 7.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Committee
- 7.3. Questions for Association LGBT+ Committee
- 7.4. Questions for Association Lifelong and Flexible Learners Committee

### 8. Questions for SRC Committees and Officers

- 8.1. Questions for SRC Accommodation Officer
- 8.2. Questions for SRC Member for First Years
- 8.3. Questions for SRC Member for Gender Equality
- 8.4. Questions for SRC Member for Racial Equality
- 8.5. Questions for SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
- 8.6. Questions for SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation
- 8.7. Questions for SRC Arts/Divinity Faculty President
- 8.8. Questions for SRC Science/Medicine Faculty President
- 8.9. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener
- 8.10. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Development Convener
- 8.11. Questions for Principal Ambassador
- 8.12. Questions for Rector's Assessor
- 8.13. Questions for SRC Member Without Portfolio

### 9. Questions for SSC Subcommittees

- 9.1. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Committee
- 9.2. Questions for SSC Charities Committee
- 9.3. Questions for SSC Debates Committee
- 9.4. Questions for SSC Performing Arts Committee

- 9.5. Questions for SSC Postgraduate Committee
- 9.6. Questions for SSC Societies Committee
- 9.7. Questions for SSC Music Committee
- 9.8. Questions for SSC Volunteering Committee
- 9.9. Questions for SSC Design Committee
- 9.10. Questions for SSC ENTS Committee
- 9.11. Questions for SSC On The Rocks Committee
- 9.12. Questions for SSC Member without Portfolio

**10. New General Joint Business**

**11. New General SRC Business**

**12. New General SSC Business**

**13. Any Other Competent Business**

**14. Collaborative Solutions**

## **SABBATICAL OFFICER REPORTS**

### **Association President – Paloma Paige**

have put together a short paper based on last Tuesday's discussion on the University's draft strategic plan. I've sent this off to the principal's office and if there is anything to update you on regarding this paper, I will be sure to do so.

It is #TakeCare Week and Nick and I have been giving Raisin Talks in halls since yesterday. In fact, that is what we are doing right now! Remember to follow the St Andrews Raisin Weekend Facebook page. This is where all Union updates about Raisin will be posted first.

Tomorrow, I am going to London to attend the Pink News awards ceremony. The University has been nominated: Public Sector Award for LGBT+ inclusion. I hope to come to the next meeting being able to report on a win.

Final call for anyone wanting to go to the public presentation of Willie Rennie's petition. Thursday 10:30 at Fife House.

Take care of each other during Raisin and I'll look forward to seeing you all either at the water stand or at the foam fight. After that, have a great ILW.

## **ASSOCIATION OFFICER REPORTS**

### **Association Alumni Officer – Olivia Sutton**

Not much to report this week. Still continuing with solidifying the framework for AFW2019. Met with the school presidents to promote my subcommittee and ways that we can support them. The Geography department have already reached out for collaboration in the near future. I attended a networking event in Edinburgh with my old school where I was able to discuss ideas and events with their development team there, which was really insightful.

### **Association Community Relations Officer – Morgan Morris**

Not much has changed this week in community relations - St Andrews Day planning is still on going. We have a joint beach clean this Sunday with the environment subcommittee, all are welcome at 10am at East Sands (more details on our Facebook page). We are currently planning community relations week, so if anyone has any ideas of events or would like to host a joint event please let me know.

### **Association Environment Officer – Lauren Davis**

I am extremely happy with Green Week, and I feel it has been quite successful in generating a lot of attention. I have received a lot of positive feedback from friends, staff members and students. This week has proven that hard work does pay off and I am already excited for next year. Until then, the Environment Subcommittee will be planning a lot of events starting in November in collaboration with societies and we hope to pull in a few outside speakers as well.

### **Association LGBT+ Officer – Zelda Kotyk**

We elected a full committee now and I'm super excited to be working with everyone. We will be having a sit down in order to figure out where to put in the events we want to run again. I've been really trying to push the gender recognition act and would really appreciate if everyone could fill it out.

### **Association Lifers Officer – Sarah Ramage**

One of the main aims of Lifers is to ensure that all students have the opportunity to get involved in University traditions so we are very much looking forward to Raisin weekend. Rather than individual families, we're one big family for the weekend. We will be around town on Sunday for the usual fun and games followed by joining in the foam fight on Monday.

Lifers will be doing an Instagram takeover to show a typical day in the life of a student from alternative routes plus all the interesting things we're involved in. Hopefully this will be before the end of the semester and is an exciting way to promote who we are and what we do.

Looking forward to after reading week we will hope to have our EGM to appoint a secretary and treasurer.

## **SRC REPORTS**

### **SRC Accommodation Officer – Lucy Allat**

This week we have been going over and tweaking the how to rent guide, adding more about the new type of contract private renters are now getting. Thoughts to how to promote Accommodation week have started with ideas of a video and events pages. We are looking at getting a reusable banner for the Sub-committee to help with promoting accommodation week and further events. Senior students are being a little hard to contact but through the senior student forums we are getting a lot discussed. Plans are already occurring for a second semester drive of “how to leave” with ideas of graphics and online information resources being made.

### **SRC Member for First Year – Avery Kitchens**

I attended the Well-being Committee meeting this week and it went really well! We are excited for Pangea and the projects coming in the near future. I also have regularly attended the Societies Council meetings. Other than that, my week has been pretty quiet. Looking forward to the rest of the year!

### **SRC Member for Gender Equality – Isabella Smith**

Nothing to Report.

### **SRC Member for Racial Equality – Tomisin Animashaun**

No report submitted.

### **SRC Member for Students with Disabilities – Emily Muller**

Nothing to Report.

### **SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation – Ciara McCumiskey**

I've had a very busy summer academically so unfortunately I've not been able to be as busy with SRC as I would have liked, however, I'm speaking briefly at the 'Meet Your Mentor' event to talk a little about Widening Access and what the Student Ambassadors do too!

I'm also due to start with a couple of people in Admissions on some projects very soon that I'll update you about when things are finalised a little more!

### **Arts/Divinity Faculty President – Gianluca Giammei**

- I have finally found the Arts&Divinity class representative for ID.
- Alisa and I have decided on a date for their SSCC.
- We will shortly send an email to the Staff and Student to inform them.
- We will also plan to meet with the class reps before the SSCC to discuss the items on the agenda.

### **Science/Medicine Faculty President - Alisa Danilenko**

Not too much going on this week, myself and Gianluca have set a date for the ID SSCC and been in contact with the reps for this. Work continues on the Physics wellbeing event.

### **SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener – Ashley Clayton**

- On Wednesday 3rd/4th of October, I undertook the training of the Postgraduate Class reps alongside Alice. This was particularly well attended on both evenings, and there was a very positive and engaging reaction to the format.
- We have now appointed two student volunteers to the Postgraduate Research Committee. They are Keith Wiedersheim for Arts and James Edwards for Science.
- I attended Learning & Teaching Committee last Wednesday, where there were no additions to the new Postgraduate Tutor Pay policy. I will be making sure to follow up on people's experiences with the new policy at the first PG Exec Forum. An Erasmus Exchange initiative was also advertised at this meeting, which may be open to PhD tutors in their early career stage.
- Both last week's Postgraduate Research Committee and next week's Academic Monitoring Group meetings have been cancelled, so I will have a lighter report next meeting.

### **SRC Postgraduate Development Convener – Courtney Aitken**

This week I sat on the judging panel for the CAPOD GradSkills Innovation and Postgraduate Conference Grant. Successful applicants will be notified this week, Overall, myself and the panel were impressed with the quality of applications and pleased to be able to allocate funding to support several academic and non-academic projects for PGRs. Another funding round will open later this semester (details to be advertised). The next Postgraduate Development meetings have been arranged for the 30th of October and the 27th of November. Postgraduate students will be able to raise concerns prior to these meetings.

### **Principal Ambassador – Emma Thompson**

It's been a very busy few weeks for the Student Ambassadors! We have closed our recruitment period, recruiting over 170 new ambassadors, bringing our group to 430. Notably, we've seen a real increase in PG participation.

Our Widening Participation projects have been running since Week 1, mentoring and tutoring over 800 students across Scotland. We have also had two very successful Visiting Days that both welcomed over 500 students and their families to St Andrews.

Looking ahead, we have four more Visiting Days this semester (October 17, October 24, October 31, November 14), which should be even larger than the previous two. I have also reached out to Emily, our Member for Students with Disability, about improving our knowledge and accessibility for prospective students with disabilities.

### **Rector's Assessor – Camilla Duke**

Later this week, the Rector's Committee will be joining with sabbaticals, councillors, and other students for the delivery of Willie Rennie MSP's petition to keep GP out of hour service in St Andrews. We hope the efforts of all on this campaign will not go unrecognized by the Fife Health Board! We also recently closed applications for new committee members and will be holding interviews shortly.

### **SRC Member Without Portfolio – Robyn Wells**

Not loads to report this week.

I've been compiling lists of possible restaurants for our Christmas dinner, and potential prices and menus, will hopefully have a clear idea on this sometime next week.

## **SSC REPORTS**

### **SSC Broadcasting Officer- Laura Mueller**

We had a successful show-host social last Tuesday. Also, on Saturday, we played an interview with Lauren for Green Week in the Union! Hearing Aid has been shortlisted for the STACK Award's magazine of the year (again)! Nothing else to report.

### **SSC Charities Officer -Niamh McGurk**

We will shortly be opening up our next round of Race2 slots. CATWALK auditions happened last weekend and we had a good turnout, committee are happy that the models we've selected are a great fit for this years aesthetic.RAG have been holding interviews for their remaining committee positions which have had a lot of interest. They have also been working on a preliminary schedule of headline events. Personally, I had a meeting with Image Scotland and secured discounted prices for our RAG and Race2 t-shirts.

### **SSC Debates Officer- Matthew Singer**

It's been a good couple weeks for the UDS our Green Week event THS Hunting brought some great speakers to Saint Andrews. We elected a new freshers rep as well, and we will be hosting our internal freshers competition on Wednesday. We also had our first tournament the Edinburgh Cup this previous weekend and at the time of writing I hope we do well.

### **SSC Performing Arts Officer- Rowan Wishart**

We held our one person EGM and now have a new engagement officer! We held our proposals for Freshers Drama Festival and are looking forward to a good festival in the coming weeks. I also have had several meetings with the Music Centre, and will have had our first Presidents Forum by the time councils rolls around.

### **SSC Postgraduate Officer – Cameron Mark Rice**

Following our EGM on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, where not all committee positions were filled, the society have managed to recruit three new committee members at the time of writing. Now, with almost a full committee, the team have been planning a range of new events for the current academic year in an attempt to break free from the mundane cycle events that a society can find themselves organising.

To this end, we recently held a Raisin Adoption event in collaboration with Wellbeing and have set up a new collaboration with St Leonard's College and the Graduate School. The collaboration will result in hiring out the Barron theatre to host a range of movie nights for postgraduate students throughout the semester.

### **SSC Societies Officer-Kevin Phelan**

Nothing to Report.

### **SSC Student Music Officer - Casper Sanderson**

Nothing to Report.

### **SSC Volunteering Officer - Adam Lord**

SVS has had a successful past week running trainings for all out members. They were well attended, and feedback has been positive! Our active volunteers are now out on the projects, and having a good time by all accounts. SVS's aim is now to collate formal risk assessments for all our projects – something that has been missing in past years. All in all SVS is running smoothly now however!

### **SSC Design Team Convener – Mika Schmeling**

We had our EGM last week and it went great! We filled 5/6 positions. They are as follows: Social media marketing officer - Andrew, Treasurer - Fedirica, Design Team ordinary member - Polina, and Photography ordinary members, - Jeon Ghoan and Sam. We also are brainstorming ways to reach out doing more photography. It's been a pretty good week!

### **SSC ENTS Convener – Paul Lancaster**

Ents is currently in a quiet period for events (on the lead up to Halloween) however we are still continuing to focus on training which is going really well. Our DJ convener position is currently unfilled after our old DJ convener stepped down and we are going to be voting within our committee on if we should be trying to fill the position or if we should leave it vacant.

Note: Users is at 5pm every Wednesday in the meeting room on the first floor of the union, if you have an event in the union and it needs tech you must come to this meeting.

### **SSC Arts Festival Convener- Chloe Ashley**

The On The Rocks committee are very busy at the moment, our event applications are still open and we've had interest both from OTR regulars and some new people. If anyone is interested in putting something on then please speak to me or drop us an email. We are also currently in the middle of selling the tickets for our 'Death In The Quad' event which ends on Friday- tickets available on the Union website!

### **SSC Member without Portfolio- Shaina Sullivan**

Robyn and I have been working on Christmas Dinner as well as the first social, which will be on Sunday 4th November in Sandy's. Please be sure to comment on my post in the Facebook group so you can order your food! It would be great to see everyone there. Just let Robyn or I know if you have any questions!