



University of St Andrews Students' Association Student Services Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 29th October 2013 – Committee Room, 7.00pm

Present

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| Maxwell Baldi | Association Chair |
| Katie O'Donnell | Association Community Relations Officer |
| Daniel Palmer | Association Director of Events and Services |
| Kelsey Gold | Association Director of Student Development and Activities |
| Scott Schorr | Association Postgraduate President |
| Chloe Hill | Association President |
| Jess Walker | Athletic Union President |
| Oscar Swedrup | SSC Broadcasting Officer |
| George Parker | SSC Charities Officer |
| Stephanie Ekanayaka | SSC Design Team Convenor |
| Fiona Woodhall | SSC Entertainments Convenor |
| Robert Dixon | SSC Member for Societies Elections |
| Emily Dick | SSC Member for Societies Grants |
| Keith Cordrey | SSC Member without Portfolio |
| Anna Merryfield | SSC Music Officer |
| David Patterson | SSC Performing Arts Officer |
| Courtney Lewis | SSC Societies Officer |
| Fay Holland | SSC Volunteering Officer |

In Attendance

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| Michael Telfer | Minutes Secretary |
| Laura Abernethy | The Saint |

Absent

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| Edward Woodhouse | Association Director of Representation |
| Dominyka Urbonaite | Association Environment & Ethics Officer |
| David Norris | Association LGBT Officer |
| Joseph Tantillo | SSC Charitable Development Convenor |
| William Lord | SSC Debates Officer |

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without dissent.

2. Apologies for Absence

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| Joseph Tantillo | SSC Charitable Development Convenor |
| Edward Woodhouse | Association Director of Representation |

Dominyka Urbonaite
Will Lord

Association Environment & Ethics Officer
SSC Debates Officer

The apologies were accepted without dissent

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ms Lewis objected to the adoption of the minutes.

Ms Lewis stated that she had been asked a question by Ms Hill and that the minutes only reported half of her answer.

Ms Lewis moved that the minutes be amended to:

10.4. J. 15 - A Motion to Amend the Structure and Duties of the SSC Societies Committee and its Members

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Ms Lewis stated that most societies wouldn't have changed their constitution so sabbatical officers would currently still be honorary members in a similar way that changing the laws makes it possible for Association members to be ordinary members but societies must first amend their constitutions to reflect such a change.

With no objections, the minutes were amended.

With no objections, the minutes as amended were accepted.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. Open Forum

There was no business from the open forum.

6. Report of the Sabbatical Officers

6.1. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services

Mr Palmer informed the Council that there would be a Halloween Bop on the coming Friday night and a Raisin-themed Ministry of Sound event on the Saturday night. Mr Palmer stated that Venue 1 was to be decorated for the Halloween Bop and that Ministry of Sound night would feature a family discount for those bringing academic children.

Mr Palmer informed the Council that the poster runner was ill and requested that any member who would be in academic schools volunteer to place posters there.

Mr Palmer informed the Council that Venue 2 had received lots of bookings.

Mr Palmer informed the Council that every other Monday there were Coffee House sessions where a talent agency was bringing up-and-coming talent to the Main Bar. Mr Palmer stated that the event was free and was lots of fun.

Mr Palmer informed the Council that the ENTS were very busy but happy.

Mr Palmer informed the Council that the following Saturday would see the return of the Rewind event but that the following week hadn't been planned.

Mr Palmer informed the Council that events had been busy and well attended and that Venue 2 was busy.

6.2. Report of the Association Director of Representation

There was no report from the Association Director of Representation.

6.3. Report of the Director of Student Development & Activities

Ms Gold informed the Council that the applications for the On The Rocks festival were open. Ms Gold stated that the festival worked like a big collaboration.

Ms Gold informed the Council that the Class Gift project had a committee and that half of the funds they raised would go towards the bursary fund. Ms Gold stated that the project had raised £15600 for the bursary fund the previous year which all went to needs-based accommodation bursaries.

Ms Gold informed the Council that Scott Lang dinner was going well. Ms Gold stated that she had a meeting with the Proctor to discuss the student-staff dinner to take place next semester.

Ms Gold informed the Council that she had met with the SSC Charitable Development Convenor and they had discussed changing the name to External Funding and discussed how the subcommittee would work in future. Ms Gold requested that anyone with ideas on how the subcommittee should function contact her.

Ms Gold informed the Council that Ms Fry wasn't present as she had resigned her position as had the Vice President of Ré. Ms Gold read a statement from Ms Fry that stated she was sorry she could not attend the meeting as she had field work and that she was resigning for personal reasons. Ms Gold stated that she was working to ensure the handover was as smooth as possible. Ms Gold stated that she was working on proposal to reform Ré, which was why there had been no motion brought forward to co-opt someone to the position. Ms Gold requested that anyone with ideas on how the subcommittee should be reformed contact her.

Ms Gold informed the Council that the Societies' Clinic was going well and that the subcommittees were doing fantastic work.

6.4. Report of the Association President

Ms Hill apologised for her late arrival.

Ms Hill informed the Council that she had attended Academic Court but that she could not inform the Council what had been discussed without the Council first adjourning *in camera*. Ms Hill stated

that was as a result of the Court thinking that Association's minutes were too transparent and published too quickly.

Ms Hill informed the Council that she had mostly been working on organisation for Raisin Weekend. Ms Hill stated that the giving of Raisin Talks to first years had been unpleasant. Ms Hill stated that she was working hard to ensure that Raisin was really positive this year so that the University wouldn't be unhappy with the students and take action against future Raisin events.

Ms Hill informed the Council that the strike the Students' Representative Council had voted to support was to be held on Thursday. Ms Hill stated that placards had been printed off for Students to support the strike and that she had received 8 emails from students asking how they could help.

Ms Hill informed the Council that the Sabbatical Officers had been spending a lot of time on the Redevelopment and Rebranding work and were being shown samples and asked for their opinion on them. Ms Hill stated that the Sabbatical Officers did not feel qualified to make these decisions and that they wanted the input from the other members of the Council to be as critical as the members wanted. Ms Hill stated that the furniture for the Café and shop had been selected.

Ms Hill informed the Council that more Raisin talks were to be given the next day.

Ms Hill informed the Council that the Senior Students' Forum was to be held soon. Ms Hill stated that the forum was where they discussed what was going on and that the Senior Students' were being encouraged to advertise Association events and to book events in the Association.

Ms Hill stated that she was looking forward to Raisin being over.

Ms Merryfield asked if there was a rota for helping out at the Raisin Monday foam fight.

Ms Hill answered that there was not as it was not a long time frame. Ms Hill stated that members should arrive at 1030 and that the foam fight would begin at 1100. Ms Hill stated that the plan was to collect the caps of the cans of foam at the beginning, confiscate inflatable items, and clean the foam out of people's eyes. Ms Hill stated that then event shouldn't last longer than 2 hours. Ms Hill stated that she was happy for those with children to arrive at 1100 with their children. Ms Hill stated that this was an opportunity for those with academic children to take pictures of the foam fight, an opportunity not normally afforded to other students.

Ms Hill stated that breakfast would be provided in the Old Union Café.

Ms Gold asked if that had been confirmed.

Ms Hill answered that it had been.

Ms Gold asked for a show of hands of how many members of the Council would be attending.

The majority of the members raised their hands.

Ms Gold stated that that was good as she had received a large number of emails from members informing her that they had classes that conflicted with the scheduled times.

Ms Hill asked Ms Gold if she was allowed to discuss the new plans for the Open Days.

Ms Gold answered that she was.

Ms Hill stated that the Sabbatical Officers had been asking the members to help out on Open Days but as the members were very busy they had struggled to man the Associations' table. As such, they had decided not to have a table. Ms Hill stated that, following that decision she had spoken with the Principal Ambassador who had offered to provide Ambassadors for the table so long as his staff agreed. Ms Hill stated the Ambassadors would have a discussion with the Sabbatical Officers and, following that, would do what they had been doing to advertise the Association.

Ms Gold stated that the Sabbatical Officers were not angry that the members were not volunteering to work on the table, as they understood that they were busy. Ms Gold stated that any member who was unhappy with the decision could still volunteer to help on the table.

7. Report of Officers

7.1. Report of the Association Community Relations Officer

Ms O'Donnell informed the Council that she had not done much work for the position since her co-option but she had been having discussion with Ms Hill about what the position entailed and what work had been done up until that point. Ms O'Donnell stated that she intended to meet with Ms Hochfield to discuss what work she had been doing and how she could continue that work on. Ms O'Donnell stated that once she had seen what had been happening and what she had to do to keep that up, she would come up with new ideas for the position.

Mr Swedrup stated that STAR was quite involved with the switching on of the Town Christmas lights and that the committee for that involved a lot of people from the local community. Mr Swedrup asked if Ms O'Donnell would like to be involved in that project.

Ms O'Donnell stated that she would.

Mr Swedrup asked what Ms O'Donnell's email address was.

Ms O'Donnell responded that her email address was ko22@st-andrews.ac.uk.

7.2. Report of the Association Environment & Ethics Officer

There was no report from the Association Environment & Ethics Officer.

7.3. Report of the Association LGBT Officer

There was no report from the Association LGBT Officer.

7.4. Report of the Association Postgraduate President

Mr Shorr informed the Council that there were two events organised for November: a Guy Fawkes event and a movie night. Mr Schorr stated that he wanted to work on events in David Russell Apartments. Mr Schorr stated that a TED-talk type event had been organised for the Postgraduate Students to discuss their current research.

Mr Schorr informed the Council that, as the graduation weekend was going to be busy in terms of events, rather than organising a ball conflicting with the 600th Finale Ball the Society would be partnering with them and that the ball had agreed to reserve 300 tickets for Postgraduates.

Mr Schorr informed the Council that a brunch event was organised for postgraduates on the coming Saturday and a Pub event on the Friday.

Mr Schorr informed the Council that any member who wanted information included in his weekly email to Postgraduates should contact him.

Mr Schorr informed the Council that the society was looking to convene a President's Forum-like meeting for postgraduates.

Mr Schorr informed the Council that a working paper was being produced concerning the representation of the different types of postgraduates at the University.

Ms Hill stated that, if Mr Schorr was doing that, he inform the members of his society that he was involved in the policy debates of the SRC as several of his members had contacted her and had not been aware of the fact.

Mr Schorr stated that he had discussed his involvement with the SRC and his committee meetings.

Mr Schorr informed the Council that he had held 4 to 5 hours of office hours and that he had been hosting a weekly postgraduate surgery. Mr Schorr stated the postgraduates were welcome to come along and share their concerns with him.

7.5. Report of the Athletic Union President

Ms Walker informed the Council that discussions with Kukri about supplying new kit were on going and that the Athletic Union were not exclusively discussing it with Kukri. Ms Walker stated that she wanted to conclude the talks by Christmas time.

Ms Walker informed the Council that the Athletic Union wanted to go to the Planning and Resources Committee with their plans for redevelopment around September 2014.

Ms Walker informed the Council that the Athletic Union would be holding a Question Time event on November 12th, in School 1, at 6pm.

Ms Walker informed the Council that that the Athletic Union was looking at a campaign to promote exercise and healthy food to improve mental health and also at events to help students with body image problems.

7.6. Report of the SSC Broadcasting Officer

Mr Swedrup informed the Council that STAR had been doing well and that listenership was the best it had ever been. Mr Swedrup stated that usually listenership is high for the first two weeks then drops off but that this year the listenership had been maintained at a relatively high level.

Mr Swedrup informed the Council that a STAR social had been held with pumpkin carving.

Mr Swedrup informed the Council of STAR's intention to have a promotional push in the next few weeks.

Mr Swedrup informed the Council that those members who were holding events and talks should email the news team so that they could attend and record content. Mr Swedrup stated that he was keen for more content like that to be provided.

Ms Hill stated that the Sabbatical Officers had a press gaggle every week and that the STAR news team might want to attend. Ms Hill stated that usually only The Saint attended and that the last time The Stand had been in attendance they had called her Lily the entire time.

Mr Swedrup stated that he wanted events like that to be covered and for the website to be kept fresh.

Ms Dick asked which email address the members should use to contact STAR.

Mr Swedrup answered that they should email oscar.swedrup@standrewsradio.com.

7.7. Report of the SSC Charities Officer

Ms Parker informed the Council that all the subcommittee's projects were going well.

Ms Parker informed the Council that a jumble sale had been held on the previous Friday and that several hundred pounds had been raised.

Ms Parker informed the Council that a three-legged treasure hunt had been held for charity.

Ms Parker informed the Council that she was working with Mr Palmer on events for Raising and Giving week.

7.8. Report of the SSC Charitable Development Convenor

There was no report from the SSC Charitable Development Convenor

7.9. Report of the SSC Entertainments Convenor

Ms Woodhall informed the Council that events had been going well. Ms Woodhall stated that the previous week's Sinners event had sold out.

Ms Woodhall informed the Council that the first of many plays was now on in Venue 1 and that the current play was not in a traditional format.

Ms Woodhall informed the Council that the Halloween bop was to be held on the coming Friday and that the team was excited to be decorating Venue 1.

Ms Woodhall informed the Council that the next Saturday would see the return of the Rewind Event and that the coming Saturday would see the Ministry of Sound back.

Ms Woodhall informed the Council that she had meeting with the organisers of Raising and Giving week and also Mr St Andrews.

7.10. Report of the SSC Debates Officer

There was no report from the SSC Debates Officer

7.11. Report of the Design and PR Team Convenor

Ms Ekanayaka informed the Council that she would now officially be reporting about PR as well as the design team. Mr Ekanayaka stated that both teams were now moving more slowly as her staff was busy with deadlines but the workload was ever rising. Ms Ekanayaka stated that the team would now have to start rejecting projects. Ms Ekanayaka stated that the PR team was now promoting the Halloween Bop.

Mr Palmer stated that the advertising was being conducted through flyers and handing out candy.

Ms Hill stated that there were no advertising spots in front of the library until well after the 20th of November.

Ms Gold stated that the flyers could be on the table that was giving out the raisin packs.

Mr Palmer stated that the lengths the PR team were going to advertise the Halloween bop was indicative of the overall effort they were putting in.

Ms Ekanayaka informed the Council that she was working on a schedule for the design suite, as it was heavily booked.

Mr Palmer stated that The Saint was looking to get their production schedule to him in the near future to help with organising the time.

Mr Palmer stated that the Design Team had spent some money, which it never used to do.

Ms Ekanayaka informed the Council that the software in the design suite was quite old and that a subscription to Adobe CC had been purchased. As it was a subscription, Ms Ekanayaka stated that only two people could use it at once. Ms Ekanayaka stated that the team was putting together a realistic list of requirements for after the redevelopment.

Ms Hill asked on what basis Ms Ekanayaka was rejecting projects.

Ms Ekanayaka answered that the rejection of a project was rare and always hard to do. Ms Ekanayaka stated that if the project was related to the Sabbatical Officers' work or the work of the SSC it would take priority and the committee or someone they trusted would take the project on. Ms Ekanayaka stated that projects from societies would be advertised to their volunteers and, if there was no response from them and the committee was too busy, it would then be rejected and the society recommended to speak to other people. Ms Ekanayaka stated that only two projects had thus far been rejected and she tried to take on projects before rejecting them.

Ms Hill encouraged Ms Ekanayaka to reject projects from non-affiliated societies.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that she would do that.

Mr Baldi asked if, now that the Association had a subscription to Creative Cloud, it was possible to work remotely or if you still had to be in the design suite.

Ms Ekanayaka answered that it was now possible to work remotely.

7.12. Report of the SSC Film Production Officer

The post of Film Product Officer was vacant.

7.13. Report of the SSC Member without Portfolio

Mr Cordrey informed the Council that he was continuing to live-tweet events. Mr Cordrey stated that the last joint meeting of the Councils had been the most stressful as, due to the length of the meeting, the battery on his laptop had run out. Mr Cordrey stated that he was running behind on the live tweeting of the current meeting and, as such, had not yet tweeted Ms Ekanayaka's report.

Ms Cordrey informed the Council that he had helped put together and distribute Raisin packs.

7.14. Report of the SSC Music Officer

Ms Merryfield informed the Council that a large gig had been put on the previous week.

Ms Hill asked if that was the gig that she had attended.

Ms Merryfield answered that it was.

Ms Woodhall stated that the gig had looked fantastic.

Ms Merryfield stated that the event had run really smoothly and had been good for the committee.

Ms Merryfield informed the Council that an open-mic night had been held in cooperation with Coppa Feel to raise awareness of both the society and breast cancer.

Ms Merryfield informed the Council that the weekly jam sessions in the Barron were still being held.

Ms Merryfield informed the Council that a Christmas music event was in the planning stages.

7.15. Report of the SSC Performing Arts Officer

Mr Patterson informed the Council that the showcase event that had been planned with the Association of Hoteliers and Caterers had been postponed as the two ladies who had volunteered to advertise the event were currently on holiday. Mr Patterson stated that Mermaid's had not lost money as a result of this due to the generosity of the hosting hotel.

Mr Patterson informed the Council that two shows had gone on and a third, Enron, was just about to. Mr Patterson stated that all had turned a significant profit.

Mr Patterson informed the Council that the committee was in the process of approving shows for the second half of the next semester and that the first half of the second semester was already approved.

Mr Patterson informed the Council that there were plans for a show to be held outside of St Andrews. Mr Patterson stated that he hoped to get members of the local community involved and that people would be bussed to the event.

Mr Patterson informed the Council that the members of the awards panel had been attending shows and that the awards project was going well.

Mr Patterson informed the Council that the plans for the Christmas ball were going well. Mr Patterson stated that The Albany Parker had offered to pay for half of a ticket as a prize and that, despite the committee stating that they didn't want to be involved, they were still going ahead with that idea.

Ms Hill asked what would happen if they did not manage to get a ticket.

Mr Patterson answered that that was The Albany Parkers' problem but, due to their coming up with the false acronym for the Scottish Highland Inquiry into Tertiary Education, they could do what they wanted.

Mr Swedrup stated that The Albany Parker had contacted him with a large list of joke questions but that he had ignored them.

Mr Schorr stated that a student had contacted him asking if it would be necessary to camp outside for tickets to the ball.

Mr Patterson answered that he would think it would be too cold and that they need only get there early.

Ms Lewis stated that the previous year she had gone to get a ticket at 1130 and there had been no queue.

Mr Patterson stated that there would be music and heating so people should come early and then they could purchase multiple tickets.

Ms Hill asked that, on the grounds that the Wellbeing Officer wasn't present, Mr Patterson encourage people not to camp outside for their own wellbeing.

Ms Gold asked whether Mr Patterson would sell all the tickets on the first day or whether some would be kept back for a second sales day.

Mr Patterson answered that it would be played by ear but it was likely that some would be kept back for the second day.

Ms Hill stated that she already had her dress for the event.

Ms Gold asked if Mermaids had chosen the On The Rocks proposal date.

Mr Patterson answered that it was on the next Monday. Mr Patterson requested that anyone who wanted to put a show on during On The Rocks propose the event then. Mr Patterson stated that Mermaids was under no obligation to put any show on.

Ms Lewis stated that, to help out with the queuing, Art Soc had heaters that they used to keep their models warm.

Mr Patterson stated that they would be doing their best to keep people entertained and warm and that MSF and the Bute Society would be there selling items for charity.

Ms Woodhall asked if there would be online sales of tickets.

Mr Patterson stated that if the tickets sold out they wouldn't and that they would see how the sales went.

7.16. Report of the SSC Societies Officer

Ms Lewis informed the Council that the committee had denied leave to proceed to Scouts and First Aid societies on the grounds that they duplicated the activity of currently affiliated societies.

Ms Lewis informed the Council that Disney Society had now completed the affiliation process.

Ms Lewis informed the Council that SCROLL's status had been changed from a society to a student-run project on the grounds that they only had 12 places for the work they did and it was not possible for them to have 25 members.

Ms Lewis informed the Council that the committee had discussed whether a society in breach of the affiliation agreement was automatically disaffiliated or whether they had to disaffiliate them.

7.17. Report of the SSC Member for Societies Elections

Mr Dixon informed the Council that several constitutional amendments had been received and were being processed. Mr Dixon stated that St Mary's was the first society to allow staff to become members.

Mr Dixon informed the Council that there had been several Extraordinary General Meetings and that French Society had held their second one this year.

Mr Dixon informed the Council that he had assisted societies at the clinic with affiliation advice and given constitutional advice to the Disney Society.

Mr Dixon informed the Council that he had spoken to a member for the European Society, which would not be affiliating that year.

Mr Dixon informed the Council that he had given advice to the Christian Union on equal opportunities matters.

Ms Hill asked who, on that basis that the European Society wasn't around any more, could hold a conference in their place. Ms Hill stated that the Scottish Government wanted to hold a conference and that she had initially offered it to the European Society. Ms Hill stated that the Scottish Government wanted to know who would be holding it.

Ms Lewis stated that the European Society was a non-political society.

Mr Cordrey stated that the Association had once received a complaint from the Domestic Policy society as the European Society held events that conflicted with their aims.

Mr Dixon stated that the Foreign Affairs Society might be a good replacement.

Ms Gold stated that the UN Youth Society, the Model United Nations society and the Foreign Affairs Society might all make good replacements.

Ms Lewis stated that the European Society still existed.

Mr Dixon stated that the society still existed but had not affiliated.

7.18. Report of the SSC Member for Societies Grants

Ms Dick informed the Council that over £3500 in grants had been given out. Ms Dick stated that all societies applying for a grant had to attend the societies clinic and that those applying for more than £500 would then have to go before the committee.

Mr Patterson asked if Dance Society had contacted Ms Dick, as he had redirected them to her.

Ms Dick stated that they had not.

7.19. Report of the SSC Volunteering Officer

Ms Holland informed the Council that a talk on the Saltire project had been held the previous week, Ms Holland stated that she was in the process of organising that information in to a readable format so that it would be useful for the members.

Ms Holland informed the Council that pretty much every project was now up and running and that the volunteering was starting now. Ms Holland stated that there were around 250 volunteers, which was more than expected.

Ms Holland informed the Council that the committee was looking to diversify the areas it worked in. Ms Holland stated that there were 7 project areas and that five of those involved working with people. Ms Holland stated that she was looking at how Heritage work or admin work for charities could be integrated.

Ms Holland informed the Council that the committee was looking at holding more socials.

Mr Swedrup asked what percentage of the 250 volunteers were male.

Ms Holland answered that it was around 90% female.

Mr Swedrup stated that he had heard they were having a hard time engaging with men.

Ms Holland stated that it was particularly hard when it involved working with people.

Mr Schorr asked what the divide was between undergraduates and postgraduates.

Ms Holland stated that a lot of postgraduates were involved, as it was good experience for them. Ms Holland stated that there were a lot of Psychology student volunteers, both under-and post-graduate.

Mr Swedrup asked if Ms Holland was working with the Careers Centre.

Ms Holland answered that they funded the Protecting Vulnerable Group's certificates for volunteers in Madras, as the Association could not do so.

Mr Swedrup stated that he had been in the centre and there had been a few people asking about volunteering.

Ms Gold asked if Ms Holland could take on more volunteers or if they were full.

Ms Holland stated that they were not full and were looking at more one-off events, particularly in environmental projects, so that people could volunteer and not have a long-scale commitment.

Mr Palmer stated that the next week would have been reading week and that it was around this time of year that Students became aware of the fact that they used to have a break and now they don't. Mr Palmer encouraged the members to try and keep the workload light and to redistribute agenda items to keep the workload bearable. Mr Palmer encouraged the committees to spend some of their budget on providing cake or something similar as looking after the wellbeing of members was definitely something provided for in the budgets. Mr Palmer stated that some subcommittees were more meeting-intensive than others – in particular the Societies Committee – and that they should ensure that their members didn't burn out before the end of the semester. Mr Palmer stated that the Sabbatical Officers were tired and that he was sure that the members of the Council also would be.

7.20. Any Other Competent Reports

Mr Baldi stated that the Executive Committee had met. Mr Baldi stated that they had clarified some ambiguities in the Laws of the Association, adopted new guidelines for the application of the new absence policy, and reinstated a member of the SRC to his position subject to conditions.

Ms Gold asked if the absence-policy guidelines would be included in the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting.

Mr Baldi answered that they would be included.

Ms Hill stated that it was apparently now becoming a problem for the University that the Association were producing such detailed minutes and doing so as quickly as they were. Ms Hill stated that there was an issue that sometimes there were discussions of issues that affected the University, such as the School Presidents' Forum, and that the minutes being produced were seen to be restricting the debate at the meeting. Ms Hill stated that she would be seeking feedback from the members involved on how quickly minutes should be released and how detailed they should be.

Ms Lewis asked if Ms Gold had had a discussion about the Student Activities fund.

Ms Gold stated that the status of the fund had not changed, that they were still on the panel. Ms Gold asked if the fund had been discussed in the Student Services Council.

Mr Dixon answered that it had not been and had only been discussed in the Societies Committee.

Ms Gold stated that the development office was creating and fund raising for a Student Activities fund. Ms Gold stated that the fund had never existed before. Ms Gold stated that the fund would raise money and then distribute it to societies. Ms Gold stated that she had not been thrilled by the fund when she had first heard about it as she was in favour of societies being funded through the Association. Ms Gold stated that the plan was for the Proctor to chair the panel and that she would

also sit on the panel. Ms Gold stated that the parameters of the fund had not been clarified yet but that, though it was in the hands of the Proctor, she was keeping a close eye on it.

8. Unfinished General Business

There was no unfinished general business.

9. New General Business

There was no new general business.

10. Any Other Competent Business

10.1 Discussion of Rebranding

Mr Baldi stated that they would begin with the discussion of the rebranding project and that all members should have received an electronic copy of the booklet that was being projected on the wall.

Mr Swedrup asked whether it was permissible for members to check the booklet on their phones.

Mr Baldi stated that it was.

Ms Hill stated that that they would first discuss the branding options for the new bar in Venue 2. Ms Hill stated that, following consultations with Postgraduates, the idea for a bar away from the main bar that they could drink in and that would be more relaxed came about. Ms Hill stated that the plan was for the bar to serve wine, nice cocktails and good coffee throughout the day. Ms Hill stated that the bar would have three glass walls and would hopefully look cool. Ms Hill stated that the branding team had given them a couple of name options – sky bar, sky, tree top bar, roof top bar – and design ideas. Ms Hill stated that there would not be an escalator and that that had been included to illustrate the design.

Ms Ekanayaka asked why the rebranding project had been contracted to an external company.

Ms Hill answered that the current Sabbatical Officer were going with the flow and that the previous Sabbatical Officers had contracted it out.

Mr Palmer stated that it was deemed outwith the capabilities of the staff and sabbaticals was why 442 had been contracted. Mr Palmer stated that the rebranding work had generally been going well but that there were some problem areas.

Ms Lewis asked if the red and grey theme was currently set in.

Ms Hill stated that everything could be changed.

Ms Lewis stated that sky bars were good if there was a skyline to look at. Ms Lewis noted that the only view from Venue 2 was of The Vic. Ms Lewis stated that she was not thrilled by the colour scheme as it reminded her of the bathroom décor in one of the bars in town. Ms Lewis stated that she disliked the whitewashed walls. Ms Lewis stated that the tree outline made the venue look cold

which was not the feeling the venue should be going for. Ms Lewis stated that she regularly felt cold in St Andrews and that she was not sure she wanted to be seeing skeletal figures.

Mr Swedrup stated that he agreed with Ms Lewis. Mr Swedrup stated that the name Sky Bar didn't make sense, as the bar was only two floors up. Mr Swedrup stated that tree top bar might be more along the right lines. Mr Swedrup stated that he was not sure of the tree branding though as it reminded him of a Czech brothel.

Ms Hill stated that she was glad Mr Swedrup knew what that looked like.

Mr Swedrup stated that though it was good to have a place for Postgraduates, undergraduates had to be kept in mind. Ms Swedrup stated that it would be better to create a cosier environment, something reminiscent of a library, and that his guidewords would be cozy and sophisticated.

Mr Patterson stated that he agreed with both Ms Lewis and Mr Swedrup. Mr Patterson stated that the Dundee Union had an area that was a café during the day but became an area for music and talks in the evening. Regarding names, Mr Patterson stated that something St Andrews-themed would be nice like the Fairmont had done with their rooms. Mr Patterson stated that the branding should be local but not obvious. Mr Patterson stated that the room should be versatile so it would be well used throughout the day.

Ms Hill stated that the Edinburgh Union had a library bar, which was her favourite place in Scotland.

Mr Patterson stated that Ms Hill's was a good comparison for what the rebranding should be aiming for.

Mr Schorr stated that, in terms of the Postgraduate element, he wanted to propose another name: Viva Bar. Mr Schorr stated that the University wanted a student enterprise and engagement space and a place that they could talk about their research. Mr Schorr stated that the Sabbatical Officers could come and get input from his committee.

Ms Gold stated that though the room was being designed to be more appealing to them it wasn't being designed for them. Ms Gold stated that the design guides were coming from consultations and proposals from Postgraduates.

Ms Hill stated that the Sabbatical Officers realised that there had been no consultation with the Postgraduates but that this space was not specifically for Postgraduates, as that could not happen. Ms Hill stated that appealing to postgraduates was one of the things that they were keen on.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that she was uncomfortable with the name given that it was the same as the television provider and the vodka and that she had, in the past, been adamant that that should not happen. Ms Ekanayaka stated that, in terms of the design, she had been uncomfortable coming to the meeting as she was really unhappy with it but she was glad that other members had similar reservations. Ms Ekanayaka stated that the designs were quite childish, too simplistic and not at all sophisticated. Regarding the colour palate, Ms Ekanayaka stated that a relaxing environment would feature darker tones and not have any pink. Ms Ekanayaka stated that she liked the library idea and thought that the Edinburgh space was great. Ms Ekanayaka stated that she would not feel uncomfortable copying their branding here and that it was a nice option to consider. Ms Ekanayaka

stated that she was disappointed with the quality of the design and saddened that the Association would have paid for it.

Ms Hill stated that the Sabbatical Officers had been struggling with this space but had been really happy with the designs the company had produced for the Café and Shop.

Mr Patterson asked what the capacity of the bar would be.

Ms Gold answered that it would be around the size of venue 2.

Mr Patterson asked if that would include seating.

Ms Hill stated that the design company had understood that the venue wouldn't be versatile. Ms Hill stated that the conversation was veering from rebranding to the discussion of space and asked that the members stick to discussions of the branding.

Mr Patterson stated that if the venue was being branded as a bar then the question of space must have already been decided.

Ms Hill stated that the versatility question would rest on whether or not the furniture was movable or not.

Ms Gold stated that, after the branding discussion was over, she was going to go through the plans for the space with some other people.

Ms Dick stated that the name should be relevant to St Andrews and that Sky Bar suggested skyscrapers and glass. Ms Dick stated that St Andrews had some great qualities that should be highlighted but that the name proposal was more appropriate to a city.

Ms Hill encouraged the members to move on to another aspect as everyone's feed back was becoming quite similar.

Ms Ekanayaka asked if it would be possible to include the Design Team in the discussions as it was composed of some really great designers. Ms Ekanayaka stated that Ms Parker would be aware of Alison and that there were some other great designers on the Design Team. Ms Ekanayaka stated that keeping them in the loop would allow them to deliver feedback and to help out with issues.

Ms Hill stated that the Sabbatical Officers were in favour of more student input but that it was not particularly easy to get the company to change their minds. Ms Hill stated that it would be a bit awkward to bring student designers to the table to tell the company that they weren't doing their job properly.

Mr Patterson stated that he loved the text stating 'Local Birds' beneath the tree stencil. Mr Patterson question which birds and suggested pigeons on a tree.

Ms Schorr asked if it was possible to create a subcommittee to collect student feedback on the designs.

Mr Palmer stated that it would be possible to have a feedback meeting but there wasn't an effective mechanism to change the designs. Mr Palmer stated that the Sabbatical Officers were the student

feedback and that they were seeking further thoughts on the matter. Mr Palmer stated that it was possible the Sabbatical Officers would come away from the current meeting with a set picture in their mind.

Mr Baldi stated that, on a procedural basis, it was possible to create a subcommittee for these discussions.

Ms Hill asked that the members not do that as redevelopment already took up such a large amount of the Sabbatical Officers' time.

Mr Palmer stated that the Sabbatical Officers could ask the Student Services Council members for their opinions, as they were aware of the Union and what it did. Mr Palmer stated that broader involvement would slow the process down and that the Student Services Council ticked a lot of boxes for what the Sabbatical Officers were looking for.

Ms Hill stated that the redevelopment had been planned for over six years, since before she was a student at the University. Ms Hill stated that the current focus was on rebranding which was being sent to them to see whether they liked it or not. Ms Hill stated that they had to decide on the Café and Shop before they started to build it and that the discussion on the bar had to be decided before construction on it started in January.

Mr Patterson stated that the general idea for Venue 2 was that it had to appeal to everybody, be versatile, and also appeal regardless of event.

Ms Hill stated that phase one would be complete in January. Phase two would involve the remodelling of everything downstairs except Venue 1 and that would start in January. Ms Hill stated that the Main Bar would be reshaped and feel smaller, the games room would be converted to an acoustic bar and potentially be called Sandy's Bar and that they were going to look at the branding of that now. Ms Hill stated that the current designs were reminiscent of Mitchell's and Forgan's and that the idea for ties had originated from the fact that Sandy was known in the Association for his ties.

Mr Swedrup asked if the bar would serve food.

Ms Hill stated that it would have access to food.

Mr Patterson asked if the designs they were being shown were for the main bar.

Ms Hill answered that they were not. Ms Hill stated that the new main entrance to the building would be on the side where the fire exists currently were. On the right of the new entrance would be a slightly smaller Main Bar. Ms Hill stated that the games room would become a completely new venue: a longish traditional type pub. Ms Hill stated that there would then be a kitchen where the current one was. Ms Hill stated that there would be a kitchen with a server or waiters who would serve the main bar during the day and then the traditional pub.

Ms Lewis stated that she did not dislike the design proposals and quite enjoyed the moustache.

Ms Hill asked if Ms Lewis really did.

Ms Lewis stated that if the bar was going to be traditional in style the design didn't match up as it was too hipster. Ms Lewis stated that it looked as though they had gone to Mitchell's and just lifted their design. Ms Lewis stated that it wouldn't have a traditional vibe but rather be hipster. Ms Lewis asked if the Association wanted to compete with those venues.

Ms Hill stated that the ideas had gone from sports to acoustic to traditional to acoustic again.

Ms Lewis stated that if the designers wanted a hipster vibe this design would be perfect.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that she viewed the design as being very cliché. Ms Ekanayaka stated that the third point on 'How to Make a Hipster Logo' was to include words like 'finest food' on the design. Ms Ekanayaka stated that the design should be quirky if it was to be St Andrews-y and stated that hipster designs were already being made fun of. Ms Ekanayaka stated that this was not a design that would age very well.

Mr Patterson stated that the designers could choose what character it would take on and that it would develop its own character. Regarding the name, Mr Patterson stated that the fact that it was a tribute to a member of staff was a nice touch even if that fact wasn't publically known. Mr Patterson stated that the hipster design was cliché and that they needed to steer clear of riding that wave. Mr Patterson stated that they needed to not be boring but have a theme, to make it their own.

Ms Hill stated that, from a representational perspective, she was unhappy with the logo. Ms Hill stated that she was concerned about the moustache and the fact that it said 'gentleman's guide to ties' and how it was gendering the bar. Ms Hill stated that it could look like a gentleman's bar. Ms Hill stated that wasn't the point but it had been the first thing she'd thought of.

Ms Merryfield stated that the name was a nice sentimental idea. Ms Merryfield stated that other bars had bought in authentic vintage items but that a bar should be representative of the things people bring and be accumulative, showcasing people's traditions rather than being bought.

Ms Gold asked if members could put design aside and focus on the name.

Ms Holland stated that she thought it sounded quite American as she had never been anywhere in the UK that was called 'something bar'.

Mr Patterson stated that they would never escape the reality that British bars were called something like 'The Red Lion.'

Mr Swedrup stated that when considering these things they should consider taking a risk as it might attract new clientele. Mr Swedrup stated that they should aim to copy the Vic or Mitchell's but might consider asking what Sandy thought might be nice.

Mr Patterson stated that the 'bar' aspect of the name could be dropped and just 'Sandy's' kept. The first proposal hinted more at the origin of the name and the sentimental aspect of it could be kept private.

Ms Schorr asked if the pros and cons of renaming the venues had been considered, as he quite liked the current branding.

Mr Palmer asked which parts he liked: the main bar being called the Main Bar or the sequential numbering of venues.

Ms Hill stated that the Main Bar would be staying and some of the aspects of the current building would be kept.

Ms Woodhall stated that the moustache struck her as cheesy and reminded her of Ginger Joes, and that the bar should be avoiding those connotations. Ms Woodhall stated that she agreed with Mr Patterson and that leaving the name at Sandy's would suit the traditional design more.

Ms Hill stated that she found that proposal intriguing as the Sabbatical Officers had always referred to the bar as Sandy's.

Mr Palmer asked the members if they were in favour of a pub or if they wanted a bar.

Ms O'Donnell stated that St Andrews did not need another hipster bar.

Mr Patterson stated that if the downstairs area looked like a diner then that would be good.

Mr Palmer stated that Ms O'Donnell's statement would lean towards appearing more like the Criterion or Drouthy's.

Ms O'Donnell stated that the hipster concept could alienate people who hated that design trend.

Mr Cordrey stated that the hipster design should be scrapped and the area made in to either a traditional pub – like the Whey Pat or the Central, but cheaper – or make it novel to St Andrews like a sports bar. Mr Cordrey stated that they should not copy an existing design unless they could make it better.

Ms Dick stated that given the hipster design would look dated in a few years they should neutralise the design, as portraying such a strong image through the logo could be problematic.

Ms Lewis stated that applied to the Sky Bar proposals too as they were both fad designs. Ms Lewis stated that acrylic seating would not cut it for much longer. Ms Lewis stated that Sandy's was better than Sandy's Bar and that traditional names, like the red pig, had originated when illiteracy was widespread; people could see a red pig and know it was the red pig. Ms Lewis stated that Sandy had helped to make the Union what it was.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that the logo should be simplified, not texturized. Ms Ekanayaka stated that a nice typography font in black would last a lot longer than the proposed design.

Mr Patterson stated that he agreed with the ideas but that he would go anywhere regardless of whether it was hipster or not. Mr Patterson stated that he thought the logo looked cool and that it presented an opportunity to be quirky and witty where as 'Finest Beverages' was just cliché.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that the best way to keep it simple would simply be to retain 'Sandy's'. Ms Ekanayaka stated that unless there was a quote from Sandy, using 'explaining words' would easily become a joke.

Ms Gold stated that everyone seemed to prefer Sandy's to Sandy's Bar or the like. Ms Gold asked that the members discuss the tie-aspect of the design, as it was a major component of the design.

Mr Baldi asked if he could say at the outset that the anti-bow tie discrimination would not stand.

Mr Schorr asked if the designs could incorporate something personal like Sandy's handwriting.

Ms Gold answered that Sandy had terrible handwriting.

Mr Schorr asked if it would be possible to incorporate Sandy's input some more.

Ms Gold asked if Mr Schorr meant more of his personality.

Ms Woodhall stated that the members kept talking about keeping the area accessible. Ms Woodhall stated that she agreed that at least one had to be accessible to all but that there was no reason to have all areas be generic. Regarding the ties, Ms Woodhall stated that she thought it was weird, as pubs traditionally would have photographs. Ms Woodhall noted that it would be difficult to magic up photographs.

Ms Dick asked if the images of the ties would be emblazoned on the wall.

Ms Hill stated that the company was in to wall stickers so that was a risk.

Mr Patterson stated that he liked the tie aspect and wondered if there was a way to make it less gendered. Mr Patterson stated that a lot of sports clubs had rituals behind their ties that could be incorporated.

Ms Hill clarified the idea but what she disliked was the introduction of the 'Gentleman's Guide'-aspect that had appeared as the design was developed.

Mr Patterson stated that if there was a way to make it less gendered it would open up a lot of possibilities for students here.

Ms O'Donnell stated that the ties fitted well with the current design but, if the hipster designs were to be dropped, she did not know how well it would integrate with designs for a traditional bar.

Ms Dick asked, if there were to be wall stickers elsewhere, that this area have real old photographs of the Unions and teams in their sports kits.

Ms Holland asked if there could be actual ties.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that if they wanted versatility then decals would be the absolute worst way to achieve that and that frames on the wall would instead allow flexibility.

Ms Merryfield stated that she would like to reiterate the Association had a history and that there were photographs of Sandy with bar staff going back a long while. Ms Merryfield stated that those could go on display rather than importing a fake history.

Mr Schorr stated the design could incorporate the idea of a history of neckwear since whenever.

Ms Dick asked of Ms Walker whether she thought including sport team ties would encourage sports teams to come along.

Ms Walker stated that not all teams had ties and that those who didn't would have a different view point to those who did.

Ms Woodhall stated that it would give the opportunity to have historical photographs displayed.

Ms Gold asked that it be noted that the members wanted the design to appear as real as possible. Ms Gold asked how STAR would feel if there were ten years of debates photographs posted.

Mr Swedrup stated that STAR would probably create a tie of their own so that they could be included.

Ms Lewis stated that Mr Swedrup had brought up the idea of an acoustic space and stated that she wanted to ensure that aspect hadn't been forgotten about, as it seemed the discussion was focussing on the sports tie aspect. Ms Lewis asked that the venues be kept as versatile as possible as a lot of societies spaces would be lost and it was important to ensure that they didn't feel like they couldn't use a space.

Mr Patterson stated that the design drive should focus on being on the University and avoid putting people off from using the space.

10.2 Discussion of Redeveloped Building

Ms Gold stated that the members seemed to be quite down on the sky bar but that they were at the point of rolling it out so they need suggestions soon. Ms Gold stated that, in terms of phasing, the café and shop would be in phase one and would be called the Rector's Café and Your Shop. Ms Gold stated that they could be accessed from the front and from the main building and they had a wonderful chilled vibe. Ms Gold stated that the current car park would become a plaza and the main doors would be moved to where the current fire doors are. Coming through the main doors there will be a permanently manned reception desk where room bookings can be carried out. On the right through the main door there will be the main bar and straight ahead there will be Sandy's. Outside there will be new landscaping. Ms Gold stated that the kitchen would be in the same place and serve both the café and Sandy's. Ms Gold stated that the acoustic stage indicated on the plan of Sandy's might not be present in the final design. Ms Gold stated that phase two would be completed in June. Ms Gold stated that where Venue 1 currently was there would be two venues: a performance space mostly for theatre and a club space separated by a retractable wall. Ms Gold stated that the wall would not be sound proof so a bop and a play could not take place at the same time. Ms Gold stated that the redevelopment of the top floor would be phase 3a after which the staff on the middle floor would move up a level to allow the middle floor to be redeveloped in phase 3b. Ms Gold stated that the work on the top floor would begin in June 2014 and there would be a new kitchen – for fine food and dining etc. – and purpose built students spaces with projectors, rehearsal spaces, meetings spaces, storage areas, and a Students' Representative Council/Student Services Council office. Ms Gold stated that Charities and Volunteering would lose their dedicated office and be merged into the Joint office.

Ms Hill stated that there would also be a workshop for Art Soc etc.

Mr Palmer stated that it might also be use for Mr Hulse to weld in.

Ms Gold stated that the main access to the building would be through the middle and that there would be a glass office for the Sabbatical Officers and a large meeting space next to that. Ms Gold stated that there would be a large multimedia suite for TV editing and STAR which would be much bigger than the current space. Ms Gold stated that there would be a new committee room on the middle floor which would be much bigger, which was good as the current Students' Representative Council could hardly fit in the current one. Ms Gold stated that there would be a societies room for 12 to 14 people and the cash office would be nearby. Ms Gold stated that the staff room would stay the same. Ms Gold stated that there would be a large print and design room replacing the general office and that Rachel would be in there as well as a bank of computers.

Mr Patterson asked how large the new bar would be.

Ms Gold stated that the main bar would cover the same area less the area of the current games room.

Mr Patterson clarified that he meant how long the main bar would be.

Ms Hill answered that it would be similar in length to the current main bar when one of its shutters had been closed.

Ms Gold stated that the raised central section would be gone.

Mr Patterson asked how many seats would be in the performance space.

Ms Gold answered that it would be around 120.

Mr Patterson asked how large the stage would be.

Ms Gold stated that it was too small but that they were working on it.

Mr Patterson asked if it would be a black box theatre.

Mr Palmer stated that it would be similar to the area in the Barron and have a similar set up and stage height to Venue 1.

Ms Gold stated that there would be showers and dressings rooms and that the stage had been the biggest battle so far. Ms Gold stated that, as it was the last phase, there was plenty of time.

Ms Merryfield asked if there would be music performance spaces for example are the seats in the performance space retractable.

Mr Palmer stated that he thought music had been one of the biggest winners in the redevelopment and that it would suit Ms Merryfield very well.

Ms Merryfield asked if there were provisions for smaller performances.

Ms Gold stated that Sandy's would be appropriate and Venue 2 might be depending on its final form.

Ms Merryfield asked for confirmation that something would be available.

Mr Palmer stated that Sandy's was currently earmarked for that.

Ms Gold stated that the plans said 'acoustic venue' but that remained to be seen.

Ms Holland asked if there were spaces for confidential conversations.

Ms Hill answered that the redeveloped building would have lots of small private meeting spaces.

Ms Gold stated that there were meeting pods but they would primarily be used by the Students' Representative Council and Student Services Council.

Mr Swedrup asked whether the rehearsal spaces were for band practices or whether they were for theatre rehearsals.

Mr Palmer answered that they had wanted a sound proof room but the budget could not stretch to that.

Mr Swedrup asked if Mr Palmer was sure, as that was an important thing to have.

Mr Palmer stated that there was limited space and money and that it could not be afforded. Mr Palmer stated that with two venues, bands could be placed there after 5pm. Mr Palmer stated that mermaids was overflowing and that they hadn't won in the redeveloped building and that pressure was now off the main venue.

Mr Swedrup stated that he had a suggestion. Mr Swedrup stated that the SSC had a duty to encourage talent and that his idea was to use the basement as that could be easily soundproofed.

Mr Palmer stated that the area was to be used as storage.

Mr Swedrup stated that it was easier to find storage than a sound proofed room.

Ms Hill asked what would happen if the bop was on going next door.

Mr Palmer stated that they could be in the performance space.

Mr Swedrup stated that the media space looked great.

Mr Palmer stated that people had in the past fought for a sound proofed room on the top floor but the proposals had been infeasible.

Ms Ekanayaka asked whether the design suite was too small to have half of it closable to allow a private class to take place.

Mr Palmer stated that it might be possible to do that in a similar way to the partitions in the salad bowl.

Ms Gold stated that that was a good suggestion.

Mr Palmer stated that the capabilities in the room were great but they could look at improving its usage.

Ms Lewis asked if, since the main doors were where the fire doors were, whether it was feasible to have a cordoned off section where people could go out from the venues or main bar and not have to sign back in.

Ms Gold stated that the licencing line was being extended, which would allow people to go outside with a drink.

Ms Lewis stated that lots of societies had complained about the lack of a mirrored room for dance and also that a carpeted room would also not be ideal for that.

Ms Gold stated that carpet was currently being fought over.

Ms Lewis stated that mirrors would be very helpful for dance societies.

Ms Gold stated that there were no plans to have mirrored rooms, as it would limit the versatility of the room.

Ms Lewis asked if it would be possible to have mirrors that could be concealed behind a curtain.

Ms Parker asked how much storage space would be available.

Ms Gold stated that there would be a lot more but that it would not be evenly distributed e.g. charities would take up the most space. Ms Gold stated that there was a dedicated storage space and that the office would have lockable storage.

Ms Parker asked which spaces could be booked for EGMs.

Ms Gold answered that that would be decided on an operational basis. EGMs could use the rehearsal rooms or Venue 2. Socials could use Sandy's or top floor. Ms Gold stated that it would depend on how the plans were implemented.

Ms Walker asked if the plan was to remove the pool tables.

Ms Gold answered that there would be pool tables in Sandy's.

Ms Walker stated that she was just conscious that the pool team played for the Athletic Union.

Mr Patterson asked what the situation was in terms of negotiating the size of the stage.

Mr Palmer answered that a meeting was set up and that he had been focussing on it this year,

Mr Patterson asked what the time frame was for that.

Ms Hill answered that it was a place for all and, as it was a later phase, they were not currently interested in talking about it.

Mr Schorr stated that, in the longer term, technology was becoming more important, and that people in the University would be enthusiastic if a safe space could be established for people to focus on start-ups. Mr Schorr stated that new physical spaces had been looked at but they would all have to have been placed outside of St Andrews.

Ms Gold stated that there were lots of micro-spaces for private meetings throughout the redeveloped building and that, in terms of technology, a lot of the rooms would be equipped with projectors. Ms Gold stated that the Sabbatical Officers were working on ensuring that the technology was up to date and they were discussing having online room bookings with swipe card access. Ms Gold stated, however, that it would not become something like a start-up headquarters.

Ms Hill stated that, in future, it might be better not to advertise an idea as something the University might like as the Sabbatical Officers were becoming tired with that. Ms Hill stated that the University should be providing those spaces.

Ms Dick asked if there would be a dark room.

Mr Palmer stated that there would be one towards Venue 2.

Ms Gold stated that she had forgot to mention there would be storage space for societies in that area too.

Ms Lewis asked if there was a reason for the design office being so large.

Ms Gold answered that the Sabbatical Officers had no idea.

Ms Lewis stated that it seemed excessive.

Ms Gold stated that she agreed.

Ms Lewis asked if a separate room was possible as she sometimes got to the point in a project where she hated having other people around. Ms Lewis stated that a separate room would be more useful than one huge room.

Ms Gold stated that the large space was going to be built but how it was partitioned would be interesting,

Mr Palmer stated that it would probably be remodelled in a few years.

Ms Gold stated that the party line was that it would be big.

Mr Swedrup asked if The Saint and The Stand would be present in the suite.

Ms Hill stated that they would be only if they paid for access.

Ms Gold asked if everyone understood how the phasing would affect people. Ms Gold stated that the Main Bar would close at the start of next semester and that the top floor was supposed to be completed by Autumn 2014. Ms Gold stated that the staff would then move to the top floor, the middle floor would be remodelled and the staff moved back down and that the top floor would probably not be available until January 2015. Ms Gold stated that phase four would be the work on Venue 1 and that they should be open in time for Freshers' Week 2014 but that the work on that was in flux. Ms Gold stated that the landscaping of the garden was the last phase but that it was supposed to be completed by Autumn 2015 and that all venues should be done by then. Ms Gold stated that all of the subcommittees would need to be out by the end of the academic year.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that the design suite being smaller wouldn't be terrible as there was a limit to how many computers could be fitted in decided by the wall space. Ms Ekanayaka stated that a door in to the print room wouldn't be terrible and that not much could be done with such a large space.

Ms Gold asked if lower tables would be better.

Ms Ekanayaka answered that smaller and lower tables would be good.

Ms Hill stated that the space was, as far as the Sabbatical Officers understood it, for Rachel, the Design team and possibly another member of staff and some students. Ms Hill stated that it was possibly not as big as the Sabbatical Officers had been making out.

Mr Schorr asked if it would be possible to have white boards in every room.

Ms Gold answered that most rooms were planned to have them as well as projectors.

Ms Hill stated that the vast majority had projectors.

Ms Dick stated that technology seemed to be moving away from projectors towards large television screens and asked whether the projectors would be hard wired in.

Ms Gold stated that there would be a frame in the roof with a projector installed in that. Ms Gold stated that she thought the idea behind that was the projectors could be replaced easily as they became obsolete. Ms Gold stated that were plans for screens but there were not plans for them in the spaces.

Ms Hill stated that the building would hopefully have swipe card access allowing access to different parts of the building while securing off areas that students shouldn't be in at night.

Ms Lewis stated that in Bess there had been projectors showcasing what events there would be at the On The Rocks Festival and asked if there was the possibility of doing that again given that the walls were going to be all glass.

Mr Palmer stated that all the good big windows would be part of the café or shop and that they would likely have things placed in them. Mr Palmer stated that electronic screens in them would be something good to look at.

Mr Schorr asked if the discussion had been about large screens replacing projectors.

Mr Dixon stated that was the way technology was going.

Ms Hill stated that that sounded cool but they weren't included in the plans. Ms Hill stated that the redevelopment as running on a budget which is why things were being cut. Ms Hill stated that the architect had proposed a large glass wall and that the Sabbatical Officers first thoughts had been that it would make a great poster wall. Ms Hill stated she was fully expecting students to make the new building their own.

Ms Hill thanked Ms Gold for bringing Halloween sweets to the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2139