



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

MINUTES

Tuesday 28th January 2014 – The Salad Bowl, 7.00pm

Present

Maxwell Baldi	Association Chair
Edward Woodhouse	Association Director of Representation
Kelsey Gold	Association Director of Student Development and Activities
Dominyka Urbonaite	Association Environment & Ethics Officer
David Norris	Association LGBT Officer
Scott Schorr	Association Postgraduate President
Iain Cupples	Education Researcher
Jess Walker	President of the Athletic Union
Pat Mathewson	Rector's Assessor
Scott Taylor	SRC Accommodation Officer
Ondrej Hajda	SRC Education Officer
Hibak Yusuf Mohamud	SRC Equal Opportunities Officer
Lonie Sebahg	SRC Employability Officer
Callum Bryce	SRC External Campaigns Officer
Soraya Walli	SRC Member for Ethnic Minorities
Joshua Carlton	SRC Member for First Year
Ali West	SRC Member for Gender Equality
Caroline Rhoads	SRC Member for International Students
Melissa Turner	SRC Member for Mature Students
Fay Morrice	SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
Anna Kennedy-O'Brien	SRC Member for University Accommodation
Ben Anderson	SRC Member for Widening Access
Oscar Swedrup	SSC Broadcasting Officer
Joseph Tantillo	SSC Charitable Development Convenor
George Parker	SSC Charities Officer
William Lord	SSC Debates Officer
Stephanie Ekanayaka	SSC Design Team 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

Ruth Cunningham	
Elliot Davies	The Saint
Carrie Magee	The Saint

Michael Telfer

Minutes Secretary

Absent

Sophie Kelly	Arts/Divinity Senate Representative
Katie O'Donnell	Association Community Relations Officer
Daniel Palmer	Association Director of Events and Services
Chloe Hill	Association President
Peter DaBell	Science/Medicine Senate Representative
Ross Quinn	SRC Member for Mature Students
Avalon Borg	SRC Wellbeing Officer
Fiona Woodhall	SSC Entertainment Convener

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without dissent.

2. Apologies for Absence

Daniel Palmer	Association Director of Events and Services
Avalon Borg	SRC Wellbeing Officer
Fiona Woodhall	SSC Entertainments Convener
Chloe Hill	Association President
Katie O'Donnell	Association Community Relations Officer
Peter DaBell	Science/Medicine Senate Representative

The apologies were accepted without dissent

3. New General Joint Business

3.1. J. 19 – A Motion to Provide for Directly Elected Student Trustees

THIS SRC AND SSC NOTE:

1. The ongoing review of the governance of the Association;
2. That trustees exist to protect the reputation of the Students Association, and its legal and financial integrity;
3. That a paper will be presented to SAB recommending that SAB subcommittees have student majorities, that the number of SAB subcommittees be reduced to three, and that the SAB subcommittees each have one non-sabbatical student trustee as a member; and,
4. That the Senior Officers do not represent the Council that elected them on SAB.

THIS SRC AND SSC BELIEVE:

1. That Senior Officers serving as trustees creates an increased potential for conflict of interest;
2. That there is a large time commitment on the Senior Officers already, and the board proposal would increase this, which is difficult to keep up with on top of the commitments the officers are elected to carry out in the current structure; and,
3. That having directly elected student trustees would help students understand how the Association is run.

THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVE:

To recommend the following amendments to the Laws to SAB with the recommendation that the same do pass:

1. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.9.1.6. '& Nominee to SAB';
2. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.9.1.7. '& Nominee to SAB';
3. Add in Chapter 1 of the Laws a new § 3.13 to read as follows:

3.13. Student Trustees

There shall be two student trustees.

3.13.1. Student Trustee (Finance)

The Student Trustee (Finance) shall:

3.13.1.1. Serve as a member of SAB and the SAB Finance Committee.

3.13.1.2. Serve as a non-voting member of the SRC and SSC.

3.13.2. Student Trustee (Staffing)

The Student Trustee (Finance) shall:

3.13.2.1. Serve as a member of SAB and the SAB Finance Committee.

3.13.2.2. Serve as a non-voting member of the SRC and SSC.

4. Add in Chapter 2 of the Laws a new § 1.1.28 to read 'Student Trustee (Finance) (non-voting)';
5. Add in Chapter 2 of the Laws a new § 1.1.29 to read 'Student Trustee (Staffing) (non-voting)';
6. Add in Chapter 3 of the Laws a new § 1.1.25 to read 'Student Trustee (Finance) (non-voting)';
7. Add in Chapter 3 of the Laws a new § 1.1.26 to read 'Student Trustee (Staffing) (non-voting)';
8. Add in Chapter Six of the Laws a new § 1.1.10 to read 'Student Trustee (Finance)'; and,
9. Add in Chapter Six of the Laws a new § 1.1.11 to read 'Student Trustee (Staffing)'.

Proposed by Ms Hill and seconded by Ms Gold.

Ms Gold introduced the motion as such: I've seconded the motion for the purposes of discussion, the motion was proposed by Ms Hill, and I don't necessarily agree with it. The motion argues that we should have two directly elected trustees rather than the current senior officers being chosen from within their councils. The directly elected trustees would be elected by the student body. The motion argues that having two roles alleviates the potential for conflicts of interest and also that the senior officers have a substantial workload. The governance review recommends the increasing of the responsibilities of the trustee position. The motion also argues that having directly elected trustees would increase the awareness of how the union is run.

Mr Baldi stated that, before he invited questions, he would like Mr Cupples to recapitulate the role of trustees within the Association and under the relevant provisions of charity law.

Mr Cupples reminded the members that they had discussed the role of trustees when the current two were elected. Mr Cupples stated that the Association is a charity ran by trustees and that the Sabbatical Officers and the Chair became trustees by winning their elections. The other two trustees are elected by their councils and that they are the Senior Officers. Mr Cupples stated that the trustees' first duty was to act in the best interests of the charity and,

if there's a conflict of interest between the charity and their council, they must vote in the interests of the charity or excuse themselves from the vote if they can't.

Ms Turner asked what the responsibilities of the newly created positions would be.

Mr Cupples answered that, currently, when a member was chosen as Senior Officer one of the responsibilities was to serve on the Association's board. Mr Cupples stated that proposed change would create a position that was directly elected by the student body and they would only attend the board meetings and meetings of its sub-bodies.

Mr Hajda asked if the position of Senior Officer would still be elected.

Mr Cupples answered that it would still be an internally elected position.

Ms Cunningham asked if the role would count as an Association position and if, by running for that position, they would be excluded from running for other Association positions.

Mr Cupples answered that it would be and that it would.

Mr Norris asked if the motion passing would change the structure immediately or whether the changes would come in to force following the next diet of elections.

Mr Baldi answered that the motion was listed on the agenda of the Board's meeting scheduled for the following day and that the Board was likely to act in considering its composition. Mr Baldi stated that the recommendation would be discussed at that time and that the intention in proposing the motion was to have the changes in effect by the March election diet. Mr Baldi clarified that the answer was yes but with a qualification.

Ms Gold stated that, if it wasn't clear before, one of the elected trustees would serve on the finance subcommittee and the other on the staffing subcommittee.

Mr Dixon asked why the elected trustees would not have a vote on the Councils.

Mr Cupples answered that the intention was to separate the responsibilities but that it would be desirable to have them attend the meetings of the Councils.

Mr Dixon stated that the motion said they'd be non-voting members of the Councils.

Ms Lewis stated that positions would have different portfolios and one would be explicitly for staffing and the other for finance.

Mr Norris asked how the bearers of the positions would be required to perform their duties.

Mr Cupples answered that the trustees would have a legal duty to discharge their duties and that the Board would be responsible for ensuring that they did so.

Ms Mohamud stated that there currently existed a distinction between the trustees and asked whether that distinction would be maintained.

Mr Baldi stated that the elected trustees would be a member of both councils but would have a different set of responsibilities.

Ms Cunningham asked whether, in terms of conflicts of interest, there would be a restriction on who could run for the positions.

Mr Cupples stated that there would already be rules governing that and that they would continue to be in effect. Mr Cupples stated that it would seem impossible for a part time member of staff to run for the staffing position.

Ms Cunningham asked if there was a similar restriction on the finance position.

Mr Cupples answered that student staff would likely have to declare a conflict of interest regularly and it would be inappropriate for them to run.

Mr Hajda stated that, as a result of the restricting, student trustees have an increased set of responsibilities and asked what they would be.

Ms Gold answered that the current trustees do not currently attend meetings of Board subcommittees, which meet more frequently than the full Board and are more intensive and involve more hours. Ms Gold stated that their duties would, however, be much the same.

Mr Anderson asked whether there would be a student majority on the Board's subcommittees.

Ms Gold answered in the affirmative.

Mr Cupples stated that, one way or the other, the Board would be structured to create a student majority.

Ms Gold stated that the objection might be that increasing the workload would be difficult.

Mr Mathewson stated that, to his knowledge, charity law meant that the board had to have a majority of independent members.

Mr Cupples stated that they had to be independent of outside organisation and that there were only two appointed members.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that she would like to ask the current Senior Officer what their opinions on the motion were.

Mr Baldi stated that would likely come up in the debate stage.

Ms Mathewson stated that it struck him that those students with a vested interest in running would be those who were also officers and they would understand how the Association operated. As such, he stated, if they nominated themselves they would also be aware of the need to separate their different interests. Leaving it to the student body, and therefore not necessarily someone with experience from the Association, would be counter intuitive.

Ms Gold stated that students should be aware of the running of the organisation, and the things involved. Ms Gold stated that she had two objections to the motion. Being a trustee shouldn't be a political position and, as such, they really couldn't have a manifesto or political agenda. Ms Gold stated that the counter argument was the Sabbatical Officers had a political agenda. She added, however, that the Sabbatical Officers had both a political role and the ability to wear a 'trustee hat' when required. No part of the portfolio of the elected

trustees could be politicised. Ms Gold stated that the second objection was that the trustees might, effectively, be promoted above the Councils without ever having served on them or having gone through the processes. Ms Gold clarified that was a big might. Ms Gold stated that she thought making the student body aware that the Association was governed by a student majority should be highlighted.

Mr Mathewson asked of the current Senior Officers how important they thought serving on the councils was for serving on Board.

Ms Mohamud answered that she hadn't necessarily known what the position was when she had ran for it but, with personal experience, she thought it was important to know all the things and that serving on the Councils lent her valuable insights. Ms Mohamud stated that she hadn't necessarily known what the workload would be but that it was definitely of a size that it was manageable if you wanted it to be.

Ms Lewis stated that, to reiterate, student trustees were people who care and who get involved and that by opening it up to a general election it might result in people who aren't aware of what the position is running for it. Ms Lewis stated that she could not support the idea that someone who had never been involved in the Association ended up on the Board. Ms Lewis added that Board could be confusing and, as such, you would need to be aware of what the Councils were doing. Ms Lewis stated that she knew the difficulties faced by the committees and that everyone in the room would want someone with that knowledge on board so that they could take decisions with the full knowledge of the implications. Ms Lewis stated that people running for the positions thinking that the knowledge they've gained from their degree, for example business, that might not necessarily be enough. Ms Lewis added that, without the Senior Officers on board, the councils would be reliant on the sabbatical officers to carry their voices. Ms Lewis stated that having student voices involved was very valuable.

Mr Dixon stated that he did not view the student staffing and finance position as being that valuable as it was his view that those who might run might not understand the positions. Mr Dixon stated that he thought the current system was good at selecting people who understood what they needed to do.

Mr Woodhouse stated that he needed to decide whether the proposed system would result in better trustees and that Ms Hill's idea was that there would be fewer conflicts of interests. Mr Woodhouse, picking up on Ms Lewis' position, stated that he thought they would be just as likely to have a conflict of interest. Mr Woodhouse stated that he was surprised by the proposal as he knew that other universities were moving in the opposite direction, away from elected trustees. Mr Woodhouse cited the University of the West of Scotland as an example of where there was a much politicised board as a result of the election. Mr Woodhouse stated that in the University Court people were present based on them being a student or a member of staff and that requiring elections would devalue that. Mr Woodhouse stated that, for those reasons, he was in favour of retaining the current system.

Mr Cupples stated that one thought that occurred to him, though it wasn't present in the material, was that in addition to suggesting non-Sabbatical Officers serve on subcommittees was that the whole Board would be meeting more often. In terms of timing, he stated, the commitment might be doubled.

Ms Mohamud stated that there was a lot of restructuring ongoing at the present moment in terms of keeping things clear and that she thought it was important that the position were appointed. Ms Mohamud stated that the thing about time commitments was very important and that, while she loved her job, she would have liked a better overview before running.

Ms Gold moved that the previous question be ordered.

Ms Ekanayaka, having not spoken and wishing to, objected.

Ms Gold's motion was ruled out of order.

Ms Ekanayaka asked, noting that a lot of people were voicing concerns about a vote, time, and experience, if it were possible to restrict the position to candidates with particular experience.

Mr Baldi answered that his understanding of the Education Act 1994 was that all major positions must be open to all students in a free and fair election, and that such an amendment would be out of order.

Ms Urbonaite moved that the motion be amended to read:

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3.13.2. Student Trustee (Staffing)

The Student Trustee ~~(Finance)~~ (Staffing) shall:

3.13.2.1. Serve as a member of SAB and the SAB ~~Finance~~ Staffing Committee

The motion was accepted without dissent.

Ms Cunningham asked if the split was carried forward it would be possible to co-opt someone from outwith the ranks of the council.

Mr Cupples asked if Ms Cunningham was asking whether it would be possible to have three roles: the Senior Officer, the Deputy Senior Officer, and another candidate for trustee.

Mr Baldi answered that it would likely require an amendment of the constitution.

Mr Dixon asked whether his interpretation of the laws, that the Senior Officer need not belong to their bodies, was correct and whether it was just a nominee for Board.

Ms Gold answered that they were elected from within their own council.

Mr Baldi stated that Ms Gold's answer was correct in practice but that, in writing, Mr Dixon was correct. Mr Baldi clarified that, in as far as the laws and constitution were concerned, though not necessarily by current practice, Mr Dixon was correct.

Mr Norris stated that the trustee position was obviously important and queried what would happen if no one were to run for the position. Mr Norris stated that it wouldn't be the first time that a position had no candidates run.

Mr Cupples stated that would be important to resolve.

Mr Norris stated that the practicality of the Board needing to take a decision over the break meant that the position would, in practice, be restricted to UK-based students.

Mr Cupples stated that was a problem with the current system too and that the Board generally tried to contact the student trustees by email.

Mr Norris stated that, all in all, a student could be elected and then a co-option be required anyway.

Ms Turner, highlighting that Ms Gold had seconded the motion but didn't necessarily support it, asked if her understanding of the motion, that it separated the rules due to a matter of time constraints, was correct.

Ms Gold answered that that was one reason but that the separate would also raise awareness of the governance of the Association.

Ms Turner stated that conflicts of interest were also a reason. Ms Turner asked whether there was any way to reduce the workload, to modify it.

Mr Cupples answered that the increased time commitment was only a problem for the Senior Officers.

Ms Lewis stated that the time commitment for Senior Officers did not currently involve attending subcommittees. Ms Lewis stated that in asking someone to be a trustee, as such a large commitment, it altered their mentality towards the role. Ms Lewis stated that she did not think anything needed to be taken away.

Ms Morrice stated that, by putting yourself forward for Senior Officer, you did so recognising that there was an extra time commitment.

Ms Gold stated that the extra time commitment would need to be explained as it arose during the first meeting.

Mr Cupples stated that the change could result in an extra 14 hours a year but that those could all arise in a short space of time, such as if the Finance Committee were to meet prior to Board.

Ms Mohamud moved that the previous question be ordered.

With no objection, the question was ordered.

A roll call vote was held in the Student Representative Council:

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Arts/Divinity Senate Representative	Sophie Kelly			
Association Community Relations Officer	Katie O'Donnell			
Association Director of Events & Services	Daniel Palmer			X
Association Director of Representation	Edward Woodhouse		X	
Association Director of Student Development & Activities	Kelsey Gold		X	
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Dominyka Urbonaite		X	
Association LGBT Officer	David Norris		X	
Association Postgraduate President	Scott Schorr		X	
Association President	Chloe Hill			
President of the Athletic Union	Jess Walker			X
Science/Medicine Senate Representative	Peter DaBell			X
SRC Accommodation Officer	Scott Taylor		X	
SRC Education Officer	Ondrej Hajda			X
SRC Employability Officer	Lonie Sebagh		X	
SRC Equal Opportunities & Welfare Officer	Hibak Yusuf Mohamud		X	
SRC External Campaigns Officer	Callum Bryce		X	
SRC Member for Ethnic Minorities	Soraya Walli			X
SRC Member for First Year	Joshua Carlton		X	
SRC Member for Gender Equality	Ali West		X	
SRC Member for International Students	Caroline Rhoads		X	
SRC Member for Mature Students	Melissa Turner		X	
SRC Member for Private Accommodation	Ruth Cunningham			
SRC Member for Students with Disabilities	Fay Morrice		X	
SRC Member for University Accommodation	Anna Kennedy-O'Brien		X	
SRC Member for Widening Access	Ben Anderson	X		
Students' Representative Council Welfare Officer	Avalon Borg			

With 1 member in the affirmative and 15 in the negative, the motion failed in the Students' Representative Council.

A roll call vote was held in the Student Services Council:

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Association Community Relations Officer	Katie O'Donnell			
Association Director of Events & Services	Daniel Palmer			X
Association Director of Representation	Edward Woodhouse		X	
Association Director of Student Development & Activities	Kelsey Gold		X	
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Dominyka Urbonaite		X	
Association LGBT Officer	David Norris		X	
Association Postgraduate President	Scott Schorr		X	
Association President	Chloe Hill			
SSC Broadcasting Officer	Oscar Swedrup			X
SSC Charities Officer	George Parker		X	
SSC Debates Officer	William Lord		X	
SSC Member for Societies Elections	Robert Dixon		X	
SSC Member for Societies Grants	Emily Dick		X	
SSC Member w/o Portfolio	Kieth Cordrey		X	
SSC Music Officer	Anna Merryfield		X	
SSC Performing Arts Officer	David Patterson		X	
SSC Societies Officer	Courtney Lewis		X	
SSC Volunteering Officer	Fay Holland		X	

With no members in the affirmative and 14 in the negative, the motion failed in the Student Service Council.

The councils concurring, the motion failed.

3.2. J. 20 – A Motion to Amend the Remits of the Sabbatical Officers

THIS SRC AND SSC NOTE:

1. The ongoing review of the governance of the Association; and,
2. That the remits of the sabbatical officers as set out in the Laws do not fully match current practices.

THIS SRC AND SSC BELIEVE:

1. The sabbatical remits should be amended to match current practices in light of the ongoing review of the governance of the Association.

THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVE:

To recommend the following amendments to the Laws to SAB with the recommendation that the same do pass:

1. Add to 1 Laws § 3.1.1.4 '(Chair and Convener)';
2. Strike 1 Laws §§ 3.1.2.2, 3.1.2.3, 3.1.2.4, 3.1.2.6, and 3.1.2.8;
3. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.1.2.7 'Residential Accommodation Forum' and insert 'Senior Students' Forum';

4. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.1.4 'Town-Gown Liason Group';
5. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.1.11 'accomidation' and insert 'accommodation';
6. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.1.11 'equal opportunities, welfare';
7. Strike 1 Laws § 3.1.12;
8. Strike 1 Laws § 3.1.16;
9. Strike 1 Laws §§ 3.1.20.2, 3.1.20.3, 3.1.20.4, 3.1.20.6 and insert new sections to read 'Association Environment and Ethics Officer', 'SRC Accommodation Officer', 'SRC External Campaigns Officer', and 'SRC Member for Widening Access';
10. Insert in Chapter 1 of the Laws a new section § 3.1.23 to read 'Any of the above-enumerated duties may be delegated to another Sabbatical Officer by and with the advice and consent of SAEC';
11. Insert in Chapter 1 of the Laws a new section § 3.2.7 to read 'Be responsible for the booking and operations of Association venues';
12. Insert in Chapter 1 of the Laws a new section § 3.2.8 to read 'Oversee the operation of the Barron Theatre, and the Barron sub-committee';
13. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.2.9 'in liaison with the University';
14. Insert in Chapter 1 of the Laws a new section § 3.2.11 to read 'Work on a strategic overview of Association commercial activities, alongside the Commercial Manager';
15. Insert in Chapter 1 of the Laws a new section § 3.2.12 to read 'Overview the building operations of the Union building';
16. Add to extant 1 Laws § 3.2.12 a new section § 3.2.12.4 to read 'SSC Music Officer;
17. Add to extant 1 Laws § 3.2.12 a new section § 3.2.12.4 to read 'SSC Performing Arts Officer;
18. Strike the text of 1 Laws § 3.2.13 and insert 'Work closely with the SSC Entertainments Convenor on recruitment, event management, Health & Safety and training';
19. Insert in Chapter 1 of the Laws a new section § 3.2.21 to read 'Any of the above-enumerated duties may be delegated to another Sabbatical Officer by and with the advice and consent of SAEC';
20. Strike 1 Laws §§ 3.3.2 and 3.3.3;
21. Strike 1 Laws §§ 3.3.7.10 and 3.3.7.11;
22. Strike 1 Laws § 3.3.8;
23. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.3.10 'compiling the societies directory' and insert 'promoting societies, subcommittees and association projects';
24. Strike the text of 1 Laws 3.3.12 and insert 'Be responsible for working with the University to ensure rooms are made available to affiliated societies';
25. Insert in Chapter 1 of the Laws a new section § 3.3.18 to read 'Be responsible for the supervision of Association Projects';
26. Insert in Chapter 1 of the Laws a new section § 3.3.25 to read 'Any of the above-enumerated duties may be delegated to another Sabbatical Officer by and with the advice and consent of SAEC';
27. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.4.2 'SRC Equal Opportunities & Welfare Committee and the School Presidents' system' and insert 'SRC Education Committee, SRC Employability Committee, SRC Equal Opportunities Committee, and SRC Wellbeing Committee';
28. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.4.4.3 'Library Users Group' and insert 'Library Strategy Advisory Group';
29. Add to 1 Laws § 3.4.4.5 'as appropriate';
30. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.4.4.6 'Faculty Annual General Meetings; and,' and insert 'Academic Monitoring Group';
31. Insert in Chapter 1 of the Laws a new section § 3.4.4.7 to read 'Curriculum Approvals Group; and,';

32. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.4.6. 'equal opportunities and welfare and work with the President on accommodation, sustainability, and external campaign strategies' and insert 'education, equal opportunities, employability, and wellbeing';
33. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.4.7 '(e.g. hall committees);
34. Insert in Chapter 1 of the Laws a new section § 3.4.13 to read 'Provide an electronic copy of any amendments to the Laws, as passed by SAB, to the General Manager, and take responsibility for maintaining and updating an accurate master copy of the Laws.'
35. Strike 1 Laws §§ 3.4.9.1, 3.4.9.2, 3.4.9.3, 3.4.9.4, 3.4.9.5, and 3.4.9.6 and insert new sections to read 'Postgraduate President', 'Senate Representatives', 'Faculty Presidents', 'Association LGBT Officer', 'SRC Education Officer', 'SRC Equal Opportunities Officer', 'SRC Employability Officer', and 'SRC Wellbeing Officer'.
36. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.4.12 'welfare provision such as during Raisin Weekend, the Night Bus service, carbon monoxide detectors and personal attack alarms' and insert 'projects';
37. Insert 'and enhancement' after 'quality assurance' in 1 Laws § 3.1.14;
38. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.4.16 'representation and support' and insert 'education, wellbeing, equal opportunities, and democracy'; and,
39. Insert in Chapter 1 of the Laws a new section § 3.4.19 to read 'Any of the above enumerated duties may be delegated to another Sabbatical Officer by and with the advice and consent of SAEC'.

Proposed by Mr Woodhouse and seconded by Ms Gold.

Mr Woodhouse introduced the motion as such: this motion will clean up some things where we think it needed to be cleaned up and change the laws to reflect current practice.

Ms Gold stated that the laws were outdated and that Mr Baldi had updated them with input from the Sabbatical Officers.

Ms Cunningham stated that the accommodation team had been struck and not reinserted in to the President's remit.

Mr Baldi stated that the changes existed in the motion but were not necessarily reflected in the list of changes. Mr Baldi stated that when a motion and an explanatory document conflict, the text of the motion controls.

Mr Hajda asked, noting that the President was removed as the member of Senate and Academic Council, if the motion meant the Director of Representation had been switched in.

Mr Woodhouse answered that it meant the President was no longer designated but also that the Director of Representation wasn't necessarily designated either. Mr Woodhouse added that it cleared the way for it.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that the team was now called Design and PR.

Ms Ekanayaka moved that all references to 'Design Team' be struck from the motion and 'Design & PR Team' be inserted in their place.

The motion was accepted without dissent.

Mr Schorr asked whether the Sabbatical Officers felt limited by not being able to discuss their own remits with the press.

Ms Gold answered that she did not and that the laws did not say that she couldn't. Ms Gold stated that the laws prevented her from acting as a spokesman.

The motion, as amended, was adopted without dissent.

3.3. J. 21 – A Motion to Change the title of the SSC Charitable Development Convener

THIS SRC AND SSC NOTE:

1. The name Charitable Development Convener doesn't accurately represent the responsibilities of the position; and,
2. The confusion regarding the name has limited the number of students who seek help from the Charitable Development Convener.

THIS SRC AND SSC BELIEVE:

1. Position titles should be indicative of the duties held by each member of the SSC;
2. A title change to the position of SSC Charitable Development Convener would clarify the role of the position;
3. Changing the title will benefit the greater student body and make the services of the Charitable Development Convener more widely accessible; and,
4. The duties of the position are such that the position can now be elected in the annual student elections.

THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVE:

1. To change the title of SSC Charitable Development Convener to SSC External Funding Officer;
2. In accordance with the title change the position of SSC External Funding Officer will be elected each year in the annual student elections; and,
3. To recommend to SAB that the Laws be amended accordingly to reflect these changes.

Proposed by Mr Tantillo and seconded by Ms Gold.

Mr Tantillo introduced the motion as such: the position was created around two years ago and, as a result, there are some bugs that need to be sorted out. A large part of this year has been spent, with Ms Gold, working on which changes are required. This motion, if it passes, would be to change the name as Charitable Development Convener is a title that isn't very descriptive of what the position entails and makes it quite difficult to fill positions in that applicants think they'll be working with the Charities Campaign when they see the name. Changing the name to SSC External Funding Officer would be beneficial for the holder of the role and for the understanding of the student body. With the name change, the position will also become one that is elected in the student elections. The position is one that can be

done by anyone who would want to run for it as everything that is required to be known can be learned in the handover

Ms Gold stated that she thought it meant the position would now line up with the external campaigns officer.

Mr Tantillo stated that it would be nice to have a vote.

Mr Dixon stated that the part of the law where it says the position was non-voting needed to be changed, in that case.

Mr Baldi stated that the clause stated all appropriate changes should be made.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

3.4.J. 22 – A Motion to Amend the Membership of the SSC Societies Committee

THIS SSC AND SRC NOTE:

1. The SSC Societies Committee wishes to restructure and create an additional officer.
2. The SSC Societies Committee has recommended the removal of the roles of Member for Societies Elections and Member for Societies Grants from the SSC.
3. That the removal of these roles is supported by both current officers.
4. The SSC Societies Committee has recommended altering some additional provisions of the Laws to reflect current practice.

THIS SSC AND SRC BELIEVES:

1. These changes better reflect the current practises of the SSC Societies Committee and will allow the Committee to be more effective.

THIS SSC AND SRC RESOLVE:

To report amendments to the following changes to the Laws to SAB with the recommendation that the same do pass, and further recommend that the changes take effect upon the dissolution of this SSC:

1. To strike §3.3.7.8 in Chapter 1, and renumber accordingly;
2. To strike §3.3.7.9 in Chapter 1, and renumber accordingly;
3. To strike §1.1.12 in Chapter 3, and renumber accordingly;
4. To strike §1.1.13 in Chapter 3, and renumber accordingly;
5. To strike §4.1.2 in Chapter 3, and renumber accordingly;

6. To strike §4.1.3 in Chapter 3, and renumber accordingly;
7. To strike §5.2 in Chapter 3, and renumber accordingly;
8. To strike §5.3 in Chapter 3, and renumber accordingly;
9. To strike §1.1.33 in Chapter 6, and renumber accordingly;
10. To strike §1.1.34 in Chapter 6, and renumber accordingly;
11. To strike in §4.3 in Chapter 22 “or SSC Member for Society Elections”;
12. To strike the existing text in §1.1.3 in Chapter 23, and insert “1.1.3 Grants Officer”;
13. To strike the existing text in §1.1.4 in Chapter 23, and insert “1.1.4 Elections Officer”;
14. To add the text “Affiliation Officer” as §1.1.3 in Chapter 23 and renumber accordingly;
15. To strike “Returning Officers” in §1.1.6 in Chapter 23 and insert “Election Advisors”.
16. To strike “Administrator” in §1.1.8 in Chapter 23 and insert “Processor”.
17. To strike §1.2.3 in Chapter 23 and renumber accordingly.
18. To strike “The Committee shall meet at least three times per semester and at other times when necessary.” in §1.3 in Chapter 23 and insert “The Societies Committee shall meet weekly during term time excluding pre-sessional and revision weeks and at other times when necessary.”.
19. To insert a new §1.5 in Chapter 23 with the following text:
 - 1.5. Attendance
 - 1.5.1. If a member is absent from two meetings of the SSC Societies Committee without adequate apologies or five in total, the member shall cease to hold office.
 - 1.5.2. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, the absence policy of the SSC Societies Committee shall not apply to the Director of Student Development & Activities or any SSC/SRC nominees to the

Committee.

Proposed by Ms Lewis and seconded by Ms Dick.

Ms Lewis introduced the motion as such: the Societies Committee has been restructured a lot this year and we continue to do so. We just had a meeting where the committee approved this motion. This motion will rename some of the officers, create some positions, remove some positions from the student services council, and create an affiliation officer so the committee can more easily deal with questions. The motion will change the name of the returning officer to election advisor so that people are aware of the role, change the risk assessment administrator's role, and also change the meeting requirements to reflect that there are now weekly meetings.

Ms Lewis moved to strike resolving clause 19.

Mr Dixon seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

Ms Lewis clarified that the removed positions would continue to serve on the Student Services Council until the election diet.

Ms Gold, noting that the motion removed positions from the council, requested a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was held in the Students' Representative Council:

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Arts/Divinity Senate Representative	Sophie Kelly			
Association Community Relations Officer	Katie O'Donnell			
Association Director of Events & Services	Daniel Palmer	X		
Association Director of Representation	Edward Woodhouse	X		
Association Director of Student Development & Activities	Kelsey Gold	X		
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Dominyka Urbonaite	X		
Association LGBT Officer	David Norris	X		
Association Postgraduate President	Scott Schorr	X		
Association President	Chloe Hill			
President of the Athletic Union	Jess Walker	X		
Science/Medicine Senate Representative	Peter DaBell	X		
SRC Accommodation Officer	Scott Taylor	X		
SRC Education Officer	Ondrej Hajda	X		
SRC Employability Officer	Lonie Sebagh	X		
SRC Equal Opportunities & Welfare Officer	Hibak Yusuf Mohamud	X		
SRC External Campaigns Officer	Callum Bryce	X		
SRC Member for Ethnic Minorities	Soraya Walli	X		
SRC Member for First Year	Joshua Carlton	X		
SRC Member for Gender Equality	Ali West	X		
SRC Member for International Students	Caroline Rhoads	X		
SRC Member for Mature Students	Melissa Turner	X		
SRC Member for Private Accommodation	Ruth Cunningham			
SRC Member for Students with Disabilities	Fay Morrice	X		
SRC Member for University Accommodation	Anna Kennedy-O'Brien	X		
SRC Member for Widening Access	Ben Anderson	X		
SRC Welfare Officer	Avalon Borg			

With 21 members in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion was adopted in the Students' Representative Council.

A roll call vote was held in the Student Services Council:

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Association Community Relations Officer	Katie O'Donnell			
Association Director of Events & Services	Daniel Palmer	X		
Association Director of Representation	Edward Woodhouse	X		
Association Director of Student Development & Activities	Kelsey Gold	X		
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Dominyka Urbonaite	X		
Association LGBT Officer	David Norris	X		
Association Postgraduate President	Scott Schorr	X		
Association President	Chloe Hill			
SSC Broadcasting Officer	Oscar Swedrup	X		
SSC Charities Officer	George Parker	X		
SSC Debates Officer	William Lord	X		
SSC Member for Societies Elections	Robert Dixon	X		
SSC Member for Societies Grants	Emily Dick	X		
SSC Member w/o Portfolio	Kieth Cordrey	X		
SSC Music Officer	Anna Merryfield	X		
SSC Performing Arts Officer	David Patterson	X		
SSC Societies Officer	Courtney Lewis	X		
SSC Volunteering Officer	Fay Holland	X		

With 16 members in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion was adopted in the Student Services Council.

The councils concurring, the motion, as amended, was adopted.

Mr Baldi, pursuant to standing order 1.7, cancelled the meeting of the SAEC

4. New General SRC Business

4.1. R.20 – A motion to Provide Funding for a 50th Anniversary Event

THIS SRC NOTES:

1. That student representation has existed in St Andrews in its modern form since the very first Students' Representative Council formed in the 1880's;
2. That the SRC was, and still is, the representative arm of the student body, electing members (that is, students) to speak up on behalf of students on issues that were important to them;
3. That the SRC admitted both men and women, and it was in St Andrews that we had one of the first ever women to be elected to public office on parity with men with the election of Miss Watson in January 1897 to the SRC;
4. That from the 1923 there was also a 'Union' formed separately from the SRC, first for men and then separately for women;

5. That the Unions existed to organise the social activities of student life, at a time when society was more socially conservative and it was thought best by some that the students should congregate exclusively within their own 'clubhouses';
6. That the Men's and Women's Unions united in 1963;
7. An event to be held by the Association on 12 February celebrating the joining of the Men's and Women's Unions and the progress towards equality;
8. That the event will feature a photo exhibition including photos from each decade, images and information about the redevelopment, drinks and canapés, music, and short talks from Dr Ann Kettle and Dr Lorna Milne on 'Being a Female Student at St Andrews';
9. The draft budget for the event attached hereto; and,
10. Its authority under 2 Laws § 3.3 to appropriate a sum of up to £1000.00 at any meeting.

THIS SRC BELIEVES:

1. That it should support the efforts of the Association to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the joining of the Men's and Women's Unions.

THIS SRC RESOLVES:

1. To appropriate a sum not to exceed £1000.00 from its discretionary fund to cover event to be held by the Association on 12 February celebrating the joining of the Men's and Women's Unions and the progress towards equality.

Proposed by Ms Hill and seconded by Mr Palmer.

Mr Baldi stated that this motion would appropriate money from the SRC Discretionary Fund, from which up to £1000 could be appropriated in any one meeting, and that £2750 was currently left in the fund.

Ms Gold introduced the motion as such: Ms Hill is organising an anniversary celebration event, alumni will be in attendance, and student were able to apply for tickets. This will be a fantastic event and, to make it more celebratory, this motion will appropriate funding for a cake, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks. This is a great opportunity and will be a one-off event.

Ms Morrice asked what flavour the cake would be.

Ms Gold answered that she might bring an emergency motion to decide the flavour of the cake.

Mr Baldi ruled that, for the avoidance of doubt, the flavour of cake was not of overwhelming importance.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

The meeting of the Students' Representative Council was adjourned.

5. New General SSC Business

5.1. A Motion to Support the Broadcast of the Puppy Bowl X on Sunday, The Second Day of the Month of February, in the Year Two Thousand and Fourteen.

THIS STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL NOTES:

1. The *Puppy Bowl* is an annual television program on Animal Planet that mimics the American football bowl game, with puppies as players;
2. The Director of Representation has received over fifty 'likes' for the submission of an emergency motion on this matter, including support from current Students' Representative Council officers, Student Services Council officers, members of the Students' Association Executive Committee, current sabbaticals, former sabbaticals, and members of the general student community;
3. The *Puppy Bowl* also includes penguin cheerleaders, a kitty half-time show, and an actual bird that live-tweets updates from the stadium;
4. The puppies of the *Puppy Bowl* are from animal shelters and the show contains information on how views can adopt rescued puppies and further help their local shelter;
5. A veterinarian and representatives of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) is on site during the production of the *Puppy Bowl* to ensure animal safety and wellbeing; and
6. The *Puppy Bowl* is an exemplar of sportsmanship, as evidenced here: http://s3-ec.buzzfed.com/static/2014-01/enhanced/webdr07/15/17/anigif_enhanced-buzz-15322-1389823909-17.gif.

THIS STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL BELIEVES:

1. Puppies are adorable;
2. No, really, puppies are *super* adorable;
3. The *Puppy Bowl* is a major annual event that has commanded obvious student support and interest; and
4. It is within the interests of the Students' Association to broadcast the *Puppy Bowl*.

THIS STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL RESOLVES:

1. To mandate the Director of Events & Services and Director of Representation to actively work with the staff to explore the feasibility and ensure the broadcasting of the *Puppy Bowl X* on 2 February 2014; and
2. To encourage all students to watch the most adorable television program to broadcast in the Students' Association.

Proposed by Mr Woodhouse and seconded by Mr Tantillo.

Mr Baldi, pursuant to Standing order 9.2.3, enacted limits of debate on the motion.

Mr Woodhouse introduced the motion as such: fellow members, this is a motion that has seized the imagination of members, with over fifty likes on my Facebook page. In support of this motion, I want to show this evidence: Mr Woodhouse displayed pictures of puppies to the members.

Mr Patterson asked if the puppy bowl constituted cruelty to animals.

Mr Woodhouse answered that it did not as a veterinarian and a representative from the ASPCA were present and filming only took place for 30 minutes, followed by a break. Mr

Woodhouse added that the puppies were regularly substituted out for their safety and the show promoted the adoption of puppies.

Mr Patterson asked whether taxpayer's dollars supported the show.

Mr Woodhouse answered that they did not, to his knowledge.

Mr Cordrey asked what time the show would be aired.

Mr Woodhouse answered that the puppy off was at 7pm, UK time.

Mr Patterson asked whether pets could be brought in to watch the show.

Mr Cupples answered that the licence would not allow that.

Ms Morrice stated that the licence did allow guide dogs.

Mr Cupples stated that was a different circumstance.

Mr Cordrey pleaded that the titles of motion be kept under 140 characters.

Mr Cupples asked if the half-time show would be tasteful or exploitative.

Mr Woodhouse answered that it depended on your perspective but that it was engaging.

Ms Lewis stated that the motion only required that it be shown but did not specify where. Ms Lewis suggested that it be shown in the salad bowl and that the members of the council could all hang out there.

Mr Woodhouse stated that, having slightly cheated the motion, the committee room was the location that it would be aired.

Ms Lewis moved that the previous question be ordered.

Mr Baldi stated that the question was on the adoption of S.8.

Mr Woodhouse moved that there be a recorded vote.

A roll call vote was held in the Student Services Council:

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Association Community Relations Officer	Katie O'Donnell			
Association Director of Events & Services	Daniel Palmer		X	
Association Director of Representation	Edward Woodhouse	X		
Association Director of Student Development & Activities	Kelsey Gold	X		
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Dominyka Urbonaite			X
Association LGBT Officer	David Norris	X		
Association Postgraduate President	Scott Schorr	X		
Association President	Chloe Hill			
SSC Broadcasting Officer	Oscar Swedrup		X	
SSC Charities Officer	George Parker	X		
SSC Debates Officer	William Lord	X		
SSC Member for Societies Elections	Robert Dixon			X
SSC Member for Societies Grants	Emily Dick	X		
SSC Member w/o Portfolio	Kieth Cordrey	X		
SSC Music Officer	Anna Merryfield	X		
SSC Performing Arts Officer	David Patterson	X		
SSC Societies Officer	Courtney Lewis	X		
SSC Volunteering Officer	Fay Holland	X		

With 12 members in the affirmative and 2 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

6. Any Other Competent Business

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 20:13.