



**University of St Andrews
Students' Association
Joint Councils Meeting**

MINUTES

Tuesday 13 September 2016 – Large Rehearsal Room – 6 pm

Present

Member's Name

Position

Sally Allmark	Arts and Divinity Faculty President
Rebecca Ryce	Association Alumni Officer
Sigrid Jorgensen	Association Chair
Aine Bennet	Association Community Relations Officer
Taryn O'Connor	Association Director of Events and Services
Caroline Christie	Association Director of Student Development and Activities
Mariya Simeonova	Association Environment Officer
Robert Aston	Association Equal Opportunities Officer
Lewis Wood	Association LGBT Officer
Charlotte Andrew	Association President
Euan Grant	Postgraduate Academic Convener
Alison Holiday	Postgraduate Development Officer
Emma Seckel	Principal Ambassador
Dylan Bruce	Rector's Assessor
Louise McCaul	Science/Medical Science Faculty President
Jennie Matthews	SRC Accommodation Officer
Lorraine Callaghan	SRC Member for Age Equality
Sam Ross	SRC Member for First Years
Catriona Crookes	SRC Member for Gender Equality
Halima Mohammed	SRC Member for Racial Equality
Ella Kicks	SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
Christopher Wilde	SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation
Paige Onouye	SRC Member Without Portfolio
Holly Johnston	SRC Wellbeing Officer
Charlotte Flatley	SSC Broadcasting Officer
Kristen Tsubota	SSC Charities Officer
Beckie Thomas	SSC Debates Officer
Taylor Almeraz	SSC Design Team Convener
Francis Newman	SSC Employability Officer
Hannah Jacobs	SSC Entertainments Convener
Alasdair Milne	SSC Music Officer
Annabel Ekelund	SSC Performing Arts Officer
Pia Szabo	SSC Societies Officer
Sarah Rodway-Swanson	SSC Volunteering Officer

In Attendance

Joseph Cassidy	The Saint
Ariana Brighenti	
Michael Hawes	
Lottie Haswell-West	
Iain Cupples	Student Advocate (Education)/HR Manager

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Apologies for Absence

Member's Name	Position
Jack Carr	Director of Representation
Ben Peddie	Athletic Union President

The apologies were accepted without dissent.

3. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers

3.1 Report of the Athletic Union President

3.2 Report of the Association President

Ms Andrew welcomed members and spoke of her desire for Councils meetings to be productive and to help officers make a difference. She spoke about her work on the redevelopment report that would be going to the University's Planning and Resources Committee, the annual block grant negotiations and fees – there would be news to come on all of these.

3.3 Report of the Association Director of Events and Services

Ms O'Connor reported a highly successful Freshers' Week with seven of ten events sold out completely. Thanks were minuted to Ents Crew, other volunteers, and staff. Week 1 would see a new Beacon bar cocktail and mocktail menu launched, as well as Monday Movie night and OMFG and the Bop. A new member of staff had been hired to assist the Design and Marketing Manager and would start on the 28th September. Finally, following the shop merger a student forum/focus group would be set up.

3.4 Report of the Association Director of Student Development and Activities

Freshers' Fayre had been a notable success. Ms Christie would be discussing budgets with subcommittees and was seeking feedback on room bookings. Societies training would take place in week 1.

3.5 Report of the Association Director of Representation

Mr Carr had sent a written report that would be circulated separately.

4. New General Joint Business

None

5. New General SSC Business

5.1 Co-option of Postgraduate Officer (Postgraduate Society)

Candidates nominated: Ariana Brighenti, Michael Hawes

Each candidate was given the allotted time for speeches and questions. After a ballot of SSC members Ariana Brighenti was co-opted and invited to join the Councils for the remainder of the meeting.

5.2 Discipline Committee vacancy

Ms Haswell-West was the only nominee and was elected to serve on the Discipline Committee without dissent.

5.3 Motion S.16-4: A Motion To Provide For The Co-option Of The SSC Member Without Portfolio

This motion was passed without amendment or dissent.

Joint business being completed, SSC members were allowed to leave.

6. New General SRC Business

6.1 Motion R.16-3: A Motion To Recommend That The University of St Andrews Divests its Endowment Fund From Fossil Fuel Extraction Companies Within Three Years

Ms Andrew introduced the motion, in support of a petition by students, academics and alumni. She explained that following developments over the summer, the content of the motion had been overtaken by events. As such she proposed to replace the original motion with the amended version, recognizing that the funds in question had either divested from fossil fuel extraction or would shortly do so. Ms Simeonova seconded the amendment.

Thanks were recorded to Fossil Free St Andrews for their work in persuading the University to divest from fossil fuel extraction.

Ms Bennett asked whether the University had ruled out future investments in funds involving fossil fuel extraction: Ms Andrew replied that although the University had a general commitment to ethical investment, there was as yet no specific commitment to not investing in this type of fund. However, she intended to pursue such a commitment on behalf of the SRC.

The amendment was passed without dissent.

Following discussions about the timeline of the divestment by one fund, ATI, a further amendment to the motion was proposed as follows:

Add Resolves clause 5: The Association President will engage with the University to review the timeline on which ATI will no longer be associated with fossil fuel extraction companies.

Proposed: Charlotte Andrew, seconded: Lorraine Callaghan.

This amendment was also passed without dissent. The motion as amended was passed without dissent.

7. AOCB

None

Meeting adjourned.