Education Committee
St Andrews Students Association

Meeting date: Thursday 1ˢᵗ October 2020 (5.30pm) MS Teams
Main Meeting

MINUTES

- Proctor, Deans and staff meeting (Joe)
    - Concerns about trust, transparency etc
    - Receptive to our ideas

- COVID-19 space update
    - Purchased marquee for Lower College Lawn – potentially confidential
    - Can be used by Schools
    - 140 people – split in 35 people columns
    - ILW – hard launch of this
    - Loneliness when students don't have classes – events from 9am-9pm
    - 'Can Do' guidance
        - Events that can happen
        - Produce template events
        - Release form within the next week
    - Start brainstorming events you might want to have
    - Academic events in ILW? Is this a good idea?
        - No obligation to run events in ILW
        - Will be offered to everyone
    - Can events have more than two households?
        - 'Can Do' guidance is so important here
        - Up to 35 people because lectures have this capacity – it is a controlled environment
    - How academic should the event be?
        - Guidance will let us know
        - Needs to be tied to mentoring or education development, etc
    - Do events have to be in the tent?
        - Can we use lawns, etc? Has to be in the tent!

- - - Trying to put film screening equipment in some of the pods
  - o Masks?
    - - Not sure, Amy will get clarification
  - o Will the events be ticketed?
    - - This question has also not been answered
    - - It would make sense for it to be ticketed because people really want to come to in-person events
  - o Is food allowed?
    - - Catering and seating should be in the tent
    - - Can't make food for people
    - - Does it have to be University catering? Can specific things be requested?
    - - Probably can't take food into the tent
  - o Need to think about accessibility – still make the most of online events
  - o Booking system
    - - Amy will query this
    - - Dual mode events might be possible
  - o EduCom haven't yet signed the accessibility pledge – SPs can sign it themselves

- NSS Results
  - o Timeframes for feedback
  - o Need to be robust on communication channels moving forward
  - o DoT – need action plan to address timely feedback and working with students (collaborative group work)
  - o Raise issues with student feedback as soon as you can

- Dual Mode Delivery Survey
  - o 5049 responses ~ 52% of population
  - o PGR intern to crunch data and collect key themes – breakdown per year, subject, faculty etc
  - o 1/3 of students don't want any in-person teaching
  - o 42% of students want tutorials to be online
  - o 88% have had some in-person teaching
  - o 93% felt safe, but 8% didn't!!
  - o 60% feel communication has been good from the University
  - o Feedback won't be watered down
  - o Resistance from some DoTs is noted
  - o School-specific feedback will be given to you
  - o **Formal report: should be out by the end of Monday**

- World Space Week
  - o Post in FB group
  - o Next week
  - o Physics and Astro is not scary – everyone can appreciate Astro
  - o Invitations extended to ALL SCHOOLS

- o Talk (Moira Jardine) will be aimed at everyone
- o Photography editing competition
- o <mark>Sarah to send template email with info on it</mark>
- o Planet-themed cake pop making session

- Imaan – Recordings
  - o Students releasing other student's medical details on a call
  - o Lecturer said something that the University thought was inappropriate – this had repercussions
  - o Given to meme pages
  - o **How do we prevent this?**
    - ▪ <mark>Need to get communication to the students about this</mark>
    - ▪ Rumours seem to be circulating
    - ▪ What counts as privacy? What counts as good behaviour? This needs to be communicated!
    - ▪ If we tell students, they might use it in spite of the University – keep specifics out of it?
    - ▪ Students probably had a lack of understanding, rather than having malicious intentions
    - ▪ Maybe this should come out from staff in Schools rather than the PO, because students might resonate more with this
    - ▪ Broader issue of Teams etiquette?? It might not get read
  - o Students may not have realised that what they were doing had such serious consequences
  - o <mark>Amy to bring this to Jon and Frank (Deans) and to let SPs know whether they will release some info</mark>

- Social Media
  - o Please share the page!!
  - o We'll be putting report extracts, what Amy, Joe and Chloe are doing
  - o General forum
  - o Might be getting an Instagram

- AOCB
  - o Amy: PGR elections are open (only 4 out of 35 reps currently), nominations may be extended
  - o Amy: Academic Monitoring Group want to review how Dual Mode Delivery is going
    - ▪ This will happen in ILW
    - ▪ Staff perspective due next Friday
    - ▪ <mark>Student side – SPs need to complete some feedback</mark>
      - • E.g. students feel safer if RAs have been provided
      - • Notes provided in the feedback form Amy sent

Meeting adjourned – 18:54pm