



Education Committee

St Andrews Students Association

Meeting date: Thursday 7th October 2021, 6pm (Microsoft Teams)

AGENDA

1. Welcome and housekeeping (share link <https://www.standrews.ac.uk/education/handbook/> and PG elections reminder)

5 mins

(Sci Med FP)

- The link above is the university's all-in-one guide to education.
 - o *Action Point:* SPs link this in your next weekly email.
- *Action Point:* SPs engage with postgraduate reps, change cover photo, and nudge postgrads to run for rep.
 - o Nudge link:
https://standrews.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cV1jivTcYZI03P0
- Note: If SPs feel tired or overwhelmed, the Edu Exec team is there for moral support

2. Additional Members for SWAG **5 mins**

(Sci Med FP)

- The motion to change SWAG's constitution and name has not passed, therefore there is a need to co-opt two more School Presidents according to the existing constitution.
 - o FL (SP Management) has been co-opted.
 - o A rep from Science & Medicine has not been co-opted.

3. Reading list on environmental justice **10 mins**

(Sci Med FP)

- Bhavya Palugdi from the Environmental Subcommittee presents on the project for specific environmental reading lists for each School/Department
 - o The vision for the year: raise awareness on environmental justice
 - o Project proposal for an open reading list on environmental justice specific to each school.
 - Involving the school Sustainability Reps as points of contact, will be introduced to them at the Sustainability Reps training.
- *Question:* CM (SP English) wonders if there are any other initiatives other than the reading list that can be taken? *Answer:* There is a book club called the Intersectional Book Club and details will be sent to the FPs to be sent to the SPs.
- *Question:* Has there been a survey released to the university about what is needed for sustainability in specific schools? *Answer:* There have been no surveys run this year but some schools have run their own surveys in past years. There is the eco-anxiety survey that was sent out by a different committee.
 - o FL (SP Management) mentions in the chat that the Management Sustainability Reps are working with the staff to send out a survey in the next couple of weeks.
- Bhavya's email for any questions: bv52@

4. AOCB

- The Study Buddy Scheme has been set up and applications will go live on the 25th of October
 - o *Action Point:* SPs ask Mentoring Champions to get in contact with Lucia about this scheme.
 - o There is an idea floating around to do a parallel scheme about internships.
- DM (SP Geo & SD) raises an issue with the library and study spaces
 - o After surveys, talking to people, and research DM has found that the pre-booking system is not working effectively.
 - o *Question:* Who can DM speak to about this issue that spans all schools?
 - o *Conclusion:* Leonie will organize a meeting for any SPs who are interested in a meeting speaking about study spaces.
 - o The Principal's office is reviewing this week the way the Library is currently running and there will most likely be changes in place by reading week.

- CM (SP English) volunteers to be part of the meeting group to speak about specific issues with the booking system – students are taking other student’s pre-booked seats.
- School President’s Forum
 - Will run similar to EduCom but will have the Proctor and the Associate Deans in attendance.
 - Action Point: Send specific concerns to be added to the agenda by midsday Monday October 11th. Send to Leonie or Alice.
 - Study spaces issue can be spoken about at SPF
 - Next week there will not be faculty meetings, there will be a meeting with all SPs to run through the agenda and rehearse.
- LTC Away Day – All SPs should have received an invite for it.
 - *Action Point:* Send any questions to Lucia (FP ArtDiv)
 - All SPs need to RSVP to the FPs and Leonie – let them know if you can make it and if you can’t
 - Dates: 2-5 pm October 13th
 - *Action point:* Follow up on whether SPs received an email with more information.
- *Question:* RM (SP CompSci) asks if there are any updates with what rules are set on the Physics Café as the CS labs have banned eating and drinking. *Answer:* RBS has decided the rules for the building. RM should argue with RBS about the ability to eat or drink as they should be able to do that.
 - TR (SP Phys & Astro) responds that there are staff shortages for the Physics Café and when they have more staff back the café will re-open.
- Issues with PGs
 - *Question:* CM (SP English) asks if they will continue having the PG elections later on in the semester as the English Department is struggling to get PG representation earlier in the semester. *Answer:* As far as planning currently, the schedule that is out will remain the schedule. The staff members like the plan. Next year the PG rep year will go from October to October which means there will be representation all year round. Could not have had PG elections alongside UG as many PGs do not begin their terms until after the elections have ended.

Additional Information

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