



Education Committee
St Andrews Students Association

Meeting date: Thursday 8th April 2021 (6pm) MS Teams

Apologies: Brynne Stewart (Biology SP)

Present: Amy Gallacher (DoEd), Chloe Fielding (Science and Medicine Faculty President), Joseph Horsnell (Arts and Divinity Faculty President), Iona Baillie (minuting),

Hannah Koegler (Art History SP), Camiel Leake (Chemistry SP), Belinda Hawes (Earth Sciences SP), Callum Irvine (English SP), Teo Yarkova (Film Studies SP), Imaan Kotadia (Geography and SD SP), Geraint Morgan (History SP), Murray Whyte (Maths SP), Lucy Matthews (Modern Languages SP), Rachel Neighbour (Philosophy SP), Sarah Johnston (Physics and Astronomy SP), Lindsay Nielsen (Psychology and Neuroscience SP), Elinor Layne (Social Anthropology SP), Orrin McAleer (Medicine SP) Emma Johnston (Arabic/Persian Convener), Maddie Lee (Comparative Literature Convener), Antonia Cahill (French Convener), Helen Clinton (Italian Convener), Elodie Phillips (Russian Convener), Rohan Date (Spanish Convener), Eva Halliday (German Convenor), Kushal Tansania (Graduate SP), George Watts (International Relations), Ursula Goldsmith (Music) Ryan Gibb (Computer Science SP), Erik Crnkovich (Classics SP), Lowell So (Divinity SP)

AGENDA

1. Introduction (Sci/Med FP – 5 mins)

CF said hello and welcomed people to Educom.

2. Catch It App (Physics SP – 10 mins)

SJ: SWAG has been working on trying to get a self-tracking system in place to help students to be able to track their moods, deal with issues and build resistance. It is important as it would help students take care of themselves and take work off Student Services who often can't give immediate appointments. This could be quicker and easy to use. They all downloaded different apps to see how they worked. The best one was Catch It. Amy released something about it in the SAABs email so thank you. You can get it from the app store. It is legit (University of Liverpool and NHS) and simple to use. You can type in how you feel, how strong you feel and when. You can reflect on what caused your moods and work out how to change it. It builds your skills to deal with severe issues in your own time using methods that work for you. The data is private and you can track your own trends and see if there are temporal patterns etc or associations with lifestyle choices/events. Want to promote to students as an approved way of tracking moods. Hopefully in the future there can be something more tailored but for now, can you publicise the blurb and graphic in your emails?

Action: SPs to spread the word on this.

- **GM:** Sounds fantastic. Does this record the data to your phone or some centralised place where it could be monitored. This would be a bit of an issue.
- **SJ:** Just to your phone and only to the version of the app you downloaded. It helps guide you as to how to help yourself which makes it better than a journal etc. It's more like speaking to a therapist but without taking Student Services' time.

3. Office 365 display names allowed by default (Comp Sci SP – 10 mins)

RG: PGR rep got in touch and pointed out this issue. It must affect all schools and all levels. Students are having issues in that they can't change their display name on Office 365. Apparently there's an option to set a display name but it needs IT Services to change it. Is there a way this could be turned on by default. Maybe they are worried about people misusing them but as it's tied to your university account, surely there is a limit to the mischief that could be made. Currently people have to jump through hoops to try and do this.

AG: Take this to staff members. Can I put you in touch with them?

RG: Yes, thanks.

Action: AG to put RG in contact with staff

4. AOCB

JH: Update on graduation discussion. Been speaking to Principal's Office and student groups. Planning a low-key event for student who will be in ST Andrews for graduation. The details haven't been finalised but it would be broadly in line with cocktails in the quad plus a gaudie. It uses a pre-existing form and its not branded as a graduation gaudie but it might help students who are here mark the end of their time in a nice way. Any thoughts, we are in the planning stage so get in touch. Catch up meeting next week so email before then with any ideas or thoughts. Second thing is that they've been given some more money for the graduation initiatives so if you want to do a yearbook or subsidised hoodies or collating pictures etc then there is funding available to do that. Made a google form to send afterwards. Please fill this out. Also please don't publicise any of this yet!

Action: SPs to fill out form and get in touch with questions

AG: The court focus group's on Monday. You don't have to go but if it is a good opportunity to speak directly to court members about university strategies. If you have time, please do sign up. If you want to test out the new vendor examination app then email AG before Friday (and then it will be extended to other groups).

Action: SPs to email AG if you want to get involved

RN: When you book a library slot right now, it says 'if you're using the library, please use MySaint to book regular COVID tests. The way MySaint works, however, is that you can only book two tests at any time (a relic from when you had to book at the beginning of semester). The library website says you can have a regular tests when you can't. Is there a solution or has anyone come across this?

- **JH:** Told Dan about this and he is aware. Maybe message him and ask him to refresh/unlock this. Email him and explain that students need this done, he has done this before.
- **RN:** Is there a way to make it refresh automatically for everyone every few weeks?
- **JH:** Probably.
- **RN:** It is better to make it easier if we want people to get tested regularly.

Action: RN to email Dan

Meeting adjourned 6.15pm