



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

**AGENDA**

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Large Rehearsal Room - 6pm

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**2. Apologies for Absence**

**3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- 3.1. SSC 13 February 2018
- 3.2. JC 20 February 2018
- 3.3. JC 10 April 2018
- 3.4. SRC 17 April 2018
- 3.5. SSC 24 April 2018

**4. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**5. Open Forum**

**6. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers**

- 6.1. Report of the Athletic Union President
- 6.2. Report of the Association President
- 6.3. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services
- 6.4. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities
- 6.5. Report of the Association Director of Education
- 6.6. Report of the Association Director of Wellbeing

**7. Questions for Association Committees**

- 7.1. Questions for Association Alumni Committee
- 7.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Committee
- 7.3. Questions for Association LGBT+ Committee
- 7.4. Questions for Association Lifelong and Flexible Learners Committee

**8. Questions for SRC Committees and Officers**

- 8.1. Questions for SRC Accommodation Officer
- 8.2. Questions for SRC Member for First Years
- 8.3. Questions for SRC Member for Gender Equality
- 8.4. Questions for SRC Member for Racial Equality
- 8.5. Questions for SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
- 8.6. Questions for SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation
- 8.7. Questions for SRC Arts/Divinity Faculty President
- 8.8. Questions for SRC Science/Medicine Faculty President
- 8.9. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener
- 8.10. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Development Convener
- 8.11. Questions for Principal Ambassador
- 8.12. Questions for Rector's Assessor
- 8.13. Questions for SRC Member Without Portfolio

**9. Questions for SSC Subcommittees**

- 9.1. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Committee

- 9.2. Questions for SSC Charities Committee
- 9.3. Questions for SSC Debates Committee
- 9.4. Questions for SSC Performing Arts Committee
- 9.5. Questions for SSC Postgraduate Committee
- 9.6. Questions for SSC Societies Committee
- 9.7. Questions for SSC Music Committee
- 9.8. Questions for SSC Volunteering Committee
- 9.9. Questions for SSC Design Committee
- 9.10. Questions for SSC ENTS Committee
- 9.11. Questions for SSC On The Rocks Committee
- 9.12. Questions for SSC Member without Portfolio

**10. New General Joint Business**

- 10.1. Motion to Motion to Resist the Loss of GP Out of Hours Services at St Andrews Community Hospital

**11. New General SRC Business**

**12. New General SSC Business**

- 12.1. Election of Association Discipline Committee Member

**13. Any Other Competent Business**

**14. Collaborative Solutions**

## **ASSOCIATION OFFICER REPORTS**

### **Association Alumni Officer – Olivia Sutton**

My subcommittee was created at the end of last semester, which is great. We now have five members (including myself). We had our first meeting and have started to outline some goals for the year, which is really exciting.

We are still yet to meet with the Development Office team, but plans are in the making to meet with them next week. There are also plans to meet up next week with everyone involved with organising the Alumni Festival Weekend for this academic year.

Over the summer I have been liaising with Morag, who runs SaintConnect, to continue working on the mentorship scheme that has previously been set up. Unfortunately it is moving onto a new platform, and so I will be meeting with her soon to work out how best to work with her and continue the scheme.

If any of the subcommittees are interested in playing a part in the Alumni Festival Weekend please do let me know, and we can start collaborating as soon as possible.

### **Association Community Relations Officer – Morgan Morris**

Community Relations has had a busy summer. We created our new booklet called 'Your St Andrews' in conjunction with Design team, Environment committee and Accommodation. This aims to promote being a courteous member of the community and advertising/highlighting aspects of the community students should be aware of. We are also super excited to start organising St Andrews Day with BID and the fellowship, there will be updates regarding this pretty much every week and I will be reaching out to some of you over the next week to see if you can help make this day really successful. I attended a Tourism St Andrews meeting last week with Sneha and Jamie to promote the union space and to show them what we do. We are also going to be working with the Hamish Foundation to hold Hot Chocolates with Hamish events in October - if you would like to be involved in this drop me a line. Thanks

### **Association Environment Officer – Lauren Davis**

It feels amazing to be back in the swing of things! The Environment Subcommittee is hard at work with many big events planned for the near future. First up is our big Eco-Connect event on Sunday 23rd September in the StAge with many of the University's environment/conservation-based societies and groups. This is going to be a fantastic event for meeting different groups, seeing how they differ and how they are similar and can forge relationships for future collaboration and enhancing our goals for a more sustainable university. Following this, is our biggest event of the year, Green Week! This is to take place during Week 4 (Oct 8-14), with loads of fun interactive and informational sessions and events. If you are keen to help out, please do fill in the form on our page by the 21st of September. Thanks!!

### **Association LGBT+ Officer – Zelda Kotyk**

It's been a really busy summer for Saints LGBT+; we've designed a new website which is live, we formalized new welfare structures which have already started and are going down very well, we've been working on a new logo and getting designs done for events which we are all so excited about. We've have some amazing freshers events and the turnout/feedback has been fantastic. We've managed to engage with a lot of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years as well. We've got some meet-ups set up and we are super excited for Queer Question Time with UDS. We also have some applications that will be opening soon as we are trying to fill subcommittees for events like Glitterball and Transfest!

### **Association Lifers Officer – Sarah Ramage**

The committee are very much looking forward to a busy academic year. This week Lifers have promoted and attended S Club which was enjoyed by all those who went. The new Freshers have expressed their desire to get involved in the social side of uni life as much as possible. Also, this week we held a joint event with the Townsend Society for commuters where we put on tea, coffee and snacks. This event enabled us to help the Freshers settle in and let them know about different services and opportunities available. Our other Freshers events are a family friendly fun day at Craigton Park and a breakfast in the Commuter Room followed by the Pier Walk. Looking further into the year we will continue to provide social opportunities that all students can attend plus more family friendly events.

## **SRC REPORTS**

## **SRC Accommodation Officer – Lucy Allat**

Fresher's week has been a busy week, along with some of the sabbatical officer's I have been I went to DRA on Saturday and then did the 6-hour marathon hall tour of sallies, ABH, Uni hall, John burnet, Albany and Andrew Melville hall on Sunday. I was able to introduce myself to all hall student and also chat to the hall committees and wardens. The Senior student forums are well on their way to having a set time for each week, and many staff from the university are interested in coming along to these meetings. Also, hall committee trainings after the elections are being planned with CAPOD. Accommodation week (week 8) is being planned and along with Paloma with events like how to rent talks and property letting Q and A, this should be finalised in the next few weeks.

## **SRC Member for First Year – Avery Kitchens**

No report submitted.

## **SRC Member for Gender Equality – Isabella Smith**

Hope you've had a great summer! Here is my report:

I hope everyone has had a great summer! The majority of my time these past few months was spent making a strategic plan for the upcoming semester. In the upcoming weeks, I plan to meet with all the gender equality focused societies to discuss inter-society collaboration, and start thinking about an event for International Women's Day in March. I also look forward to supporting the university in their implementation of the new movement by the Scottish government to supply sanitary products to those in all schools and universities!

## **SRC Member for Racial Equality – Tomisin Animashaun**

No report submitted.

## **SRC Member for Students with Disabilities – Emily Muller**

No report submitted.

## **SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation – Ciara McCumiskey**

I've had a very busy summer academically so unfortunately I've not been able to be as busy with SRC as I would have liked, however, I'm speaking briefly at the 'Meet Your Mentor' event to talk a little about Widening Access and what the Student Ambassadors do too!

I'm also due to start with a couple of people in Admissions on some projects very soon that I'll update you about when things are finalised a little more!

## **Arts/Divinity Faculty President – Gianluca Giammei**

Nothing to Report

## **Science/Medicine Faculty President - Alisa Danilenko**

Not much to report in the first week. I attended a training session for the online elections portal, so I should be able to assist the School Presidents in managing their rep elections. The induction session for ID modules in running later today, and Gianluca (SRC ArtDivFP) and I will be there to run rep elections. I will be organising a social for the Science presidents within the next couple of weeks.

## **SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener – Ashley Clayton**

No report submitted.

## **SRC Postgraduate Development Convener – Courtney Aitken**

In July, I took over the role from Mizuki Morisaki and met with Lara Meischke and Ruth Unsworth from Student Services to discuss a new mental health initiative for postgraduate students. This looks set to take place online and offer postgraduates access to wellbeing support and advice remotely when required and if away from St Andrews on

research activities. The Postgraduate Development Group have reconvened with myself as chair in July and August and with new and additional members attending, including the DoWell, DoEd, and Research Policy Officer. The arrangements for these meetings for the year ahead are yet to be confirmed but will be communicated in due course. In preparation for the new cohorts of taught and research postgraduates, I have been helping to organise induction and welcome events. This past week have been attending and speaking at some of them to welcome our new postgraduates! I have also started building the Postgraduate Development Newsletter that will hopefully be launched in October and contain the outcomes of the monthly Postgraduate Development Meetings (i.e. information about relevant research policies, career & skills development, wellbeing services and related initiatives).

### **Principal Ambassador – Emma Thompson**

I have spent the summer preparing for our week of recruitment and training during Freshers and Week One of teaching. We have expanded our data collection systems, our branding and social life. We have begun training for returners, held a social, and are concluding our recruitment this coming Tuesday. We are hoping to recruit 120 more ambassador, to round out our team at 400 ambassadors. Our first Visiting Day is 26 September. Our new VP team is made up of Iain Millar, Catriona Aitken, Libbi Carruthers, Michael Sheffield and Ronan Coyne.

### **Rector's Assessor – Camilla Duke**

Earlier this week, the Rector and I attended our first University Court Away Day, where we discussed the University's Strategic Plan. We also hosted a successful "Meet the Rector" picnic event on Tuesday morning, which gave incoming students the opportunity to meet Srdja and learn more about his role. In the coming weeks, I'm looking forward to building relationships with the new Sabbs and new councillors, as well as interviewing for new Rector's Committee members. We are always happy to collaborate with fellow students, so don't hesitate to reach out!

### **SRC Member Without Portfolio – Robyn Wells**

No report submitted.

## **SSC REPORTS**

### **SSC Broadcasting Officer- Laura Mueller**

Over the summer, STAR has upgraded our software to Myriad 5 - a crash free programme! We also have new computers and have revamped the Studio and Broadcasting Suite. This week, we have hosted a successful Give it a Go and Bonfire, and are excited to give away STAR USB's at Fresher's Fayre. Also - the BBC was here this week, and we hosted a private masterclass session hosted by the Student Radio Association for 4 different Scottish radio stations nearby. As well, we got to attend Charlie Sloth's sit in and had a great time interacting with the BBC. On Monday at 8pm, we will host our Interest Talk in Sandy's. Applications are open for new and returning shows, and we're excited to start broadcasting again!

### **SSC Charities Officer -Niamh McGurk**

The Charities Campaign has spent the summer preparing for the events we have coming up in the year ahead. We were delighted to be awarded Collaboration of the Year for DRAG Walk with Saints LGBT at the National Student Fundraising Awards in August. WE were additionally highly commended in four other categories. Preparations are well underway for this years Race2 which we revealed on Friday will be heading to Munich. Hostel accommodation has been booked and our information night is coming up on Thursday – please do come along if you want to get involved. RAG Week have been working on their rebranded marketing as well as looking ahead to RAG Week itself which will be in week 4 of second semester. CATWALK will be hosting casting auditions soon. During Fresher's we have hosted a number of events including the charitable and volunteering fayre, Race2 Scavenger Hunt and meet the campaign drinks. We have met lots of people who seem keen to get involved with the campaign and fundraising in St Andrews so we are excited for the year ahead. Our EGM will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September in Beacon – please come along.

### **SSC Debates Officer- Matthew Singer**

It has been a great summer for the UDS. We sent two teams to the European Championships in Serbia as well as one judge.

Our Give it a Go was very successful, and hopefully we will have many new freshers interested in trainings and attending competitions

Our first public debate was last Thursday. We hosted several great speakers including Leslie Laird MP, Stephen Gethins MP, Willie Rennie MSP, and Murdo Fraser MSP and completely filled Lower Parliament Hall.

On Wednesday at 7.15 we will be hosting This House Would Sever Ties With Saudi Arabia featuring Former Ambassador Sir Derek Plumbly, and we'd love to see some of you there!

### **SSC Performing Arts Officer- Rowan Wishart**

No report submitted.

### **SSC Postgraduate Officer – Cameron Mark Rice**

The PG Society have been working in St Andrews continually over the summer with members of the sabbatical team and with St Leonard's College to provide a range of events for postgraduates during the summer and for this coming semester. A large proportion of this time has been devoted to working with the new Provost and the manager of the new Graduate School within St Leonard's College to completely redevelop the nature of postgraduate events and how they are advertised to the St Andrews community. It is hoped that the new events and festivals planned will be more accessible to postgraduates in St Andrews, improving postgraduate experience at the university and hopefully beginning to tackle the chasm that exists between the treatment of undergraduates and postgraduates at this university.

### **SSC Societies Officer-Kevin Phelan**

It has been a busy couple of weeks in the lead up to Freshers'. Hopefully by this point we will have helped execute a successful Freshers' Fayre and all societies will have a youthful, energetic burst to get them kickstarted for the year! We are also still quite busy dealing with the admin from reaffiliation. Obviously, this being the first year of moving reaffiliation back to May, we will have quite a few people playing catch-up, but everyone should get back on track soon! Additionally, we are currently trying to address non-Union student fundraising, the division of affiliated societies into different groups, and as always, risk assessments. Overall, looking forward to a great year!

### **SSC Student Music Officer - Casper Sanderson**

The Music is Love committee have been discussing plans to widen the range of music genres we cover in events, as well as promotion of our main purpose as a sub-committee: funding student music projects. We are setting up a music studio for students to eventually record their music and hope to bring Music is Love and a conception of its purpose back into the public eye.

### **SSC Volunteering Officer - Adam Lord**

No report submitted.

### **SSC Design Team Convener – Mika Schmeling**

N/A

### **SSC ENTS Convener – Paul Lancaster**

N/A

### **SSC Arts Festival Convener- Chloe Ashley**

N/A

### **SSC Member without Portfolio- Shaina Sullivan**

After a very busy Freshers' Week I am looking forward to hopefully meeting with Robyn and Sneha soon to discuss plans for socials for the year as well as Christmas Dinner. Other than that, not much to report - just looking forward to getting back into things!

## **J. 18-2 Motion to Resist the Loss of GP Out of Hours Services at St Andrews Community Hospital**

Owner: Nicholas Farrer

In Effect From: Immediately

Review Date: 18 September 2018

### **Councils Notes:**

1. The Fife Health and Social Care Partnership (hereafter 'FHSCP') write "we need to change" with regards to out of hours urgent care. Both new changes proposed by the
2. FHSCP involve making the current closure of GP out of hours services in St Andrews Community Hospital permanent. They propose these overnight services are moved to Kirkcaldy, or both Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy.
3. The FHSCP write: "The urgent care centres described [in both new options] are both within a one-hour drive for everyone in Fife."
4. The majority of students do not own a car nor have one immediately accessible.
5. According to government statistics, only 2% of students aged 17-24 drive to education. (The Office for National Statistics noted that 79% of households have at least one car or
6. van)
7. The University "has decided to actively encourage alternative forms of transport by staff and students rather than the car."
8. After 8:45pm on a weekday, every journey to Kirkcaldy by bus takes at least two hours and requires at least two buses. The last journey of the day departs at 9:30pm and arrives at 11:38pm. The next journey departs 6:05 am the next morning and arrives at 7:20am.
9. One quote for taxi fare from St Andrews to Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy on a weekday at 10pm was £65.45.
10. There are no mention of plans for increasing ambulance cover in Fife in the FHSCP proposals.
11. Some staff at the university testify waiting 40 minutes for an ambulance to appear, even in serious emergencies.
12. Principal Sally Mapstone has noted "significant risks" surrounding the move and labelled it a "grave concern".
13. MP Stephen Gethins said that "it is important that local provision is reinstated as quickly as possible."
14. With regards to the closure, North East Fife MSP Willie Rennie said it was "unacceptable that people in east Fife are being treated this way".
15. Chairman of the St Andrews Community Council. Callum McLeod, said: "This news is very disturbing and disappointing indeed.
16. St Andrews Councillors Brian Thompson, Jane Ann Liston, and Dominic Nolan have highlighted concerns about the closure
17. In 2012, 20.5% of the North East Fife population was over 65. 27.5% of the North East Fife population is projected to be over 65 in 2026.
18. The Consultation Period Ends on the 7th of October

### **Councils Believes:**

1. That the permanent closure of GP out of hours services presents a serious threat to the health of all residents of St Andrews, whether they be settled residents, students or staff of the University,
2. The proposed reliance on cars to access out of hours treatment leaves the student population highly vulnerable because the vast majority of students have no access to a car, because of the cost of travel to Kirkcaldy in a taxi is inaccessible to many, and because public transport is sparse during the later hours of the evening.
3. In addition, the proposed reliance on cars leaves many of the town's resident population, particularly the elderly without access to a car, highly vulnerable.
4. The Students Association should condemn the proposals to permanently shut the GP out of hours service at the St Andrews Community Hospital as being extremely dangerous.

### **Councils Resolves:**

1. To urge all students to participate in the consultation process, to state their preference for the 'no change' option, and to explain why any closure places them at risk here. The link is:

[https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/formFinder/index.cfm?fuseaction=form.Question&Form\\_id=EC491032-04D7-7F93-DABC1E138656ED18](https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/formFinder/index.cfm?fuseaction=form.Question&Form_id=EC491032-04D7-7F93-DABC1E138656ED18)

2. To urge all students to sign any petitions resisting the closure, including:  
<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/keep-gp-out-of-hours-services-in-st-andrews?source=facebook-share-button&time=1535537016>
3. To urge any student who has relied on GP out of hours service to write to [president@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:president@st-andrews.ac.uk) and [dowell@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:dowell@st-andrews.ac.uk) to testify their experience.
4. To urge all students to attend the public consultation meeting on the proposals on Monday the 24th September at 6:45pm in the St Andrews Town Hall.
5. To mandate each individual Councillor and Subcommittee member to complete the consultation.
6. To compel the Sabbatical Officers of the Students Association to cooperate with the University, our MP, our MSPs, our Councillors, the St Andrews Community Council, and the Community Councils of the East Fife area to resist the change however possible.
7. To compel the President to write to the Chair of the Health Board and the Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing informing them of our position.
8. To compel the President and Director of Wellbeing to organise door-to-door activists to inform our neighbours of the proposals, the consultation, and have them sign the petition- beginning Saturday the 22nd of September.

**Proposed by:**

Nicholas Farrer, Director of Wellbeing

**Seconded by:**

Paloma Paige, Association President;  
Jamie Minns, Director of Student Development and Activities;  
Adam Powrie, Director of Events and Services;  
Alice Foulis, Director of Education;  
Fiona Murray, Athletic Union President;  
Zelda Tobias-Kotyk, Association LGBT+ Officer



## Appendix 1

### 'Councils Notes' Sources:

Points 1, 2 & 7 - (FHSCP) <http://www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org/joiningupcare/out-of-hours-urgent-care-redesign/>

Point 3 - (Government statistics - Students who drive)

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/306500/young-car-drivers-2012.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/306500/young-car-drivers-2012.pdf)

Point 3 - (ONS statistics - Households with cars)

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/personalandhouseholdfinances/expenditure/datasets/percentageofhouseholdswithcarsbyincomegroupandhouseholdcompositionuktablea47>

Point 4 - (University stance on driving) [https://www.st-](https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/environment/sustainabletravel/travellingbycar/studentcars/)

[andrews.ac.uk/environment/sustainabletravel/travellingbycar/studentcars/](https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/environment/sustainabletravel/travellingbycar/studentcars/)

Point 5 - (Bus times)

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey/>

Corroborated by Google Maps route finder

Point 6 - (Taxi Fare)

<https://yourtaximeter.com/>

Points 8 & 9 - (Waiting times for ambulances, Principal Sally Mapstone's statement)

<http://www.thesaint-online.com/2018/05/principal-mapstone-labels-closure-of-out-of-hours-gp-services-a-grave-concern/>

Points 10, 11, 12, & 13 - (Statements from local politicians)

<https://www.fifetoday.co.uk/news/health/frustration-over-decision-to-stop-out-of-hours-service-at-st-andrews-hospital-1-4723240>

Point 14 - (Elderly Population in NE Fife)

[http://publications.fifedirect.org.uk/c64\\_fife\\_locality\\_profilesnorth\\_east\\_fife\\_170503.pdf](http://publications.fifedirect.org.uk/c64_fife_locality_profilesnorth_east_fife_170503.pdf)

Point 15 - (Consultation end date)

<http://www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org/joiningupcare/introduction-to-the-joining-up-care-proposal/>