

University of St Andrews Students' Association

Students' Representative Council Student Services Council

AGENDA

Tuesday 20th February – Committee Room – 6pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Apologies for Absence

- 2.1. Hannah Raleigh
- 2.2. Olivia Budde
- 2.3. Zachary Davis
- 2.4. John Weaver

3. Open Forum

4. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers

- 4.1. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services
- 4.2. Report of the Association Director of Education
- 4.3. Report of the Association Director of Wellbeing
- 4.4. Report of the Association President
- 4.5. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities
- 4.6. Report of the Athletic Union President

5. Questions for SRC Committees and Officers

- 5.1. Questions for Association Alumni Committee
- 5.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Committee
- 5.3. Questions for Association Environment Committee
- 5.4. Questions for Association LGBT+ Committee
- 5.5. Questions for SRC Member for Racial Equality
- 5.6. Questions for SRC Member for Gender Equality
- 5.7. Questions for SRC Member for First Years
- 5.8. Questions for SRC Member for Age Equality
- 5.9. Questions for SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
- 5.10. Questions for SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation
- 5.11. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Academic Officer
- 5.12. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Development Officer

- 5.13. Questions for SRC Accommodation Committee
- 5.14. Questions for SRC Education Committee
- 5.15. Questions for Principal Ambassador
- 5.16. Questions for the Rector's Committee
- 5.17. Questions for Member Without Portfolio

6. Questions for Subcommittees

- 6.1. Questions for SSC Postgraduate Committee
- 6.2. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Committee
- 6.3. Questions for SSC Charities Committee
- 6.4. Questions for SSC Employability Committee
- 6.5. Questions for SSC Debates Committee
- 6.6. Questions for SSC Design & PR Committee
- 6.7. Questions for SSC Music Committee
- 6.8. Questions for SSC Performing Arts Committee
- 6.9. Questions for SSC Societies Committee
- 6.10. Questions for SSC Volunteering Committee
- 6.11. Questions for SSC On The Rocks Committee
- 6.12. Questions for SSC Member without Portfolio
- 6.13. Any Other Competent Questions

7. New General SRC Business

7.1. Elections Committee carve up (x1)

8. New General SSC Business

- 8.1. Elections Committee carve up (x1)
- 8.2. Design Team constitutional changes
- 8.3. STAR constitutional changes
- 8.4. Postgraduate Society constitutional changes
- 8.5. Mermaids constitutional changes

9. New General Joint Business

10. Any Other Competent Business

11. Collaborative Solutions

SRC REPORTS

Association Alumni Officer - Sam Ross

Nothing to report!

Association Community Relations Officer – Hannah Raleigh

Nothing to report!

Association Environment Officer – Clare Grist

Fairtrade Fortnight is coming up so if you or your society/subcommittee wants to get involved, make sure to email Mariya at the environment team (mps5@). The Environment Subcommittee will be hosting a film screening with free Fairtrade Tea and some snacks so come along to that.

The Subcommittee are also working on a St Andrews "cheat sheet" listing all the places where you can get discounts for bringing your own cups, where you can recycle clothes etc. so if you have anything you'd like to add to this, send me an email!

Association LGBT+ Officer - Ryan Hay

Queer Fest was a huge success! Well-attended and efficiently run by my amazing committee members. Glitterball tickets are on sale NOW, get them while they're hot. In addition to that, the LGBT+ Sex Ed at Madras is finally happening, thanks to the lovely Sexpression committee. I have a new VP Welfare and we're working on rolling out those new welfare structures so that they begin with my handover and that everyone has there appropriate training and support.

I'm working on encouraging a successor...

SRC Member for Racial Equality – Tomisin Animashaun

The STA-ACS Showcase was a massive success so I just want to say thank you for everyone who attended! You helped make it a great night and helped to bring more attention to cultural diversity in St Andrews. Hopefully, we can help host similar events for the cultural societies over the coming weeks. But apart from that, nothing to report

SRC Member for Gender Equality – Brianna Chu

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SRC Member for First Year – Hyewon Han

After the Strategic Planning meeting in week 1, I emailed the Principle regarding my thoughts on how the University of St Andrews could improve its international prestige like other well-known UK universities. I mentioned how videos are an efficient way to decrease the psychological distance for the international prospective students and parents and that our university should publish numerous videos on YouTube regarding the university facilities and town like the University of Oxford and Cambridge.

I have contacted Dr Turnbell and the Union videographer, Andy, to discuss the use of accommodation videos for next year incoming students; hoping that next Member for First Years can release them before the Freshers' week.

SRC Member for Age Equality – Lorraine Callaghan

We are working on gathering information which we hope will influence the university to waive the requirement for a hard copy submission for Commuting students, some of whom travel for up to 90 minutes to attend university. All schools have been contacted and asked to describe their policy and respond to the information on the university website which we believe to be misleading.

The Lifers RAG week auction takes place on Friday 23rd of February (7 to 9) the lots are a selection of items donated by local businesses along with two elusive Glitter tickets which are up for grabs.. A raffle will also take place on the night. We ask all councillors to lend us their support even for an hour.

We are busy promoting the Elections and hope to find some suitable candidates to run.

SRC Member for Students with Disabilities – Anna Lloyd

Nothing to report!

SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation – Ciara McCumiskey Nothing to report!

SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener – Fanny Empacher

- Held the PG rep semester 2 check-in. We focussed on how to organize events between collaborating class reps. The feedback was good.
- Planning on a PhD Getaway to the Burn are underway. CAPOD and potentially St Leonard's College are involved.

SRC Postgraduate Development Convener – Mizuki Morisaki

- Had monthly PG development meeting
- PGT student experience survey
- Student Experience Committee meeting on 27 th

SRC Accommodation Officer – Jono Davis

Nothing to report!

Arts/Divinity Faculty President & Science/Medicine Faculty President – John Weaver & Nicola Simonetti

Since the last SRC, not much has been happening. Nick met with the DoEd to catch up about the preliminary meeting for the Library Review. Later on in the week, Nick attended the School President & Association Councillors Mixer, which had a good turnout. Finally, Nick attended the SLUG meeting on Thursday and started gathering feedback from School Presidents and Library representatives for the upcoming Review.

Principal Ambassador – Charlie Maguire

We've had a really successful round of applications for second semester, with over 100 students applying; we've started training these new Ambassadors ahead of the first Visiting Day on 7 March. We're looking at training Ambassadors up with more information on Postgraduate life ahead of the Postgraduate Visiting Day on 14 March.

Ambassadors are working at events all across Scotland this month and next, and a team will be representing the University at recruitment events across the UK during the second week of Spring Break; events include Newcastle, Birmingham, Cardiff, Belfast, Manchester, Newmarket and London.

WP projects continue as ever; we've got LegoMindStorms event coming up soon!

Visiting Days this semester are: 7 March 2018 14 March 2018 4 April 2018 11 April 2018 18 April 2018

Feel free to drop me an email at princamb@st-andrews.ac.uk if you have any questions.

Rector's Assessor - Camilla Duke

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SRC Member Without Portfolio - Olivia Budde

Nothing to report!

SSC REPORTS

SSC Postgraduate Officer- Jennifer Bre

Nothing to report!

SSC Broadcasting Officer- Flora Rowe

- Going live this week with shows
- Hugely successful event last week which was great
- Live lounge on Sunday

SSC Charities Officer-Jamie Minns

Nothing to report!

SSC Employability Officer-Pat Shareefy

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SSC Debates Officer- Ru Ferguson

Nothing to report!

SSC Design Team Convener - Paloma Paige

Nothing to report!

SSC Music Officer- Marcell Kovacs

We've struggled trying to secure venues this semester, but it seems that we finally managed to sort a few events out. We'll have a special RAG Live Lounge with STAR on Sunday at 5 in Rector's, and our Open Mics are returning as well. As for our new events, we're trying very hard to make them happen, but a crucial part of our committee is unresponsive, so we'll need to call an AGM to form a new committee first. Sad times, but we can't operate with 4 people doing the job of 12. I'm in touch with Hannah to sort this out.

SSC Performing Arts Officer- Matthew Lansdell

Mermaids is all systems go at the moment. We have already had three shows go up this semester including History Boys which sold out the Byre! This is such a strong semester of theatre and I am thrilled with the engagement we have had, whether it be actors, technicians or anyone who wants to get involved. We are having a professional workshop with someone who does devised theatre in the coming weeks which we are all excited for. Our Fringe program is fully put together and includes a student written musical, student-adapted Greek theatre, a collection of monologues and duologues which have grown out of a piece written for St Andrews New Drama, a Mermaids Student Project, and a lovely straight play written by one of our most involved directors for what will be his final play with Mermaids. We have a monologue and duet scene slam night coming up next week, so if you have ever wanted to show off your Henry V impression then I encourage you: Once More Unto the Breach! I attended an Antony Tudor meeting on Friday for which we received 3 applications for funding, up from zero in first semester. There has been a positive trend of engagement and apparent satisfaction with the theatre in St Andrews whether it be reviews of plays or engagement at weekly workshops. I can attribute this to the hard work of my committee and the creativity and drive of all the exceptionally talented students in St Andrews. I believe theatre has a bright future ahead of it and it is always inspiring to

me to see experimental and classical theatre being performed side by side in this town. The diversity of performance art continues to impress me and I look forward to seeing Mermaids continue its success of the past century in the years to come.

SSC Societies Officer-Pia Szabo

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SSC Volunteering Officer-Natasha Bateman

SVS had our volunteer decision meeting last Monday where we allocate applicants to different projects- we had over 110 applications. The first of these new volunteers should be starting their projects this week.

Handover for our new environmental officer is completed and she has now taken up the role! A large part of her remit will be trying to establish a volunteering trip to the Isle of May over Spring Break.

Starting to organise our event for On the Rocks which is a collage of murals from all our different projects e.g. youth groups, elderly homes, animal shelters etc. Also, starting to organise 'Give Back Awards' in collaboration with Charities.

Our website overhaul is ongoing, but it should be completed by handover and I'm currently organising committee handovers.

SSC Arts Festival Convenor- Sneha Nair

The OTR Programme is complete and being sent to print this week! Our Programme Launch will be on the 8 th of March and is the best place to get a peek at the 2018 line up of events.

- OTR Merchandise, volunteer t-shirts, and totes are being designed and will be ready before the Festival.
- Festival volunteers have been selected and notified! A volunteer social has been planned, and training sessions are being planned by our Head of Logistics, Head of Admin and volunteer coordinators.
- We are continuing Festival prep through planning of float transfers, duty phone rosters.

We are additionally financing the purchase of two OTR first-aid kits for the Festival.

- We are finalizing OTR-run and Community & Dutreach events for the Festival and have

planned the Programme Launch and Community events for the run-up to the Festival.

- We also are continuing our ongoing search for new sponsors and financial opportunities

through the OTR Finance team

- Our publicity push is ongoing. We have been working to maintain our social media presence in the lead-up to the Festival, and planning to continue advertising the Programme Launch, and the Festival through our social media and press teams.

SSC Member without Portfolio- Kevin Phelan

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