



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

AGENDA

Tuesday 21st November 2017- Large Rehearsal Room – 6pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Apologies for Absence

- 2.1. Olivia Budde
- 2.2. Nicola Simonetti

3. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers

- 3.1. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services
- 3.2. Report of the Association Director of Education
- 3.3. Report of the Association Director of Wellbeing
- 3.4. Report of the Association President
- 3.5. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities
- 3.6. Report of the Athletic Union President

4. Questions for SRC Committees and Officers

- 4.1. Questions for Association Alumni Committee
- 4.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Committee
- 4.3. Questions for Association Environment Committee
- 4.4. Questions for Association LGBT+ Committee
- 4.5. Questions for SRC Member for Racial Equality
- 4.6. Questions for SRC Member for Gender Equality
- 4.7. Questions for SRC Member for First Years
- 4.8. Questions for SRC Member for Age Equality
- 4.9. Questions for SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
- 4.10. Questions for SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation
- 4.11. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Academic Officer
- 4.12. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Development Officer
- 4.13. Questions for SRC Accommodation Committee
- 4.14. Questions for SRC Education Committee
- 4.15. Questions for Principal Ambassador
- 4.16. Questions for Member Without Portfolio

5. Questions for Subcommittees

- 5.1. Questions for SSC Postgraduate Committee
- 5.2. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Committee
- 5.3. Questions for SSC Charities Committee
- 5.4. Questions for SSC Entertainments Committee
- 5.5. Questions for SSC Employability Committee
- 5.6. Questions for SSC Debates Committee
- 5.7. Questions for SSC Design & PR Committee
- 5.8. Questions for SSC Music Committee

- 5.9. Questions for SSC Performing Arts Committee
- 5.10. Questions for SSC Societies Committee
- 5.11. Questions for SSC Volunteering Committee
- 5.12. Questions for SSC On The Rocks Committee
- 5.13. Questions for SSC Member without Portfolio
- 5.14. Any Other Competent Questions

6. New General Joint Business

- 6.1. J.17-11 Motion to call on the SSC and SRC to support Srdja Popovic as the 53rd Rector of the University of St Andrews
- 6.2. J.17-12 Motion to Formally Recognise the Rector's Committee
- 6.3. J.17-13 Motion to Establish the 2018 Elections Committee

7. New General SRC Business

- 7.1. R.17-2 This Student Representative Council believes that Brexit is not in the best interest of St Andrews University and the Scottish Higher Education Sector

8. Any Other Competent Business

9. Collaborative Solutions

J.17-11 Motion to call on the SSC and SRC to support Srdja Popovic as the 53rd Rector of the University of St Andrews

Notes

- 1) Srdja Popovic was recently elected as Rector of St Andrews University with a majority of 1100 votes.
- 2) Srdja Popovic's manifesto in some cases overlaps with the responsibilities of SSC and SRC
- 3) That during the election campaign, Srdja Popovic promised to empower student campaigners to solve their own problems.

Believes

- 1) That given the challenges posed by Brexit and the current political climate, good working relations between the Rector and Association Councils are beneficial.
- 4) That Srdja Popovic has skills relating to campaigning and activism that are useful to the SRC & SSC
- 5) That co-operation between both parties will be mutually beneficial.

Resolves

- 1) That the SRC and SSC support Srdja Popovic as Rector of the University of St Andrews
- 6) That the SRC and SSC should work with Srdja Popovic and student groups associated with him through the Rector's Assessor, cooperating where their goals are similar and providing constructive advice where they are not.
- 7) That the SSC and SRC will still reserve the right to criticise, question, and otherwise hold to account Srdja Popovic and any student campaigners associated with him.

Proposed

Jamie Rodney

Seconded

Petition

J.17-12 Motion to Formally Recognise the Rector's Committee

Notes

- 1) The Rector's Assessor is an *ex-officio* member of SRC.
- 2) It is common practice that the Rector's Assessor forms a committee, called the Rector's Committee. This committee assists the Rector's Assessor in representing the Rector and going about the Rector's business while they are absent from St Andrews.
- 3) The committee currently operates as a subcommittee of the Students' Association and of SRC, although is not at present referred to in the laws.
- 4) The Students' Association sets an annual budget for the Rector and the Rector's Assessor. In 2017-2018, the budget for election & installation expenses is £1000, and the budget for Rectorial activities and student engagement is £500.

Believes

- 1) That in order for the Rector's Committee to receive this money, the committee should be constitutionally and legally recognised as a part of the Students' Association.
- 5) That the aim of such a change is to provide an infrastructure by which the Assessor can be supported, both financially and logistically, by the Students' Association.
- 6) That the Rector's Assessor reserves the right to form a committee independent of the Students' Association and that the committee is not mandatory.

Resolves

- 1) To accept the amendment to the laws attached.

Proposed

Lewis Wood, Association President

Seconded

Ruaraidh Maciver, Association Chair

Pia Szabo, Societies Officer

Zachary Davis, Director of Education

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Changes to the Laws

To be added to 'Chapter 3: The Students' Representative Council', point 7.6 - currently Page 30 of the Laws

7.6 Rector's Committee

7.6.1 Membership

7.6.1.1 The Rector's Assessor shall revise and establish a membership structure for the committee annually, or whenever it proves necessary.

7.6.1.2 The Association President shall be a member of the Students' Association Rector's Committee.

7.6.1.3 The Committee shall be chaired and convened by the Rector's Assessor.

7.6.2 Remit

7.6.2.1 The Rector's Committee shall:

7.6.2.2 Assist the Rector's Assessor in fulfilling any tasks delegated to them by the Rector.

7.6.2.3 Work to publicise the role of the Rector, and increase student engagement with the role, the committee, and the opportunities made available to students.

7.6.2.4 Advise the Rector on any issues that may be affecting students.

7.6.3 Meetings

7.6.3.1 The Rector's Committee meets at the discretion of the Rector, and in their absence, at the discretion of the Rector's Assessor.

J.17-13 Motion to Establish the 2018 Elections Committee

Notes

- 1) The annual Students' Association Elections will take place in Weeks 5 & 6 of Semester 2 (date boundaries are to be confirmed)
- 2) The composition of the Elections Committee is as follows:
 - 1) Six Sabbatical Officers
 - 2) Three SRC Nominees
 - 3) Three SSC Nominees
 - 4) One Senior Academic Representative - Arts/Divinity
 - 5) One Senior Academic Representative - Science/Medicine
 - 6) One Representative of the Athletic Union
 - 7) One Postgraduate Student
 - 8) Two subcommittee executive members
 - 9) Four Further Members external to the Association Councils, of which at least one should be a first year
- 3) The formation of the Elections Committee begins prior to the inter-semester break. This is so that: (i) the Elections Committee can be fully formed by the end of Semester 1, removing the need to organise this with short notice prior to the election; (ii) so that events receive appropriate advance planning; (iii) so that a draft-final copy of the Election Rules & Handbook can be created following suggestions from councils, to be approved at the first Joint Councils of the new semester.
- 4) Sabbatical Officers are automatically assigned to the Elections Committee, unless an Officer chooses to waive this privilege.
- 5) The Association President is automatically the Deputy-Senior Elections Officer, unless they choose to waive this privilege.
- 6) There are two additional Deputy-Senior Elections Officers. These are co-opted from within the Elections Committee once the group is fully-formed.
- 7) The Elections Committee are responsible for running the elections. Individuals nominated to the committee should be aware that it is a considerable time commitment during election and nomination weeks (during which meetings are held every evening, and shifts are required during the day). It's also very fulfilling, insightful, and contains numerous areas of skills development. More details on the committee can be found by contact Lewis, Association President at president@st-andrews.ac.uk.
- 8) Due to the creation of a new Sabbatical Officer, the Elections Committee will increase in size from 21 members to 22 members.

Resolves

- 1) To elect a Senior Elections Officer.
- 2) To recognise and approve the composition of the committee proposed in this paper.
- 3) To decide upon the six council representatives to the Elections Committee.

Proposer

Lewis Wood, Association President

Seconded

SRC REPORTS

Association Alumni Officer – Sam Ross

- 15 society/hall/school president events so far for AFW
- career panel planning coming along nicely
- hummingbirds secured to sing at alumni dinner
- subcommittee reaching out to alumni to participate in various events
- fun times all round!

Association Community Relations Officer – Hannah Raleigh

- December. St Andrew's Day Festival. Be there or be square! And if you and/or your group is willing to get involved, please let me know! We are doing a full-court press to get as many volunteers as possible.
- We need volunteers for the Lantern Procession! This is a small commitment, so if you're looking for something to fill your Saturday early evening, come on out; you will get free dinner and the chance to see some sick fireworks above the Harbour!

Association Environment Officer – Clare Grist

This week we're starting the 90kgs of rice challenge set by JTS which is about promoting fair trade giving farmers in Malawi a fair price for their rice. We'll be selling rice all over town over the next few weeks so please spread the word and come along and buy some rice.

We are also working on our Alumni Festival weekend event which will be a Leave No Trace awareness workshop.

We're also thinking about doing a trip to the Isle of May next year as a volunteering opportunity in collaboration with SVS so keep an eye out for that.

Association LGBT+ Officer – Ryan Hay

- We're working on AIDS Awareness Day Benefit which I'm very excited for - if anyone knows comedians/musicians who'd like to perform then hit me up.
- TransFest seems like it will be hugely successful, and the whole committee are really pleased - thanks so much to councillors/the sabb team for all your help, especially Flora and the awesome STAR team for all their help with the Arts Bash.
- Our new and improved Welfare systems are at last going to rolled out from the very beginning of next semester, so I'll finally be able to deliver on that big manifesto promise.
- PG Christmas social upcoming, more information tbc but get keen!
- I have some exciting meetings coming up on Friday with some big Scottish Arts organisations who want to get involved in Queer Fest; I'm really excited about that!
- dRAG Walk prep is go! APPLICATIONS for contestants open NEXT WEEK - please nudge your friends to apply; it's incredibly uplifting, it's a judgement-free environment, and it's all for an amazing cause!
- Things are really rolling with OTR and some major national organisations for St Andrews PRIDE which is going to be amazing this year; any of you who've been to Pride before will know that at its best it's really uplifting and joyous - I'm confident that this year we can bring some of that joy to the East Neuk.
- Work continues to shape our organisation into the best thing it can be for LGBT+ people in St Andrews, with the shaping of more satellite support groups, different work with Madras, and more academic involvement through University schools - these collaboration have been really exciting and fruitful.
- Please remember that LGBT+ are keen for collaborations, and to help with anything people need us for!! Get in touch over Christmas break if you want to get involved in our EXCITING plans for next Semester.

Principal Ambassador – Charlie Maguire

The last Visiting Day, a postgraduate day, of the semester took place last Wednesday. Ambassadors working on this side of things are done; a bit of a break now, with the next Visiting Day not taking place until February/March.

No such break for the Widening Access and Participation team, the work of whom takes place weekly. Our Ambassadors work constantly to develop access to the University for students from a range of backgrounds across Scotland and their work is outstandingly dedicated and successful.

We will be conducted an end-of-semester review into how things are going across The Student Ambassadors, so if have councillors have any input, feel free to get in touch, would really appreciate it- drop me an email at princamb@st-andrews.ac.uk.

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

Since the last meeting, John (smpf) and Nicola (adfp) have met up with a few School Presidents for the second working group of the semester on Careers. Strategies to improve internships events, school talks, and the interaction between the Careers Centre and the student body have been advanced and hopefully will be implemented soon. In addition, Nicola and John have chaired the SSCC for their placement modules, trying to find solutions for the problems previously arisen. Among them, there are project proposals, lesson sample presentations, student role in the classroom and information on PGCE applications. The third and final working group for semester 1, will be organised and held soon.

SRC Accommodation Officer – Jono Davis

The Accommodation team have been busy this past week, as Accommodation week came and went. How to Rent talks were a huge success and we have nearly run out of Guides. In addition, Rachel and the Design Team have been brilliant and set up a rolling Rate your Landlord survey, which has been added to the YourUnion Website. Discussions are also taking place with the Senior Student and Chris Luck (of Student Services) in order to consolidate opinion as to the state of Wardennial system in halls.

SRC Member Without Portfolio – Olivia Budde

Nothing to report!

SRC Member for Racial Equality – Sarah Bourial

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SRC Member for First Year – Hyewon Han

As week 9 was the Pangea Festival Week, on the behalf of the Opportunities Committee, I took over the University of St Andrews' Instagram and promoted the festival. A few of the cultural societies had difficulties getting people to attend their events so I helped them to promote events on Facebook. To make the next year's Pangea Festival organisation smoother, I wrote my thoughts in details on things that should be improved for the next year Pangea Festival coordinator.

SRC Member for Gender Equality – Brianna Chu

Booked StAge and 601 for the 8 March 2018, the actual date of International Women's Day. Hopefully, we now have it from 1-5 pm (thanks to the very appreciated help from the RAG co-ordinator, Jennie!) I've contacted Socs about for some help with what affiliated womens'/gender issues-related societies, as I've drafted an email to presidents/co-ordinators of some of these societies for a meeting with all of them, partially about thoughts and potential participation in International Women's Day. Additionally, the Reclaim the Night March and separate #MeToo march has made it clear that there are a lot of similar thoughts and concerns amongst womens' issues societies, and it would be nice to work with all of those societies for International Women's Day, as well as looking at establishing a women's issues forum so better communication between these groups can be fostered. For instance, FemSoc had reached out to me about salient other societies to contact about participation in the Reclaim the Night March, which seems to further indicate that there would be benefits from all these societies meeting together and talking about common goals. Given that it's the end of the semester, I'm guessing it will be unlikely for us all to arrange a meeting anytime soon; instead I'm aiming for a meeting early next semester. I'm also hoping to meet with the Self-Defence Course people to figure out what the agenda is for next semester!

SRC Member for Age Equality – Lorraine Callaghan

St Andrews Festival 2nd December. Lifers will be supporting this event with face painting. Students will also be holding a pot Luck lunch in the commuters room and we hope plenty of 'Lifers' students and their families will be in town to support this event.

Lifers will be attending the Byre Pantomime. Thanks to the support of the Students Association 20 children of student parents will go free.

January is RACE2 with myself Martha and Tom aiming to be the first to get to Barcelona but more importantly raising lots of money.

We have an event in the planning stage for Alumni week. A speakers event where we aim to invite mature student Alumni. We will be working with careers and Sam Ross.

I have requested that all mature students be given access to the Commuters Room. I see it as an opportunity to improve the student experience of mature students who are struggling to 'fit in'. I feel it's an opportunity to look after the welfare of these students by giving them access to a community of students who may be of a similar age and have similar interests. ASC will not support this but have invited me to meet with them to discuss how things might be improved for mature students. I have asked Claire to join me at the meeting.

Martha (commuter rep) has collated information from commuting students regarding the requirement to hand in hard copies to individual schools. This can represent a financial cost, it's non productive and can cause issues with child care and part time work. We are hoping that the University will support commuting students by removing this requirement and not leave it to the individual schools to make a decision. This is currently not the same across all schools and requires commuting students to have to make a request on every occasion.

SRC Member for Students with Disabilities – Anna Lloyd

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SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation – Ciara McCumiskey

Nothing to report!

SRC Postgraduate Development Convener – Mizuki Morisaki

- Got involved in PG visiting day for prospective postgraduate students
- PhD/ Master day in CAPOD
- Participating in innovation grant panel on Monday
- 2nd PG development meeting in 2 weeks

SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener – Fanny Empacher

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SSC REPORTS

SSC Broadcasting Officer- Flora Rowe

STAR is still working towards Christmas and recording our christmas music video.

We also have T-shirts available online to buy.

Finally struggling to keep show hosts coming each week so just working towards that.

SSC Charities Officer-Jamie Minns

- Want to put on a RAG event? Contact our SSC Member without, Kevin! It would be great to see every subcomm put on an event.
- We headed down to Edinburgh and collected on the streets of Edinburgh and outside Murrayfield before the rugby with Edinburgh Students Charities Appeal! It was a good time by all and we raised a good amount, albeit we were rather nippy on the way back.
- Blind Mirth's Panto Mirth, in aid of the Charities Campaign, was last night. We are always looking for more collaborations - please get in touch! Many thanks to Blind Mirth!
- Last Thursday, we worked with Nightline to train our Race2 safety teams. We are very proud of our safety teams and are looking forward to another safe Race2!
- Details of a six a side football tournament will be released soon - thanks to Tom Abbott and the AU for agreeing to work with us.

SSC Employability Officer-Pat Shareefy

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SSC Debates Officer- Ru Ferguson

After a busy week including holding our annual school's competition as well as our outreach programme with admissions at Kirkcaldy High School, I've been focusing on our upcoming event with the Israeli Ambassador on Thursday.

SSC Design Team Convener – Paloma Paige

Since our last SSC meeting, we held our Film Night in Sandy's. This Wednesday is the last photography workshop of the semester - a FB event will be up by the time we meet. And this Sunday is the last Adobe Workshop of the semester, 5-7 in the Design Suite as usual. The last focuses for us, after the above events, will be holding our Christmas Creative Workshop in Week 12 and planning for refreshers week, for which we already have our EGM and mid-year showcase tentatively planned.

SSC Entertainments Convener- Antonia Wade

We've had the position of Technical Co-ordinator open up. We'll be holding an EGM soon to fill the place. The offer for societies still stands for basic training on equipment which enables you to use iPods/presentations in the space, just get in contact!

SSC Member without Portfolio- Kevin Phelan

Christmas dinner on the 27th, course selection has to be done by Sunday the 19th or you cannot come. No exceptions!

SSC Music Officer- Marcell Kovacs

Not much happened since last week: unfortunately we had to postpone our first workshop, but it will happen when the time comes, and we had a successful Live Lounge on Thursday. We're in the process of organising our first Limelight event, which is very exciting.

SSC Arts Festival Convenor- Sneha Nair

- The Semester 1 Event happened! We held a well-received event that was financially successful and gave us a good publicity boost within the student and wider St Andrews community.
- Event Applications officially closed, so we are reviewing applications over the course of the next week and will hold contract signing during Week 11.
- We have developing frameworks for OTR-run and Community & Outreach events for the 2018 Festival (6 April-15 April 2018), and have begun planning the Programme Launch and Community events for the run-up to the Festival.
- We have continued working with the Development office to finalize Patron packs and acquire new Patrons for the 2018 festival.
- Our publicity push is ongoing, and we look forward to receiving reviews for the Semester 1 Event in student and local publications.
- We also have ongoing search for new sponsors and financial opportunities through our Finance team

SSC Performing Arts Officer- Matthew Lansdell

Mermaids had a brilliant 100th anniversary weekend. We had a great group of alumni come up and they were all very impressed with how Mermaids currently runs and how many shows we are able to put up. We just had a great Fresher's Drama Festival which is further continuation of how successful our shows have been. I met with our affiliated societies and we are currently in the process of looking at how Barron slots are distributed so that affiliated societies have access to more weekend slots. Christmas Ball preparations are going very well and the event is shaping up to be a fantastic night. We have also updated our proposal form and are working on introducing productions contracts so that teams are clear on what they can expect from Mermaids and what Mermaids expects from them in return.

SSC Postgraduate Officer- Jennifer Bre

We hosted a pizza social on the 16/11 with a higher turn-out than expected.

There will be a free Ceilidh for which we will collect donations for Charities on the 25th.

A whisky tasting with Quaich soc on the 29th.

For December we organise a bus trip to Edinburgh Christmas market, Graduation ball, a party in 601, a trip to see a ice hockey game in Dundee and a PG/St Leonard's College wine and cheese. Busy time ahead but it is great to see higher turn-out than we expect and PG being so keen on events and mingling.

SSC Societies Officer-Pia Szabo

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SSC Volunteering Officer-Natasha Bateman

Our volunteers are getting on well in their respective projects. Some projects still have spaces available, so it's not too late to volunteer (especially Rymouth arts and crafts).

The sanitary product drive is on this Saturday (18th) at Tesco's. Apologies the times were incorrect in the last report- the drive is running from 10:30-14:30. We have had great responses to the drive so far, which is exciting, so fingers crossed it goes well! We are also planning a second Families First Movie Night for 14th December, as the first one during Give Back Weekend went so well- yay.

Lastly, this week we have been recruiting volunteers for the St Andrews Day Procession in collaboration with Community Relations.