



# University of St Andrews Students' Association Joint Councils'

## MINUTES

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014 – Senate Room, 7.00pm

### Present

Charlotte Potter	Arts/Divinity Faculty President
Joseph Tantillo	Association Chair
Zara Evans	Association Community Relations Officer
Daniel Palmer	Association Director of Events and Services
Edward Woodhouse	Association Director of Student Development & Activities
Kelsey Gold	Association Director of Student Development & Activities
Leon O'Rourke	Association Director-elect of Events & Services
Ondrej Hajda	Association Director-elect of Representation
Fay Morrice	Association Director-elect of Student Development & Activities
Madeline Belt	Association Environment & Ethics Officer
Fallon Sheffield	Association LGBT Officer
Pat Mathewson	Association President-elect ( <b>Late 1938</b> )
Iain Cupples	Education Researcher
Bryony Shepherd	Principal Ambassador
Sarah Gimont	SRC Accommodation Officer
Darya Smirnova	SRC Education Officer
Lydia Bowden	SRC Employability Officer
Roddy McGlynn	SRC Equal Opportunities Officer
Walt Andrews	SRC External Campaigns Officer
Jo Boon	SRC Member for First Years
Annie Newman	SRC Member for Gender Equality
Omar Ali	SRC Member for International Students
Alexandre Ciric	SRC Member for Private Accommodation
Sium Ghebru	SRC Member for Racial Equality
Alasdair Maclennan	SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
Daniel Granville	SRC Member for Widening Access & Participation
Tania Strutzel	SRC Postgraduate Convenor
David Norris	SRC Wellbeing Officer
Kyle Blain	SSC Charities Officer
Charlotte Andrew	SSC Debates Officer
Nathalie Mitchell	SSC Entertainment Convener
Lavin Ge Tian	SSC Entertainment Convenor
Michael Thadani	SSC External Funding Officer
Anna Kennedy-O'Brien	SSC Member without Portfolio
Anna Merryfield	SSC Music Officer
Ben Anderson	SSC Performing Arts Officer
David van Brussel	SSC Postgraduate Officer-elect

Courtney Lewis                      SSC Societies Officer

**In Attendance**

Michael Telfer	Minutes Secretary
Robert Dixon	Ordinary Member of the Association
Maxwell Baldi	Ordinary Member of the Association
Caroline Magee	The Saint

**Absent**

Scott Schorr	Association Postgraduate President
Chloe Hill	Association President
Jess Walker	President of the Athletic Union
Katy Rae	Science/Medicine Faculty President
Verity Baynton	SRC Member for Private Accommodation
Sean McDonald	SSC Broadcasting Officer
Nicole Timpone	SSC Volunteering Officer

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted without dissent.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Chloe Hill	Association President
Jess Walker	Athletic Union President
Sarah Thompson	Athletic Union President-elect
Katy Rae	Science/Medicine Faculty President
Verity Baynton	SRC Member for Private Accommodation
Sean McDonald	SSC Broadcasting Officer
Nicole Timpone	SSC Volunteering Officer

**The apologies were accepted without dissent.**

**3. New General SRC Business**

**3.1. Election of the SRC Senior Officer**

Mr Cupples stated that the role of senior officer, for both councils, was as a trustee. Mr Cupples stated that formed only a part of the role though. Mr Cupples stated that the Officer would attend six meetings of board, which was ultimately responsible for finance, strategy, and other big things. As a trustee, stated Mr Cupples, the officer would not be representing the interests of the SRC but acting in the best interests of the charity. Mr Cupples stated that, this year, the senior officers would also be asked to attend one of the subcommittees of the board, which had not previously been the case. Mr Cupples stated that it would be either Finance or Staffing. Mr Cupples stated that the subcommittees would each meet around five times a year. Mr Cupples stated that the board meetings would last for around two hours and usually be held during the day.

Ms Gold stated that officer would, in essence, be sitting on the highest committee of the association, a committee which also had a student majority. Ms Gold stated that no particular experience or background was necessary and that she was hopeful that many people would run.

Mr Cupples stated that the main other role of the Senior Officer was to chair the council in the event that the Chair was unable.

Ms Gold stated that it was possible to self-nominate.

**Mr Ali nominated himself.**

**Ms Belt seconded.**

**Ms Evans nominated herself.**

**Ms Sheffield seconded.**

**Mr Andrews nominated himself.**

**Mr Norris seconded.**

Mr Tantillo stated that Mr Ali would speak first.

**Ms Evans and Mr Andrews left the room.**

Mr Ali delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Mr Ali left the room and Mr Andrews returned.**

Mr Andrews delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Mr Andrews left the room and Ms Evans returned.**

Ms Evans delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Mr Ali and Mr Andrews returned.**

Mr Cupples explained how single transferrable voting worked.

Mr Woodhouse, while the votes were cast and counted, stated that the Teaching and Proctor Award nominations were still open and encouraged members to nominate as many people as they wanted. Mr Woodhouse stated that the award was to recognise excellence in teaching. Mr Woodhouse stated that multiple nominations were accepted, as were nominations from multiple students for one person. Mr Woodhouse stated that the process was student-led and allowed students to recognise excellence in teaching, something he did not think the university did well enough. Mr Woodhouse stated that the Proctor Award was also ongoing and was intended to recognise student improving the learning experience. Mr Woodhouse stated that any member that thought a student had done that really well should nominate them. Mr Woodhouse stated that nominations for the award required a student and a member of staff and those accepted would get a small award and have it listed on their Higher Education Attainment Report.

In the first round of voting, Mr Ali received 5 votes, Mr Andrews 5, and Ms Evans 12.

**As the quota for election was 12, Ms Evans was duly elected.**

### **3.2. Election of the SRC Deputy Senior Officer**

Mr Cupples stated that the Deputy Senior Officers deputised for the Senior Officer, they were only responsibly for chairing meetings if neither the Chair nor the Senior Officer were able, and sat on Exec but not board. Mr Cupples stated that Deputy Senior Officers were not trustees.

Ms Gold stated that, for those who were not at training, Exec resolved disputes between councils, dealt with HLMS, and also with reinstatements of members who had been removed due to absences.

**Mr Norris nominated himself.**

**Ms Sheffield seconded.**

**Ms Newman nominated herself.**

**Ms Smirnova seconded.**

**Mr Ghebru nominated himself.**

**Mr MacLennan seconded.**

**Mr Norris and Ms Newman left the room.**

Mr Ghebru delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Mr Ghebru left the room and Ms Newman returned.**

Ms Newman delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Ms Newman left the room and Mr Norris returned.**

Mr Norris delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Mr Ghebru and Ms Newman returned.**

In the first round, Mr Ghebru received 2 votes, Ms Newman 5, and Mr Norris 12.

As the quota for election was 12, Mr Norris was duly elected as SRC Deputy Senior Officer.

### **3.3. Election of Nominees to the SSC Societies Committee**

Ms Lewis stated that the Societies Committee needed people and that it was a lot of fun despite what the members might have heard. Ms Lewis stated that the Association had around 150 societies, with different make ups and aims. Ms Lewis stated that the position was not a large time commitment and that, as nominees to the committee, their expected time commitments would be smaller. Ms Lewis stated that it would mostly comprise committee meetings, helping out at the freshers' and refreshers' fairs, as well as in the societies' clinic. Ms Lewis stated that, in the meetings, the committee processed a lot of grants, dealt with elections and constitutions, and, generally speaking, ensured that the societies were top notch.

Mr Tantillo stated that there were two positions open from the SRC.

Ms Gold stated that Socs had one of the largest budgets, at over £30,000, and that was one of the reasons the members were asked to serve on the committee: to provide oversight.

Ms Kennedy-O'Brien stated that serving on the committee had been one of the best decisions of her life.

Mr Tantillo stated that he had been a carve-up too and that it had been amazing.

Ms Gold stated that the members might, one day, be Joe.

**Ms Boon nominated herself.**

**Mr Norris seconded.**

**Ms Lewis nominated Mr Ciric.**

**Ms Ciric accepted the nomination.**

**Ms Newman seconded.**

**Ms Lewis nominated Mr MacLennan.**

**Mr MacLennan accepted the nomination.**

**Mr Greenville seconded the nomination.**

**Mr Hajda nominated Ms Struetzel.**

**Ms Struetzel declined the nomination.**

**Ms Kennedy-O'Brien nominated Ms Bowden.**

**Ms Bowden declined the nomination.**

**Mr Mathewson nominated Ms Newman.**

**Ms Newman declined the nomination.**

**Ms Kennedy-O'Brien nominated Mr Greenville.**

**Mr Greenville accepted the nomination.**

**Mr Woodhouse seconded the nomination.**

**Mr Greenville withdrew his nomination.**

**Ms Newman nominated Mr Ali.**

**Mr Ali accepted the nomination.**

**Mr Ghebru seconded.**

**Ms Boon, Mr Ciric, and Mr MacLennan left the room.**

Mr Ali delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Mr Ali left the room and Ms Boon returned.**

Ms Boon delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Ms Boon left the room and Mr Ciric returned.**

Mr Ciric delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Mr Ciric left the room and Mr MacLennan returned.**

Mr MacLennan delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Mr Ali, Ms Boon, and Mr Ciric returned to the room.**

In the first round of voting, Mr Ali had four votes, Ms Boon had eight, Mr Ciric had three and Mr MacLennan had seven. The quota for election was twelve. No one was elected.

With the least vote, Mr Ciric was eliminated.

On redistribution, Mr Ali had five votes, Ms Boon had eight, and Mr MacLennan had nine. The quota for election was twelve. No one was elected.

With the least votes, Mr Ali was eliminated.

On redistribution, Ms Boon had ten votes and Mr MacLennan had 11. The quota for election was eleven. **Mr MacLennan was duly elected.**

On redistribution, Mr Ali had one vote, Ms Boon had thirteen, and Mr Ciric had three. The Quota for election was twelve. **Ms Boon was duly elected.**

#### **4. New General SSC Business**

##### **4.1. Election of the SSC Senior Officer**

**Ms Kennedy-O'Brien nominated herself.**

**Mr Anderson seconded.**

**Ms Lewis nominated herself.**

**Mr Woodhouse seconded.**

**Ms Lewis left the room.**

Ms Kennedy-O'Brien delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Ms Kennedy-O'Brien left the room and Ms Lewis returned.**

Ms Lewis delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Ms Kennedy-O'Brien returned to the room.**

In the first round, Ms Kennedy-O'Brien had eight votes, Ms Lewis had seven votes. There was one vote to re-open nominations and one spoiled vote. The quota for election was eight. **Ms Kennedy-O'Brien was duly elected.**

#### **4.2. Election of the SSC Deputy Senior Officer**

**Mr Thadani nominated himself.**

**Ms Lewis seconded.**

Mr Thadani delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Mr Thadani was elected without dissent.**

#### **4.3. Election of Nominees to the SSC Societies Committee**

**Mr Blain nominated himself.**

**Ms Kennedy-O'Brien seconded.**

**Ms Gold nominated Ms Mitchell**

**Ms Mitchell declined the nomination.**

**Ms Lewis nominated Mr Thadani.**

**Mr Thadani declined the nomination.**

**Ms Lewis nominated Ms Tian.**

**Ms Tian declined the nomination.**

**Ms Gold nominated Ms Bowden.**

**Ms Bowden declined the nomination, stating that she was a member of the SRC and so ineligible.**

Mr Blain delivered a speech and answered questions.

**Mr Blain was elected without dissent.**

There was a recess for ten minutes.

#### **5. New General Joint Business**

### **5.1. J.14-3 - A Motion to Resolve the Election of LGBT First Year**

#### **THIS SRC AND SSC NOTE:**

1. That it would be beneficial to elect the LGBT Subcommittee's First Year Officer in an EGM in the first semester of the academic year of service.
2. That it is fundamental to the success of the LGBT Subcommittee to recruit from the incoming class of first year students for the position of First Year Officer.

#### **THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVE:**

To recommend the following amendments to the Laws to SAB with the recommendation that the same do pass:

1. Add in Chapter 16 of the Laws a new §2.10.4 to read as follows:

**2.10.4. Will be elected at an Emergency General Meeting in Semester 1 of the academic year.**

**Ms Sheffield proposed the motion, Mr Woodhouse seconded.**

Ms Sheffield introduced the motion as such: I won't bore you too much. The first year officer should be elected at the AGM but it makes more sense to do it in September so that we can incorporate their views immediately.

Mr Woodhouse stated that Ms Sheffield had brought the idea to the LGBT AGM and asked what their views had been.

Ms Sheffield answered that those who had been listening were impartial and so the motion had passed.

**Motion J.14-3 was adopted without dissent.**



## **5.2. J.14-4 - A Motion to Reform the Structure of The Students' Representative Council**

### **THIS SRC AND SSC NOTE:**

1. A petition signed by 25 Members of the Association requesting the consideration of this motion;
2. The current structure of the SRC; and,
3. Over the past fifteen years, efforts to reform the structure of the SRC occurred in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2010, and 2012.

### **THIS SRC AND SSC BELIEVE:**

1. That despite the frequent success of the SRC in developing and implementing policy, the SRC is not as effective as it could be;
2. That the SRC's successes occur in spite of and are not required by its structure;
3. That the SRC currently benefits from structures that ensure an active voice for underrepresented groups;
4. That the SRC currently benefits from coordination of policy between multiple committees;
5. That the SRC currently benefits from its requirement that policy decisions be adopted in SRC and its prohibition on independent policy adoption in its committees;
6. That members of the SRC have a mandate to represent students on all matters within the jurisdiction of the SRC;
7. That the specificity of SRC portfolios has a tendency to narrow the focus of members of the SRC to only their enumerated remit;
8. That SRC committees have insufficient personnel and resources to properly develop and implement policy;
9. That SRC committees often fail to convene and thus languish;
10. That many SRC officers are required to sit on and/or chair too many committees, stretching limited resources and preventing their effective deployment;
11. That motions too frequently come to the SRC without mark-up or debate in committee;
12. That the SRC should be broadly representative and have sufficient members to effectively develop and campaign on policy;
13. That the SRC should avoid insularity amongst members and attempt to engage all members in all aspects of policy;
14. That the structure of the SRC should be reformed.

### **THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVE:**

1. To report the following amendments to the Laws to SAB with the recommendation that the same do pass, and with the further recommendation that the same be put into force and effect upon the dissolution of this SRC:
  - 1.1. Strike all after the chapter title in Chapter 2 of the Laws and insert:
    - '1. Composition of the Students' Representative Council (SRC)  
The membership of the SRC shall be:

'1.1. Elected Officers:

'1.1.1. Association President

- '1.1.2. Association Director of Events & Services
- '1.1.3. Association Director of Student Development & Activities
- '1.1.4. Association Director of Representation
- '1.1.5. Association Chair
- '1.1.6. Association LGBT Officer
- '1.1.7. President of the Athletic Union
- '1.1.8. SRC Accommodation Officer
- '1.1.9. SRC Community Relations Officer
- '1.1.10. SRC Education Officer
- '1.1.11. SRC Employability Officer
- '1.1.12. SRC Environment & Ethics Officer
- '1.1.13. SRC Equal Opportunities Officer
- '1.1.14. SRC External Campaigns Officer
- '1.1.15. SRC Widening Access & Participation Officer
- '1.1.16. SRC Wellbeing Officer
- '1.1.17. Postgraduate Convenor
- '1.1.18. Arts/Divinity Faculty President
- '1.1.19. Science/Medicine Faculty President
- '1.1.20. Nine SRC Representatives for Undergraduate Students
- '1.1.21. Three SRC Representatives for Postgraduate Students

'1.2. The immediate past President and past Directors of the Association, so long as they are ordinary members of the Association (non-voting).

'1.3. The President-Elect and Directors-Elect of the Association, during the second semester of the academic year, after being elected and prior to taking office (non-voting).

'1.4. The Rector's Assessor, so long as he/she is a matriculated student of the University. If elected, he/she will be a full voting member of the SRC; if unelected, he/she will be a non-voting member.

'1.5. The Student Advocate (Education)

'1.6. The Principal Ambassador or his/her nominee (non-voting)

## '2. Aims of the SRC

The functions of the SRC shall be to represent the students of the University in all matters affecting their interests, and in particular the following:

'2.1. To represent the interests of all the students in physical, social and academic matters.

'2.2. To afford a recognised means of communication between the students and University authorities.

'2.3. To maintain good relations with other universities and colleges, and with the general public.

'2.4. To nominate student representatives to University bodies when invited to do so.

'2.5. To advise and make representations to the SSC and SAB on matters relevant to student activity.

## '3. Meetings of the SRC

'3.1. Ordinary meetings of the SRC shall be held at least every 28 days during term time, excluding the revision and pre-sessional

weeks. An emergency meeting of the SRC may be called by the Association Chair, on direction of the SAEC, or any the demand of five members of the SRC, submitted in writing to the Association Chair. At least 24 hours written notice must be given of any emergency meeting.

'3.2. All meetings, and those of SRC committees, shall be conducted in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Association.

'3.3. Any quorate meeting of the SRC may pass up to £1000 of expenditure within their budget per written motion. Any quorate meeting of an SRC committee may pass up to £500 of expenditure within their budget per written motion.

#### '4. Officers and Committees of the SRC

'4.1. The SRC shall have the following officers:

- '4.1.1. Accommodation Officer
- '4.1.2. Community Relations Officer
- '4.1.3. Education Officer
- '4.1.4. Employability Officer
- '4.1.5. Environment & Ethics Officer
- '4.1.6. Equal Opportunities Officer
- '4.1.7. External Campaigns Officer
- '4.1.8. Widening Access & Participation Officer
- '4.1.9. Wellbeing Officer

'4.2. The SRC shall have the following committees:

- '4.2.1. Accommodation
- '4.2.2. Community Relations
- '4.2.3. Education
- '4.2.4. Employability
- '4.2.5. Environment & Ethics
- '4.2.6. Equal Opportunities
- '4.2.7. External Campaigns
- '4.2.8. Widening Access & Participation
- '4.2.9. Wellbeing

'4.3. In addition, the SRC may form *ad hoc* committees as the need arises.

#### '5. Remits of SRC Officers

'5.1. SRC Accommodation Officer

The SRC Accommodation Officer shall have special responsibilities for those areas concerning accommodation and shall:

- '5.1.1. Convene and chair meetings of the SRC Accommodation Committee at least every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-sessional weeks;
- '5.1.2. Coordinate his/her activities with the Association President;
- '5.1.3. Implement Association policy regarding student accommodation issues;
- '5.1.4. Edit the How to Rent, How to Leave and similar leaflets, and promote accommodation advocacy services in consultation

with the Association President, Design & Marketing Officer and the Student Advocate (Accommodation);

'5.1.5. Assess the accommodation situation with a recurring Accommodation Survey; and,

'5.1.6. Be responsible for having minutes kept of SRC Accommodation Committee meetings, and filing them in the General Office and online.

#### '5.2. SRC Community Relations Officer

The SRC Community Relations Officer shall have special responsibilities for those areas concerning community relations and shall:

'5.2.1. Convene and chair meetings of the SRC Community Relations Committee at least every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-sessional weeks;

'5.2.2. Coordinate his/her activities with the Association President;

'5.2.3. Alongside the Association President, be an Association representative on the following committees:

'5.2.3.1. St Andrews Community Council;

'5.2.3.2. Town-Gown Liaison Group

'5.2.3.3. St Andrews Festival Committee

'5.2.3.4. Kate Kennedy Procession Committee; and,

'5.2.3.5. Any other committees or bodies as required;

'5.2.4. Promote town-gown relations through various media, including contributing to publications such as the St Andrews Citizen and St Andrews in Focus;

'5.2.5. Implement Association policy regarding community relations; and,

'5.2.6. Be responsible for having minutes kept of SRC Community Relations Committee meetings, and filing them in the General Office and online.

#### '5.3. SRC Education Officer

The SRC Education Officer shall have special responsibilities for those areas concerning education and shall:

'5.3.1. Convene and chair meetings of the SRC Education Executive Committee;

'5.3.2. Coordinate his/her activities with the Director of Representation;

'5.3.3. Work in close cooperation with the Student Advocate (Education);

'5.3.4. Liaise with the University Library and IT Services on student matters;

'5.3.5. 'Be a member of the:

'5.3.5.1. Library Strategic Advisory Group (LSAG);

'5.3.5.2. Student Library Users Group (SLUG); and,

'5.3.5.3. Postgraduate Forum; and,

'5.3.6. Be responsible for having minutes kept of SRC Education Committee, SRC Education Executive Committee, and Student Opinion on Academic Council (SOAC) Advisory

Group meetings, and filing them in the General Office and online.

'5.4. SRC Employability Officer

The SRC Employability Officer shall primarily work to represent student opinion on services and support relating to employability and career skills and shall:

'5.4.1. Convene and chair meetings of the SRC Employability Committee at least every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-sessional weeks;

'5.4.2. Work with relevant sabbatical officers on relevant areas and other projects mandated by the SRC;

'5.4.3. Serve as a primary student liaison with the Careers Centre;

'5.4.4. Work with the SRC Education Officer on the intersection of learning and teaching with employability;

'5.4.5. Work with the SRC Equal Opportunities Officer to ensure equal opportunities for all students in receiving support on employability from the Careers Centre and the University more broadly;

'5.4.6. Liaise with the Association's committees, subcommittees, and affiliated societies to build connections between extracurricular activity and employable skills; and

'5.4.7. Be responsible for having minutes kept of SRC Employability Committee meetings, and filing them in the General Office and online.

'5.5. SRC Environment & Ethics Officer

The SRC Environment & Ethics Officer shall have special responsibilities for those areas concerning sustainability and environmental and ethical issues and shall:

'5.5.1. Convene and chair meetings of the SRC Environment & Ethics Committee at least every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-sessional weeks;

'5.5.2. Coordinate his/her activities with the Association President;

'5.5.3. Liaise with the University on matters relating to environmental and ethical issues;

'5.5.4. Attend any relevant University environmental and ethical committees as requested;

'5.5.5. Work in cooperation with relevant members of staff;

'5.5.6. Implement Association policy on environmental and ethical issues; and,

'5.5.7. Be responsible for having minutes kept of SRC Environment & Ethics Committee meetings, and filing them in the General Office and online.

'5.6. SRC Equal Opportunities Officer

The SRC Equal Opportunities Officer shall have special responsibilities for those areas concerning equal opportunities and shall:

'5.6.1. Convene and chair meetings of the SRC Equal Opportunities Committee at least every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-sessional weeks;

'5.6.2. Liaise with Student Services;

'5.6.3. Coordinate his/her activities with the Director of Representation;

'5.6.4. Attend any relevant University equal opportunities committees as requested;

'5.6.5. Implement SRC policy on matters relating to equal opportunities, student diversity, universal accessibility; run regular campaigns on these topics; and assist his/her committee members in the running of their own campaigns and events;

'5.6.6. Work in close coordination with minority group and interfaith representatives; and,

'5.6.7. Be responsible for having minutes kept of SRC Equal Opportunities Committee meetings and filing them in the General Office and online.

#### '5.7. SRC External Campaigns Officer

The SRC External Campaigns Officer shall have special responsibility for those areas concerning the organisation and execution of large-scale and national SRC campaigns and shall:

'5.7.1. Convene and chair meetings of the SRC External Campaigns Committee at least every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-sessional weeks;

'5.7.2. Work with the Association President, Director of Representation and relevant officers on campaigns regarding national issues, where the Association position is agreed by the SRC;

'5.7.3. Ensure that tasks related to such campaigns are divided appropriately between these three positions in regards to skill sets and time restraints;

'5.7.4. Be responsible for having minutes kept of SRC External Campaigns Committee meetings and filing them in the General Office and online.

#### '5.8. SRC Widening Access & Participation Officer

The SRC Widening Access & Participation Officer shall have special responsibilities for those areas concerning widening access and participation and shall:

'5.8.1. Convene and chair meetings of the SRC Widening Access & Participation Committee at least every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-sessional weeks;

'5.8.2. Coordinate his/her activities with the Association President;

'5.8.3. Liaise with the University on matters relating to widening access and participation issues;

'5.8.4. Liaise with the Ambassadors Team on matters relating to widening access and participation issues;

'5.8.5. Implement Association policy on widening access and participation issues; and,

'5.8.6. Be responsible for having minutes kept of the SRC Widening Access & Participation Committee meetings, and filing them in the General Office and online.

'5.9. SRC Wellbeing Officer

The SRC Wellbeing Officer shall have special responsibilities for those areas concerning student wellbeing and shall:

'5.9.1. Convene and chair meetings of the SRC Wellbeing Committee at least every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-sessional weeks;

'5.9.2. Coordinate his/her activities with the Director of Representation;

'5.9.3. Liaise with Student Services;

'5.9.4. Attend any relevant University welfare or wellbeing committees as requested;

'5.9.5. Compile and edit student resources on wellbeing at University and also specifically on Raisin Weekend and other subjects deemed suitable by the Officer, in coordination with the Director of Representation and the Design & Marketing Officer;

'5.9.6. Act on SRC policy on matters relating to student wellbeing, and run regular campaigns on topics including alcohol consumption, Raisin Weekend and other University traditions, personal safety, mental health, and sexual health; and

'5.9.7. Be responsible for having minutes kept of the SRC Wellbeing Committee meetings, and filing them in the General Office and online.

'6. Organisation and Remits of SRC Committees

'6.1. In General

'6.1.1. Appointment of Nominees to Committees

The method of appointment of nominees to SRC Committees shall be determined by the Standing Orders of the Association.

'6.1.2. Creation of Working Groups

It shall be in order for SRC Committees to delegate operational responsibility for policy implementation to such working groups as they may from time to time create.

'6.2. SRC Accommodation Committee

'6.2.1. Membership

'6.2.1.1. SRC Accommodation Officer (Convener & Chair);

'6.2.1.2. Association President;

'6.2.1.3. Three SRC Nominees; and,

'6.2.1.4. Such other persons as the Committee may invite (non-voting)

'6.2.2. Remit

The SRC Accommodation Committee shall:

'6.2.2.1. Formulate and recommend SRC policy on accommodation issues; and,

'6.2.2.2. Ensure the execution of SRC policy on student accommodation.

'6.2.3. Meetings

The SRC Accommodation Committee shall meet every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-session weeks, and at other times when necessary.

'6.3. SRC Community Relations Committee

'6.3.1. Membership

'6.3.1.1. SRC Community Relations Officer (Convener & Chair);

'6.3.1.2. Association President;

'6.3.1.3. Three SRC Nominees; and,

'6.3.1.4. Such other persons as the Committee may invite (non-voting)

'6.3.2. Remit

The SRC Community Relations Committee shall:

'6.3.2.1. Formulate Association policy on community relations issues;

'6.3.2.2. Liaise with the SRC, SSC and their committees and subcommittees on activities that may work to improve town-gown relations;

'6.3.2.3. Organise events that further enhance town-gown relations; and,

'6.3.2.4. Ensure the execution of SRC policy on community relations.

'6.3.3. Meetings

The SRC Community Relations Committee shall meet every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-session weeks, and at other times when necessary.

'6.4. SRC Education Committee

'6.4.1. Membership:

'6.4.1.1. Director of Representation (Convener & Chair)

'6.4.1.2. The Members of the SRC Education Executive Committee

'6.4.1.3. The School Presidents

'6.4.2. Remit:

The SRC Education Committee shall:

'6.4.2.1. Support the academic representation system, including School Presidents and Class Representatives;

'6.4.2.2. Ensure the regular sharing of common good practice and themes across the Schools; and,

'6.4.2.3. Promote student engagement on matters relating to learning, teaching, and research.

'6.4.3. Meetings:

The SRC Education Committee shall meet no fewer than five times each semester, with accommodations made to avoid clashes with the School Presidents' Forums.

'6.5. SRC Education Executive Committee

'6.5.1. Membership:

'6.5.1.1. SRC Education Officer (Convener & Chair);

'6.5.1.2. Director of Representation;

'6.5.1.3. Postgraduate Convenor;



'6.5.1.4. A Nominee of the Postgraduate Society, elected by the Society Committee and who shall be a taught postgraduate if the Postgraduate Convenor is a research postgraduate or a research postgraduate if the Postgraduate Convenor is a taught postgraduate;

'6.5.1.5. Arts/Divinity Faculty President;

'6.5.1.6. Science/Medicine Faculty President;

'6.5.1.7. Two SRC Nominees; and,

'6.5.1.8. Such other persons as the Committee may invite (non-voting)

'6.5.2. Remit:

The SRC Education Executive Committee shall:

'6.5.2.1. Formulate and ensure the execution of SRC policy on education;

'6.5.2.2. Keep the SRC informed of University education policy;

'6.5.2.3. Coordinate and ensure representation and advocacy within the University education structure; and,

'6.5.2.4. Set the agenda for the SRC Education Committee.

'6.5.3. Meetings:

The SRC Education Committee shall meet no more than seven days before each meeting of the SRC Education Committee, and at other times when necessary.

'6.6. Student Opinion on Academic Council (SOAC) Advisory Group

'6.6.1. Membership

The Student Opinion on Academic Council (SOAC) Advisory Group shall include the following members:

'6.6.1.1. SRC Education Officer (Convener & Chair);

'6.6.1.2. Association President;

'6.6.1.3. Director of Representation;

'6.6.1.4. Association Postgraduate Convenor;

'6.6.1.5. Arts/Divinity Faculty President; and

'6.6.1.6. Science/Medicine Faculty President.

'6.6.2. Remit

The SOAC Advisory Group shall:

'6.6.2.1. Ensure consistency in the Students' Association delivery of academic representation across all levels;

'6.6.2.2. Instil confidence within the student representatives on the Academic Council to fully advocate the student perspective;

'6.6.2.3. Inform student representatives on the Academic Council with sufficient information to fully advocate the student perspective; and

'6.6.2.4. Inform student representatives outwith the Academic Council on the proceedings of the body in a timely and regular manner.

'6.6.3. Meetings

The SOAC Advisory Group shall meet no less than three days in advance of every meeting of the Academic Council.

'6.6.4. Structure

The SOAC Advisory Group shall be a subcommittee of the SRC Education Committee.

'6.7. SRC Employability Committee

'6.7.1. Membership

'6.7.1.1. SRC Employability Officer (Convenor & Chair);

'6.7.1.2. Director of Representation;

'6.7.1.3. Director of Student Development & Activities;

'6.7.1.4. Three SRC Nominees; and,

'6.7.1.5. Such other persons as the Committee may invite (non-voting)

'6.7.2. Remit

'6.7.2.1. Formulate and recommend SRC policy on employability issues; and,

'6.7.2.2. Ensure the execution of SRC policy on employability.

'6.7.3. Meetings

The SRC Employability Committee shall meet every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-sessional weeks, and at other times when necessary.

'6.8. SRC Environment & Ethics Committee

'6.8.1. Membership

'6.8.1.1. SRC Environment & Ethics Officer (Convenor & Chair);

'6.8.1.2. Association President;

'6.8.1.3. Three SRC Nominees; and,

'6.8.1.4. Such other persons as the Committee may invite (non-voting)

'6.8.2. Remit

'6.8.2.1. Formulate and recommend SRC policy on environmental and ethical issues;

'6.8.2.2. Ensure the execution of SRC policy on environmental and ethical issues; and,

'6.8.2.3. Keep the SRC informed of University environmental and ethical policy.

'6.8.3. Meetings

The SRC Environment & Ethics Committee shall meet every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-sessional weeks, and at other times when necessary.

'6.9. SRC Equal Opportunities Committee

'6.9.1. Membership

'6.9.1.1. SRC Equal Opportunities Officer (Convenor & Chair);

'6.9.1.2. Director of Representation;

'6.9.1.3. Three SRC Nominees; and,

'6.9.1.4. Such other persons as the Committee may invite (non-voting)

'6.9.2. Remit

'6.9.2.1. Formulate and ensure the execution of SRC policy on student diversity and equal opportunities;

'6.9.2.2. Provide a medium for minority and interfaith groups to be properly represented; and,

'6.9.2.3. Ensure that matters relating to equal opportunities are brought to the attention of the SRC.

'6.9.3. Meetings

The SRC Equal Opportunities Committee shall meet every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-session weeks, and at other times when necessary.

'6.10. SRC External Campaigns Committee

'6.10.1. Membership

'6.10.1.1. SRC External Campaigns Officer (Convenor & Chair);

'6.10.1.2. Association President;

'6.10.1.3. Director of Representation;

'6.10.1.4. Three SRC Nominees; and,

'6.10.1.5. Such other persons as the Committee may invite (non-voting)

'6.10.2. Remit

'6.10.2.1. Formulate and ensure the execution of SRC policy on external matters affecting students;

'6.10.2.2. Ensure that matters relating to potential external campaigns are brought to the attention of the SRC.

'6.10.2.3. Coordinate any campaigns mandated to it by the SRC; and,

'6.10.2.4. Act at all times in line with recognised SRC policy.

'6.10.3. Meetings

The SRC External Campaigns Committee shall meet every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-session weeks, and at other times when necessary.

'6.11. SRC Widening Access & Participation Committee

'6.11.1. Membership

'6.11.1.1. SRC Widening Access & Participation Officer (Convenor & Chair);

'6.11.1.2. Association President;

'6.11.1.3. Three SRC Nominees;

'6.11.1.4. Representatives of the Ambassadors' Principal Team (non-voting);

'6.11.1.5. Such other persons as the Committee may invite (non-voting)

'6.11.2. Remit

'6.11.2.1. Formulate and recommend SRC policy on widening access and participation issues;

'6.11.2.2. Ensure the execution of SRC policy on widening access and participation; and,

'6.11.2.3. Keep the SRC informed of University widening access and participation policy.

'6.11.3. Meetings

The SRC Widening Access & Participation Committee shall meet every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-sessional weeks, and at other times when necessary.

'6.12. SRC Wellbeing Committee

'6.12.1. Membership

'6.12.1.1. SRC Wellbeing Officer (Convenor & Chair);

'6.12.1.2. Director of Representation;

'6.12.1.3. Three SRC Nominees; and,

'6.12.1.4. Such other persons as the Committee may invite (non-voting).

'6.12.2. Remit

'6.12.2.1. Formulate and ensure the execution of SRC policy on student wellbeing;

'6.12.2.2. Promote positive student mental health and encourage positive behavior relating to sexual health and personal safety, through regular campaigns; and

'6.12.2.3. Ensure that matters relating to student wellbeing are brought to the attention of the SRC.

'6.12.3. Meetings

The SRC Wellbeing Committee shall meet every four weeks during term time, excluding the revision and pre-sessional weeks, and at other times when necessary.

'7. Ordinary Members of the SRC

'7.1. Faculty Presidents

The Faculty Presidents shall:

'7.1.1. Inherit the title of 'Senate Representatives' and be elected accordingly;

'7.1.2. Represent the views of the SRC, in conjunction with the other student members, to the Academic Council and Senatus Academicus;

'7.1.3. Represent the views of his/her constituency to both the SRC and the Senatus Academicus;

'7.1.4. Be full members of the SRC Education Committee and SRC Education Executive Committee;

'7.1.5. Attend the School Presidents' Forums; and

'7.1.6. Liaise with the Director of Representation and the SRC Education Officer on campaigns relating to education.

'7.2. Postgraduate Convenor

The Postgraduate Convenor shall:

'7.2.1. Inherit the title of 'Postgraduate Senate Representative' and be elected accordingly;

'7.2.2. Represent the views of the SRC and of his/her constituency, in conjunction with the other student members, to the Academic Council and Senatus Academicus;

'7.2.3. Sit *ex officio* as a member of the SSC Postgraduate Committee;

'7.2.4. Be a full member of the SRC Education Committee and the SRC Education Executive Committee;

'7.2.5. Serve as the postgraduate student member to the University's Learning & Teaching Committee;

'7.2.6. Convene and chair the Postgraduate Forum;  
'7.2.7. Liaise with the Director of Representation in supporting academic representatives at the postgraduate level; and,  
'7.2.8. Liaise with the Director of Representation on campaigns relating to education and academic issues relevant to the postgraduate community.

'7.3. SRC Representatives for Undergraduates

The SRC Representatives for Undergraduates shall:

'7.3.1. Serve on at least two SRC Committees; and,  
'7.3.2. Consult with and represent their constituents on matters affecting their representation; and,  
'7.3.3. Exercise independent judgment on all matters before the SRC or its committees.

'7.4. SRC Representatives for Postgraduates

The SRC Representatives for Postgraduates shall:

'7.4.1. Serve on at least two SRC Committees; and,  
'7.4.2. Consult with and represent their constituents on matters affecting their representation; and,  
'7.4.3. Exercise independent judgment on all matters before the SRC or its committees.';

1.2. Strike from 6 Laws § 1.1 'Elected SRC, SSC, Senate and Association positions:' and insert 'March Elections'.

1.3. Strike from Chapter Six of the Laws §§ 1.1.6 and 1.1.7;

1.4. Strike from Chapter Six of the Laws §§ 1.1.10-1.1.23, inclusive, and insert:

'1.1.10 SRC Accommodation Officer  
'1.1.11 SRC Community Relations Officer  
'1.1.12 SRC Education Officer  
'1.1.13 SRC Employability Officer  
'1.1.14 SRC Environment & Ethics Officer  
'1.1.15 SRC Equal Opportunities Officer  
'1.1.16 SRC External Campaigns Officer  
'1.1.17 SRC Widening Access & Participation Officer  
'1.1.18 SRC Wellbeing Officer  
'1.1.19 Five SRC Representatives for Undergraduate Students  
'1.1.20 One SRC Representative for Postgraduate Students';

1.5. Insert a new § 1.2 in Chapter Six of the Laws to read:

'1.2 'October Elections

The following positions shall be put up for election in October of each year:

'1.2.1 Four SRC Representatives for Undergraduate Students

'1.2.2 Two SRC Representatives for Postgraduate Students.'

1.6. Strike the extant text of 6 Laws § 1.4.2 and insert 'Elections for SRC positions shall be held twice annually in March and October; elections for SSC and Association positions shall be held annually in March';

1.7. Strike the extant text of 6 Laws § 1.4.2.1 and insert 'Except as otherwise provided, the members elected in March shall take office at the start of Week Eight of Semester Two. The term of office shall include a period of training with the previous elected members during Semester Two';

1.8. Insert a new § 1.4.2.2 in Chapter Six of the Laws to read: 'The members elected in October shall take office at the start of Week Eight of Semester O ne. The

term of office shall include a period of training with the previous elected members during Semester One’;

- 1.9. Add a new § 4.7.3 in Chapter Six of the Laws to read: ‘All elections shall be conducted by STV; in elections where more than one candidate is to be elected, method of surplus allocation shall be determined in the election rules’;
  - 1.10. Strike 6 Laws § 1.4.3;
  - 1.11. Strike 1 Laws §§ 2.2.2 and 2.2.3;
  - 1.12. Strike 1 Laws §§ 2.3.2 and 2.3.3;
  - 1.13. Strike the extant text of 1 Laws § 3.1.18.1 and insert ‘SRC Accommodation Officer’;
  - 1.14. Strike the extant text of 1 Laws § 3.1.18.2 and insert ‘SRC Community Relations Officer’;
  - 1.15. Strike the extant text of 1 Laws § 3.1.18.3 and insert ‘SRC Environment & Ethics Officer’;
  - 1.16. Strike the extant text of 1 Laws § 3.1.18.5 and insert ‘SRC Widening Access & Participation Officer’;
  - 1.17. Strike 1 Laws §§ 3.6 and 3.7;
  - 1.18. Strike 1 Laws §§ 3.10 and 3.11;
  - 1.19. Strike all references to ‘SRC Student Support Committee’ and insert ‘SRC Equal Opportunities Committee’;
  - 1.20. Redesignate the Laws accordingly and correct any cross-references which may be thereby altered;
2. To adopt the following changes to the Standing Orders of the Association and to give force and effect to the same upon the dissolution of this SRC:
    - 2.1. Add a new Standing Orders § 6.1 to read:
      - ‘6.1 Referral
        - ‘6.1.1 The Chair shall refer every substantive motion introduced in the SRC to a committee or committees of the SRC with appropriate jurisdiction over the subject matter contained therein.
        - ‘6.1.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, the Chair may decline to refer a substantive motion introduced in the SRC to a committee or committees of the SRC if the substantive motion would qualify as an emergency substantive motion, if the subject matter contained therein does not fall within the jurisdiction of any committee of the SRC, if the substantive motion has been proposed by petition, or if the substantive motion has been reported from the SSC’;
    - 2.2. Add a new Standing Orders § 11.9 to read:
      - ‘11.9 Discharge Petitions
        - ‘11.9.1 Any substantive motion that is otherwise required to be committed to a committee may be discharged forthwith and immediately reported for consideration with the support of four members of the Council.
        - ‘11.9.2 Any substantive motion that has been discharged pursuant to the foregoing provision shall remain subject to a motion to recommit.’;
    - 2.3. Strike Standing Orders § 12.1.1.11.

2.4. Add a new Standing Orders § 15 to read:

'15 Appointment of Nominees to Committees

'15.1 Method of Appointment

'15.1.1 When a vacancy arises in the position of a nominee to a committee, the Chair shall allow Members to submit themselves for appointment.

'15.1.2 If the number of Members who submit themselves for appointment to the vacancy is less than or equal to the number of vacancies, the Chair shall appoint the Members to the vacancies.

'15.1.3 If the number of Members who submit themselves for appointment to the vacancy is greater than the number of vacancies, the Councils shall elect Members to fill the vacancies by a system of Single Transferable Vote.

'15.1.4 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, if the number of Members who submit themselves for appointment to the vacancy is greater than the number of vacancies, no Member shall be eligible to be appointed to an SRC committee if he/she serves on more SRC committees than any other person seeking appointment to the vacancy.

'15.2 Exception for Students' Association Executive Committee

'15.2.1 The provisions of this section shall not apply to the appointment of nominees to the Students' Association Executive Committee';

2.5. Add to Standing Orders § 17.1.1 '6.1 and 11.9';

2.6. Add to Standing Orders § 17.2.1 '6.1 and 11.9';

2.7. Redesignate the Standing Orders accordingly and correct any cross-references which may be thereby altered; and,

3. To mandate the Association President and Director of Representation to undertake the following, in consultation with relevant officers and committees:

3.1. Examine the structure of the Association LGBT Committee in relation to the reformed SRC and methods by which it could more effectively discharge its dual mandate to (1) provide events and activities and (2) formulate and execute Association policy on LGBT issues;

3.2. Examine whether a role exists in the Association for an SRC Gender and Sexualities Committee;

3.3. Examine the efficacy of the method for the appointment of nominees to committees provided for under this motion and consider improvements or alternatives to the method;

3.4. Generally examine the practical difficulties to implementation of this motion and consider means by which those difficulties could be overcome or otherwise ameliorated;

3.5. Report recommendations on the foregoing items to this SRC and SSC no later than 9 February 2015 and thereafter dissolve.

**PROPOSED BY PETITION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDERS § 6.4.**

**FIRST SIGNATORY:**

Maxwell Baldi

**ADDITIONAL SIGNATORIES:**

2. Robert Dixon
3. Zara Evans
4. Alex Hill
5. Anna Kennedy-O'Brien
6. Michael Thadani
7. Michael Miller
8. Allison S. McAdams
9. Alex Don
10. Stephen Scholes
11. Taylor Carey
12. Amanda Hollinger
13. Andrew Malcolm-Neale
14. Richard Singleton
15. Chase L. Hopkins
16. Alison Lazda
17. Leon O'Rourke
18. Annie Newman
19. Scott Taylor
20. Denisa Pacholska
21. Matthew Moran
22. Charlotte Gorman
23. Ben Carroll
24. Patrick Hamill
25. Benjamin Hindson

Mr Tantillo stated that, in accordance with the standing orders, the Councils had accepted a petition and Mr Baldi would be presenting the motion.

Ms Lewis asked if Mr Baldi had a time limit.

Mr Tantillo answered that Mr Baldi did not have a time limit.

Mr Baldi introduced the motion as such: I want to introduce myself, the motion, and why he supported the reform package. Over the past year I was the Association Chair and the year before that I was the SSC senior officer. It has been three years since I first joined a subcommittee and reforming the Association has been a process undertaken over two years. I have reviewed the structures from around the UK, Australia and elsewhere and I'm putting forward this structure as it best suits our needs. I am here because I think the current structure limits the SRC even though they do put forward good policy. I think we can acknowledge that the SRC has weaknesses, the specificity can leave some groups unrepresented, the committees don't have enough people to formulate policy, and some members are spread too thin, limiting manpower even more. This leads to policy coming to SRC that isn't as strong as it could be. Finally, the SRC is too small to be broadly representative but too big to serve as an effective executive body. I want to clarify that this motion wouldn't go into place until next year. I'm not asking the SRC to fire itself. I've produced a summary.



It eliminates eight positions, transforms the member for WAP into an SRC Officer at the helm of a committee, transforms the association environmental officer into a solely SRC position. It also creates nine representatives for undergraduates and three for postgraduates. They represent their constituents and each serve on two committees. There are nine committees; each will be tasked with a dual role of formulating and implementing policy. Each committee has an officer as a chair, three nominees from the SRC. The motion also asks the Sabbatical Officers to consider creating committees for gender equality & sexuality. The new processes would require each motion to be considered in committee first. The system calls for a return to October elections. Representatives would be split between two diets. This allows taught postgraduates and undergraduate first years to serve on SRC. This allows the SRC to be representative and also effective at formulating policy. If positions are too focussed it can waste manpower. When I chaired, motions which were thoroughly developed in committee were better considered and written. It will also ensure that committees have the capacity to represent policies. In the past, reform has come through the year. This has failed because there's little time. Voting before the summer leaves sufficient time to complete the implementation. This does need consideration so I'm going to yield the floor to the President Elect.

Mr Mathewson stated that Mr Baldi was the resident Union hack and that he completely agreed that the SRC needed reform. Mr Mathewson stated that if the members were to ask their predecessors, the majority would agree that there was room for improvement. What Mr Baldi has given us is a strong step forward but there's room for more consultation. Having a room this big and this decorated isn't the best setting for ingenuity. Smaller groups, like in Max's designs, are. In terms of how we proceed, for the majority of the year, having only been trained three-days ago, it might be premature that you're asked to reflect on improvements. I don't want to kick the can down the road too much but I do want to postpone consideration until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, in a special joint Council meeting.

**Mr Mathewson moved that consideration be postponed until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April.**

**Ms Kennedy-O'Brien seconded.**

Ms Gold asked if that meant there would be no SSC meeting before the summer.

Mr Tantillo answered that it did.

Ms Gold stated that she objected to the specific date chosen.

Ms Lewis moved to suspend the rules.

**The question was on suspending the rules to allow debate on the procedural motion to postpone the consideration of the motion J.14-4.**

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Arts/Divinity Faculty President	Charlotte Potter	X		
Association Community Relations Officer	Zara Evans	X		
Association Director of Events & Services	Daniel Palmer	X		
Association Director of Representation	Edward Woodhouse	X		
Association Director of Student Development &	Kelsey Gold	X		

Activities				
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Madeline Belt	X		
Association LGBT Officer	Fallon Sheffield	X		
Association Postgraduate President	Scott Schorr	X		
Association President	Chloe Hill	X		
President Of the Athletic Union	Jess Walker			
Science/Medicine Faculty President	Katy Rae			
SRC Accommodation Officer	Sarah Gimont	X		
SRC Education Officer	Darya Smirnova	X		
SRC Equal Opportunities Officer	Roddy McGlynn	X		
SRC Employability Officer	Lydia Bowden	X		
SRC External Campaigns Officer	Walt Andrews	X		
SRC Member for Ethnic Minorities	Sium Ghebru	X		
SRC Member for First Years	Jo Boon	X		
SRC Member for Gender Equality	Annie Newman	X		
SRC Member for International Students	Omar Ali	X		
SRC Member for Mature Students	Vacant			
SRC Member for Private Accommodation	Verity Baynton			
SRC Member for Students With Disabilities	Alasdair MacIennan	X		
SRC Member for University Accommodation	Alexandre Ciric	X		
SRC Member for Widening Access	Daniel Granville		X	
SRC Wellbeing Officer	David Norris	X		
SSC Broadcasting Officer	Sean MacDonald	X		
SSC Charities Officer	Kyle Blain	X		
SSC Debates Officer	Charlotte Andrew	X		
SSC External Funding Officer	Michael Thadani	X		
SSC Member w/o Portfolio	Anna Kennedy-O'Brien	X		
SSC Music Officer	Anna Merryfield	X		
SSC Performing Arts Officer	Ben Anderson	X		
SSC Societies Officer	Courtney Lewis			X
SSC Volunteering Officer	Nicole Timpone			

**With 28 member in the affirmative, and 1 in the negative, the motion was adopted.**

Mr Mathewson stated that, in terms of what the Councils were looking at, it was to take something forward. Mr Mathewson stated that he did not think it was asking too much and that the motion did not leave them beholden to anything.

Ms Gold thanked Mr Baldi for all the effort that he'd put into the motion but stated she would like to, instead, postpone the motion indefinitely so that there could be an SSC meeting before the summer. By postponing the motion indefinitely we can be more flexible in when the motion is brought back.

Mr Woodhouse stated that he would like to echo Ms Gold's views and add the controversial view that a rearrangement so big, that affected such a large part of the association, should be put to a

referendum of the students. Mr Woodhouse stated that he was uncomfortable with the idea that it should go forward without consultation.

Ms Newman stated that, having sat with Equal Opportunities, and having considered the motion as a committee, she did not think three weeks was unreasonable. Ms Newman stated that, regarding a referendum, it was her view that the best people to take the decision were the members of the Councils.

Mr Norris asked how a referendum would be conducted.

Mr Woodhouse answered that the councils would come up with the best step forward and put that to the students. Mr Woodhouse stated, regarding Ms Newman's point, that while the members of the Councils were best able to decide, there were other views that had to be considered, there had to be an opportunity for those voices to be heard.

Mr Andrews stated that he was concerned with the bill as it stood and how that motion should be dealt with.

Mr Granville stated that he thought the motion should be discussed again on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr Granville stated that, as Mr Baldi had said, the motion wouldn't come into effect until the following year and there would be an intervening year for the members to get to grip with the details.

Mr Ali asked how the concerns that the motion would just be kicked down the road would be addressed.

Ms Gold answered that there should be working groups but that her main concern was with the specific date chosen as that was when the SSC was supposed to be meeting. Ms Gold stated that she was also concerned with the commitments that other people had.

Mr Ali asked if further amendments could be made after adoption.

Mr Tantillo answered that there could be as amendments were always possible.

Mr Ali asked if the motion could be amended such that only the SRC were voting.

Mr Cupples answered that the motion would have to be passed by both councils, though not necessarily at the same time.

Ms Morrice stated that, given there was a year, she did not think the motion had to be dealt with in the following few weeks.

Mr Blain stated that he agreed with Ms Gold and that there were also a lot of people on the SSC who had not yet had their AGMs and who would need to organise their positions first.

Mr Norris stated that he agreed with Ms Gold that there needed to be a delay but that he was concerned that the delay was undefined. Mr Norris stated that if the motion was considered after the summer then a lot of the knowledge would be lost since the most recent officers would be gone.

Mr Hajda stated that there needed to be consultation but that it could probably happen within the next three weeks. Mr Hajda stated that they needed to get the consultation, look at the collected

information, and see what could be done with it. Mr Hajda stated that if the vote had to take place in three weeks the motion could not be considered properly. Mr Hajda stated that the consultation should happen now with the motion brought back after the summer.

Mr Thadani stated that an indefinite postponement was a bad idea and that it would kill the motion, making it dead in the water. Mr Thadani stated that while it sounded like a good idea, to consider it for three months, it would in reality just languish and it wouldn't be considered directly. Mr Thadani stated that the motion was not to vote on the 22<sup>nd</sup> but to consider it again, to have a date to consider it means that we keep the person who drafted it and move forward with it.

Mr Woodhouse stated that the idea would be to task the Sabbatical Officers to create smaller working groups on the motion, taking in the views of those leaving and incoming, so that we could have a final vote before the next election. Mr Woodhouse stated that it would mean a step forward was taken but not a hasty step.

Mr Anderson asked if that vote would be on the motion, a referendum, or whether it would be flexible.

Mr Woodhouse stated that it would be up to the members.

Mr Baldi stated that he wanted to make three points. The first was that in the 31 years since the Association was formed, there had been seven or eight major attempts to reform the SRC, six of them died due to postponement. Mr Baldi stated reform delayed was reformed denied and that was a bad idea. Mr Baldi stated that pushing consideration to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, which he supported, only required that further discussion took place. Mr Baldi stated that it would then be in order to postpone the motion again. Mr Baldi stated that he was the one here, speaking about, and who drafted, the motion but that there were 25 students who petitioned for the motion to be considered. Mr Baldi stated that he thought it was important to consider the motion in a timely manner and to have a straight up or down vote.

Ms Newman stated that the motion postponed consideration for a fortnight which was enough time for the subcommittees to convene and consider it.

Mr Mathewson asked if there were any reason the motion should not be postponed until the 21<sup>st</sup> of April.

Mr Cupples stated that, in reference to Mr Ali's question, the motion had to be passed by both Councils but that it could be referred to the SRC for consideration. Mr Cupples stated that, in terms of timetables and timelines, realistically, if a major reform were to be brought forward, it would need to be passed by January.

Ms Lewis asked if her understanding that the reason for the postponement was that there wasn't enough information was correct.

Mr Mathewson answered that it wasn't necessarily a lack of information but that more people should be involved to gain extra insights. Mr Mathewson stated that he agreed with Ms Newman's view on referenda, in so far as a referendum was a broad brush and this motion required hard earned skill. Mr Mathewson stated that the only way to eat an elephant was one bite at a time.

Ms Lewis stated more time was needed but that would lead to them losing those who had already earned their skills. Ms Lewis stated that people were going to start meeting but that wouldn't lend them the institutional knowledge required. Ms Lewis stated that knowledge they would bring would be weak and would not be an effective basis for reform.

Mr Mathewson stated that he had addressed that and wanted to have an open meeting and other things to ensure as much knowledge was brought in as possible.

Ms Gold asked that consideration of the motion be pushed to the next meeting of the SRC, with the understanding that the SRC could not pass the motion on its own, as there were time constraints on the meeting and they'd been in the meeting for nearly three hours.

Mr Norris asked if there would be sufficient time for the members of the SRC to discuss the motion before then.

Mr Andrews answered that they wouldn't be able to pass the motion anyway.

Mr Ali asked if they would just be voting to postpone the motion at the following week.

Ms Newman stated that she would like for the motion to be debated just as the SRC.

Mr Ali stated that it wouldn't hurt to postpone to a set date as they could always just postpone it again.

Ms Gimont stated that she had understood one of the main issues was that the chosen date was problematic.

Ms Gold moved that the previous question be ordered.

Ms Boon asked what the vote was on.

Mr Anderson answered that voting no meant the motion would be discussed or that another motion could be tabled that would postpone the motion to another time.

Mr Granville asked why if consideration of the motion were postponed to the 22<sup>nd</sup> the vote couldn't take place some other time.

Mr Cupples stated that when he had said the motion had to be approved, it meant that it had to pass in both Councils and also the Board. That meant the motion had to be passed before the last board meeting before January.

Ms Sheffield stated that, to clarify, that those who didn't want to consider the motion on the 22<sup>nd</sup> should vote no.

A roll-call vote was held in the Joint Council:

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Arts/Divinity Faculty President	Charlotte Potter		X	
Association Community Relations Officer	Zara Evans	X		
Association Director of Events & Services	Daniel Palmer		X	

Association Director of Representation	Edward Woodhouse		X	
Association Director of Student Development & Activities	Kelsey Gold		X	
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Madeline Belt	X		
Association LGBT Officer	Fallon Sheffield		X	
Association Postgraduate President	Scott Schorr	X		
Association President	Chloe Hill		X	
President Of the Athletic Union	Jess Walker			
Science/Medicine Faculty President	Katy Rae			
SRC Accommodation Officer	Sarah Gimont		X	
SRC Education Officer	Darya Smirnova		X	
SRC Equal Opportunities Officer	Roddy McGlynn	X		
SRC Employability Officer	Lydia Bowden		X	
SRC External Campaigns Officer	Walt Andrews		X	
SRC Member for Ethnic Minorities	Sium Ghebru		X	
SRC Member for First Years	Jo Boon		X	
SRC Member for Gender Equality	Annie Newman		X	
SRC Member for International Students	Omar Ali	X		
SRC Member for Mature Students	Vacant			
SRC Member for Private Accommodation	Verity Baynton			
SRC Member for Students With Disabilities	Alasdair MacLennan		X	
SRC Member for University Accommodation	Alexandre Ciric	X		
SRC Member for Widening Access	Daniel Granville			X
SRC Wellbeing Officer	David Norris	X		
SSC Broadcasting Officer	Sean MacDonald	X		
SSC Charities Officer	Kyle Blain		X	
SSC Debates Officer	Charlotte Andrew		X	
SSC External Funding Officer	Michael Thadani	X		
SSC Member w/o Portfolio	Anna Kennedy-O'Brien	X		
SSC Music Officer	Anna Merryfield		X	
SSC Performing Arts Officer	Ben Anderson		X	
SSC Societies Officer	Courtney Lewis		X	
SSC Volunteering Officer	Nicole Timpone			

**With 10 in the affirmative, and 19 in the negative, the motion failed.**

**Ms Lewis moved that consideration of the motion be postponed indefinitely.**

**Mr Mathewson seconded.**

Ms Lewis stated that this motion would mean it could be called up at any time.

Mr Thadani asked if the rules were still suspended.

Mr Tantillo answered that the rules had been suspended, continued to be suspended and, thus, the motion was still debatable.

Mr Woodhouse stated that the motion would be 'bring-upable' at any time. Mr Woodhouse stated that he appreciated the flexibility this motion would give and he was confident that, if people were keen enough on reform, then it would be brought back up.

Mr Norris asked if they could simultaneously postpone the motion and mandate the Sabbatical Officers to convene a working group.

Mr Woodhouse stated that a motion was not required for that as he and Ms Gold were going to do it.

Mr Ali asked what the objection to the date had been.

Ms Gold answered that it would have meant the SSC could not meet.

Mr Baldi stated that he had fully-supported a fortnight's postponement but that an indefinite postponement would kill the motion. Mr Baldi stated that the momentum behind the motion would be dead and 9 of the 25 petitioners would be gone and wouldn't see the motion considered.

Ms Lewis stated, to quote Mr Baldi, his words had been 'If people are passionate enough and care, it will happen'. Ms Lewis stated that the majority of the people who have seen the SRC did not think that it was particularly effective, wanted change and to move in the correct direction.

Mr Ali stated that if people came to view the reforms as a point of contention then they would be reluctant to bring the motion back.

**Mr Thadani moved to postpone consideration of the J.14-4 to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April.**

**Mr Ali seconded.**

Mr Cupples stated that what was now being proposed was to have an SSC meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and a Joint meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr Anderson asked if there were two motions now on the table.

Mr Tantillo answered that there was, however, a definite postponement superseded an indefinite postponement, and would therefore be considered first.

Ms Sheffield stated that, while she understood the rationale behind the motion, she did not think squeezing the vote in before the summer allowed sufficient consultation to take place.

Ms Gold moved that the previous question be ordered.

Mr Norris asked if the question was to postpone until the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr Blain stated that the week contained an awful lot of SSC meetings and it would be a lot to ask.

Ms Lewis stated that, for anyone on Socs, including the nominees, there was to be a lot of training in that week and awards that week.

Ms Lewis moved that the previous question be ordered.

Ms Gold seconded.

A roll-call vote was held in the Joint Council:

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Arts/Divinity Faculty President	Charlotte Potter		X	
Association Community Relations Officer	Zara Evans			X
Association Director of Events & Services	Daniel Palmer		X	
Association Director of Representation	Edward Woodhouse		X	
Association Director of Student Development & Activities	Kelsey Gold		X	
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Madeline Belt			X
Association LGBT Officer	Fallon Sheffield		X	
Association Postgraduate President	Scott Schorr	X		
Association President	Chloe Hill		X	
President Of the Athletic Union	Jess Walker			
Science/Medicine Faculty President	Katy Rae			
SRC Accommodation Officer	Sarah Gimont		X	
SRC Education Officer	Darya Smirnova			X
SRC Equal Opportunities Officer	Roddy McGlynn	X		
SRC Employability Officer	Lydia Bowden		X	
SRC External Campaigns Officer	Walt Andrews		X	
SRC Member for Ethnic Minorities	Sium Ghebru		X	
SRC Member for First Years	Jo Boon		X	
SRC Member for Gender Equality	Annie Newman	X		
SRC Member for International Students	Omar Ali	X		
SRC Member for Mature Students	Vacant			
SRC Member for Private Accommodation	Verity Baynton			
SRC Member for Students With Disabilities	Alasdair MacLennan			X
SRC Member for University Accommodation	Alexandre Ciric	X		
SRC Member for Widening Access	Daniel Granville			X
SRC Wellbeing Officer	David Norris		X	
SSC Broadcasting Officer	Sean MacDonald	X		
SSC Charities Officer	Kyle Blain		X	
SSC Debates Officer	Charlotte Andrew		X	
SSC External Funding Officer	Michael Thadani	X		
SSC Member w/o Portfolio	Anna Kennedy-O'Brien		X	
SSC Music Officer	Anna Merryfield		X	
SSC Performing Arts Officer	Ben Anderson		X	
SSC Societies Officer	Courtney Lewis		X	
SSC Volunteering Officer	Nicole Timpone			

**With 7 in the affirmative and 18 in the negative, the motion failed.**

**The question was that consideration of the motion be postponed indefinitely.**

Ms Gold stated that an indefinite postponement, with a committee convened to consider the motion, meant that the ball would begin rolling.



Mr Ali asked if a motion could be put that meant the motion had to be considered before January.

Mr Cupples answered that the best way forward would probably be to mandate that the Sabbatical Officers report before the end of the first semester.

**Mr Thadani moved to adjourn.**

**Mr Tantillo ruled that the motion was dilatory.**

A roll-call vote was held in the Joint Councils.

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Arts/Divinity Faculty President	Charlotte Potter	X		
Association Community Relations Officer	Zara Evans		X	
Association Director of Events & Services	Daniel Palmer	X		
Association Director of Representation	Edward Woodhouse	X		
Association Director of Student Development & Activities	Kelsey Gold	X		
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Madeline Belt	X		
Association LGBT Officer	Fallon Sheffield	X		
Association Postgraduate President	Scott Schorr		X	
Association President	Chloe Hill	X		
President Of the Athletic Union	Jess Walker			
Science/Medicine Faculty President	Katy Rae			
SRC Accommodation Officer	Sarah Gimont	X		
SRC Education Officer	Darya Smirnova	X		
SRC Equal Opportunities Officer	Roddy McGlynn	X		
SRC Employability Officer	Lydia Bowden	X		
SRC External Campaigns Officer	Walt Andrews	X		
SRC Member for Ethnic Minorities	Sium Ghebru	X		
SRC Member for First Years	Jo Boon	X		
SRC Member for Gender Equality	Annie Newman		X	
SRC Member for International Students	Omar Ali	X		
SRC Member for Mature Students	Vacant			
SRC Member for Private Accommodation	Verity Baynton			
SRC Member for Students With Disabilities	Alasdair MacIennan	X		
SRC Member for University Accommodation	Alexandre Ciric	X		
SRC Member for Widening Access	Daniel Granville	X		
SRC Wellbeing Officer	David Norris	X		
SSC Broadcasting Officer	Sean MacDonald	X		
SSC Charities Officer	Kyle Blain	X		
SSC Debates Officer	Charlotte Andrew	X		
SSC External Funding Officer	Michael Thadani		X	
SSC Member w/o Portfolio	Anna Kennedy-O'Brien		X	
SSC Music Officer	Anna Merryfield	X		
SSC Performing Arts Officer	Ben Anderson	X		

SSC Societies Officer	Courtney Lewis	X		
SSC Volunteering Officer	Nicole Timpone			

**With 25 in the affirmative and 5 in the negative, the motion was adopted.**

**6. Any Other Competent Business**

There was no other competent business.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2208.